



THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



Happy new year to all members, supporters and sponsors of KULCHA and thank you for your patronage over 2005. I hope you are all ready to join us in our dynamic new program of activities for 2006!

KULCHA will continue to provide a quality program of arts performances and activities both at the Fremantle venue and at offsite festivals and events in 2006. Our venue and offsite program is exciting for the start of the year, and events feature in local councils such as Fremantle, Mandurah, Rockingham and Swan. I encourage you to view our monthly calendar and website so you don't miss a thing!

Alongside our distinctive program, KULCHA will be developing a quality multicultural arts education program for primary and secondary schools in 2006. The focus of the Multicultural Arts Education program will be to improve cultural understanding and equity within the community and our young people, and to highlight a diverse range of cultures and artforms. It is anticipated that this program will develop opportunities for increased exposure of multicultural artists and artforms within the community.

KULCHA will also concentrate on the development of community events and cultural development work within new and existing communities. Our Multicultural Arts Officer has a full program planned in 2006 and has established very positive links. We would like to thank Caroline Spiers at the Department for Community Development (Mirrabooka Office); Debbie Henderson from Anglicare; and Linda Winter from the South Metro Migrant Resource Centre for their assistance so far in the development of this position and relevant projects. We look forward to the future potential of these and similar collaborations to assist KULCHA's progress in this area.

We look forward to seeing you at a KULCHA event soon.

Loretta Martella
GENERAL MANAGER

PS: Mark this date in your diaries – KULCHA WORLD MUSIC CARNIVAL, Saturday 18 March 2006 at Fremantle Arts Centre!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aren't we lucky in Australia?

Recently I was invited to MC the City of Gosnells Multicultural Food Fair. While introducing the various acts I was struck by the amazing ability and diversity that was on display. The artists included regular performers at KULCHA - Ziggy Bey Jan from Senegal, Bantus Capoeira from Brazil and a variety of other artists from the Cocos Malay Community, the Pacifica performance representing New Zealand and other Pacific countries, and so on. It struck me that these opportunities for artistic cultural expression are the consequence of Australia's multiculturalism policy adopted 30 years ago. KULCHA has a history of success in presenting the rich and diverse artforms of migrant communities that supports a prevailing arts culture base in Australia. As both participants and audience members all Australians benefit. Recently a lot of press has been devoted to the riots in France and the purported 'failure of multiculturalism'. The reason for the riots in France is not a consequence of multiculturalism but in fact the absence of that policy. A number of migrants to France are expected to assimilate into the wider French culture. Denying these migrants access to their own culture and arts has left large numbers of them disenfranchised and resentful. Had France adopted a multicultural policy there would not have been the resentment and disenfranchisement that we are seeing today and it is likely that these riots would not have happened. This is one of the reasons for the continued success of organisations like KULCHA.

Mr Suresh Rajan
KULCHA President

PROGRAMMING

PERTH INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL EVENT The Fremantle Family Food Fiesta

The Perth International Arts Festival in association with KULCHA presents The Fremantle Family Food Fiesta hosted by Ian Parmenter.

Have a family favourite dish? Remember Nana's bread and butter pudding or Uncle Tran's pho? This is your chance to show off your family's special menu as you join us for Sunday lunch. We provide: tables, seating and entertainment. You bring a special meal for your family to eat at our table. Enjoy one of life's simple pleasures as some of Australia's finest foodies roam the tables and nominate three families to be awarded Best Dish, Best Table Setting and Best Dressed Family.

Participants must register in advance with the Starlight Children's Foundation and all proceeds go to assist their work in WA.

Sunday 26 February, 12 - 2pm
Kings Square, Fremantle
Registration cost: \$5 per person

For full information email food@perthfestival.com.au. To register contact Laura Willoughby at The Starlight Children's Foundation on 9420 5999.

Supported by Saracen Properties, Fremantle First, Atwell Family Agency, Hanny Properties, Manning Estate

TOUCH THE SUN

KULCHA presents the Touch the Sun series of free Sunday concerts supported by the City of Mandurah from January to March. An exciting and diverse program of events will take place at different venues throughout Mandurah. Pack a picnic lunch and take a drive to Mandurah to enjoy this free family entertainment on Sunday afternoons.

15 January 12 - 3pm **DUNUMBA** - African Beach Party - Doddies Beach/ Foreshore Halls Head Parade

22 January 2 - 4pm **CUARTETO FAROL** - The Streetlamp Tango Band & dancers - Eastern Foreshore

29 January 2 - 4pm **NATALIE GILLESPIE & BAND** - Contemporary Indigenous Music - Coodanup Foreshore Peel Parade

5 February 2 - 4pm **HAWAII NOT** - 1920s Hawaiian music & jazz - Eastern Foreshore

12 February 2 - 4pm **A SPANISH CELEBRATION** - Flamenco extravagance, guitar and dance - Dolphin Quays Mandurah Ocean Marina

19 February 2 - 4pm **THE LAST FIVE COINS** - Energetic European music Seascapes Halls Head

26 February 2 - 4pm **SARITAH, KHIN MYINT & EDUARDO COSSIO** Contemporary young artists - Lakelands - Yindani Park

5 March 2 - 4pm **THE HYBRID COLLECTIVE & MOVE DANCE THEATRE** Indian fusion of classical through to hip hop and dance - Eastern Foreshore

19 March 1 - 4pm **WOMEN IN DANCE** - Harmony Week Concert - Sudanese, Mozambique, contemporary Afro-fusion and more - Eastern Foreshore

26 March 12 - 3pm **SONNY MORGAN** - Caribbean Beach Party - Creole Reggae - Falcon Bay Beach - Includes *Art In The Sand Festival*

Supported by Cedar Woods, Office of Crime Prevention, Dolphin Quays Shopping Centre, Mirvac Fini, Lakelands Peet & Co, Coast FM/6MM and Mandurah Mail.



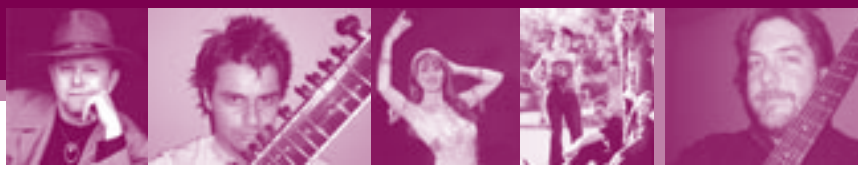
LIVING CULTURES City of Rockingham

Living Cultures is the theme for Rockingham's summer events season and KULCHA has been invited to participate in the staging of 3 summer concerts. These FREE community events supported by the City of Rockingham will take place at Churchill Park, Rockingham Waterfront.

KIDS ALIVE = Everyone Playing, Sunday 15 January 2006, 9am - 4pm

AUSTRALIA DAY = New Discoveries, Thursday 26 January 2006, 1 - 7pm

HARMONY DAY = Everyone Sharing, Sunday 19 March 2006, 11am - 4pm



RETROSPECTIVE KULCHA 2005

KULCHA has achieved a great deal in the last year and would like to take the time to reflect on achievements by thanking all artists and audience who attended events in 2005.

CELEBRATE THE WORLD

MARCH – MIKE COMPTON & DAVID LONG



FEBRUARY - TENZIG TSEWANG



JANUARY - BISSEROV SISTERS



MAY - SARITAH



JUNE - ZHIVA VODA



APRIL - TENZIN CHOEGYAL



SEPTEMBER - AWAKENING THE MYTH



JULY - MILICA ILLIC



AUGUST - FEDERICO DUENDE



OCTOBER - PASCALE



NOVEMBER - JOSEPH TAWADROS



DECEMBER - RAGGABEATS



RETROSPECTIVE KULCHA EXTERNAL EVENTS

KULCHA ON THE SWAN - GINA WILLIAMS



THE KULCHA WORLD MUSIC CARNIVAL - MILLS SISTERS

BLEU BLANC ROUGE FRENCH FESTIVAL - SEYCHELLES RHYTHMS



TOUCH THE SUN - CHUNG WAH

SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the membership survey are being compiled. We would like to thank all those members and interested people who responded. Some of the feedback includes

What is the favourite event you have attended at KULCHA? And why?

KULCHA World Music Concert - to celebrate cultural diversity and high quality

Somali evening - celebrate African heritage

Quarry Concert - wonderful atmosphere and diverse acts

Doch - fantastic energy and artistry

The haBiBis - unique and polished performers

Brasil Spectacular - a celebration of my culture with family and friends

African dance concert - warm energy of the audience (we danced), great music, intimacy

The Last Five Coins - happy music, well performed

The winners of the four double passes to the KULCHA venue are Frank Woodmore, Li-Anne Carroll, Jenny Wildy and Agnés Michelet.

WALK AGAINST WANT

In 2006 Oxfam Australia is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the *Walk against Want* so come and join the party and make a difference to the lives of people all around the world. The *Walk against Want* is Australia's longest running outdoor fundraising event and symbolises the long walk that women in developing countries make to collect water each day.

Each year, *Walk against Want* involves thousands of people around Australia just like you, your family and friends who raise money through sponsorship to aid people in developing communities around the world with whom Oxfam Australia works. The *Walk against Want* has been running since 1967 and during that time we have raised over \$10,000, 000 to help communities help themselves. Take steps against poverty. Almost half the people of the world live on less than \$2 a day so step up for the 40th anniversary of the Oxfam Australia *Walk Against Want*.

The *Walk against Want* is being held on Sunday 12 March 2006 in Western Australia. If you would like to register interest in participating in the Walk, please contact Petra on 9262 8200, email petrolynv@oxfam.org.au or visit our website www.oxfam.org.au.

BLEU BLANC ROUGE FRENCH FESTIVAL - a multicultural day of family fun! Saturday 26 November 2005 - sponsored by EPRA

