

## **Kingston Carnival 2011**

### **THEME: One Kingston. One World. Celebrating Diverse Cultures!**

This year's Carnival to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011 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, 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 2011 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 have fun!

### **Carnival Procession Time**

Kingston Carnival 2011 will see new innovations with a bigger procession and a new route starting from The Guildhall. The action starts at 12.00nn. We will begin at the Guildhall, onto the High Street, through Eden Street along Clarence Street into Market Place and finishing at the Guildhall. Anyone wishing to participate in procession is welcome!

### **Entertainment**

There will be 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 and professional acts, the "Market Place" Stage featuring music from diverse backgrounds and up and coming musicians from the community, dancers and acts. Performers will come from all over the world to celebrate Kingston and it's diversity.

And our newest addition to this year, a third stage on the All Saints Church lawns! Local legends 'Peace and Dub' will be taking over the All Saints Stage, with their mix of "Dub, Reggae, Roots, Revival" brought to you by Doctor Rankin and Rasta Fou.

### **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!

### **Other Exciting Activities**

There will be Indian Head Massage, Reflexology, Martial Arts, Capoeira, Street Dance, Face Painting, Henna, Tarot Cards, Salsa dances, circus skills, street entertainers and lots more in Clarence Street, Market Place and the front of the Guildhall.

The rose Theatre Cultural Café will be transformed into a tropical haven for the day and will play host to art, music and children's workshops. Come and get involved!

Special activities will be provided for children at the Children's Area at the Memorial Gardens, All Saints Church grass area and Market Place.

There are many ways to get involved – through sponsorship, stalls or as performers. For further information, please phone 020 8547 2332 / 07711 037181 or email: [john.azah@kingstonrec.org](mailto:john.azah@kingstonrec.org) or visit [www.kingstonrec.org](http://www.kingstonrec.org)

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