

Jozi Spoken Word Festival

13 to 16 August 2008

Programme

Workshops

Transporting literary forms across languages and self-publishing or getting published; and ART WORD

Where: Wits Writing Centre

When: 13 and 14 August from 3pm to 5pm

Cost: Free

Symposia

Traditional literary forms and their contemporary adaptation; and the line between fiction and fact

Where: Wits Amphitheatre

When: 13 and 14 August from 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Cost: Free

All workshops and symposia deal with literary and spoken word concerns and will be facilitated by Tlou Setumu, Prince Shapiro, Nomkhubulwane, Dumisani Sibiyi, Allan Kolski Horwitz, Nomsa Mdlalose, Dumisani Sibiyi, Liesl Jobson, Hans Pienaar, Lucas Ledwaba, Matthew Krouse and Sandile Ngidi.

Slam Poetry Jam

In a slam poetry competition, the audience acts as judge, scoring each performer. The participants are winners of the Edutainment Poetry Slam Jam sessions, which were hosted by Horror Café in Newtown. On Saturday, they will perform, not compete, due to the fact that the theatre is not suited for voting. The performers are: Bianca Williams, Khethiwe Mtimkulu, Mzwakhe, Mapula, Romeo, Ras Tiro, Zero? Skado, and Mavis Tau.

Where: Wits Amphitheatre

When: 16 August from 7pm

Cost: R30 for non-students and R20 for students

Performances/readings

The highlight of the festival, featuring a host of spoken word artists

Where: Wits Amphitheatre

When: daily at 7pm

Cost: R30 for non-students and R20 for students

Festival Launch

MC'ed by Liberty, with Papi (Wits student), Dread X (Botswana), Tlou Setumu (Limopo), Oscar Benjamin (Zimbabwe), Zorro(KwaZulu/Natal), Rebirth Konnexion, Interval, Dr CVRKK Molefi(Botswana), Blak Dot, Fikile Zwane, Zama Batyi and Masoja Msiza.

Where: Wits Amphitheatre

When: 13 August at 7pm

Women's Month Special Show

Due to the fact that the festival is on during Women's Month, Thursday is dedicated to women, with woman writers, praise poets, singers and theatre practitioners like Aviwe Damane, Jessica Mbangeni, Nokuthula Mazibuko, Nomkhubulwane, Naledi Moeti/Blakstar, Sikhumbuzo Hlabangane, Kabelo Mailula, Ancients, Marie Beytell and Khanyi Magubane promising to keep our ears tuned in.

Where: Wits Amphitheatre

When: 14 August at 7pm

Main Event

MC'ed by FLO, the performers are Prince Shapiro, Gift(Wits student), Mphutlane wa Bofelo(KwaZulu/Natal), Mmakgari Dabutha, Damon Berry, Botsotso Jesters, NKQO(Eastern Cape), Mpumi Magwaza(KwaZulu/Natal), Mak Manaka, Richard Fox, Afurakan.

Where: Wits Amphitheatre

When: 15 August at 7pm

Finale

Features a mentorship and protégé programme which sees the pairing of young and old, aspiring and legendary, and aims to launch cross-generational dialogue between writers. Pairs include: Allan Kolski Horwitz with Mbongisi Dyantyi; Niq Mhlongo with Retsepile Makame; Sipiwo Mahala with Vuyo Seripe; Zukiswa Wanner with Smangele Mathebula; Nomusa and Lebo; and Angifi Dladla with Romeo and Abstract.

Where: Wits Amphitheatre

When: 16 August from 2pm to 4pm

Spoken Word Films

A range of films to view

Where: Wits Amphitheatre

When:

Friday 15 August

The United States of Poetry (1995) conceived by Ben Holman and directed by Mark Pellington, from 3pm to 5pm

I Mike What I Like (2006) a film screening the performance of Kgafela oa Magogodi, directed by Jyoti Mistry will be screened from 5pm to 6pm

Saturday 16 August

Touch of Sound: A Sound Journey with Evelyn Glennie (2005)

directed by Thomas Riedelsheimer from 4pm to 5pm

This Poem about and directed by Donna Smith from 6pm to 7pm

Cost: Free

Other events

Book Launch

View from an Escalator by Liesl Jobson on 15 August from 6pm to 7pm at the Wits Amphitheatre.

Manuscript Exhibition

Curated by Anna Varney, and introduced at the festival through an installation by Lionel Murcott.

Photography and Poetry Exhibition

IsisX, curated by Botsotso Publishers, combines photographs with the poems of 12 women.

Magazine Launch

The latest *Botsotso*, which includes material performed or presented the Jozi Spoken Wordfest 2007.