



KWA-CULTURE



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THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER HERITAGE CULTURAL FESTIVAL 1997



[A TRIBUTE TO OUR LIVING TREASURES]



VENUE: The Playhouse Drama Theatre-
Durban



Friday September 5

Gala Opening

"A Tribute to our Living Treasures"

Created and Directed by Jerry Pooe

6pm - 10pm

A musical tribute to the country's top musicians who set the music scene on fire in the '50's with their exuberance, tenacity and phenomenal skill all of whom are still active in the music industry today, including the music of Miriam Makebe, The Soul Brothers, Hugh Masakela and Margaret Singaana. These incredible musicians struggled against phenomenal odds to achieve greatness and musical brilliance. The line-up of featured artists include Madala Kunene, the Nokwe family, Mfiliseni Mgubane and others.

The evening's entertainment is complemented by a delicious meal. Enjoy a rare treat of some of the country's veteran musicians on stage together. All proceeds from the evening performance go towards KZNACC funds.

The evening is created and directed by one of this region's most innovative and active directors, Jerry Pooe.

Saturday September 6

Theatre Festival Finalists

10am - 3pm and 6pm - 10pm

The three runners-up in last year's KZNACC Theatre Competition will be staged in a day-long celebration of the region's top development theatre. From the 18 productions staged last year, these came respectively 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The winning production represented South Africa in the SADC Theatre Festival in Mocambique in June this year. These productions have been re-worked and re-rehearsed with top theatre director, Jerry Pooe in preparation for this season.

Morning: From Vryheid region - **Ukubekwa Kwe Nkosi**

A show-case of traditional Zulu culture. This vibrant and energetic piece tells the story of the crowning of a Zulu king and is told in dance and music.

Afternoon: From Pietermaritzburg region - **Psychopath**

A delicate and well-written piece of extraordinary theatre which explores the complexity of the central character - a psychopath living in Fort Napier. It is told in a gentle mix of humour and empathy.

Evening: From Durban region - **Guzana**

An orphan struggles hard to achieve the education he desires in order to make himself a better person. The intricate family dynamics between himself and his adopted family are explored in this heartfelt production.

Friday & Saturday September 12 & 13

A WEEKEND OF DANCE:

Rainbow Nation in Action

Friday September 12: 6pm - 10pm

Saturday September 13: 6pm - 10pm

A kaleidoscope of dance representing the wide variety of styles of dance practised in this region - from ballroom to ballet, from Indian to African dance.

Dancers represented are drawn from the length and breadth of the region. The dancers involved in the weekend have come through an elimination process which was co-ordinated by Mr. NA Mahlaba of the AmaZulu School of Ingoma in Newcastle.



On both Friday and Saturday, there will be a strong presence by the Indian Dance Community. On Friday evening two major forms of Indian Classical Dancing - Bharatanatyam and Kathak will be performed in solo and integrated styles. A selected group of North and South Indian dancers from UMDASA (United Musicians and Dancers Association of South Africa) will unveil this rich heritage of Indian Dancing that is rarely seen in South Africa. The focus changes to a rendition of Indian music, songs and dance praising the Creator through original compositions in Hindi, Tamil and Urdu.

Singers and musicians from

UMDASA join the dancers in their tribute to the Higher Being.

On Saturday evening get ready for **Ballroom Blitz!** If you saw **Shall We Dance**, you won't want to miss **Ballroom Blitz** - a mini presentation of all the Ballroom and Latin American rhythms. Lose yourself in the spectacle as the cast of **Ballroom Blitz** takes the floor transporting you from Spain to Brazil, from the USA to Austria.



The Kwa Zulu Natal Arts and Culture Council receives public money from the Government to support and develop the arts in the Province. The cash grant for 96/97 was R3 million. From these funds, the Arts Council provides regular grants to arts organisations and artists.

Friday September 19

Gospel

7pm - 10pm

The programme will feature groups from the different regions throughout KZN. The groups which appear have been selected through a process of elimination among the regions. The styles of gospel which can be heard vary from the distinctive gospel sounds from the early '50's to more contemporary sounds of new gospel today.

The co-ordinators of this popular event are Mvuselelo Buthelezi and Themba Fakazi Nagosma.

Saturday September 20

Children's Art:

10am - 2pm

A morning Children's Art Festival will celebrate the diverse talents and future of our children. Some of the best and most energetic young performers and artists from throughout Kwa-Zulu Natal will burst on to the stage to show why this province is the best in the country!

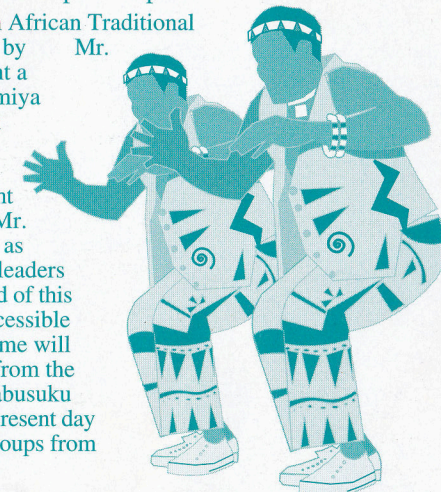
Radio and TV personalities and recording artists will be there with chances for everyone in the audience to win prizes and get autographs!

All the cultures from this vibrant province will be represented in a colourful display of singing, dancing, drama, poetry, crafts, art and much more. The programme is co-ordinated by Sharon Katz.

Iscathamiya:

7pm - 10pm

The SATMA (South African Traditional Music Association) led by Mr. P Msimang will present a programme of Iscathamiya - unaccompanied vocal harmonies which the likes of Ladysmith Black Mambazo brought to the world's notice. Mr. Msimang is acclaimed as being one of the great leaders and pioneers in the field of this hugely popular and accessible art-form. The programme will refresh our memories from the archives of the Ingomabusuku from the 1950's to the present day and shall feature top groups from around the region.



The provincial Arts Council has nine Regional Arts Councils: Durban, Empangeni, Greytown / Mapumulo, Ladysmith, Newcastle, Pietermaritzburg, Port Shepstone, Ulundi and Vryheid. The Regional Arts Councils are able to provide funding to arts groups in their areas.

Friday September 26

Bands: 6pm - 10pm

Johnny Dimba from the Showbiz Foundation co-ordinates this evening of the best of the battle of the bands. Some of the bands featured include maskandi band Mfliseni Magubane, mbaqanga music of Moris Mthembu, blues band, No Name Brothers and a selection of Afro-Jazz bands. They will play to the strings of the Ntuthuko Brothers, Sana Mnguni, Bra Gib Kente, the Soul Brothers and many more.

Saturday September 27

Choral: 6pm - 10pm

One of the distinctive features of this region is its rich choral heritage. This programme of indigenous music is presented with all the skills and artistry of the seasoned musicians and is co-ordinated by the Imvunge Choral Association. Choral composers featured include Khulekani Magubane, Mzilikazi Khumalo and Ben Mnominya. Choral leaders include Mr. W Dubazana of Amazwi Ka Zulu, Prof. Khabi Mngoma of Ionian Choir and Inkosi B Mavundla of the Ingwemabala school choir.

The organisers give thanks to the generous sponsors: Old Mutual, Caltex, Metropolitan, SAB and Telkom for their ongoing support of choral music.

Sunday September 28

Grand Finale and Closing

6pm - 10pm

The highlights of the month's festival will be packaged in a fast-moving programme featuring the best of the fest to give an overview of the month's cultural diversity of the rainbow nation.

Directed by Themis Venturas.



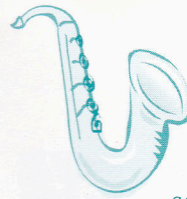
Before embarking on a project to be funded by the KZNACC, it needs to fulfil certain criteria: It must have vision and imagination, quality of execution and the power to communicate to the target audience. The project must have a creative approach in securing and using the resources, the operation must run efficiently and use human resources to their maximum potential.

The horn of Africa
shall be blown
The drums of Africa
shall beat from the sky
Sing, dance, sing you
sons and daughters of the soil

Sing this praise and celebrate
our living treasures

Let the heavenly voices unite
Lift their voices up in songs of praise
Paying tribute to the heritage
celebrations of our country

Gugu Ngcobo: KZNACC



There will be an exhibition of crafts collected from the province on display at the Playhouse throughout the festival.



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The Kwa-Zulu Natal Arts & Culture Council's Mission

The KZNACC's mission is to enable everyone to enjoy and derive inspiration from the arts. It will do so by nurturing creativity, responding to innovation, promoting excellence, sustaining our living traditions, supporting multi-cultural interests, fostering new advances and helping more people to encounter the work of artists throughout the province.