

the Arts Centre in association with
Multicultural Arts Victoria presents as part of MIX IT UP

AFRICA!

DAARA J > DIAFRIX

23 APRIL, 5PM

\$35 – \$55



the Arts Centre
HAMER HALL

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Prepare to have your notions of African music seriously challenged by DAARA J, DIAFRIX and special guests.

A blend of urban, beats, poetry and dance, Africa! layers old school with the new. Soul, reggae, dancehall and Cuban music meet traditional African rhythms, greetings and phrasings to speak out on rebellion, suffering and triumph.

Hailing from Senegal in West Africa, DAARA J (which means "school of life") have taken the world by storm. Winners of the BBC Radio 3 World Music Award for "Best African Act 2004", Daara J use their words as a positive force, touching on every subject from the shortcomings of traditional society to the perils of globalisation.

DIAFRIX was formed in 2002 in Footscray when a group of aspiring MCs from mixed African backgrounds got together and made some noise. Blending Australian urban music with an African beat, Diafrix flow from English to French to Swahili and back again.

Programmed by Systa bb (Kate Welsman – PBSFM's *Planetary Chaos*, music journalist and DJ), Africa! is one live show you don't want to miss.

Dancing is essential!

the Arts Centre, Hamer Hall
Sunday 23 April, 5pm

TICKETS: \$35 – \$55

BOOK NOW! Ticketmaster.com.au*, 1300 136 166* or outlets
* Transaction fee applies

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EXPERIENCE THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND TASTES OF AFRICA!

Sunday 23 April, 12 – 5pm
the Arts Centre, Hamer Hall foyers

Before the show there'll be free music, dance, story-telling and performances, and food for purchase, with the foyers of Hamer Hall transformed into a thriving African market-place.

Highlights include; African market stalls, African Royal Drummers from Ghana, Ethiopian Circus performers, Ethiopian coffee ceremony, story-telling from South Africa and Sudanese dancers.

Immerse yourself further with African themed workshops:

- Compose your own music to an African beat – 1pm
- Sing a cappella with Daara J – 1pm
- Dance with Kuukua and her African drummers – 3pm

\$5 per person, per workshop.

For bookings visit www.theartscentre.net.au or telephone 03 9281 8754.
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