

## message from the board of management

Welcome to our final newsletter before we all meet for the AGM scheduled for Tuesday, 29 March 2005 at 7pm sharp. This is an important meeting for all members and a chance to have your say so please let us know if you're coming RSVP to Administration by 24 March 2005.

The Board will also make an announcement of the appointment of the new General Manager for Kulcha for a period of two years.

We are all looking forward to the future direction with a great deal of renewed vigour. As you are aware we have been moving through a period of transition over the last eighteen months and following our Strategic Planning Session in December 2004, we are now setting in place directions for the organization to consolidate and move forward in 2005.

In September 2004, significant changes were made to the Board of Kulcha in this effort to move forward. One decision we have made in this process and in line with members' comments, is to relocate back to the Fremantle venue to ensure we service the needs of our multicultural artists and our membership base.

Our focus is to ensure that the venue at Fremantle receives a greater priority. To this effect we have engaged a new Programming Officer, Ms. Loretta Martella and the calendars for February, March and April 2005 reflect our renewed vision for the venue. That is not to say we are not going to undertake outside events, on the contrary, we expect to work in partnership with local councils and community organizations to bring greater multicultural entertainment to the wider community and our members.

At this junction, let me thank all those Kulcha members who have generously supported recent aid efforts following the Tsunami crisis. It was Kulcha that was readily available and played a vital role in the Interfaith Remembrance service organized by the Government of Western Australia at City Beach in January 2005.

Finally, our staff has worked through this period diligently and with dedication and enthusiasm for this organization and from 1 April 2005 we all move together with a new vision for KULCHA. We will be re-engineering the organisation to capture the community development aspects of our charter and maintaining contemporary arts and culture *raison d'être* whilst engaging and developing multicultural communities in Western Australia.

Special thanks to Ms. Kirsty Hartigan, who has led Kulcha for some six months through this period as acting GM and Ms Connie Kis Anderson who also acted as GM during this period. You too can also come on this journey by either and / or becoming an active member and volunteer to the organization.

We thank you for your support and commitment to Multicultural Arts in Western Australia.



Sri Lankan Community Orchestra, Interfaith Services, City Beach

## KULCHA AGM

**Tuesday 29 March at 7pm sharp.**

Calling for board nominations,  
3 seats available.

Deadline dates for board member  
nominations to be submitted to  
KULCHA at least 14 days  
prior to AGM.

Proxy forms for voting rights must  
be submitted no later than  
24 hours prior to AGM.

## Interfaith Service At City Beach

Thousands of people flocked to City Beach on the morning of 16 January 2005 to pay their respects to tsunami victims as part of an official national day of Mourning and Reflection. The moving Interfaith Service began at 7.59am. Bibbulmun elder Ken Colbung opened the proceedings before speeches from Premier Geoff Gallop and representatives of WA's Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and Christian communities. KULCHA coordinated the musical program and would like to thank Gayathri Sathyendran and the Sri Lankan Community Orchestra, the Indonesian Gamelan Orchestra conducted by Sutendri Yusef and Indian tabla and sitar duo Balvinder & Hardial Khaira.

Thank you also to Keith Anthonisz and his band, The Three Wise Monkeys and other performers for giving their time and energy at KULCHA's Tsunami Benefit performance. Proceeds have been distributed to Oxfam to help the victims of the Tsunami tragedy.



Keith Anthonisz, KULCHA Tsunami  
Benefit concert



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## Win A Trip To New Zealand

KULCHA thanks STA for sponsorship of a wonderful raffle - A First prize trip for two to New Zealand aboard New Zealand Airlines. The runner up in this magnificent draw will not be disappointed with two surf trips to Exmouth provided by WA's own H2Overland. Imagine paddling in turquoise bays seeing dolphins and marine life up close and personal, all while learning how to surf. Third prize, a selection of Amberley Wines and KULCHA membership.

KULCHA values STA sponsorship as STA Travel aims to let their travellers experience amazing adventures for those of any age with a sense of adventure. STA Travel offers much more than just a cheap airfare, they offer real value with the flexibility and features their travellers want, and genuine advice and experience. Their staff have travelled the world, and pride themselves on the statement "we know because we go". Check out the website at [www.statravel.com.au](http://www.statravel.com.au) At only \$2 a ticket, contact the office on Ph 9228 3724 to be a part of this great raffle.

## Kulcha External Highlights

KULCHA and City of Mandurah **Touch the Sun** FREE Summer Concerts commenced on Sunday 9 January on the Eastern Foreshore to the swinging sounds of Adam Hall and the Velvet Playboys with a vibrant floorshow by the Hullabaloo Hoopers, displaying how swing was danced in the 1920s, 30s and 40s.



The Hullabaloo Hoopers, Touch the Sun, Mandurah

Go round the world with **KULCHA on the Swan** World Music concerts, featuring sizzling Afro-Cuban Jazz, Blues, Soul, Grooves, Cuban Salsa, contemporary Celtic and Swing. It's the perfect Sunday session at the Guildford Hotel corner of James and Johnson Street, Midland relaxing in the beer garden and under the shade sails while enjoying global sounds. Doors open at 5pm, Tickets only \$5. Please check the KULCHA website [www.kulcha.com.au](http://www.kulcha.com.au) for further details.

The Jull Street Mall in Armadale will come alive on **Saturday, 19 February** with the **Armadale Fiesta**, part of PIAF celebrations with a vibrant mix of street theatre, indigenous and multicultural song and dance performance and blues music. KULCHA has programmed this fun, FREE, family day of entertainment, sponsored by the Armadale Redevelopment Authority. The Fiesta will commence at 11.30am with PIAF street theatre Aqua Sapiens and Les Transformateurs from France. For the full program of events go to [www.ara.wa.gov.au](http://www.ara.wa.gov.au)

**TasteDanceJam** presented by Be Active and AusdanceWA in association with KULCHA, is a new initiative to showcase the diversity of dance in WA and celebrate community dance involvement. It will be presented as a free outdoor multicultural dance festive event with live music at the Esplanade, Performing Arts Facility on the Perth foreshore on **26 February at 5.30pm**. The event will feature Indigenous and multicultural dance forms. In addition three new commissioned works will bring live music together with dance.

Make your way to the city to see a multicultural mix of performers including local Indigenous artists, the Joys of the Women Italian Choir, Chung Wah Cultural Dance Troup, a dance production by students of Mount Hawthorn Junior Primary School and much more as part of **Harmony Week Official Launch Monday 14 March 2005, 12.00pm-2.00pm** Forrest Place, Perth. The Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests will officially launch Harmony Week at this time.

Look out for the KULCHA dance stage at **Fairbridge Festival** this year on **Saturday 16 April** with performances by the Joys of the Women, Kukuleczka, Polish Folk dance troupe, Hora Shalom Israeli Dance Group, the Seychelles Band and the Argentinian Tango quartet Cuarteto Farol. Look out for Fairbridge performers coming to KULCHA which include Australian acoustic roots band Totally Gourdgeous, from Scotland, master of Celtic guitar Tony McManus and Breton bassist Alain Genty, Keith Donnelly and Doug de Vries and Diana Clarke.

## Oxfam Community Aid Abroad – Walk Against Want 2005



Maggie Davis ( South Fremantle), Walk against Want

Walk Against Want 2005 happens on Sunday, 13 March 2005 and 90 year old Maggie Davis from South Fremantle will be strapping on her sandals again to participate. Maggie has been doing the walk for nearly 30 years.

"I really enjoy walking," says the South Fremantle resident. "And this gives me the chance to walk for a good cause. This year of course it's even more important because of the devastation caused by the tsunami."

Maggie will be taking to the picturesque streets of Fremantle on 13 March 2005, starting off at Kings Square at 8am and heading to the beautiful South Beach and back to the Park for some international music and refreshment. Feel free to join her for what promises to be a great day.

To register visit:  
[www.oxfam.org.au/walk](http://www.oxfam.org.au/walk) or  
phone toll free 1800 034 034.

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## Healthy Announcements

Gavin Pratt from the WA Academy of Performing Arts, school of Broadcasting has won KULCHA's 2005 Audio competition! With the support of Healthway Gavin has been given the opportunity to compile and record KULCHA'S venue announcements. For his time and expertise Gavin has won himself a KULCHA membership for 2005 plus complimentary tickets. Congratulations Gavin and we look forward to hearing your voice overs before our performances in the venue.

### The winner is...

Congratulations to:  
KULCHA member Paul Desmond 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.



Lion Dance, Chinese celebrations

## Chinese Celebrations



KULCHA patrons welcomed the Chinese Year of the Rooster on Saturday 5 February with an authentic night of interactive drama and entertainment, provided by the Chung Wah Association. It was a fun and action packed evening which commenced with the audience following two spectacular dancing red and black lions from South Terrace into the venue. Celebrating the activities starting from New Year's Eve until the fifteenth day of the New Year, audience members were guided through and actively took part in ceremonies such as 'Bai Nian' which pays respect to ancestors and family, savouring homemade Chinese delicacies, demonstrations of Chinese calligraphy and Chinese paper cutting. Entertainment was provided by the Chung Wah Dance Troupe and the Chung Wah Chinese Instrument Ensemble. Children in the audience participated in a stunning lantern parade with the audience solving lantern riddles. Red paper envelopes (lai see), gold stamped with lucky symbols and containing a gift of money were given to children and fed to the hungry, dancing lions. These symbolised luck and wealth. Happy Rooster Year to all.



Audience interaction at Chinese celebrations

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# Quarry World Music Carnival

## Connecting Cultural Spirit

Saturday 12 March 2005

KULCHA's biggest event is on again, presenting local, national and international artists at the beautiful Quarry Amphitheatre in City Beach on Saturday 12 March 2005. This year's program is being developed along the theme of **Connecting Cultural Spirit** and will highlight performances from female and world music performers.

KULCHA is proud to present Peru the Singing Woman, a spirited singer based in New Zealand, who spent four years in the New Mexico desert learning about ancestral memory and the voice of the earth. The talented and unique Mills Sisters from Darwin will be making an exclusive appearance for KULCHA at this event and are joined by well-known local roots, groove artist Saritah along with the MOVE Dance Troupe.

Gates open at 6pm so while you are enjoying your picnic, your children are invited to join in the dance workshops in hip hop, Indian and Hungarian dance forms, sponsored by the Town of Cambridge.

This annual event sells out each year so book early to avoid disappointment.

Ph BOCS 9484 1133 or book online [www.bocsticketing.com.au](http://www.bocsticketing.com.au)



The Mills Sisters



Performers at the World Music Carnival

Peru, the Singing Woman



Saritah

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