

Gaborone Film Society Presents...

February 2008— Italian Film Festival

5th Amarcord (1973)— Federico Fellini

ÒAmarcord or òl Remember won an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film (1974). It is rated a masterpiece, one of the best films ever made. It is set in Italy in the 1930s in a village facing the rise of fascism. Federico Fellini has made an extraordinary film that integrates his memories and fantasies, and places the local cinema at the centre of life. Two hours, rated 15+.



12th 1900 (1976) Part 1— Bernardo Bertolucci

ÒNovecentò or òl 1900 is Bernardo Bertolucci's epic history of Italy presented through the lives of two men born the same day. Alfredo Berlinghieri is the grand-son of the patriarch (Burt Lancaster), the other, Olmo Dalco, of a peasant leader (Sterling Hayden). The first part is two-and-a-half hours long and goes from Verdi's death to the end of the First World War. 1900 is rated 18+ because of honest approaches.



19th 1900 (1976) Part 2— Bernardo Bertolucci

Alfredo (Robert De Niro) and Olmo (Gerard Depardieu) return from war to take up their inherited struggles between landlords and the landless while trying to remain friends (both give amazing, sterling performances). Into this concoction is added a hateful Falangist, Attila (Donald Sutherland, representing fascism) who kills and blames at will. Both parts are in English, total 299 minutes and are rated 18+.

26th The Son's Room (2002)— Nanni Moretti

In òLa Stanza La Figliò a Freudian psychiatrist (acted by the writer and director) and his wife Paola have two teenage children: Andrea is about 17 and pushing things at the cutting edge of freedom and secrecy with his peers; Irene is 16, loves basketball and has a boyfriend who helps her with her studies. It won the Palme d'Or (the highest honor) at the Cannes Film Festival in 2001. In Italian with English subtitles.



COMING IN MARCH:

Subcontinent Trilogy

4th Fire (1996) Deepa Mehta

12th Earth (1999) Deepa Mehta

19th Water (2006) Deepa Mehta

Maitisong Calendar— February 2008

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Fri and Sat 8th and 9th 18h30 sharp	Risa Ballet	"A Midsummers Dream"	P70 Adults P45 Children under 12
Sat 23rd	Gospel Concert Brought to you by External Records	Acapella Perform- ances, Poetry and the External Choir.	P25
Sun 24th	UB—Boleswa Choir Competitions		t.b.c

REMEMBER : The 14th is Valentines Day—Make sure to catch up with all the special events scheduled around town. Catch Mandi Mash at the Gaborone Sun on Thursday 14th for a special night out...

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.....7146725

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Thuso Sebete:.....72279216

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Western:**
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K.T.M. Choir:
Luka Disho:.....71847996/
3606257

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pel:**
R. Sephako:.....71678879

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Leshwiti:.....3923070

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MAITISONG NEWSLETTER



Hello 2008 and Hello all Maitisong Friends ,

For those that may not be aware, Maitisong said a fond farewell to its Director, Gao Lemmenyane. Gao has taken on a new adventure and has accepted a post to teach at the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa. We all wish him every success and happiness!

Yet another farewell when our technician Johane accepted a wonderful position with FireFox. Fortunately, he is still in Gaborone, so we will still see his familiar and friendly face about town. We wish him all the very best.

With two departures, come two arrivals.

Modisaotsile Moseki , joins Maitisong as our new Technician. Moseki has been a part of the Maru-a-Pula family for 18 years. Congratulations on this promotion and new appointment.

As your new Director , I have been very blessed to be afforded the opportunity to join the Maru-a-Pula / Maitisong Family . This is an awesome opportunity to truly contribute to the development and showcasing of our incredibly talented performers within the Arts. I know that with the support, participation and input from you, we can only go from strength to strength . Both Moseki and I, bring with us a great deal of enthusiasm , energy and open minds to new learning opportunities. We are also prepared to work very hard to achieve this.

Comfort Lekgowe, has been part of the Maitisong team for over seven years and is thus a familiar face. I am sure many of you know her. We are truly lucky to have her on the team, as she is well versed in the procedures and happenings of the day to day running of Maitisong.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us on this ònewò journey, as we benefit from all the time, effort and hard work that our predecessors put into various projects, and see them grow into events and projects of immense success.

Maitisong aims to serve both the school and the community. It is the Setswana word meaning place where, traditionally, people gather in the evening to entertain themselves with stories and musicò the place where culture is passed on.

**Maitisong , is therefore OUR place and only
together, we can take our passion for the
ARTS and make it happen.**



Regards, Rosalyn Beukes

MAITISONG FESTIVAL—2008



The Maitisong Festival will be celebrating its 22nd anniversary in 2008. What started out as a celebration of the opening of a new theatre, is now one of Botswana's oldest and largest festivals. Mr. David Slater has over the years ensured that this event has developed and grown. In 2008, we envisage that this historical event will continue to provide a platform for ALL the arts in Botswana.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL MAITISONG ARTS FESTIVAL 25th March till the 12th April

To everyone including all the generous sponsors, supporters and artists who have over the years been a part of this very special event, **I thank you!** It is only with your continued participation that this event will continue to be an important part of our

The Festival organizers welcome all performance

applications and proposals for the 2008 Festival. Your active involvement, and participation in ensuring the success and continuation of this event is not only welcomed, but crucial. Let us together, make 2008's Maitisong Festival a truly spectacular one!

Applications can be forwarded to Maru-a-Pula School c/o Maitisong, Private Bag 0045, Gaborone, Botswana.

For more details contact Comfort on: 397 1809.

Rhythm, Pulse,

Beat ... All words that are used and are symbolic of **LIFE**. The Maitisong Team's aim for 2008 is to breathe new life into the Performing and Visual Arts in Gaborone and throughout Botswana. This rather ambitious goal can only be achieved with the support of the community. Let's all choose to Dream!

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Risa Ballet has been performing at Maitisong annually.

This year they are proud to present their production of

"A Midsummer's Dream"

8th and 9th February at Maitisong

Rita Lee has been teaching ballet in Gaborone for many years. Many young talented dancers have learnt from her the fine art of controlling their bodies and moving in time to the music. The stage is always beautifully decorated, transforming it into a magical place in which the children perform. A must see! Tickets on sale now and available. Call Comfort for more details.

GOSPEL CONCERT

Brought to you by External Records

23rd February at Maitisong

This gospel concert is being organised by a new record label called External Records. This event will showcase acapella, poetry and a variety of musical performances from groups such as HSQ, ELAD and the External Choir.

The Intersivity Games

BOLESWA CHOIR COMPETITIONS

This competition scheduled for **Sunday 24th February**, at Maitisong will involve the three choirs from the Universities of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.

For more information please contact Kushatha Thapisa on 3555209 or 3555210 .

Idols is coming to Botswana

A word of encouragement and motivation to all our extremely talented singers ... Take a bold step and enter . Having worked on the My African Dream talent search for the past 13years , I have always been astounded by the immense talent our senior entrants have. What has also amazed me is their reservation to acknowledge and the reluctance to be bold enough to showcase this. Remember - It is only by exposing yourself to every and all opportunities that you will develop and grow.

Multichoice are the driving force behind this and more details can be obtained directly from them.

"The challenge is To Dare to Dream"

A donation or contribution of P50 to receive this newsletter for an entire year would be appreciated . It truly helps with our production expenses.

OUT AND ABOUT

Power in the Voice - A celebration of vocal expression

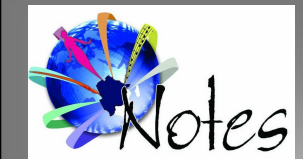


Power in the Voice has been a series of events happening over three calendar years, celebrating people finding their voices and expressing themselves. It taps into the wealth of oral and performance traditions, the rhythms, the sounds and the messages of speech and song. It has allowed people to develop their skills, in many different media - from the

voice itself to other related art-forms: street art, creative writing, storytelling, competitions, collaborative workshops, exhibitions and talks.

A Schools/Youth competition has taken place: 7 countries minimum of 18 school/youth groups competing in knock-out stages

leading to finals. These finals will take place. In April 2008, Schools who made it to the final stage are : Bokomoso CJSS, Maru-a-Pula Secondary, Lobatse Secondary, Marang CJSS, Rainbow Private School, and Moeding College. Congratulations and Good Luck to you all.



NOTES is a new Arts magazine, launching in March. It covers all arts industries. Should you wish to contribute to this publication, advertise, or have an enquiry please contact **Mandi:74194645**. The magazine also has a classifieds section for teachers in any arts industry to advertise their services.



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