



African Stages Newsletter

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African Stages continues to gain grounds. Our work promotes an appreciation for diversity and multiculturalism. In this Newsletter, we have included highlights of our activities in the past year. ENJOY!

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FUSION FESTIVAL July 17th and July 18th

*You are invited to stop
by at our booth during
the Fusion Festival in
Surrey, Holland Park
to taste of some fine
African cuisine*

KOKODIKO THE DANCE MONSTER.

This colourful storybook
for children includes an
audio CD

The launching of this book
on May 1st, 2010 was a
huge success with proceeds
going towards projects that
empower immigrant
youths. Please contact us to



February 24, 2010

Stories, drums and shaker makers!

The Edmond community school enjoyed storytelling sessions by Comfort and Koca. The community made hand crafted African shakers to join in the beat.



African Stages Collaborates with YWCA to bring storytelling to Parents and children

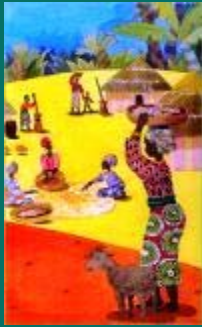
March 17, 2010



African Stages was invited by the YWCA to share its African heritage with a group of young parents and their children in a fun and safe environment. The children enjoyed the participatory stories and got into every character with ease.

La Boussole - Black History Month Festival (pour célébrer le mois de l'histoire des noirs)

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Collingwood Neighbourhood
Festival

May 29th, 2010



February 2010

The Francophone centre at Vancouver celebrated Black history month by inviting African Stages to add color to the celebration, Comfort showcased the African heritage with an interactive French version of her storytelling. This was a colourful and energetic performance celebrating the heritage of African people with stories from Comfort's ancestors.

→ **Children - The Heart of the Matter (13th annual
Early Childhood conference)**



We all want our children to realize their full potential and to become caring, resilient, and self-assured adults. Achieving these outcomes is a challenge in today's world and there is much debate as to how we can get there.

African Stages was invited to contribute to this conference by telling African Stories to the Early Childhood educators.

STORYPOWERING THE YOUTH PROJECT



The weather was not ideal but there was a load fun at this festival especially under the African Stages' storytelling tent.

Epic of Sundiata

April 16 - 18, 2009

Sundiata tells the story of the childhood and coming-of-age of one of Mali's greatest rulers, culminating with his defeat of the evil tyrant Soumaoro at the battle of Krina.

The Artistic Director of African Stages, Comfort Ero, alongside storytellers of different calibre narrated the epic of Sundiata.



Racism is an external issue that marginalized youth often have to deal with regularly without positive channels for progressive dialogue. ASA BC, from its past experiences, believes that storytelling is a powerful medium for self-expression and, empowerment, and the diffusion of ill-feelings that foster racism. This project in its use of storytelling, forum theatre, and dancing, enabled youth participants to find their voice, and share their experiences to positively impact their immediate communities

MARK YOUR CALENDER

To follow African Stages events.



- HUT TALES** storytelling festival taking place June 25th and 27th 2010.
- CIVIC SQUARE** event holding on July 11th, 2010
- DISCOVERY DAY** festival, at the Shabolt Centre on July 18th, 2010
- STORYTELLING IN THE PARK** for summer months in Burnaby July 19th to July 21st, 2010.
- ALL SORTS OF DANCE FOR ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE** July 25th, 2010.

UNDER THE RADAR

December 2009 to April 2010

African Stages and Point Youth Media partnered to offer a unique opportunity for **fifteen** youth that *self identify* as African and/ or Black between the ages of 13 and 20 living in Surrey. 'Under the Radar' was a free 10 week intensive media arts program

which looked to foster literacy amongst African youth through the art of storytelling and



photography.

Surrey Children Festival



June 4-6, 2010

Mark your calendar for the next annual Surrey Children Festival in 2011. The Surrey Public Library hosted the Storytelling tent at this festival. African Stages was invited once again to display its storytelling skills at this venue. With Comfort's entertaining skills it was a trip to Africa. Do not miss this wonderful event every summer for your children. Check out our website for more information.

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