


Hands off Valletta

Opinion

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I refer to Kristina Chetcuti's article 'Hands off Valletta' (The Sunday Times of Malta, January 5) about the 'New Paceville' project proposed by the V-18 foundation chairman. I must say that I was glad to see that she thinks our capital city should not be subject to the same garbage that the clubbing zone of St Julian's is. I honestly don't think that clubs will actually help the image of our capital.

More street musicians and buskers should be encouraged to hit Valletta and create an artistic and lively ambience. We should also encourage the committee to think about opening music lounges, jazz bars, blues bars and venues where local artists can show off their talent.

All local musicians face the problem of not having venues where to perform, my band being one of them. The musical sector should be highly encouraged and more money should be invested to help increase the popularity and opportunities of local artists.

Our country is extremely rich in artistic talent and it truly is a pity that talented youngsters are not able to receive what they truly deserve. I sincerely cannot imagine the New Paceville scene in Valletta and cannot believe this proposal.

If we truly want our capital city to be considered Europe's Capital of Culture, its wealthy history and cultural legacy should be exposed using the right means. All we need is a livelier scene, day and night, without the rowdiness caused by the disturbances of clubbing zones.

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