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MACUFE BACK WITH A BANG

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the Mangaung African Cultural Festival (MACUFE) will be back with a bang this year (2022).

The honourable Premier of the Free State, Mrs Sefora Ntombela, made a pronouncement in her 2022 State of the Province Address (SOPA) to the effect that MACUFE will again be staged this year following a two years lull. Following that pronouncement, the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR), jointly with other Free State Provincial Government departments, entities and the Mangaung Metro Municipality, has embarked on processes towards realizing the injunction of the 2022 SOPA.

The festival is anticipated to take place during the week of 02 – 09 October. While some refinements and reconfigurations will be effected into the programme and structure of the festival, the usual and popular offerings that have entertained the MACUFE patrons over the years will continue to be on offer: Gospel Music Show; Comedy; Theatre; Jazz Festival; Hip Hop Music Festival; Film Expo and so on.

The role that MACUFE has played, over its more than 20 years of existence, on the landscape of the Free State and the country, and given its national and an international footprint, is beyond question. The tourism impact with economic spin offs for the province, and particularly the Mangaung Metro Municipality, has been researched and documented. It is for this reason that the Free State Gambling, Liquor and Tourism Authority (FSGLTA) will continue to play a central role in the festival to advance and enrich the tourism value of MACUFE.

In reflecting on the 2022 MACUFE edition, the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Mrs Limakatso Mahasa, noted: “we are delighted as the Free State that MACUFE will be back as part of our cultural and heritage landscape. While we commit to delivering yet another best edition of MACUFE, we need to point out that the two years lull and the changed environment, particularly the fiscal environment, will necessitate us to gradually bring back this festival as a build up to a full-blown edition from next year. The 2022 edition will, while continuing to preserve the key elements of the festival as it is known, serve as a launching pad for the full return of this popular festival”. “We call upon the loyal supporters and patrons of this festival to get start preparing themselves and be ready for yet another celebration of culture, music and heritage that will be on offer in October”, concluded MEC Mahasa.

The details about the festival, pertaining to the programme, ticket prices and so on, will be communicated in the near future.

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