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Fine Arts Art Exhibition

Sat, Mar 31 - Fri, May 4

Opening hours:
Mon - Thu 8:00am - 7:00pm
Fri 8:00am - 4:00pm
Sat, Apr 28 - 4:00pm - 7:00pm;
(not open on Apr 26 & Apr 27)

Sussan Omagu: "Minimalism"

Goethe-Institut Lagos does not only highlight up-coming and internationally established Nigerian artists in singular events. It also wants to continuously follow the development of such outstanding artists. Hence, it now offers for the second time a platform to the mixed media abstract expressionist Sussan Omagu, a 1995 graduate of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. Loss and hope are definitely protagonists in her works: "We know times are tricky but we make bold steps and better impression when we appreciate and embrace with courage any negative situation in which we may find ourselves." Some of her exhibits are influenced by her two-months stay in Berlin in 2005 during which she painted with a number of artists at *Tacheles*, an off-scene cultural centre where artists of diverse specialisation live and work together. Sussan Omagu works as a curator with the *National Gallery of Art in Abuja*.

Sat, Mar 31, 4:00pm

Opening Ceremony & "Meet the Artists"

Fine Art Round table

Sat, Apr 28, 4:00pm

A programme of the
National Gallery of Art
and Goethe-Institut
Lagos

Building Up a National Collection - Concepts and Challenges
A national collection reflects and showcases the artistic production of a country. But when it comes to building up and following up a concept, crucial questions arise: What should be part of a national collection - and what not? And who decides this? What should be the laid-down quality standards? And how can they be defined? What can a National Gallery do in order to promote a country's art scene, both nationally and internationally? What are the aims of the Nigerian National Gallery in this direction? The new director of the National Gallery of Art, Mr Joe Musa, will discuss these and other questions with the press, art patrons, artists and art enthusiasts.



Photographs from Jan/Feb/Mar - events at Goethe-Institut Lagos

Fine Arts Symposium

A programme of
Goethe-Institut Lagos
and Communicating for
Change

Arts & Culture Programming for Nigeria

A full house, positive press, meaningful dialogue with a positive impact, a solid financial basis - this is what every organizer of cultural events dreams of. Over the past few years, there has been an increasing number of cultural events and venues in Lagos. Indigenous and international arts and culture institutions can events be widely promoted and become part of public debate? How can these important cultural institutions develop a strong network and share lessons learned? During a two-day symposium, organized by Communicating for Change and Goethe-Institut Lagos, leading stakeholders of the Lagos cultural and artistic scene will deliberate on issues such as 'content and quality standards', 'programme focus and continuity', 'sustainable fund-raising', 'public relations and media liaison', as well as 'documentation and impact analysis'. The results of this symposium will be discussed with the media, art enthusiasts and the interested public during a round table at Goethe-Institut Lagos

Sat, May 12, 4:00pm

Public Presentation and Round Table

Fine Arts Photography Workshop

A workshop of Goethe-
Institut Lagos in
cooperation with the
Kano State History and
Culture Bureau

May 2007

"Living Culture" - Workshop for Up-Coming Photographers in Kano

In numerous exhibitions, workshops and round tables, Goethe-Institut Lagos has been featuring and fostering the vibrant Lagos photographic scene which gains more and more international reputation. In May, the German cultural centre will go to Kano in order to organize a photography workshop in collaboration with the *Kano State History and Culture Bureau*. Young photographers from the North of Nigeria will document their surroundings, their day-to-day life, their social context and reality: work, studies, relationships, leisure time, city life, religion. The workshop will be conducted by the German photographer Tarek Noor. The results of the workshop will be presented in Kano and at Goethe-Institut Lagos. Young photographers from Northern Nigeria are cordially invited to apply. Deadline is April 30. For more information, please contact Mr Sunday Unweni at Goethe-Institut Lagos: prog@lagos.goethe.org.

Tarek Noor: Reflecting Places

In May, the German photographer Tarek Noor will conduct a workshop for up-coming photographers, which will be jointly organized by Goethe-Institut Lagos and the *Kano State History and Culture Bureau*. Before taking off to Kano, he will give a slide presentation of his works and discuss his artistic approach with the vibrant Nigerian art scene. The presentation will include photographs from Berlin, Hamburg and Tanzania. He will also show photographs from Kabuli, where he documented the difficult process of the new beginning and the daily life after the end of the war and the Taliban dictatorship.

Fine Arts Photography Presentation

Sat, May 19, 4:00pm
(prompt)

Environment Round table

Wed, Apr 4
9:00am - 3:30pm

A programme of
Heinrich Böll Founda-
tion in collaboration
with Goethe-Institut
Lagos

Lagos Under Water? The Consequences of Climate Change
The second report of the *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* (IPCC) will be released in April 2007. It will show clearly that the global warming is a man-made phenomenon which will have a colossal impact. Sea levels will rise and force tens of millions of people per year to move from coastal areas: within a few decades, hundreds of millions will not have enough water, change in agricultural yields will force many people (in particular from warmer countries) to migrate into other areas of the world or they will be threatened by starvation, the number of hurricanes and mega-fires will increase. Immediate, radical and worldwide action must be taken in order to mitigate the severe effects of the global warming. During the symposium, experts including Dr Stefan Cramer (Heinrich Böll Foundation) and Aki Aradi (Canadian International Development Agency, CIDA), will report on the current release of the second part of the 4th IPCC report and will discuss in particular what this all means for Lagos and Nigeria. Al Gore's acclaimed and eye-opening documentary 'An Inconvenient Truth' will add the perspective of an international activist to the issue.

Education Round table

Tue, Apr 3
10:00am - 1:00pm

A programme of
Goethe-Institut Lagos
and Accessure Educa-
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University-Industry Relationship: Building New Partnerships
In the recent years, universities and companies have benefited from an increasing number of collaborations, both in Nigeria and internationally. But what exactly can these public and private partners expect to gain from joint projects and initiatives? To what extent can these partnerships help to solve the problems of the neglected university system? This round table, jointly organized by Goethe-Institut Lagos and Accessure Educational, will examine the present state of private public partnership in the university sector in Nigeria, contribute experiences from Germany and present best-practice examples. Prominent stakeholders from the educational and the business sector will discuss past experiences and outline new ways of partnerships.

Film Screening

Tue, May 15, 2:30pm
Tue, May 22, 2:30pm
Tue, May 29, 2:30pm

Film Club
For students of Goethe-Institut Lagos and all other film lovers, outstanding films will be featured on Tuesdays. Discover German movies, life and culture! All films are with English sub-titles.

Information Reading/Film

Sat, May 5, 4:00pm

History, Nightlife and Pounded Yam - Impressions from Berlin
In January and February 2007, Sola Balogun, the arts editor of *The Sun*, was in Berlin in order to explore its magnificent international art scene and other aspects of the vibrant German capital. In regular reports, he examined with wit and humour such different topics as: lessons from German history, pounded yam and "area boys" in the German capital, the (sometimes tricky) public transport, the neatness of German parks, entertainment and nightlife, a Nigerian ejected by his German wife ... Come and listen yourself. On Sat, May 5, Sola Balogun will read the best of his notes and observations at Goethe-Institut Lagos. A film will provide additional information on the New Berlin.

Information

Wed, May 16, 2:30pm

Approaching Germany through the Internet: Studying in Germany
The internet offers various possibilities to gather information about university courses in Germany, about admission requirements and available scholarships. But where will someone begin his/her search in the www? The 'Information & Library' department of Goethe-Institut Lagos will show some important internet addresses and will offer tips for successful internet researches.

Information/ Education

Wed, May 23
9:00am - 4:00pm

Prior registration
is obligatory

Learning through Discovery
Computers and the internet are becoming important tools for working and learning in Nigeria. Consequently, schools have to make computer-based and internet-based learning a basic part of instruction. Through this medium, students are not only learning, they are exploring, discovering and at the same time having fun. Experts from Accessure Educational along with other professionals will examine this topic from the Nigerian and German perspective. Infrastructure such as computers and internet connectivity, IT training for teachers and promoting the use of high quality courseware will be discussed. Internet sites, search engines, online resources and printed media for teachers and students will be viewed in this interactive seminar. Principals, teachers, WWW- and IT- experts in schools and students are invited to register for the seminar. For further information and registration, please contact Mrs. Funmi Ori, bibl@lagos.goethe.org.

Information

Thu, May 10 & May 24
10:00am - 1:00pm

Consultation: Studying in Germany How do I apply for admission at German universities? What are the basic admission requirements to study in Germany? What are the chances for a scholarship? The DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) and Goethe-Institut Lagos offer individual consultation concerning questions of studying in Germany.

Information Centre & Library

Mon & Wed
10:00am - 5:00pm
Tue & Thu
10:00am - 6:00pm
Fri
10:00am - 2:00pm

In approximately 4,000 German and English books from various sectors all kind of information about Germany is available. German dailies and magazines keep the readers abreast on German and international topics. More than 800 recent feature films and documentaries (mostly with English sub-titles) convey a realistic and comprehensive picture about today's life in Germany. Individual questions and enquiries - be it on day-to-day life, tourism or economy - will be gladly answered by Mrs. Funmi Ori, head of the information centre.

German Language Courses

New German Language Classes for beginners and advanced learners will start on Monday April 23, 2007. The registration has started. For further information, please contact our language course office, phone 01-7746888 or 01-4613416, e-mail spr@lagos.goethe.org.

Dates are subject to change.

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Summary of Events

Mar 31, 4:00pm	Art Exhibition: Susan Omu - "Minimalism"
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Apr 3, 10:00am	Art Exhibition: Susan Omu - "Minimalism"
Apr 4, 9am - 3:30pm	Round table: University-Industry Relationship
Apr 23	Round table: Consequences of Climate Change
Apr 28, 4:00pm	Commencement of German Language Courses
May 5, 4:00pm	Round table: Building Up a National Collection
May 10, 10am - 1pm	Reading/Film: Impressions from Berlin
May 12, 4:00pm	Consultation: Studying in Germany
May 15, 2:30pm	Round table: Arts & Culture Programming
May 16, 2:30pm	Movie: The Miracle of Bern
May 19, 4:00pm	Information: Approaching Germany through the Internet - Studying in Germany
May 22, 2:30pm	Photo Presentation: Tarek Noor - "Reflecting Places"
May 22 - Jun 2	Movie: One Day in Europe
May 23, 9am - 4pm	Photo Workshop: "Living Culture" (in Kano)
May 24, 10am - 1pm	Seminar: Learning through Discovery
May 29, 2:30pm	Consultation: Studying in Germany
	Movie: The Educators