Brighton & Hove Black History Month – Programme 2011

Black History Month happens every October in the UK and aims to educate, highlight and celebrate the history and culture of those with African and Caribbean descent.

The exciting plethra of arts and cultural events listed in this programme have been put together by a dedicated multi-cultural team of volunteers, creating what is one of the most exciting festivals in the Brighton calendar, celebrating African and Caribbean heritage including; spoken word & literature, dance, film, music, family entertainment and much more. www.brightonblackhistorymonth.org.uk

BHM Launch Party Music Night

Saturday 1st October 2011, Pavilion Theatre, 8pm - £10/£8

Brighton & Hove Black History Month in partnership with African Night fever present a sun soaked celebration of music and dance from the African and Caribbean diasporas. With live sets from Brighton based Tanzanian music maestro Saidi Kanda and reggae legend Rebel Control plus DJ's Roots Rock Reggae and Dance Hall.

For tickets call: 01273 709 709

Writing Our Legacy BHM Literary Event

Friday 7th October 2011, Unitarian Church, 7pm – 10:30pm £6/£5

Six new and established writers read from their work and discuss how their writing deals with the themes of 'Legacy' and 'Inheritance', with Q&A's with audience. Femi Hughes, Stephanie Lam, Neela Masani, David Nwokedi, Fawzia Kane and Black British Perspectives editor Kadija George.

Wine, beer, soft drinks and snacks by donation.

Advance tickets: writingourlegacy2011.eventbrite.com

BHM Unity Dance & Countdown Social Club

Friday 14th October 2011, Sticky Mike's Frog Bar, 9-12 Middle Street 8pm – 4am £5

A very special night, starting with **Countdown** spoken word featuring Kent-based Guyanese author Maggie Harris reading her poetry and extracts from her recently published memoir, 'Kiskadee Girl' (Kingston University Press). Plus an "Open Mic Session", in the dancehall freestyle fashion.

Continuing on with **Unity Dance** night club which brings the best of local diverse music DJs/Crews together to create a music powerhouse for your delections! – including; ANF, AFROBASE and KINGTAFARI LOVE.

Writing Our Legacy BME Writers Workshop

Saturday 15th October 2011, New Writing South, Jew Street 11am – 4pm £FREE

A one day workshop to explore the themes of Legacy and inheritance led by established authors and workshop leaders. Have a chance to get your writing published and be part of this year's BHM for Brighton & Hove.

Workshop places are free, but limited up to 16 max. A £20 deposit will secure your place on this workshop - £10 to cover lunch and refreshments throughout the day, then £10 will be returned to you upon attendance. Attendees will also receive a one-year membership to New Writing South.

To book please contact New Writing South on 01273 735353 or www.newwritingsouth.com

BHM & Legacy Film Festival

Friday 21st October 2011, Sallis Benney Theatre, 7pm – 10:30pm £5

Legacy Film Festival kicks off with a screening of the internationally acclaimed and multi-award winning feature 'My Nappy Roots'. Q&A's with director Regina Kimbrell and an exciting and special one off performance by spoken word artists from the Positive Hair Day project. A night that will take you on a journey through Black Hair-itage.

To book tickets in advance www.legacyfilmfestival.org.uk

Legacy Film Festival – Superhero/animation workshop (11-15yr olds), Jubilee Library

Saturday 22nd October 2011, Sallis Benney Theatre, 7pm – 10:30pm, 10:30 – 12:30pm £5

This October there's a new hero in town....MisterWho! This superhero, animation and storyboarding workshop is aimed at 11 – 15 year olds. It will show them how to create a character and how to build a back story behind the character. It will be delivered by the team behind the new comic book animation character MisterWho www.misterwho.co.uk. All participants will get a goodie bag and the creator of the best character will receive a special prize.

See www.legacyfilmfestival.org.uk for details and bookings (25 people max, first-come-first-served basis)

Legacy Film Festival – 'The Story of Lovers Rock', Duke of York's cinema

Saturday 22nd October 2011, Sallis Benney Theatre, 7pm – 10:30pm, 10:30 – 12:30pm £Varies.

Uniquely Black British sound that developed in the late 70s and 80s against a backdrop of riots, racial tension and sound systems. Brought to you by Legacy Film Festival and The Duke of York's Cinema, The Story of Lovers Rock followed by Q&A's with Director Menelik Shabazz.

See www.legacyfilmfestival.org.uk for details or
http://www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/Duke_Of_Yorks/ for tickets

India Gateway Ceremony

Sunday 23rd October 2011, India Gate, Pavilion 2pm – 2:30pm £FREE

The India Gate exists to commemorate the Indian soldiers that passed through Brighton & Hove hospitals during the First World War (1914-1918). The gateway to the Pavilion from the south was a gift from the people of India to those of Brighton & Hove, as a thank you for caring for her wounded soldiers. This simple ceremony on the 23rd October 2011 will mark the 90th anniversary of the gate and honour the sacrifices made by Indian soldiers during the First World War.

Meet at the India Gate (Closest to the Pavilion/ outside Visitor Information centre) Presented in conjunction with the Chattri Memorial Group.

BHM & Legacy Film Festival

Sunday 23rd October 2011, The Old Courtroom, Church Road 10:30am – 10:00pm £4/£5

Legacy Film Festival continues with a series of film screenings and events running across the day.

The day will see:

- an international award winning film by local Hove (via Mumbai) resident Partho Sen-Gupta, 'Hava Aney Dey' www.sen-gupta.net ,
- two short films by exciting Indian filmmakers,
- the international premiere of the film 'Anomaly' which explores the identity of people of mixed heritage
- Film Shorts submitted to the festival including; films from local, national and international filmmakers
- An exciting UK Premier, to be announced

For more details and tickets please visit www.legacyfilmfestival.org.uk

BHM Literary Salon

Friday 28th October 2011, Regency Townhouse, 7pm – 11:00pm £6

A sophisticated but fun, informal and celebratory evening marking the end of the literary strand of Black History Month. The night presents new, emerging, and established authors, reading a short canape-sized selection from their work. Extracts can be from script, poem, story, novel, book, work-in-progress but preferably with a link to Brighton.

Canapes, wine, beer and soft drinks by donation.

Tickets available from writingourlegacy2011.eventbrite.com

BHM & Legacy Film Festival

Saturday 29th October 2011, The Old Courtroom, Church Road

African Superheroes : 11am – 3pm, £5 Adults/£3 under 12s

This animation festival for 6 – 60 year olds will feature a variety of African-themed cartoons which tell tales of; Magical Nigerian women warriors, Anansi the West African Folk Hero, The Story of Ogun and Oshun, teenage Black superheroes and more.

Tickets and details www.legacyfilmfestival.org.uk

African Descent Women in Cinema : 3:30pm £5

A showcase of some of the best short-films featured at the Images of Black Women Film Festival www.imagesofblackwomen.com. Short films include; '**The Park**' by Destiny Ekaragha(UK), **'20 Questions**' by Rungano Nyoni (UK), '**Asilum**' by Rumbi Katedza and '**Killer Necklace**' by Judy Kibinge (Kenya)

Tickets and details www.legacyfilmfestival.org.uk

White Night/Nuit Blanche Film Extravaganza: 8pm – midnight £FREE

To celebrate White Night and Black History Month, Legacy Film Festival will be hosting a series of film shorts and animations from the UK, US, Africa, Caribbean and Asia. Including; Kenyan Sci-fi, rioting robots on the streets of London, beautiful dreams from Asia and more.

Tickets and details www.legacyfilmfestival.org.uk

White Night – BHM Breakfast

Sunday 30th October 2011, Hove Town Hall, Norton Road 8am – 10am £FREE

White Night Festival and Black History Month present a joint, free authentic African breakfast with a menu consisting of porridge, fruit salad and cream, akara known as 'beans cake', cassava and beans, tea, coffee and fresh milk.

This will be accompanied by light soothing West African kora rhythms from Gambian kora King Jali Burama Mbye.

BHM Family Event

Sunday 30th October 2011, Hove Town Hall, Norton Road 1pm – 10pm £FREE

Hove Town Hall family friendly celebration marks our grand finale to Black History month with live music from top local bands, children's activities (in partnership with MOSAIC Black and mixed parentage family group), workshops, talks, a feast of delicious multi-cultural food, spoken word, film ('**Big City Stories**' – 82 mins www.legacyfilmfestival.org.uk), exhibitions and community stalls.