



The Journey

From Ancient Ethiopia to Contemporary Melbourne

A collaborative art exhibition by Befekir Kebede, Sutueal Bekele & Tamirat Gebremariam.

10 – 21 June @ 45 Downstairs, 45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
Open hours: Tues - Fri 11am - 5pm & Sat 12pm - 4pm

This first time collaboration between three Ethiopian Australian artists will depict a journey from the ancient land of Ethiopia to contemporary Melbourne. An innovative exhibition, of individual and collaborative artworks, it will uniquely combine contemporary painting, photography and multi media installation with imagery derived from a traditional Ethiopian heritage. The exhibition will reveal the journey of a people that has been difficult and at times audacious, yet exciting and worthwhile. And a process of integration with the Melbourne city, its people and suburbia life that has been intriguing.

ABC Music Deli Free Concert – Musiki Deli

Thursday 26 June 6.30pm for a 7pm start
@ Iwaki Auditorium, ABC Southbank Centre, Cnr Southbank Blvd & Sturt St, Southbank – No bookings - arrive early to ensure your seat!

Hosted by ABC Music Deli's Paul Petran, this unique concert will feature songs from Sudan, Congo, Burundi and South Africa.

Valanga Khoza - a passionate and inspirational performer, Valanga brings stories of South Africa to life with beautiful songs that combine traditional African instruments and harmonies.

William Kadima - with a rich and dynamic voice, William draws on a mixed Congolese/ Burundian heritage and years of travel through south and central Africa, to deliver a moving repertoire of soulful gospel and reggae songs.

St.Bakhita's Sudanese Community Choir - bringing together men and women from all over Sudan, the choir will warm hearts and uplift the spirit with songs of celebration and joy.



EMERGE FESTIVAL MAIN EVENT

Celebrating Refugee Week in Victoria
- 'A Place to Call Home'

Sunday 15 June 12-5pm FREE
@ Fitzroy Town Hall & Napier St, Fitzroy
Melways Ref 44A4 Catch tram number 112 (Brunswick St) or 86 (Smith St)

Be part of this massive cultural celebration as the magnificent Fitzroy Town Hall opens its doors and closes off the street for 2 non stop stages of dazzling world class music performances, a vibrant cultural marketplace, the aromas of an Ethiopian coffee ceremony, tasty authentic foods from all corners of the globe, African hut decorating with visual artist Amanda King, the Human Rights Hub, workshops in Pacific Body Percussion, West African Drumming, Ethiopian Dance and Bollywood Dance, henna tattoos, hairbraiding and much more. Great for all the family!

PROGRAM

Africa Stage - Main Hall - Hosted by Sharief Serfonteyne

- 12.00pm Tabura West Papuan Cultural Group
- 12.20pm Laloran (East Timorese)
- 12.50pm St.Bakhita's Sudanese Community Choir
- 1.15pm Zel Zel Band (Sudan)
- 1.35pm Rom Amer (Sudan)
- 1.50pm Mai Nachungi Dance Company
- 2.00pm Black Roots
- 2.30pm Muhanamwe (Guinea)
- 2.50pm Breakout Hip Hop Dance Crew
- 3.00pm Angel's Voices Band (Congo)
- 3.35pm Afro Habesha Band (Ethiopia)
- 4.15pm Eritrean Star Band

Silk Road Stage - Reading Room - Hosted by Underbelly

- 1.00pm Mehr Ensemble (Iran)
- 2.20pm Meltemi (Turkey/ Greece)
- 3.40pm Mesopotamia (Iraq)



Stories of an African Australia Short Film Screenings

Friday 4 July 7.00pm (Q&A with filmmakers after session)
Sunday 6 July 3.45pm

ACMI Cinemas, Australian Centre for the Moving Image
Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne
Tickets: Visit the ACMI box office or phone 8663 2583.

Presented and produced by Multicultural Arts Victoria in partnership with OPEN CHANNEL, this exciting film project has provided a voice and platform for emerging young artists from African refugee and culturally diverse backgrounds. Five short films created by and featuring the young African artists and performers will consider, document and celebrate the diversity and dynamism of new African Australian cultures in Melbourne. The filmmakers have worked collaboratively over the past 6 months with dramaturge Gorkem Acaroglu and director/editor Thomas Baricevic to bring their stories to the screen. The result is five unique films that will entertain, inform and surprise.

PROGRAM

- Inkululeko** directed by Claudia Sangiorgi Dalimore
- Broken Dreams** directed by Ezeldin Deng
- Job Interview** directed by Sara Elagha
- Red Flower** directed by Abraham Adet
- The Journey** directed by Befekir Kebede

Refugee Action Collective in partnership with Multicultural Arts Victoria presents

REFUGEE WEEK FORUM

Are we there yet? Where we are up to in the struggle for refugee rights.

Public Meeting Tuesday 17 June 6pm- 8pm
@ BMW Edge at Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne
No bookings necessary Further info visit www.rac-vic.org