

CELEBRATE!



Mandela's Birthday

Saturday July 12 from 7pm



Once again, KULCHA pulls out all stops to celebrate the birthday of the man who changed the destiny of South Africa. Doors open at the special time of 7pm with drinks and drummers on the balcony, and hot spicy South African food will be available to set the mood and boost the energy. Then get set for a night of celebration indoors from 8pm with 9-piece group Shangara Jive leading the festivities. This is one party that always sells out, and this year will be no exception. Book now!

Santiago de Cuba Festival

Proudly presented by the Australia Cuba Friendship Society.

Saturday August 9 from 7pm



Another fantastic reason to party as the Australia Cuba Friendship Society and KULCHA celebrate the annual Santiago de Cuba Festival with a night of Cuban carnival atmosphere. Dance, food and and enough hot Latin music to chase away the winter chills. Tickets will sell fast, so book early to avoid being left out in the cold!

Kultour: Theatre @ KULCHA

Tokyo DasSHOKU Girl. Written & performed by Yumi Umiumare

DasSHOKU, meaning bleaching, is a tongue-in-cheek expose lampooning the Tokyo Shock Boys. DasSHOKU, however comedic and entertaining, pays homage to the darker, malevolent underbelly of contemporary Tokyo. Tokyo DasSHOKU strips off the colour



and the superficial to reveal the reality behind the happy face of consumerism, bleaching away the commonly held views of Japanese women as 'kawaii', or cute, polite and submissive.



July 25 & 26, 8pm, Workshop July 27, 12 noon.



Fronteras Americanas. Written by Guillermo Verdecchia. Performed by Alirio Zavarce. Directed by Sam Haren.

Fuelled by equal parts outrage, intelligence and deadpan humour, Fronteras Americanas (American Borders) is a one-person theatre performance that explores the joys and struggles of building a home between two cultures, while exploding the images and stereotypes of Latinos and Latin America. This fast-paced, funny and moving play combines an intimate performance style with multimedia technology, transforming a distant scenario into a vivid experience. This production was the winner of the 2001 Adelaide Critics Emerging Artist Award.

August 7 & 8, 8pm, workshop July 9.

Book performances online @ www.kulcha.com.au

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As the new President, I thank Betty Depiazzi for her invaluable contribution, time and hard work as the former President. I hope to build on her guardianship throughout my vigorous tenure in the position. I also welcome new board members Suresh Rajan, Geoff Roberts and Alan Abraham to the Board as they add their expertise, commitment and drive towards meeting the philosophy of growth that informs all our thinking and actions.

For me, KULCHA's services and programming present people who are more than coloured pins on the Western Australian map; they represent our fascination with the connectedness of the human spirit as exemplified in the values, principles and beliefs infused in all their endeavours.

KULCHA is a nationally recognised resource for nurturing, sustaining and presenting a variety of services, not only in the range of our multicultural programming but also in the diversity of perspectives that the programming embodies. That diversity is a reflection both of the artists who create our programming content and the Western Australian audience we serve.

Now we have the opportunity and the obligation to extend the reach of our brand name, and the quality and value it stands for, into other areas and venues across our state, nationally and internationally. There are new avenues to promote our world arts and multicultural activities across the entire arc of instructional, educational and cultural purposes and to create a new civic space for dialogue.

The future is dynamic and wide open, and we will stay curious in our pursuit of that future. At KULCHA we are embarking on a new five-year strategic plan that embodies expansion of our operations and development of a Perth CBD presence, and of the diversity of our program which depends on freedom, imagination and initiative on both local and national levels.

Each year, we report on the accomplishments of the past, reaffirm our current commitments and articulate our vision for the future. Even as we acknowledge the challenges ahead - known and unknown - the touchstones delineated over two decades remind us that we have a unique obligation. This requires us to uphold the public trust through everyday acts of transparent service to the Western Australian people.

Keith Sagers
President

KULCHA BOARD MEMBERS **(top-bottom)**

Wairangi Paki, Alan Abraham
(Treasurer), Geoff Roberts, Minoo
Sarparast (Secretary), Betty Depiazzi,
Suresh Rajan.



Monsieur Camembert

2 May 2003 @ KULCHA

To start the month off with a bang, 2002 ARIA Award winners Monsieur Camembert played to a wildly enthusiastic full house on May 2nd. Fresh from success at Fairbridge, the band had the KULCHA audience captivated right from the opening number with their unique blend of Klezmer/swing/jazz/gypsy and more. The best news? They'll be back for more shows at KULCHA later in the year.



Monsieur Camembert live @ KULCHA on May 2nd



Cianan & Elias Nachev for City of Gosnells

Selected from the Artists' database, KULCHA members Cianan and Elias Nachev performed at the Don Russell Performing Arts Centre in May through the auspices of the City of Gosnells. Congratulations to all performers on a great show and to the City of Gosnells



Sonny Morgan

Perth's own exponent of Seggae (a combination of Sega and Reggae to the uninitiated), Sonny Morgan brought a taste of the Seychelles and Island life to KULCHA on 6 June, complete with an appearance by the Cook Island Dance Group, Kia Tupu Rupe Rupe.

Tropical Experience builds on Sonny's Seggae sound, adding elements of Creole and Latin influences with a distinctly 21st century twist to his island roots. The cd is intended for the UK market as well, under the title *Architect*, and a tour is likely to follow later in the year.

Sonny's audience is growing everyday and with music that lets you sit back, relax and enjoy the sounds of the Seychelles, it's not hard to see why. In the words of the man himself: "I see music as a way to help your mood, make you lively, slow you down or reflect on life. Songs are like time machines, they bring back memories good or bad". What better way to take a trip to a sunny climate?

For more info see www.sonnymorgan.com

Sonny Morgan

CD Launch:
Tropical Experience

Friday 6 June @ KULCHA

Lynn Hazelton with Kerriane Cox and Lorrae Coffin.

23 April @ KULCHA

This show combined the skills of three of Australia's most talented singer-songwriters in a rare display of talent that left a near-capacity house cheering for more. Multi award-winning Lynn Hazelton used the evening to launch her newly-released cd "The Listening Skin", a combination of folk, country, gospel and reggae influences with overtones of sea and desert that spoke volumes to a diverse, enthusiastic and appreciative audience.



Lynn Hazelton



Dom Mariani & the Majestic Kelp

CD Launch: ***Underwater Casino***
Saturday 31 May @ KULCHA



Dom Mariani

The KULCHA venue transformed into a surfer's paradise when ex Stems frontman Dom Mariani and the Majestic Kelp launched their new cd "*Underwater Casino*". The evening kicked off with the spectacle of a fire dancer on the balcony, then settled into a close copy of a beach party with surfboards, hot dogs and lots of dancing.

The disc itself is described by the band as "Killer surf meets pop garage grooves....Laid back yet full of attitude, *Underwater Casino* rides between 60s influenced surf guitar, guitar pop, blues and serene psychedelic sounds with a wave to spaghetti westerns on the way through". The sold out audience agreed.



'Dom Mariani still sets the benchmark. Tight, powerful, cool and catchy'
The West Australian.



Alastair's reaction to the tour!



KULCHA in Regional WA

African group Dunumba travelled to Tom Price and Margaret River in June 2003 to undertake music residencies. Each residency is based on a model of skills workshops with youth and the local community. The workshops are a great way for regional audiences to gain a knowledge of world music and the cultural diversity of Western Australia. KULCHA thanks the Office of Multicultural Interests and Healthway for sponsoring the project, Nintirri Centre Incorporated, The Shire of Augusta-Margaret River, Ms Peta Homer, Ms Sally Hays, Ms Naomi Godden and Alastair Van Schoor of Dunumba for their generosity and support.



Happy participants in Tom Price



A Just Australia Meeting 28 May 2003 @ KULCHA



l-r: Walter Gomes, Judith Watson & Howard Glenn

On May 28th, KULCHA was proud to host a meeting of one of Australia's premier human rights organisations, A Just Australia. Featuring a compelling address by National Director Howard Glenn, the meeting summed up the group's activities to date and gave details of the direction of future policy development and political lobbying. A strong turnout ensured that the question and answer session was lively and informative.



A Just Australia National Director Howard Glenn

Persian Night Saturday 17 May, 2003 Subiaco Theatre Centre

Presented by the Iranian Communities Cultural Development Group

Rona Music Band performed Persian National, Folk and Sufi music, songs from Kurdistan and Shiraz, plus traditional dances from Hungary, Egypt and Greece. Iranian vocal music is derived from a large body of classical poetry, ranging from medieval to modern. This is some of the world's great literature, and the flowing, timeless intensity of an Iranian singer will bring these fine poems vibrantly to life. This was certainly the case, and the



performers' offerings were enthusiastically received by a large and diverse audience. Congratulations to coordinator and KULCHA Board member Ms Minoo Sarapast, sponsored by OMI, Office of Multicultural Interests and 'Bahman Rug' Persian Rug Market.



And the winner is.....

Congratulations to:



- Ms Nicki Paterson, winner of a twin pack of fine wine from Amberley
Remember to leave your name and address in the box at the bar when you next attend a KULCHA performance to go into the August draw for this fantastic prize - results to be announced in the next newsletter.
 - Mrs Marlene Oostrick, winner of a day pass to Keturah Day Spa (May draw).
 - Annete Thayne, winner of a day pass to Keturah Day Spa (June draw)
 - Mr Graeme Windsor, winner of a weekend for two at Birchfields farmstay, Vasse.
- More competition news:**
- Become a KULCHA member or renew your membership in July or August to go into the draw for one of two day passes to Keturah Day Spa - results announced in the next newsletter.

AND REMEMBER: all financial members go into the draw at the end of 2003 for a fantastic trip to Broome, thanks to STA Travel.