

Multicultural Arts Victoria in partnership with the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) presents:

UNIDOS (UNITY) INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY EVENT & CONCERT

Saturday 10th December 9.30am – 5.00pm

Old Melbourne Gaol, Russell Street (between LaTrobe & Victoria Sts)

Entry by Australian bank note or gold coin donation

To celebrate unity between people in freedom and adversity all over the world, **Multicultural Arts Victoria** in partnership with the **National Trust**, presents one unique event, **Unidos (Unity)** on **Human Rights Day, Saturday 10th December** from **9.30am – 5.00pm** at the **Old Melbourne Gaol**.

A **Human Rights Day Marketplace** will transform one of Melbourne's most infamous historical places - the Old Melbourne Gaol - with education and information stalls on display from 9.30am.

From **2.00pm**, extraordinary Australian multicultural performers will present a dazzling showcase of traditional and contemporary music and dance from Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Africa, Indonesia and the Pacific Islands.

With stunning performances by:

- **Dereb Desalegn and Lion of Judah** - new wave Azmari music and dance from Ethiopia
- **Thula Sana** - South African township jazz led by Joe Malatji
- **ETAGS** - angelic voices from the Pacific Islands
- **Yusuf Omar** - unique voice of one of Australia's only Somali poets
- **Sudanese Women's Dance Group** - traditional song and dance from women of the South Sudanese Dinka tribe
- **Indonesian Gamelan Orchestra** - the haunting and sacred sounds of traditional Indonesian orchestra.

An **indigenous smoking ceremony** and performance by **Koori Youth Will Shake Spears** will set the stage for special guest speakers including Dr. Helen Szoke, Chief Executive Officer of the Equal Opportunity Commission (Victoria).

Entry will be by Australian bank note or gold coin donation – 50% of all proceeds will be donated to the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre and refugee artists.

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