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VISIBLE ARTIST LINE-UP ANNOUNCED

As part of the 2007 MIX IT UP season, the Arts Centre and Multicultural Arts Victoria have a great line-up of performers for this year's **Visible concert**, at the **Arts Centre, Hamer Hall, 22 July, 5pm**.

All around our nation there are undiscovered performers from around the globe telling their stories through music. **Visible** is a vibrant concert which celebrates and gives a voice to emerging and established African and Indigenous Australian performers. Following on the success of last year's **Visible** concert artists such as **Kutcha Edwards**, **Jali Buba Kuyateh** and his band **Diyaa Looloo** will join other local artists in concert.

Kutcha Edwards, is one of Australia's leading Indigenous musicians and an avid activist, using his music to tell stories about his community and his own journey. **Jali Buba Kuyateh** is the master of the traditional kora (a 21 string harp) producing Afro Mandingo styles, reggae, salsa, jazz and the blues. **Jali Buba's** band **Diyaa Looloo** creates a unique African-Australian fusion of sounds and songs from Senegambia and beyond.

'Our partnership with MAV delivered an award winning program last year' said Program Manager Greg Randall. 'We are proud to be able to deliver such a diverse multicultural program again in 2007'.

Stepping into the limelight for the first time is Haitian born singer **Nadee** (Diafrix backing vocalist) who will sing some of her soulful r'n'b originals. Also featured will be Liz Cavanagh, a proud Wonnarua, Tjapukai and Torres Strait Islander woman and jazz vocalist who is fast earning a reputation for her captivating vocal ability and imaginative arrangements.

For the first time in Australia, you can catch the Eritrean Star Band who have only recently hit our shores and settled in Melbourne. This extraordinary group features an impressive line up of some Eritrea's most renowned and loved contemporary musicians. **JuJu Crew** featuring three bad ass, booty shakin', divas, and Ethiopian bboy Milkyas Sereche, will get you up and dancing, while Ethiopian master musician **Dereb Desalegn** will join **Nicky Bomba** in their group **Drums and Lions**. **William Kadima** will lead musicians from Sudan, Ethiopia, Oromo and Burundi in the **Africa Collective**.

Get to the venue from 3pm for cultural displays and activities from local African and Indigenous communities including gum leaf workshop with Uncle Herbie, henna painting, Ethiopian coffee ceremony, digital image displays, Bogolon stilt walkers and more.

The **Visible** concert is the end result of the Visible Project - an innovative arts mentorship program which was established in 2005, by Victoria's peak multicultural arts body, Multicultural Arts Victoria. The Visible Project is a music mentorship program which has given a kick start to many newly arrived African musicians by teaming them up with established professional artists and providing opportunities for recording and performing.

Visible concert is part of the Arts Centre's **MIX IT UP** program which celebrates the cultural diversity of Victoria through music, dance, art and theatre from around the world. This year's program is all about music.

The Arts Centre in association with Multicultural Arts Victoria presents as part of MIX IT UP
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22 July, 5pm (activities in the foyer from 3pm), the Arts Centre, Hamer Hall, FREE
For more information please visit theartscentre.net.au

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