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The Editor,

I am sending the below information for your perusal and publication. I would like to thank you in advance for your service and for any exposure that you may give us to continue helping Maltese Youth we work with.

World Youth Day 2009 Official Song Contest Results

The fourth edition of the World Youth Day 2009 Official Song Contest held last Saturday 18 April, kicked off at 7:00pm sharp at the Teatru Aurora, Balzan. The ten participating bands took it in turns to liven up the 300 strong crowd gathered for a night of praise and worship with their newly composed songs. Local Christian bands – Altaer, Cornerstone, Counterbalance & Roberta, Crossbows, Crossroads, Followers, Footprints, His Project, Immediate Denial and Switchphonik rocked the crowd with the live rendition of their original songs inspired by the theme chosen by Pope Benedict XVI for youth “Our Hope is in the Living God” (1 Tim 4, 10). The bands gave stunning performances in which they expressed their musical talents at the top of their abilities.

Even though the jury had the very difficult task of choosing the 'best song' - the song which was best suited to be chosen as a theme song, everyone felt that the competitive element was secondary next to the primary reason of the contest - which is that of spreading the Christian message to young people through music. The results of the jury were the following:

Best Song: **‘Tamitna Fih’** by **Counter Balance & Roberta**
Best Interpretation: **‘It-Tama Taghna fil-Mulej’** by **Footprints**
Best lyrics: **‘Tapestry’** by **Cornerstone**

Thus, the song chosen as the Official Theme Song for the 2009 World Youth Day celebrations was **‘Tamitna Fih’** by **Counter Balance & Roberta**.

The 2009 Contest, which is a unique one of its sort in Malta, was coordinated by the Diocesan Youth Commission (KDZ) and organised by the young people of Balzan

Youth Centre. It is the first part of a three year long cycle that will lead us to World Youth Day 2011 that is going to take place in Madrid, Spain.

More information about the Contest including photos and videos may be found in the website www.awakeningasaph.org

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