

4th August 2008

Multicultural Arts Victoria in partnership with The Horn presents

KULCHA JAM

On the third Saturday of every month 9pm til late

The Horn African Café & Music Lounge, 20 Johnston St, Collingwood, \$5 entry at door.

Bringing together some of the rarest local African, Indigenous, Islander and Aussie music talents to perform and jam out live on stage at Melbourne's funkier and friendliest live music venue, The Horn, Kulcha Jam is a monthly live music experience for music lovers and musicians.

Kulcha Jam has evolved out of Multicultural Arts Victoria's Visible project - an innovative arts mentorship program that has seen a wealth of new African Australian music talent explode onto the music scene in its four years, including rising hip hop stars Diafrix and Grrilla Step, the phenomenal Public Opinion Afro Orchestra, Ethiopian *azmari* musician Dereb Desalegn and many more.

Well known reggae artist, Nicky Bomba who has been a key musical mentor in the Visible project, sees Melbourne as the world music capital of Australia. He says the ideas, melodies, instruments and rhythms coming from artists in the Visible project have offer much to the Australian music scene - "There's a lot of established Aussie talent out there but we need to nurture these new people coming up that have made Australia their home – we need to connect the two with a view to creating a new Australian sound," he says.

Kulcha Jam aims to do just that – connect musicians, connect people and create a platform for new Aussie sounds and styles in a relaxed, grass roots atmosphere where punters can sip on a range of exotic African beers, get up and boogie and taste some delicious Ethiopian cuisine...

Kulcha Jam kicks off on **Saturday August 16th** with a Reggae Jam hosted by Nicky Bomba and featuring new Afro Reggae act Black Roots fronted by Congolese vocal extraordinaire William Kadima.

Other Kulcha Jam dates:

- **20th September** – Island Jam feat Tabura (West Papua)
- **18th October** – Horn of Africa Jam feat Afro Habesha (Ethiopia), Zel Zel Band (Sudan) and hosted by Nicky Bomba
- **15th November** – Hip Hop Jam feat indigenous hip hopsters Yung Warriors, Hard Hustle (Zimbabwe) and hosted by Elf Tranzporter
- **20th December** – Mandinka Jam featuring West African acts Afro Mandinko (Gambia) and Muhanamwe (Guinea)

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