

Multicultural Arts Victoria presents

EMERGE FESTIVAL

Presented and produced by Multicultural Arts Victoria, this dynamic arts festival celebrates Victoria's many diverse refugee and emerging cultures in a series of exciting events around Melbourne from June 10th to July 20th. From Africa to the Far East, from the emerging to the established, from the traditional to the contemporary, music, dance, film, visual arts, cultural foods, crafts and ceremonies – there is something for everyone! Attracting capacity audiences in past years, Emerge Festival commemorates the United Nations World Refugee Day and Refugee Week in Australia. Highlights this year include:

MUSIC EVENTS....

Emerge Festival Main Event

Celebrating Refugee Week in Victoria – ‘A Place to Call Home’

Sunday June 15th 12-5pm FREE

@ Fitzroy Town Hall & Napier St, Fitzroy

Be part of this massive cultural celebration as the magnificent Fitzroy Town Hall opens its doors and closes off the street for 2 non stop stages of world music, a vibrant cultural marketplace, the aromas of an Ethiopian coffee ceremony, tasty authentic foods from all corners of the globe, FREE cultural workshops in Ethiopian dance, Bollywood Dance, Pacific Island Body Percussion and African Drumming, henna tattoos, hairbraiding and much more. Featured artists will include Tabura (West Papua), Laloran (East Timor), Black Roots (Congo), Muhanamwe (Guinea), Angel's Voices Band (Congo), Afro Habesha Band (Ethiopia), Eritrean Star Band, Mesopotamia (Iraq), Mehr Ensemble (Iran), Meltemi (Turkey/ Greece), Breakout Hip Hop Dance Crew, Mai Nachungi Dance Company Inc and Sudanese groups St.Bakhita's Choir, Zel Zel Band & Rom Amer.

ABC Music Deli Free Concert

Musiki Deli – Songs from South Africa, Sudan, Congo and Burundi

Thursday June 26th 6.30pm for a 7pm start

@ Iwaki Auditorium, ABC Southbank Centre, Southbank Blvd, Southbank

No bookings – arrive early to ensure your seat!

Hosted by ABC Music Deli's Paul Petran, this beautiful concert will feature sweet vocal harmonies and acoustic sounds from the African continent featuring Valanga Khoza (South Africa), William Kadima (Congo) and St.Bakhita's Sudanese Community Choir.

The Arts Centre in association with MAV presents as part of MIX IT UP

Visible - Free Concert

Sunday July 20th 5pm

The Arts Centre, Hamer Hall, 100 St. Kilda Rd, Melbourne

Visit www.theartscentre.com.au for further info

For the past three years, Multicultural Arts Victoria's Visible music mentorship project has given a kick start to an incredible range of musical talents from all around the globe with Visible 2008 supporting some of the most exciting and innovative new urban and world music acts to emerge in Melbourne in recent years. Be part of a musical revolution on Sunday July 20th as contemporary and traditional African, Pacific, West Papuan and Indigenous cultures come together in a massive showcase concert at Hamer Hall to launch the annual Visible CD. Hosted by Stick Mareebo and featuring Grrilla Step, Diafrix, Yung Warriors, Alter Egoz, Little G, Koori Youth Will Shake Spears, Robbie

Thorpe, Tabura West Papuan Cultural Group, Public Opinion Afro Orchestra and Muhanamwe. Arrive early at 2pm and enjoy an Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony, digital art and cultural displays from local African, Indigenous and Pacific communities and live performances by Hard Hustle, Afro Habesha Band, St.Bakhita's Choir and much more...

VISUAL ARTS.....

The Journey: From Ancient Ethiopia to Contemporary Melbourne

An exhibition by Befekir Kebede, Sutueal Bekele & Tamirat Gebremariam.

June 10th – June 21st Open hours: Tues – Fri 11am – 5pm & Sat 12pm - 4pm

@ 45 Downstairs, 45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

A first time collaborative exhibition by three extraordinary Ethiopian born visual artists now resident in Melbourne, Befekir Kebede, Sutueal Bekele and Tamirat Gebramariam. Centered on the themes of migration and settlement of Ethiopians in Melbourne, this will be an exciting and innovative contemporary visual arts exhibition combining photographs, paintings, digital images and sound.

Made In Australia

A Photographic Exhibition by Viv Méhes

Launching Refugee Week in Victoria on June 16th 6.45pm

Dates: June 16th - July 11th Open Hours: 7am – 6.30pm Monday – Friday

@ The Foyer, 1 Spring St, Melbourne

Presented and produced in partnership with Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project, this much anticipated exhibition has at its heart, stories of Asylum Seekers staying strong with dignity. With Evin, Kodi, Amina, San, Usama, Anial, Iline, Ravi and Ruvini, Dinesh and Niranji. A series of intimate narratives is towered over by photos of silent commuters. Set apart is a disquieting installation combining the iconic Hill's Hoist with portraits printed onto delicate, swaying fabric; at first intriguing and familiar, it carries a bitter sting, offering a powerful statement about human rights in Australia over the last decade.

FILM....

Stories of an African Australia Short Film Screenings

Friday July 4th 7.00pm (Q&A with filmmakers after session)

Sunday July 6th 3.45pm

@ ACMI Cinemas, Australian Centre for the Moving Image

Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne

Tickets: Visit the ACMI box office at Federation Square or phone 8663 2583.

Presented and produced by Multicultural Arts Victoria in partnership with OPEN CHANNEL, this exciting film project has provided a voice and platform for emerging young artists from African refugee and culturally diverse backgrounds. Five short films created by and featuring the young African artists and performers will consider, document and celebrate the diversity and dynamism of new African Australian cultures in Melbourne. The filmmakers have worked collaboratively over the past 6 months with dramaturge Gorkem Acaroglu and director/editor Thomas Baricevic to bring their stories to the screen. The result is five unique films that will entertain, inform and surprise:

Inkululeko directed by Claudia Sangiorgi Dalimore

Broken Dreams directed by Ezeldin Deng

Job Interview directed by Sara Elagha

Red Flower directed by Abraham Adet

The Journey directed by Befekir Kebede

OTHER...

Refugee Week Forum: *Are we there yet? Where we are up to in the struggle for refugee rights.*

Tuesday June 17th 6pm- 8pm

@ BMW Edge at Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne

No bookings necessary. For further info visit www.rac-vic.org

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