

Wednesday, November 24, 1999

SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT ANNOUNCEMENT - NATURE & MUSIC events FESTIVAL OF LIVING TREASURES ST. LUCIA.

A number of unique community workshops arranged by 3rd Ear Music for the Lubombo Spatial Development Initiative (LSDI) have been planned as a part of the development process in the Greater St. Lucia Wetlands region & courtesy of the DEPARTMENT of ARTS CULTURE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DACST):

- 1) THE LUBOMBO SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE'S "SATELLITE FESTIVALS" - 3 more to go.
- 2) THE DEPARTMENT of ARTS CULTURE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY" TRAINING PROGRAMMES
- 3) Free Community 'Environmental' & Music workshops with: Ellis Pearson / Bheki Mkhwane
Pedro Espi-Sanchis - from the 27th November to 2nd December.

As a build up to the exciting FESTIVAL of LIVING TREASURERS - to be held on the 15th & 16th of December at the Estuary in St. Lucia - a series of community workshops, satellite festivals & training programmes have been taking place in the region. The objectives are not only to find indigenous music & dance talent - of which there is an abundance - but to also generate interest in the festival production on many levels: providing transport & accommodation in the region, training of Security & First Aid Marshals, environment control & festival production & management.

- (1) The Satellite festivals launched by the LSDI, under the directorship of 3rd Ear Music's Chris Faya & in association with the DACST, have 'discovered' a number of extremely talented community musicians, dancers & trainers. The best of these Satellite Festival Musicians & Dancers will feature at the main Festival of Living Treasures.

2 extremely successful Satellites have already been held - Manguze on the 13 November 1999 & Mbazwane on the 20 November 1999.

3 more Satellite events to go & if you are interested in attending they are at: Mboza - 25 November 1999, Ingwavuma - 28 November 1999 & Dukuduku - 4 December 1999. You can call ISHIAH MHLANGU (082) 896-8706, CHRIS FAYA @ (082) 680-4835 or BRONWYN JAMES at the LSDI @ (031) 261-8181.

- (2) The media were shown the skills & talents of the Zimani Dancers at a recent media launch in St. Lucia. This remarkable group of dancers - mainly homeless or orphaned children from the Newcastle region & 'trained' through the courtesy of the Department of Arts, Culture, Science & Technology by Sifiso Mngomezulu - will feature at the main Festival of Living Treasures in December. Over the next few weeks training for iSisingili Dancers & iSicathimeya (vocal acapela) groups are taking place throughout the region. For details of the venues & the trainers, please call VUSI NDIMA of the DACST @ (082)433-1141 or CHRIS FAYA @ (082) 680-4835.

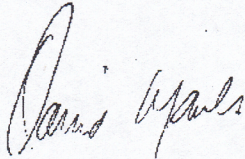
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- (3) PEDRO 'THE MUSIC MAN' ESPI-SANCHIS will be holding a series of community Music Workshop - ONE PERSON ONE NOTE - TEACHING TEACHERS to TEACH. This remarkable African Musicologist (originally from Spain) is well known to children of all ages through his TV series in SA & the WOMAD festivals all over the world: THE MUSIC MAN. The LSDI invites teachers, musicians & trainers to this free 3-hour workshop in Mtubatuba - 9 for 9:30am on Saturday 27th November 1999. The venue is the Mtubatuba Information office - opposite the post-office in the main street.
- (4) ELLIS PEARSON & BHEKI MKHWANE will be holding a series of 'environment' workshops & performances in the Maputoland area, starting at Mtubatuba School on Tuesday 30th November at 10.00am and then at the Dukuduku School on Wednesday 1st December. Anybody interested in attending, please contact Ida Scheepers or Nonhlanhla Biyela of the Mtubatuba Publicity Association at: (035) 550-0781 or Niki Moore in St. Lucia @ (035) 590-1487.

One of the objectives of ELLIS & BHEKI'S workshops will be to focus on the environment. What we propose for the main FESTIVAL of LIVING TREASURES, is to select 50 school children to help keep the Estuary and the Wetlands pristine clean, during & after the festival - through a series of refuse removal & clean-up competitions. Anybody or company wishing to contribute or assist should please contact Christopher Faya, Mandy Lohner or David Marks @ (031) 207-5314 or fax (031) 207-5305.

Ends.

Regards,



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Organizing consortium: Lubombo SDI / Hlanganani Tourism Association / kwaZulu Natal Tourism Authority / uThungulu Regional Council / kZN Conservation Services / St. Lucia TLC / The kZN Department of Economic Development & Tourism / The National Department of Arts, Culture, Science & Technology / The Provisional Department of Education & Culture / The Wildlife Society of South Africa (WESSA) / The Ministries of Industry, Commerce & Tourism of Mozambique, Swaziland & South Africa / Regional Tourism Providers & Structures / The Living Treasurers Festival, Awesome Africa & 3rd Ear Music

ST. LUCIA - FESTIVAL OF LIVING TREASURES (November 21, 1999)

TIMES	WEDNESDAY 15 TH DECEMBER 1999	THURSDAY 16 TH DECEMBER 1999
8:00am		
9:00am		
10:00am		
11:00 am	Satellite FESTIVAL FEATURE INDHLAMU DANCERS	Satellite FESTIVAL FEATURE INDHLAMU DANCERS
12 Noon	Satellite Dance Stories / Presentations	Minister's Speeches VIP Guests Satellite Overall Winners Presentatio
1:00pm	Satellite Winners x 2 Presentations (DANCERS - HIPPO STORIES)	JABU HLONGWANE JEREMY TAYLOR JOHN GCABA / SBU NTULI
2:00pm		(DANCERS HIPPO STORIES) UMTSHEZI HEREOS
2:30pm	SHIYANI NGCOBO or 14 SHABALALA	PHUZIKEMISI
3:15pm	JACK IN THE GREEN	THE CONCERTINA CLUB of kZN Featuring MANIE ERASMUS
3:30pm	KA BOOM Ellis Pearson & Bheki Mkwane	VUSI MASHLASELA & LOUIS MHLANGA
4:00pm	PEDRO ESPI-SANCHIS	JENNIFER FERGUSON
4:30m	TBC	GROUP DE TIMBILO ZAVALENE de MOZAMBIQUE
5:15pm	LOBI TRAORE & VINCENT BUCHE	RAY PHIRI & NICO CARSTENS
6:00pm 6:45pm	BOB BROSMAN & INDIAN OCEAN <i>ISLAND CONNECTION</i> <i>Sunset Clause</i>	ENDANGERED SPECIES Featuring KEN E HENSON
7:00pm 7:45pm	JOHANNES KERKOREL	WENDY OLDFIELD
8:00pm 8:45pm	SIMBA MORRI & THE JOURNEY INTO AFRICA	MADALA KUNENE & DRUMS ACROSS DENMARK
9:00pm 10:00pm	TBC	GITO BALOI WASSY / SERGIO DIAS
10:15pm 11:30PM	YOUNG BA'CUBA	THC & the MSHENGE BROTHERS

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