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OLHA!

Uma Visão Lusófona

A Lusophonic Vision: Portuguese-Speaking Perspectives

Lusophonic Art and Bicha Gallery are pleased to invite you to the Opening Reception of OLHA! - a photographic exhibition of Portuguese speaking photographers at Bicha Gallery on Wednesday, 23 June 2010 between 6.30 - 8.30pm.

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Exhibition

Week 1 / 21 June - 27 June 2010

Week 2 / 28 June - 4 July 2010

Bicha Gallery

7 Gabriel's Wharf, South Bank, London SE1 9PP 11am-7pm | Open daily, admission free

OLHA! is part of the 2010 City of London Festival. The Festival's ongoing 'trading places' theme has explored and developed artistic and economic connections between the City and many other parts of the world over the past few years. In 2010 the spotlight falls on Portugal, England's oldest ally, and on the Portuguese-speaking world.

This event is also part of the 35th anniversary of Mozambique's independence celebrations and will be honoured with the presence of Mr António Gumende, the High Commissioner of the Republic of Mozambique in the UK.

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Andre Pipa, *Mother Africa*, Photographic print

The exhibition is a challenging and interesting mix of complementary views of the world and of 'Lusofonia' - culture of Portuguese-speaking countries - by six Lusophonic artists and photojournalists.

This exhibition brings together different Lusophonic visions from around the world. Through photographic expression, we see the similarities characteristic of people with a strong common bond - the Portuguese language and a Portuguese speaking culture.

Eclectic is the best way to describe their approach to our theme. Most of the photographers live outside their countries of origin and work in different disciplines.

The OLHA! exhibition is divided into two parts, with each week showcasing a distinct group of photographers with varying styles. Their work is accompanied by writings and poems of Portuguese speaking authors selected by the artists themselves.

WEEK 1: 21 June - 27 June Luis Filipe Ventura, 2Santoss (Beth dos Santos) and Andre Pipa

Luis Filipe Ventura

Luis was born in Mozambique and has lived and worked in many European and African countries in the field of Human Rights and Development with the United Nations and other organizations. He has been a photographer for over 15 years and has had many exhibitions over that time. His work is eclectic and influenced by the various places he has lived. His 'lusophonic' vision explores London and Africa.

2Santoss (Beth dos Santos)

Beth was born in Brazil where she lived and worked before moving to Italy and subsequently to Argentina where she lives. She has worked in the theatre as a set and costume designer, while participating in many visual art projects and at present she is developing the "2Santoss" photographic project. Freedom and solitude are the main themes of her work, which are two deep values in the 'lusophonic' culture.

Andre Pipa

Andre is a world travelled and established journalist and photographer of 20 years working with several Portuguese and international newspapers and magazines. Mozambique is the focus of his 'Portuguese speaking views'.

WEEK 2: 28 June - 4 July Analu Prestes, Adilson Ramos and Lia Costa Carvalho

Analu Prestes

Analu is a well-known Brazilian painter, actress, set designer and photographer. Her 'lusophonic' perspective in this exhibition pays tribute to boat travelling, taking us through her wonderful imaginary world titled "The Little Boat's Magic Journey".

Adilson Ramos

Born in Cape Verde, Adilson has lived in Portugal and now in London. In his photographic work he was influenced by the various countries, in which he has lived and his 'lusophonic' expression conveys of the differences he has encountered in each place.

Lia Costa Carvalho

Lia is a Brazilian photojournalist who has lived in Portugal for 20 years. Her work has an idiosyncratic approach to portraiture, however in this exhibition she explores her experience of living in the geographical capital of 'Lusofonia', Lisboa (Lisbon).

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'Lusophonic Art' is a project based in London, UK that aims to promote the art and artists from Portuguese speaking world and gathers collaborators in the UK, Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde and Chile.

Bicha Gallery represents living contemporary artists from Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, France, Italy, Norway, Spain, the US and the UK – working in ceramics, drawing, installation, metal works, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

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