

# MAITISONG FILM FESTIVAL

## DITSHWANELO Human Rights Film Festival

The Film Festival official opening will be done by Dr. Barbra Reynolds, UNICEF Resident Representative.

Films that will be showcased during this period are from Canada, UK, USA, South Africa, Netherlands, Switzerland, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Germany.

A number of discussions will be facilitated after various screenings.

FULL PROGRAMME LINE-UP AND DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON [www.maitisong.org](http://www.maitisong.org) or [www.ditshwanele.org.bw](http://www.ditshwanele.org.bw)

### Don't miss : 7th April

**Nothing to lose in Toulouse**  
A documentary about five (5) young talented Batswana on their way to Toulouse, France after winning the Orange Trophy Masters, a break dancing competition hosted for the first time in Gaborone, Botswana in August 2007. Go with them on their journey battling against the best teams in the world. Free-style P had nothing to lose in Toulouse!



## Gaborone Film Society present : German Film Festival

The GFS is proud to present a German Film festival.

On the 8th of April the Ambassador of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany will present the film. There will be a small reception before the **LIVES OF OTHERS**.



## University of Botswana

The Festival is proud to present video documentaries by the 2007 finalist students from the Department of Media Studies at UB.

**The Bottlenecked City by Veronicah Tamado** :- The traffic problem in Gaborone and their possible solutions.

**The Quest for Beauty by Stella Monametsi** :- Tattoos and body piecing in Botswana's youth.

**Life is a Stage by Tsitsi Shonhiwa** depicts a street theatre company in Harare and their quest for economic survival.

**Shades of Bessie by Gothataone Moeng**, tells the tale of a young women's search to understand why the writer Bessie Head settled in Serowe and how the village reacted to her.

## The Alliance Francaise presents:

**GUIMBA the Tyrant, Mali**



**BUDD YAM, Burkina Faso**



**PIECES D'IDENTIES, Republique Democratique du Congo** : Opening by Dr Maude Dikobe



**AU NOM DU CHRIST, Cote d'Ivoire**



**SARRAOUNIA, Mauritania**

## The Embassy of Brazil presents:

**Terra Estrangeira (drama - 100 minutes)**

Movie set in the year 1990. The movie focuses on the life of a 20 year old young man; after his mother dies he decides to move to Portugal. His adventure begins when a suspicious individual hands him a package to smuggle. In Portugal he meets a Brazilian lady living in Lisbon, their lives intertwine...the adventure takes a toll...

**Durval Discos (comedy - 93 minutes)**

A funny movie about a guy who owns a little store that sells the old long playing records. He insists and resists to conforming to the new vibe...technology and gadgets are not his thing. He lives with his very special mother, an old lady that he cares for dearly.

**Falatu (documentary - 75 minutes)**

This is a documentary that showcases the lives of the very poor in Rio de Janeiro Brazil. These are real people leading real lives. The individuals featured are interviewed day to day, illustrating their way of life. The individuals have in common; their enthusiasm and like for rap music.

**Domesticas O filme** portrays the story of maids in Brazil, working for middle class families. It is a light, easy to watch, comical film. The maids interact and share one another's lives and loves.

**More details :** [www.maitisong.org](http://www.maitisong.org)



## CULTURAL EVENT

29<sup>th</sup> March

Exhibition HOSTED by members of Thapong Visual Arts Centre. Public viewing welcomed.



## TUESDAY 8TH APRIL

**National Museum**  
Opening of "Other Sides" - An exploration of boundaries  
Photographic Exhibition by Sandy Grant and Phil Sandick



**A Million Thrills. One Destination.**

Join the Gaborone Sun Chefs cooking up a feast at Maitisong. They will showcase a main course and a dessert live ON STAGE. You will be able to ask questions and of course be given the opportunity to taste the food thereafter.

To shake and stir things up a bit, the beverage team of the Gaborone Sun will show you how to mix some of the wicked cocktails served at the Hotel. These will be on sale. Live entertainment will be provided by Momo, Come on over and take home the magic that is **Gaborone Sun**.

## THAPONG VISUAL ARTS CENTRE

Residency by Zimbabwean artist :

Mrs Zodwa Mnkandla 1<sup>st</sup> February - 30<sup>th</sup> April

## PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

24<sup>th</sup> March - 4<sup>th</sup> April



The workshop aims to strengthen the area of printmaking. It is sponsored by **French Embassy in Botswana**. Facilitator: Andreas Schönfeldt, an artist and Lecturer at Tshwane University of Technology, Pretoria South Africa.

## FAMILY FUN DAY / FLEA MARKET

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> April

Open studios, performances, jumping castle, face painting, and crafts on display. The public will be invited to interact with the artists.

**American artist on Residency - Leigh Wen**

7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> April

American Embassy in Botswana will bring an artist from America to come and share skills with local artists. She will meet the artists, show slides and visit other galleries.



## FRIDAY 4TH TO SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

**Oodi Weavers** The Oodi Weavers and Folk Arts will be having an exhibition showcasing a variety of tapestries, batiks and paintings. For further information contact Sarah Coleman on 71710476 or Ma Molwantwa on 3102268.

## BATIK WORKSHOPS

P50-00 per person for 3 hours



## SUNDAY 6TH APRIL

**Kgosi the Moon & Baboon**

**PEACE CONCERT** Afternoon of Chamber Music:- With thanks to the German Embassy and Gudrun Weeks.

## MONDAY 7TH APRIL

**3-Day-Map-Fest Begins**  
By invitation only

## TUESDAY 8TH APRIL

**Say it Isn't So:-** This 50 minute production will be travelling to the USA in April. It portrays the adult view of a child who has lost his parents to AIDS. Suitable for 14 years and older

## WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL

**New Beginnings-A Cultural Celebration:-** A collaboration between Sedibeng Choir, The Mogwana Traditional Dancers and The Maru-a-Pula Marimba Band. A wonderful evenings entertainment that celebrates, the sights, the sounds and the movements that is Botswana.

**Say it Isn't So**

**Maitisong Comedy Club** present "*Bosigo jwa Dipabala*"

## THURSDAY 10TH APRIL

**Say it Isn't So**

**Jewels of the Kalahari:-** Gantsi Craft presents a spectacular event that showcases jewelry and fashion through dance and song. A wonderful exhibition and one for the whole family. All welcome!

## FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

**Every year, Every day, I am walking**



**Magnet Theatre's** latest offering traces the story of a young refugee in Africa who loses family and home brutally and irrevocably and is forced to journey to a new place through many dangers and uncertainties. The work is 65 minutes long and suitable for audiences from the ages of 13 years and up.

**Maitisong Comedy Club** present "*Laff a little, Laff a lot*"

## SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

**The WRITE staff :** Story telling and Booking writing workshop by renowned author Bonty Botumile—Winner of the 2007 Bessie Head literature Award.... For Primary school children (all ages) - All materials and snack pack provided.



## 3 MA

3 renowned musicians from Mali, Madagascar and Morocco playing traditional instruments.

A wonderful show brought to you by **Alliance Française**

**Troye the Hynotist** Find yourself captivated with the master comedy stage hypnotist. His breathtaking magical comedy hypnosis show will dazzle you. **Warning!** This show has some powerful after effects - You may find yourself in stitches of laughter for many weeks.

## SUNDAY 20TH APRIL

**Cooking is an Art:-** presented by The Gaborone Sun is a cultural "feast". Demonstrations, tasting and much more.



Afternoon of Chamber Music  
**MAITISONG FESTIVAL**  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2008 at 4.00 p.m.  
**Chamber Music by**  
Isaak, Lassus, Bach, Telemann, Kreisler, Vaughn-Williams, Haydn  
Voice, flute, violin, viola, cello and harpsichord  
Sponsor : Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany  
Refreshments Wine, cheese and Veggie snacks



**Gantsi craft.**



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# Film Festival



Brought to you by DITSHWANELO, the Gaborone Film Society, Alliance Française, The Brazilian Embassy and University of Botswana. The festival thanks DITSHWANELO, Sheldon Weeks, Justine Esteve, Ambassador Joao Inacio Padilha, Professor David Kerr and Dr. Maude Dikobe for their support.

Date	Time	Venue	Title	Price
Thurs 27th	19h00	The Grand Palm	Festival Opening: Dr. Barbra Reynolds "Shake Hands with the Devil—The Journey of Romeo Dallier"	P25
Fri 28th	18h30 19h30	The Grand Palm	Welcome-Complimentary Ethiopian Coffee "Black Gold"	P25
Sat 29th	19h00 19h45 20h30	The Grand Palm	"Through the Eye of a Needle—The ANC succession battle in the Eastern Cape" "This Crazy Thing Called Grace" "A Lion Trail"	P25
Sun 30th	19h00	The Grand Palm	"A World Without Water"	P25
Mon 31st	19h00 20h00 21h00	The Grand Palm	"Maasai Land: restricted Area" "Our Song" "Give us Peace" and "Gukurahundi"	P25
Tues 1st	19h30	The Grand Palm	"Memories of Rain-Views from the Underground"	P25
	19h00	Maru-a-Pula AV	"People on Sunday" (2006)	GFS
Wed 2nd	19h00 20h10	The Grand Palm	"Fighting the Silence" "The Guguletu Seven"	P25
Thurs 3rd	19h30 20h00	The Grand Palm	"Outlawed-Extraordinary Rendition, Torture and Disappearances in the 'War on Terror'" "The Road To Guantanamo"	P25
Fri 4th	19h00	Maru-a-Pula AV	<i>GUIMBA the Tyrant, Mali</i>	P15
Sat 5th	19h00	Maru-a-Pula AV	<i>TERRA ESTRANGEIRA (drama – 100 minutes)</i>	P10
Sun 6th	19h00	Maru-a-Pula AV	<i>BUDD YAM, Burkina Faso</i>	P15
Mon 7th	18h30 20h00	Maru-a-Pula AV	"The Guguletu Seven" "Nothing to lose in Toulouse" <b>(FREE ENTRY FOR STUDENTS Show student I.D.)</b>	P25 FREE ENTRY FOR STUDENTS
Tues 8th	19h00	Maru-a-Pula AV by the GFS	The Lives of Others (2006)—F. H. von Donnermarck Oscar: Best Foreign Language Film .	P25-00 GFS members-FREE
Wed 9th	19h00	Maru-a-Pula AV	<i>DURVAL DISCOS (comedy – 93 minutes)</i>	P10
Thurs 10th	19h00	Maru-a-Pula AV	<i>PIECES D'IDENTIES, Republique Democratique du Congo</i>	P15
Fri 11th	19h00 20h30	Maru-a-Pula AV	<i>FALA TU (documentary – 75 minutes)</i> <b>The University of Botswana—Film festival</b>	P10 P15
Sat 12th	14h30 19h00	Maru-a-Pula AV	<b>The University of Botswana—Film festival</b> <i>AU NOM DU CHRIST, Cote d'ivoire</i>	P15 P15
Sun 13th	19h00	Maru-a-Pula AV	<i>"Domesticas O filme"</i>	P10
Mon 14th	19h00	Maru-a-Pula AV	<i>SARRAOUNIA, Mauritania</i>	P15



## Maitisong Festival Calendar

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Date and Time	Venue	Production	Price
Tuesday 25th March to Thursday 3rd April	Maitisong	Romeo and Juliet	P50
<b>Out and About Friday 28th March</b>	<b>The Grand Palm</b>	<b>IDOLS COMES TO TOWN</b> Registration begins at 08:00 AM.	
Friday 4th –12th April	Oodi Weavers	Exhibition by Oodi Weavers and Folk Arts	
Friday 4th	19h30 18h30	Maitisong Mantlwaneeng	Gaborone Music Society Power in the Voice P80/ P40 child P50
Saturday 5th	14h00 19h30 21h00 20h00	Courtyard Map Maitisong Maitisong Mantlwaneeng	Kgosi the Moon & the Baboon Thibault Cauvin Gaborone Music Society Exodus Live Poetry P25 P30 (af members) P40 non members P40 P30
Sunday 6th	14h00 16h00	Grassy Courtyard - Map Maitisong Music Room	Kgosi the Moon & the Baboon Afternoon of Chamber Music P25 child/student/sen P50 adult
Monday 7th	Day	Maru-a-Pula	MAP FEST By invitation only
Tuesday 8th	Day 18h30 19h30 19h30	Maru-a-Pula National Museum in Gallery Moving Space Maitisong	MAP FEST Opening of "Other Sides" Photo Exhibition by Sandy Grant and Phil Sandick "Say it Isn't So" New Beginnings A Cultural Celebration By invitation only Free P50 P35
Wednesday 9th	19h30 19h00	Maru-a-Pula Moving Space Maitisong	MAP FEST "Say it Isn't So" Maitisong COMEDY Club By invitation only P50 P50
Thursday 10th	19h30 19h00	Moving Space Botswana Craft	"Say it Isn't So" Jewels of the Kalahari P50 FREE
Friday 11th	19h00 20h30	Mantlwaneeng Maitisong	Maitisong COMEDY Club "Laff a little, Laff a lot" Every year, every day, I am walking P50 P30 (af members) P40 non members
Saturday 12th	10h00 14h00 18h30 20h30	Music Room Courtyard - Map Mantlwaneeng Maitisong	THE "WRITE" STUFF Kgosi the Moon & the Baboon Troye the Hypnotist - ORANGE 3MA P20 P25 P50 P40 (af members) P50 non members
Sunday 13th	14h00	Grassy Courtyard - Map	Kgosi the Moon & the Baboon Cooking is an Art by the Gaborone Sun P25 P30
Sunday 20th	17h00	Maitisong	
<b>Out and About Saturday 5th</b>	<b>The Gaborone Dam</b>	<b>Annual Raft Race</b>	
Friday 25th April	Maitisong	My African Dream—Senior Final	P40
Friday 25th April	The Gaborone Sun	Barry Hilton and Dinner	P250



Opening 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH – 3 APRIL

**ROMEO AND JULIET** (The one hour version)  
One hour of electrifying adventure, in a fast-paced, urban tale of Shakespeare's classic Romeo and Juliet. Performed by Maru-A-Pula's sassiest and most talented performers, this production promises to be bold, captivating and sophisticated.

The Co.@ Maitisong Proudly presents



Join two star-crossed lovers on a thrilling, roller-coaster ride of love, rivalry, tragedy and violence designed to seize the hearts and minds of Shakespeare- phoebes and fans alike. Star-studded cast features Valentina Muraleedharan, Eric Magetse, Tumo Panene, Yame Senye, Leif Nilsson, Moinul Delwar, Tsholofelo Thekiso, Warona Ramothlwa, Yaa Amu, Natasha Mmonatau, Jesse Appiah, Karabo Makole, Tshepo Kula, Wame Gabaake and Bokamoso Makole. Director: Ayanda Khala

**Afternoon shows Mon- Thurs. Evenings shows Friday 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

### FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

**Maitisong** 19h00 Opening Ceremony:  
Address by Mr. Andrew Taylor

**Gaborone Music Society** :-This choir of 30 led by David Slater, its musical director have been preparing a concert of show-stopping tunes from such hit musicals as 'Cats', 'Les Miserables' and 'Oklahoma'. Sing a long, toe tapping entertainment for the whole family.



**Power in the Voice:-** Power in the Voice has been a series of events happening over 3 calendar years in 6 southern African countries, and UK.

This is celebration of vocal expression through poetry, storytelling, rap. Six schools (Moeding College, Maru-a-pula, Rainbow, Lobatse Senior School, Bokamoso CJSS, and Marang CJSS) will be competing at the National finals.

### SATURDAY 5TH APRIL

**Kgosi the Moon & Baboon:-** Forty five minutes of a fun, light drama filled with loads of audience participation. A fable about the Moon that hangs over Kgale Hill. Suitable for ages 5 to 9. (English).



**Thibault Cauvin :-** This French 20 year old classical guitarist will amaze you. Brought to you by the Alliance Française



**Gaborone Music Society** with some show stopping tunes.

**Exodus Live Poetry:-** Exodus Live Poetry! has wowed audiences with their poetry performances for more than 4 years. Join this cast of lyrical maestros and prolific wordsmiths for an evening of magical poetry and musical fusion as they give you - **'One Poem'**