

## **Kingston Carnival 2010**

**THEME: All Communities Together Making Friends and having Fun!!!**

### **History**

Kingston Carnival started as a small cultural event ten years ago as “All Nations Health Fair” to promote cultural diversity and bring communities together. It was started by Kingston Race and Equalities Council (KREC) as part of its Community Development commitment.

After three years it developed a partnership with the Royal Borough of Kingston (RBK) re-named the project Kingston Carnival to help promote the borough-wide project. Over recent years with a Strategic group of Partners, KREC, RBK, Kingston First and Global Arts Kingston have become the Management Group with the responsibility of delivering an exciting Carnival every year.

This year’s Carnival to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010 promises to be more colourful and spectacular than ever with two main stages and a bigger procession parade featuring the cream of London’s Mas bands – Paddington Elimu, Beerahaar Sweet Combination and Mahogany – who are going to be bringing massive Carnival vibes from the previous weekend’s Notting Hill Carnival

The Carnival Team and the Steering Committee Chaired by Prabha Shetty want to make Kingston Carnival 2010 the best celebration event in the whole region. So we are inviting everyone to get into their most colourful clothes and join us in the Carnival spirit. Join the procession, dance along to the music, try the international foods - but most of all – come and Make new Friends and Have Fun.

### **Carnival Procession Time**

Kingston Carnival 2010 will see new innovations with a bigger procession and will start from The Guildhall. The action starts at 12.00nn. The music and the Mas bands along High Street, through Eden Street, Clarence Street into the Market Place and finish back at the Guildhall and the Rose Theatre.

### **Entertainment**

There will be two performance stages with fantastic artists to keep everyone entertained all day. There will be “the Colin Bloxham” Stage in front of the Guildhall and the Rose Theatre which will have the best of Carnival performers, with the “Market Place” Stage featuring music from diverse backgrounds and up and coming musicians, dancers and acts. Performers will come from all over the world – from Africa, Asia, Latin Americas and Europe. The biggest innovations this year is the showcasing of groups from South and Latin America; there is also special performance from Young People from Ghana visiting Kingston on the Making Adventure Possible (MAP) Project.

### **International Food Fair**

Carnival will have its usual Food Festival with an International Food Fair flavour. This is everyone's chance to try soul food aplenty from the world's kitchens: Carnival favourite Jerk Chicken from Jerk Island, traditional North African/Moroccan Exotic Tagine, Korean Hankook Restaurant, Chinese food regular Cammasan; exotic assortments of fruits from Just Thai Fruits and Thai dishes, and we expect a lot more new-comers.

### **Other Exciting Activities**

There will be Indian Head Massage, Reflexology, Martial Arts, Capoeira, Street Dance, Face Painting, Henna, Tarot Cards, Salsa dances, and lots more in Clarence Street, Market Place and the front of the Guildhall. Special activities will be provided for children at the Children's Area at the Memorial Gardens, All Saints Church grass area and Market Place, and there's a chance to learn about a number of different community organisations and the services that they provide.

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