

Friday, February 13, 2009

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TIP SHEET/PRESS INFORMATION

Attn: Assignment Editors, Reporters, Producers

Human Interest, Africa, Black History Month, Youth, Seniors, Students, Women's Interest, Cinema, Fine Art, Hip-Hop, Spokenword

Below you will find information regarding events for the 17th annual Pan African Film and Arts Festival.

Date: Friday, February 13, 2009 (Films begin at 1 p.m., Art Market opens at 10 a.m.)

Location: Culver Plaza Theatre, 9919 Washington Blvd. Los Angeles (unless otherwise noted)

Press check-in: All Day

Scheduling Interviews/Coverage: Please call Jasmyne Cannick at (323) 295-1706 or email publicity@paff.org.

Quick Facts About PAFF

- 17th year, largest Black History Month event in U.S., event takes place February 5-16
- Showcases Black independent cinema and fine art
- Main venues: Culver City Plaza Theatre and Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza
- 42 countries represented in film selection, over quarter of a million attendees throughout 12-day festival, over 140 films selected for 2009 festival
- Founded by Danny Glover, Ja'Net Dubois, and Ayuko Babu
- Website www.paff.org, Phone (323) 295-1706.

Art Market

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza, 3650 MLK Jr. Blvd., Los Angeles

A major juried exhibit of Black fine art and quality crafts featuring the work of over 100 different artists and artisans. The artistic works range in scope from oil paintings, watercolors, sculpture, mixed media, pen and ink drawings, glass painting and carvings to jewelry art and woven apparel. The exhibit will be presented to the public free of charge.

The PAFF continues to be the largest Black film festival in America, as well as a world-class art exhibition showcasing work from the United States, Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, the South Pacific and Canada to illustrate the diversity and complexity of people of African descent. The Art Market is curated by Ghana's Allohn Agbenya. The PAFF Art Market will take place each day from Thursday, February 5 through Monday, February 16, 2009. The PAFF Art Mart continues to remain free and open to the public.

Senior Connections

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Culver Plaza Theatre, 9919 Washington Blvd. Los Angeles

Giving honor to the elders among us, each weekday during the PAFF from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., seniors aged 62 and older are invited to come and watch films for free!

StudentFest

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Culver Plaza Theatre, 9919 Washington Blvd. Los Angeles

Each year over 18,000 Los Angeles City and County students and their teachers attend this free program wherein age-appropriate films dealing with issues important to youth such as teen pregnancy, AIDS prevention, literacy, cultural and racial respect, teen self-esteem and gang prevention are screened. Before the screenings, speakers working in areas related to the subject matter of the films conduct positive and interactive discussions.

Spokenword Fest

8:30 p.m. to Midnight

Culver Plaza Theatre, 9919 Washington Blvd. Los Angeles

The 17th Annual PAFF SpokenWord Fest will once again showcase the best of L.A.'s slam poets, spoken word artists, rappers, singers, comedians, and dancers.

Film Screenings:

PAFF PLACE

[1:00pm Josephine](#)

[4:15pm Life, Now](#)

[w/ L'Article](#)

[6:30pm It's Time: African Women Join Hands Against Domestic Violence](#)

[w/ Jesus & the Giant](#)

[8:45pm Bongoland II: There's No Place Like Home](#)

BLAIR UNDERWOOD THEATRE

[1:45pm Grey Focus](#)

[4:00pm The Yellow House \(La Maison Jaune\)](#)

[7:30pm Divizionz](#)

[9:45pm Number One with a Bullet](#)

MACY'S THEATRE

[1:15pm Peace Mission](#)

[3:30pm A Griot's Story](#)

[w/ Q: The Man](#)

[7:00pm Zimbabwe](#)

[9:45pm Blood River](#)

WELLS FARGO THEATRE

[1:00pm Shorts Program V](#)

[4:00pm Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North](#)

[6:30pm Stolen Kisses \(Kobolat Masroka\)](#)

[9:30pm Shorts Program IV](#)

JA'NET'S THEATRE

[1:00pm African Underground: Democracy in Dakar](#)

[w/ Estilo Hip Hop](#)

[5:00pm Blues](#)

[7:15pm Happy Sad](#)

[10:00pm The Neo African Americans](#)

[w/ Has God Forsaken Africa?](#)

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