



The 2011 Africa Week Festival is happening - celebrating the cultural diversity of Africa

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Africa Week 2011

Africa Week 2011 is happening in Yeoville Bellevue. There will be good music and theatre. There will be food stalls and arts and crafts. There will be a puppet show for children in the morning. There are film shows and talks. We are honouring Africa Day and celebrating our multinational multicultural community in Yeoville Bellevue.

But events are not only happening in this area. There have been, and will be, activities to celebrate Africa Day at other venues around Johannesburg including Kliptown, Soweto, Wits University, Parktown, and the Newtown Park in Newtown. There's even an Africa Day picnic in Brixton. So pick your event and celebrate. And watch this space - the Africa Week Carnival and Festival in Yeoville Bellevue will be going big again in 2012.

In 2010, Yeoville Bellevue held its first-ever Africa Week Carnival and Festival. Rockey Raleigh St was closed for the day, there were indoor and outdoor stages, over 250 musicians, stall-holders sold food and crafts, Wits University hosted an exhibition of the work of their students, Hotel Yeoville was officially launched in the new Yeoville Library, up to 5 000 people moved through the safe, car-free streets, enjoying the music, the excitement and the company of others.

For a day, people forgot their problems, stopped thinking about whether they (and others) were South Africans or migrants, and celebrated being together in Yeoville Bellevue and in Africa.

The dream is to have such an event every year (and similar, smaller celebrations throughout the year).

This year, this week, we are celebrating Africa Week again. We still remember those who died in the xenophobic attacks of 2008, we still celebrate our shared African heritage and culture, we still work for social cohesion and tolerance and love for each other, regardless of where we come from. Though the Festival is small this year, it is still important.



Africa Week was launched at the African Diaspora Forum's Many Faces One Africa event on 21 May and will end with the Africa Week Festival in the Yeoville Recreation Centre on 28 May.

Come and enjoy. Bring family and friends. Celebrate the uniqueness of the African continent and its people.

SPORTS FOR ALL

As part of Africa Week, there will be sports activities on Friday 27 May and Saturday 28 May, bringing people together through playing together. There will be coaches assisting with some of the sporting codes. The children and youth of Yeoville Bellevue are invited to come and participate.

Friday 27 May 11am - 3pm

Yeoville Courts (next to Yeoville Clinic)
Tennis, Netball, Basketball, Volleyball and Handball (Table Tennis in the Yeoville Rec)

Saturday 28 May

Yeoville Recreation Centre

10am - 12pm Aerobics

2pm - 3pm Karate

Every day Outdoor chess



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African Film Festival

FILMS - Grace de L'Alliance Francaise / Johannesburg (Fespaco 1972 - 2005 Winners)

26 May

Film 1 (5.30pm) – Burkina Faso - "Tilai" (81mins) Idrissa Ouedraogo

Film 2 (7.30pm) – Mali "Guimba - Un Tyran, Une Epogue" (93mins) Cheick Oumar Sissoko

27 May

Film 1 (5.30pm) – Ivory Coast "Au nom du Christ" (82mins) Roger Gnoan M'bala

Film 2 (7.30pm) – South Africa "ANGELS ON FIRE" (15mins) + "Yeoville in two genres" (45mins) by Gillian Schutte (HH films)

AFRICA WEEK FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Saturday 28 May 2011

YEOVILLE RECREATION CENTRE
Raleigh Street between Fortesque & Kenmere

Intro 9am - 3pm (1st half)

Ama-Afrika Aqotho Arts - musical welcome
9.30am - Steps of the Recreation Centre

Seminar: Human Trafficking (local and international)

9am - 1pm, Yeoville Recreation Centre Hall
Organised by the Migration Unit in the City of Joburg Department of Human Development, in partnership with Christians for Peace in Africa

THE AFRIKAN MARKET

From 10am, the Afrikan Market will be in the Atrium space (between the main hall & aerobics hall) and at the entrance to the Recreation Centre. Sights and smells of African craft and food markets will assail your senses.

Craft partners (Art, Crafts and Books etc)

Tresor Bib Shambu (DRC) Raffia & Wood objects for perusal and sale.

Isaac Majawala (Zimbabwe) Knitted and Special Craft Objects and Designs.

Brice Narcisse KANDEM TAMO (Cameroon)

Africa All stars Magazine and T-shirts

Khanya College (South Africa)

Newsletters, T-shirts, books, flyers, educational material

HaRT (South Africa) 'Cornerstone Church'
Crafts and Art

Mme Doreen Ntsele Beadwork

Ras Mishack Rastafarian Arts & Crafts

Food for Africa

Yeoville Market Merchants of Tropical African food from the DRC and West African regions

Pitsou Koso, Emelie, Aime, Anny, Fanny Bamwila and Mouna Nene will have a sumptuous display of foods from those countries for you to taste, like and buy to try at home.

Jane Nonyane and Monica Khumalo, Yeoville Market chafs, will be selling delicious South African traditional foods

Puppet show (bring the kids)

Yeoville resident **Margaret Auerbach's Spellbound Puppets** will present one show Saturday 28 May 11am
Yeoville Recreation Centre
www.spellboundpuppets.com 082 7443 882

Theatre, Comedy, Fashion, Acoustic Music

Yeoville Recreation Centre Main Hall
12.30pm - 12.45pm **Comedy Corner** with **Khanyisani Vilakazi**

12.45pm - 1pm **FIRM**, a play by **Tebogo Sehlabani and Khanyi Vilakazi**

1pm - 1.15pm **Sello & YRC Youth Drama**
1.15pm - 2pm **Fashion Show**, with designer **Yolanda**

2pm - 2.45pm **Soul Buddies** **Sheikh Anta Diop Primary & College learners**



Party Time: 3pm - 6pm (2nd half)

Dj: Ndumiso Khumalo / Stage Manager: Siviwi
All artistes will have 15mins OR 2 tracks

Nthombizodwa String Quartet Violins

Walter Dikgali (South Africa) Jazz & contemporary Pianist

Tony T Hip Hop

S.O.T.E. (South Africa) Rap

Clikaz Kwaito

Rebel Price Ragga

Reagan & Street International (DRC)
Rhumba, Kwassa etc.

Dos Santos Alexio (Mozambique) Afro-Jazz Beats

Mguzulwa Hip Hop and RnB

C4 (Zim) Hip Hop

Mabhebeza (South Africa) House

Snazz (South Africa) Rap

Xolani Ncobeni Maskandi

Roicka Styla Habibelan Rap DRC, Kwassa, Ndombolo etc

Ghetto Prophecy Hip Hop

Ama-Afrika Aqotho Arts - farewell to the sun
6pm - Steps of the Recreation Centre

Continental African Dance Party
6.30pm - 10pm Recreation Centre Main Hall
with **Jean-Pierre Lukamba @ friends**

ALSO HAPPENING

African Liberation Day Events

Rasta House 123 Hunter St, Yeoville Bellevue
Sunday 29 May 12pm - 4pm

Symposium

African Liberation Lives, Organise, Organise, Organise! featuring liberation movements, social movements, students and labour unions

Performers: Ama-Afrika Aqotho, Toto Mubenga, Xolani Khumalo and Nathan Chakuchichi

Live Reggae Music Alternative Concert

Nizah with Sista Phuma and Nature

Vital Crew with Rebel Prince

King Roots International & Jah Crucial

Mcees: Badda Badda & Av Dee

Poets: Blak Star, Donna Smith & Siza Nkosi

Entrance: R30

Brixton Community Market & Park Day

For those of you who might want a different Africa Day celebration experience, there will be a Brixton Community Market and Park Day from 10am - 3pm in Kingston Frost Park, cnr Putney and Chiswick, Brixton. Food, stalls, kid's activities. Bring picnic blankets and umbrellas.

Africa Day concert

The annual Africa Day concert is happening in Newtown on 28 May from 4pm - 11pm in the Newtown Park (between Bassline and Sci-Bono). Baba Maal and other great African musicians.

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