

KULCHA

Multicultural Arts of Western Australia Inc

members newsletter jan/feb 2005



message from the board of management



Festive greetings from KULCHA staff, board and stakeholders. In 2004 KULCHA established an exciting multicultural arts program through the hard work and commitment of KULCHA staff and Board in partnership with a wide range of artists, communities, sponsors and supporters.

2004 was another landmark year for the organisation, with the Administration Office operating from the centre of Northbridge for over a year, with our World Music venue in Fremantle presenting over 110 local, national and international performances and workshops. The venue was also host to numerous seminars, book launches, birthday parties and discovery nights for a variety of businesses. KULCHA enjoyed coordinating a number of high profile events including our annual Parklife summer concerts in Russell Square, Northbridge and KULCHA on Swan at the Guildford Hotel, plus our biggest World Music Carnival and more recently A World of Jazz at the beautiful Quarry Amphitheatre.

The year was also a strong year of regional touring Busselton in the South West, Northam and three weeks in the Wheatbelt region.

In 2004, Western Australia celebrated its 175th birthday of its founding with a reflection on what we have achieved as a state, looking forward to the future, its people, places, shared history with a common goal of making WA an even better place to live. KULCHA has demonstrated through its artistic and community development program that cultural diversity is a fundamental characteristic of Western Australia's identity and provides a valuable resource in shaping our State's future.

Kulcha is working closely with ArtsWA in order to fulfil our vision of an organisation that is committed to the development of the Multicultural Community. To this end we have commissioned, with ArtsWA, a major strategic planning and vision development exercise that will forge our plans into the new year. One of the integral parts of that will be recruiting the staff required to bring this vision to fruition. Our aim is to have a full complement of staff on board by the end of March 2005. We will continue to work with our stakeholders in refining and developing this vision further as we wend our way through the New Year. Just a friendly reminder that the Administration Office will be closed from 23rd Dec to 3rd Jan reopening on 4th January, 2005.

And the World Music Venue in Fremantle will be closed 24th and 25th December. Be sure to join us for a fantastic New Year's Eve with the African Dance Party 31st Dec 8pm-1am.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon at KULCHA in 2005

Suresh Rajan
KULCHA President

expression of interest

kultour 2006 touring funding for multicultural artists

KULCHA invites all artists/producers to apply for the annual touring funding through the kultour network for kultour 2006. kultour is a national network dedicated to touring Australian multicultural arts. The network is made up of 11 members (including KULCHA) across all states and territories. For more information on kultour see the Australia Council website www.ozco.gov.au.

kultour touring applications are available to all artists/producers presenting culturally diverse work, from within both the performing art and visual art field. Successful kultour applicants will be included in the 2006 kultour touring program and will receive funding and support from the kultour network. For kultour application forms please contact Irene Jarzabek on 9228 3724 or email: operations@kulcha.com.au

Applications close Thursday 27 January 2005.

International Human Rights Day 2004

Thankyou to the City of Melville and the City of Stirling for celebrating with KULCHA and multicultural performers the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with FREE Family concerts and workshops. Special mention must go to City of Stirling staff Cynthia Faulds, Julie Rozario and Anita

Carr, and City of Melville staff Luiza Hopkins, Dee Skuza and the Youth Services team for their efforts in coordinating the events.

We would also like to thank Nellie Sung Nee Yeo for assisting in coordinating the City of Melville event, and the wonderful youth

team at 6EBA multicultural radio for acting as MC's on the day, and ofcourse all of our talented performers.





KULCHA 21st celebrations

The 28th of November was a big day in Fremantle with the celebration of KULCHA's 21st Birthday out on our wonderful balcony. Guests also enjoyed the best view of the Fremantle Festival Parade. KULCHA Board past and present, staff and friends including the Mayor of Fremantle Peter Tagliaferri and John Longley from the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce also enjoyed a multicultural BBQ, birthday cake and photo display marking 21 years since the foundation of KULCHA in 1983. Special mention to A/General Manager Connie Kis Andersen for her delightful blues version of Happy Birthday!

thankyou

KULCHA Board of Management and Staff would like to thank all our volunteers who donated their time and energy in helping with the monthly calendar mailouts, helping out at events with ushering, BBQ's and a multitude of other varied duties.

Thankyou to individuals and families who joined or renewed their membership in 2004. Thankyou also to the following organisations and groups.

Te Rangatahi Maori Club Inc, Gold Koala Kids, Seychelles Cultural Troupe WA Inc, Skadada, Tura Music, Sheik to Sheik, Australia Cuba Friendship Society, Bantus Capoeira Group, Ausdance, Shire of Katanning and Across the Borders.



Children Week Celebrations 29th October

Children's week was celebrated at KULCHA on Oct 29th to a venue brimming with balloons, the smell of a sizzling BBQ on the balcony, a multitude of children, their parents and friends. Beaming faces were entertained by a host of multicultural performances singing Portuguese, Macedonian and Italian songs from the Golden Koala Kids. The South African Children's Choir have become a highly sought after performing group who originally formed to celebrate Nelson Mandela's birthday in July. They have since enjoyed much success performing at various other festivals and venues. The Maori cultural Group displayed their skill with the stick game and sang a variety of action songs and performed the Maori War dance.



Families were encouraged to stay on and savour the pulsating rhythms of African drumming group Dunumba, a special treat for some little ones whose bedtimes were postponed to enjoy a dance. Some audience comments:

"After years of staying at home raising children it was wonderful to be able to take them to such a friendly club to enjoy good music in a friendly atmosphere".
Parent White Gum Valley School

Top: Packed out crowd, Children week Celebrations

Bottom: Volunteer John Goldney looking after the BBQ, Children week Celebrations

Top: A/General Manager Connie Kis Andersen singing Happy Birthday at KULCHA's 21st birthday celebrations, **Photo 2:** Board member Betty Depiazzi, **Photo 3:** Perth Waldorf School, Fremantle Parade, **Bottom:** Watching the Parade from the KULCHA balcony

BINNIE DESIGN Amberley wine tasting

sponsorship

Thankyou to our design sponsor in 2004 Binnie Design for producing our colourful, dynamic and innovative KULCHA newsletter, calendars, posters and newspaper advertisements.

Binnie Design is a specialist creative design consultancy based in Subiaco created in 1989 with director and head designer Steven Binnie amalgamating a team of highly talented people. The company has built a reputation for providing original work that meets the marketing requirements of its clients with an emphasis in working closely with all its clients, allowing direct communication between all parties.

The company works for a broad section of government, corporate and private sector clients including some of Australia's leading companies.

We would also like to congratulate Steve on his engagement to his fiancé Jen and thank him for the dedication and support he has displayed in working with Kulcha staff over the year while also managing to organise his wedding and relocate his design studio in his spare time!

Ph 9382 8200 or see
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Have you tried Amberley's new Offspring range of wine? Know the best wine to accompany Camembert? Ever wondered what makes a wine dry from sweet? Just ask the friendly bar staff at KULCHA who enjoyed an informative and practical wine tasting session with Amberley wine consultant Paul Easden last November.

The winner is...

Congratulations to:

Musician and KULCHA member
Tim Chambers

Winner of a twin pack of fine wine from Amberley, Margaret River - Cabernet Merlot 2001 & Sauvignon Blanc 2004.

Members, remember to leave your name and address in the glass vase at the World Music venue when you next attend a KULCHA performance to go into the draw for this fantastic prize – results in the next newsletter. Wine can be picked up at the KULCHA's Administrative Office in Northbridge. Better still buy a friend or family member a KULCHA membership this Christmas for only \$40. With a KULCHA membership you can continue to enjoy the best local, national and international artists and save 30% on performance prices.

We welcome back sponsors STA Travel in 2005. So look out for their special prize kindly donated by STA Travel in our next newsletter.

upcoming summer events

KULCHA on SWAN Sundays

16 Jan – 13 March, 2005

The Sunday music concerts in the leafy green courtyard of the Guildford Hotel will continue with an exciting line-up of artists featuring Latin jazz band Descarga, Diamond Dave, Harry Delux & the Hulaballo Hoppers, Gina Williams, Ragga Beats, Heads We're Dancing, Latin Fusion and Tangled Reels.

TOUCH THE SUN series of concerts in Mandurah Every Second Sunday

9 Jan – 20 March, 2005

KULCHA is proud to partner with the City of Mandurah in presenting a series of six stunning concerts on the Eastern foreshore in Mandurah, featuring a Jazz Swing session, a Brazilian Beach party (at Hall's Head beach), Seychelles, African, Indigenous, Chinese and Gypsy music.

UNODUOTRE PLAY on the balcony at the World Music Venue in Fremantle

Every Sunday 6 Feb – 13 March
4-6pm

KULCHA will present a fresh series of performances at the venue on the balcony on Sunday afternoons throughout February and March 2005.

QUARRY WORLD MUSIC

CARNIVAL, 12 March, 2005

KULCHA's biggest event of the year, the World Music Carnival is on again at the beautiful Quarry Amphitheatre in City Beach.

A sizzling line up of Western Australia's best multicultural performers will take to the stage on Saturday, 12th March, 2005 from 7pm.

So pack your picnic hamper and book at BOCS 9434 1133.

The information given here maybe subject to change.

Please check the KULCHA website www.kulcha.com.au and calendar for further details or Ph 9228 3724.

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