



New Jackson song is given airing

A new Michael Jackson song, the first track to emerge since the star's death, has been given its public premiere.

Few details of the track, called This Is It, were released beforehand.

It features backing vocals by Jackson's brothers, but it is not known whether they were recorded before or after the star's death in June.

The song has been released on the singer's website and to radio stations. It will be the only original song on a double CD due to be released soon.

At the time of its airing there was also no information about when the song was written and recorded, and who else worked on it.

Jackson's record label and estate declined requests for details.

It was aired on his website, michaeljackson.com, at 0400GMT on Monday and sent to radio stations and other media outlets.

Fans will be able to buy it as part of an album of the same name on 26 October.

It is likely to be the first of many new songs to see the light of day as his family and estate sift through music he left behind.

The star was working with artists like Akon and will.i.am before his death in

June.

It had been widely expected that the song would be made available to buy from digital retailers such as iTunes from Monday.

Merchandising

Jackson's official website described it as a "brand new single", which would be "released" on 12 October.

But a spokesperson said the term "released" referred to its distribution to radio stations and other media outlets.

The song takes its name from the ill-fated series of comeback shows that were to have taken place at London's O2 arena.

It will also feature in the closing credits of a film, also called This Is It, which has been made using footage of rehearsals for the O2 concerts, due to be released in cinemas on 28 October.

The BBC's Peter Bowes in Los Angeles says it was widely known that Michael Jackson had huge debts and those debts have not gone away.

But, he says, what he is hearing is the money that will be made from this single, from the movie and lots more merchandising that will take place will easily pay for all those debts and there will eventually be money left over that will go to Michael Jackson's mother and his three children.

Swiss novelist Chessex dies at 75

Award-winning Swiss novelist Jacques Chessex has died after collapsing at a public event to discuss his work.

The French-speaking Swiss writer received France's prestigious Prix Goncourt for his novel L'ogre in 1973, becoming the first non-French winner.

Chessex was taking part in a discussion at a library in Yverdon-Les-Bains about one of his novels being adapted in a play when he was taken ill on Friday.

Mayor Daniel von Siebenthal

confirmed the 75-year-old died shortly after.

Chessex's last book A Jew Must Die, published this year, focussed on the 1942 death of cattle trader Arthur Bloch, who was killed by Swiss Nazis in Chessex's home town of Payerne.

The novel, like others in his back catalogue, was not warmly received in Switzerland.

A play of his 1967 novel The Confession of Father Burg had just had its premiere the night before his death.

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Gordons' thrills Abuja with 7-point Agenda

When President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua revealed his Seven Point Agenda in his inaugural speech May 29, 2007 it would never have occurred to him what one hilarious citizen called, 'Godwin Komone,' and baptized, 'Gordons,' will make of his plan, three days after Nigeria's 49th Independence Celebrations.

On Sunday, October 4, 2009 at Sheraton Hotel and in Nigeria's capital city, Gordons publicly lend a comic voice to the much debated agenda and Abuja residents can't wait to chuckle at whatever his hilarious side of the discuss was.

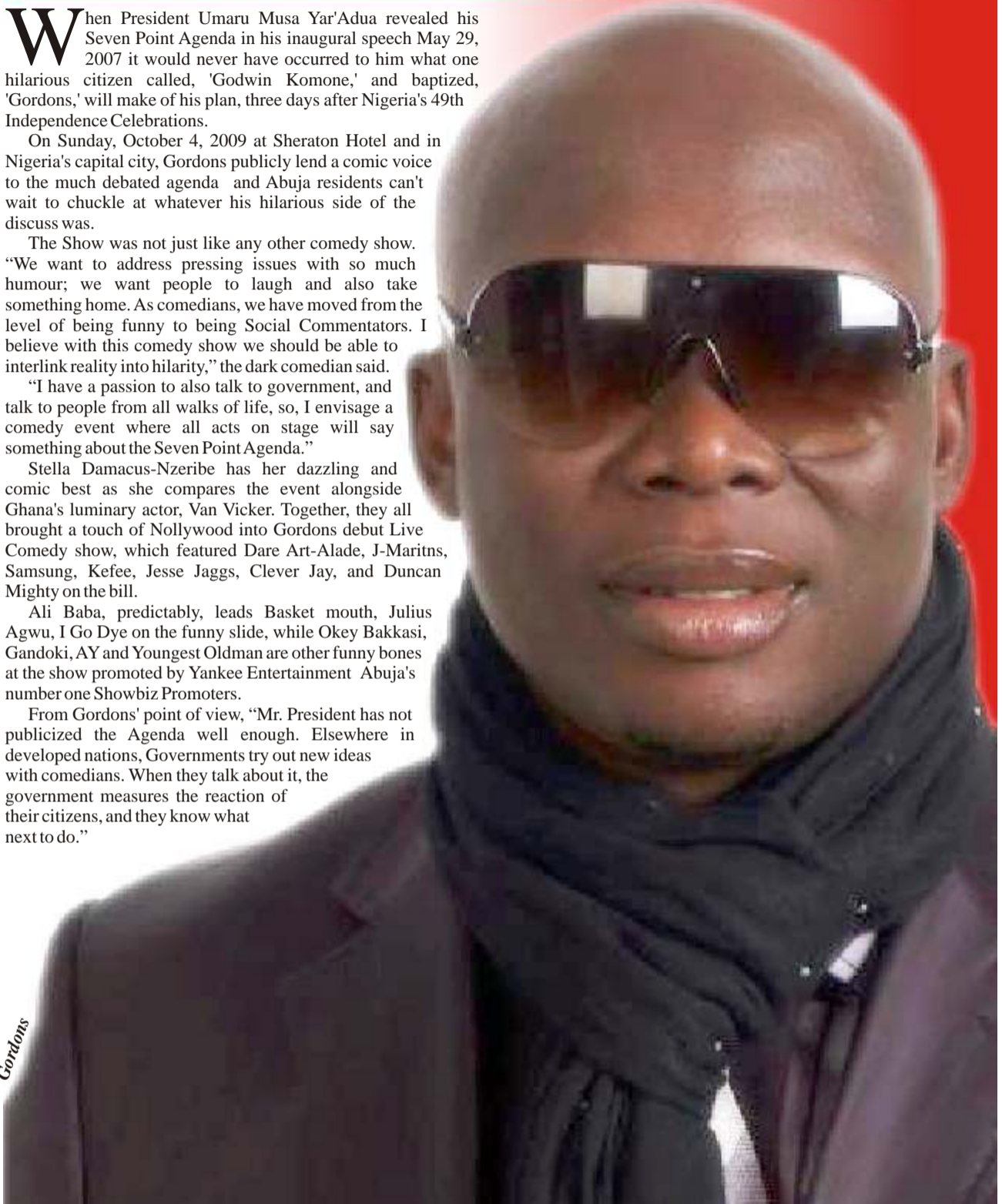
The Show was not just like any other comedy show. "We want to address pressing issues with so much humour; we want people to laugh and also take something home. As comedians, we have moved from the level of being funny to being Social Commentators. I believe with this comedy show we should be able to interlink reality into hilarity," the dark comedian said.

"I have a passion to also talk to government, and talk to people from all walks of life, so, I envisage a comedy event where all acts on stage will say something about the Seven Point Agenda."

Stella Damacus-Nzeribe has her dazzling and comic best as she compares the event alongside Ghana's luminary actor, Van Vicker. Together, they all brought a touch of Nollywood into Gordons debut Live Comedy show, which featured Dare Art-Alade, J-Maritns, Samsung, Kefee, Jesse Jaggs, Clever Jay, and Duncan Mighty on the bill.

Ali Baba, predictably, leads Basket mouth, Julius Agwu, I Go Dye on the funny slide, while Okey Bakkasi, Gandoki, AY and Youngest Oldman are other funny bones at the show promoted by Yankee Entertainment Abuja's number one Showbiz Promoters.

From Gordons' point of view, "Mr. President has not publicized the Agenda well enough. Elsewhere in developed nations, Governments try out new ideas with comedians. When they talk about it, the government measures the reaction of their citizens, and they know what next to do."



Gordons

Actress Genevieve Nnaji on Oprah Winfrey show!

Oprah Winfrey's show tagged "most famous people in the world" had actress Genevieve Nnaji being aired as africa's most famous actress.

yes!!! According to information from Oprah.com, Nollywood's Genevieve Nnaji was featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show in the episode 'Meet the Most

Famous People in the World'. Nnaji who was referred to as the "Julia Roberts of Africa" on the show was said to be chosen due to her wide appeal across the African continent and all over the world. A montage of photos and a video clip from the movie Bursting Out featuring Genevieve were shown as her various career highlights were mentioned. Kudos to genevieve..its the long haul baby!



Genevieve Nnaji