

STROUD ARTS FESTIVAL 2007

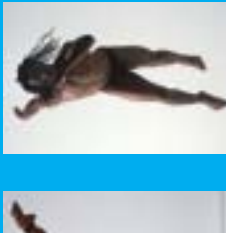
a Celebration of Black History and Culture



October 8th ~ 19th
Music, Dance, Drama,
Visual Arts, Poetry,
Lectures, Workshops,
Films & Partying

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Stroud Arts Festival 2007 presents a Celebration of Black History and Culture

The 2007 theme commemorates the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade – but in a different way from other events. The Festival has chosen to celebrate the achievements of black people in music, writing, performing arts and visual arts, as well as experiencing the rich culture and heritage of African and Caribbean people by including food, crafts and fashion.

"I am thrilled that Stroud should commemorate the bicentenary of the abolition of slavery with its Stroud Arts Festival. It is an imaginative and memorable way of doing so especially the concentration on black achievements. I commend your efforts most warmly and wish I could attend some of your events, which I do not doubt will be memorable occasions. God bless you all richly." Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town



FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

Mon 8th – Fri 19th	Spot Light	LIBS
Tue 9th – Fri 12th 2.00 – 4.00pm	Uhuru Installation	TBA
Tue 9th – Fri 12th	Slave Trade Virtual Exhibition	MP
Tue 9th 1.30 – 3.30pm	Black History Lectures	MP
Wed 10th 1.30 – 3.30pm	Black History Lectures	MP
Thu 11th 1.30 – 3.30pm	Black History Lectures	MP
Fri 12th 2.00 – 4.00pm	Exhibition & Festival Launch	SVA
Fri 12th 6.00 – 10.00pm	Hands that Heal	PINN
Sat 13th 10am – 2.00pm	African drumming, arts, crafts & food stalls	SUB
Sat 13th 8.00 – 11.00pm	Basil Gabbidon Reggae	SPK
Sat 13th 2.00 – 4.00pm	SuAndi Poetry Please	SUB
Sat 13th 6.00 – 9.00pm	Gospel Now and Then	CHP
Sat 13th 7.30 – 10.00pm	Five Live Drama	SUB
Sun 14th 10.00 – 2.00pm	African Drumming, arts, crafts & food stalls	SUB
Sun 14th 10:30 – 12:30pm	Puppet Making The Fat Cat Theatre Co	SUB
Sun 14th 2.00pm	Andy Hamilton Band	SPC
Sun 14th 6.30 – 8.30pm	Woman Talk	PINN
Mon 15th 7.00 – 10.00pm	Film + Discussion	STL
Tue 16th 6.00 – 7.30pm	Tavaziva Workshop	SUB
Tue 16th 8.00 – 9.30pm	Tavaziva Dance	SUB
Wed 17th 8.00 – 10.00pm	African Flair+ DJ Bishnu	SUB
Thu 18th 8.00pm	Songs – William Blake	SPC
Fri 19th 5.00 – 8.00pm	Hey Mr DJ	SPC
Fri 19th 8.30 – 11.30pm	End of Festival Party	TBA

Key to venues: CHP–Church of Prophecy; LIBS–Libraries; MP–Museum in the Park; PINN–The Painswick Inn; SPC–The Space; SPK–Stratford Park Leisure Centre; STL–St Laurence Church Hall; SUB–Stroud Subscription Rooms; SVA–Stroud Valley Artspace; TBA–Venue to be decided

HOW TO BOOK

In person: 10.00am – 5.00pm Stroud Tourist Information Centre, Subscription Rooms, Stroud GL5 1AE

Telephone: 01453 760900 **Email:** tic@stroud.gov.uk

Credit card bookings: leave name, address, telephone number, credit card number, valid from date, expiry date, issue number. Add 50p to your order for tickets to be posted. *Concessions for pensioners, under-16s*

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MUSEUM IN THE PARK

9th – 12th October

The Slave Trade Virtual Exhibition

9th – 11th October 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Black History Lectures

A series of Black History Lectures with question time afterwards, coinciding with the Slave Trade Virtual Exhibition in the main hall.

9th October Africa Pre-Slave Trade with Rupert MacKenzie

10th October The Impact of the Slave Trade with Eric Pemberton

11th October Anglo-African Trade Links in Modern Days with Robert Beckford

Tickets £5.00



STROUD VALLEY ARTSPACE

12th October 2.00pm – 4.00pm Doors open 1.30pm

True Stories Exhibition and Festival Launch

Councillor Chas Fellows the Leader of Stroud District Council will open the festival. Internationally renowned photographer Vanley Burke will present his exhibition 'True Stories'. The collection consists of 14 collages depicting fragmented images of members of the African Caribbean community.

You may have seen Vanley Burke on TV's Channel 4, Empire's Children discussing his life and work with Adrian Lester on 6th August.

Free

STROUD SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS

13th October 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Poetry Please with SuAndi

SuAndi the dynamic performance poet based in Manchester, hosts an open poetry session; presenting some of her own material and poems from other African Caribbean writers such as Louise Bennett. Members of the audience are also invited to present their own work

Tickets £5.00



13th October 7.30pm – 10.00pm

Five Live Drama

Entertaining, thought-provoking cabaret of drama pieces on the theme of "Freedom" from the District's 11-18 age drama departments. At the end of the evening our panel of independent judges will present cash prizes for the winning pieces and best actor / actress.

Tickets £4.00 concessions £2



14th October 10.30am – 12.30pm

Puppet Making with The Fat Cat Theatre Company

Jane Leaky and The Fat Cat Company with the help of the children of Stroud will make animals from various materials and create an African Scene. Come along kids and learn new skills. Mum and Dad can come too. 8 – 12 year olds. Max 18 children.

Tickets £7.50



13th October and 14th October 10.00am – 2.00pm

African Drumming in front of the Sub Rooms will entertain whilst you wander around a range of stalls showing off **arts, crafts** and **Caribbean food**.



16th October
Workshop 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Show 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Tavaziva Dance

Six high-octane dancers explode with an evening of African dance traditions within a Western contemporary style to music ranging from Zimbabwean choral to Whitney Houston.

"A great company ... their seamless blend of contemporary and traditional African movement, strikingly costumed and lit" (*The Independent*, 2007)

"Intriguing and deeply sensuous...nothing short of explosive" (*The Stage*, 2006)

Tickets

Show £10.00 concessions £7.00

Workshop £4.00 max 35



17th October 8.00pm – 10.00pm

African Flair

Queenie of Queddus along with models from the Fishpool project will provide a vibrant swirl of African design including home grown costumes from the art students of Stroud college; accompanied by music from DJ Bishnu. The winner of the Liberation Costume Design will be announced at this event.

Tickets £10.00 concessions £8.00



ST LAURENCE CHURCH HALL

15th October 7.00pm – approx 10.00pm

A Night at the Movies

'In the Heat of the Night' will feature and will be followed by a discussion about the issues it raises. Lecturer Ifemu Omari from Fircroft College will be leading the discussion.

Tickets £6.00

THE SPACE

14th October 2.00pm

Andy Hamilton Band

Attention all Jazz fans! The Birmingham Jazz legend, Andy Hamilton and his band play the unmistakable music that vividly retains the energy and colour of his Jamaican birthplace. There will be an opportunity for participants to join Andy in a jamming session. Bring your instruments. "Sumptuous, sensuous, gifted and mercurial, Hamilton's sound is irresistible" (*The Guardian*) "So soulful – so mellow – so beautiful" (*Art Farmer*)

Tickets £10.00 concessions £7.00



18th October 8.00pm

Songs of Innocence and Experience – William Blake



A live performance of musical settings of poems from Blake's Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience linked by both narrative and commentary and accompanied by a projection show based on his engravings.

Tickets £5.00 concessions £3.50



19th October 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Hey Mr DJ

World Wide Productions take to the stage with Rappers and DJ. There will be slots for budding DJs from the audience to make a challenge and shine on the microphone. Hip-Hop Dance for ages 12 – 16.

Tickets £5.00

THE PAINSWICK INN

12th October 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Hands that Heal

Soothing music and pleasant aromatherapy oils will provide the backdrop for two trained therapists. Trisha Hesseran and Louise Speedwell provide Taster 30 mins body massage and 30 mins intuitive holistic massage .

Tickets £10.00 max 16 persons

14th October 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Woman Talk

An informal gathering of a panel of Black women including Maxine Shervington, and Gail Johnson, author of 'African and Caribbean Celebrations'. Join them and other successful black businesswomen and celebrities as they chat about various strategies they've adopted to survive and thrive. Refreshments for sale.

Tickets £5.00

STRATFORD PARK LEISURE CENTRE

13th October 8.00pm – 11.00pm

Basil Gabbidon Reggae Band

Basil Gabbidon, a founder member of 'Steel Pulse', and his band will provide an evening of flamboyant, pulsating Reggae music to enjoy and dance along to.

Tickets £15.00 concessions £8.00



CHURCH OF PROPHECY, STROUD

13th October 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Gospel Now and Then

A Choir of 20 young people will present the journey of Gospel music from the roots of African songs through to modern day Gospel styles.

A voice workshop lasting one hour starts the evening followed by the show. Everyone who loves to sing come and join in.

Tickets

Family £10.00 Individual £5.00



STROUD LIBRARY and LIBRARIES AROUND THE AREA

8th – 19th October

Spot Light

A large selection of books, CDs and DVDs by Caribbean and African writers for all ages will be on display along with local story tellers for all ages Diana Humphries reading Anansi Stories, Kulcha Lee reading Benjamin Zephania ... See your library for details.

Free

STOP PRESS! Extra Events

9th – 12th October 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Uhuru Installation Venue – to be announced

Local artist Sam Makumba will be working with a group of art students to create a Freedom Installation. Come and see creativity in action. **Spectators Free**

15th – 19th Oct **Kwanza Challenge** drama workshop in 5 selected schools



19th October 8.30pm – 11.30pm

End of Festival Celebration

Big End of Festival Party
Venue – to be announced
Don't miss this event. A unique blend of fun and culture – especially fun! Music, dance, food and entertainment for all the family.

Tickets – see web



See www.stroudartsfestival.org for further details of these and additional events!

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