

Name: *Freetong Players of Sierra Leone*

Country: *Sierra Leone*

Artistic Medium: *Music & Theatre* (dancing, singing, drumming)

Dates: 1985 to present

Contact: Mr. Charlie Hafner founder

<http://www.wuomi.ca/FreetongPlayers.htm>

Objective: Reconcile Sierra Leone's past through traditional song, dance and drumming.

For 21 years the Freetong Players of Sierra Leone have traveled, staged performances and led workshops on storytelling, theater and oral tradition. They spread their message abroad in the US, the UK, Puerto Rico, Denmark, Venezuela and Scotland through work with the CAUSE foundation in Canada. Abroad their performances focused more on HIV/AIDS, Poverty Reduction and Terrorism to an audience of international youth, as well as tackling the history of Sierra Leone's civil war in a piece called "Rising from our Ashes" to an audience of mainly intermediate and senior students of Ontario schools.

