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**Historic Nyahbinghi Album Recording for 2016: Year of the Rastafari**

2016 has been named the International **Year of the Rastafari**: One hundred years since His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I became regent of Ethiopia and 50 years since HIM Haile Selassie I's historic visit to Jamaica.

In honor of this momentous time in the culture of Rastafari, **a landmark Nyahbinghi album will be recorded at Tuff Gong studio** on February 7 and 8, 2016.

Ras Ivi Tafari and the Higher Reasoning will lead the Nyahbinghi. Glen Brownle will co-produce and coordinate the recording with Jah Levi, who will mix, master, produce, and release the album under his California-based **Folklorica Records** for global dissemination. **The album will be accompanied by a video documentary.** Both will be released in 2016.

The project is inspired and directed by African Bush Doctor Abbazero and the Jah Levi Foundation for the Preservation of World Music, **a non-profit international organization committed to the preservation and promotion of rare music of the world.**

Nyahbinghi is globally recognized as a traditional music of the Rastafarian people, originating in Jamaica and spread throughout the world. The chanting and drumming of Nyahbingi is derived from African spiritual practice and is rarely recorded, making this project **a critical act of cultural preservation** to share with generations to come.

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