

30 JUNE, 1 AND 2 JULY

The Afro Festival is an annual event of the Museum of African Art, which offers exhibitions and lectures, concerts, music and art workshops, gathering African and local artists, experts in the field of African studies, students, connoisseurs of African arts and cultures. The Afro Festival offers the "best of the best" of the MAA's programs.

MAA ANNIVERSARY

In 2017 we celebrate 40 years since the founding of our institution, with diverse programs that are organised throughout the year. Programs held at this year's Afro Festival will also mark this important anniversary.

DURBAR

The most important day of the Afro Festival is *Durbar Day:* Festival of Festivals – a day for friendship, music and dance. With the participation of the African embassies in Belgrade – in the pleasant exterior, the Museum garden – this day celebrates African music, dance, crafts, arts and cultures. With the kind support of the African Diplomatic community in Belgrade, visitors have the opportunity to enjoy the culinary specialties from different parts of Africa: Algeria, Angola, Egypt, Guinea, Congo, Libya, Morocco, Nigeria and Tunisia. Guest of the Festival: the Consulate of Jamaica.

AFRICAN BAZAAR

The African Bazaar is a popular Festival program that promotes visual and applied arts of the African continent. It is conceived as a sale exhibition of art and craft items: masks, sculptures in stone and wood, hand-made and painted fabrics, paintings, batik, jewellery and decorative items for interior decoration. A special part of the Bazaar consists of the works of local artists and craft makers, whose creations are inspired by Africa.

"HABARI ZA SAFARI?" Fourth MAA Art Competition exhibition

We present the most successful works of the participants of the Fourth MAA Art Competition organized for children and youth aged, 6-18 years, from March to June 2017 on the theme "Habari za safari? / How Was Your (African) Journey?" The drawings depict selected objects, various impressions of the Museum exhibitions and the imagined, exciting journeys through African cultures and landscapes. Several hundred children and young people took part in the Competition.

Awards are given to the best young artists in three different age categories.

Awards will be presented on Sunday, July 2nd, at 11h!

SALSA Y PUNTO

SALSA Y PUNTO is an international band consisting of musicians from Cuba and the local region, which plays an authentic blend of Afro-Latin musical genres. Bringing together seasoned musicians, the band was formed in 2007 in Belgrade, and in 2013 published an album called Baila Conmigo. With their attractive sound and original mix of rhythms they gained popularity in the region of South East Europe. The band's repertoire features salsa, Latin jazz, Afro-rumba, meringue, cha cha cha, bachata and traditional Afro-Cuban music.

The Salsa y Punto concert will be held on Sunday, July 2nd, at 14h!

ENTRANCE:

Friday: free
Saturday: 200 RSD
Sunday: 200 RSD
*Tickets are bought at the entrance
** Entrance is free for children under the age of 6



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18h

MAA ANNIVERSARY

Monograph presentation

"Nyimpa kor ndzidzi – One Man, no Chop, (Re)conceptualization of the Museum of African Art – the Veda and Dr. Zdravko Pečar Collection" Published by the MAA, Belgrade, 2017.

Participants: publication editors and curators of the corresponding exhibition – Ana Sladojević and Emilia Epštajn, with guests.

"Contexts and Representations", a series of talks at the Museum of African Art, initiated in 2014, laid the theoretical foundation for the current exhibition and the publication produced for the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of this city-owned cultural institution. The exhibition authors will introduce the historization and (re)conceptualization methodology, which was applied both in the exhibition and the book. They will present the main thematic areas, map the most important problem questions that appear in the publication, and give an overview of the individual essays, which focus for the first time on unfamiliar or less known contents of the Museum.



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SATURDAY, 1 JULY

10-18h AFRICAN BAZAAR

10-18h "HABARI ZA SAFARI?"
Fourth MAA Art Competition exhibition

10:30h PRACTICUM students' guided tours

"The Influence of West African Art on Modern European Art", Marijana Strubel

11-14h Creative workshops for kids:
THE ANTELOPE FELLOWSHIP & THE BIRTHDAY
OF THE MUSEUM TO THE RHYTHM OF AFRICA

11:30h PRACTICUM students' guided tours

"Zoomorphic Motifs and Their Symbolism in West African Art", Nastasiia Radovanović

12-18h MANCALA – learn the rules and play the African board game!

12:30h PRACTICUM students' guided tours

"Symbols of Power among the Peoples of West Africa", Sofija Dakić

13:30h PRACTICUM students' guided tours

"The Importance of the Ancestor Cult among the West African Peoples", Dragana Ćurčin

14-17h Creative workshops for kids:
FISHING BOATS ON THE GOLD COAST
& LET'S DRESS AN AFRICAN HOUSE!

14h CAPOEIRA ANGOLA BELGRADO
Dance performance and open workshop Capoeira and Afro-Brazilian percussions

Learn the basic moves of capoeira and play the birimbau, agogo, atabaki, pandeiro!

14:30h PRACTICUM students' guided tours

"The (Post)Yugoslav Life of the Museum of African Art", Sara Nikolić

15:30h ANGOLA – LAND OF A THOUSAND COLOURS Lecture and presentation of photographs

Guest lecturers: Vera Radošević, politicologist, traveler, photographer, Branko Nikolić, MSc, Minister-Counselor (retired), Serbian diplomat Moderator: Aleksandra Prodanović Bojović, anthropologist

17:30h PRACTICUM students' guided tours

"Myths and Legends of the West African Peoples", Dušan Tošić

SUNDAY, 2 JULY

10-18h AFRICAN BAZAAR

10-18h DURBAR

10-18h "HABARI ZA SAFARI?"

Fourth MAA Art Competition exhibition

10:30h PRACTICUM students' guided tours

"Humanity has no Boundaries – Understanding the Morality of African Peoples", Aleksandra Knežević

11-14h Creative workshops for kids:
THE ANTELOPE FELLOWSHIP & THE BIRTHDAY
OF THE MUSEUM TO THE RHYTHM OF AFRICA

11h AWARDS CEREMONY for the best drawings of the "HABARI ZA SAFARI?" Art Competition

11:30h PRESENTATION OF THE SWAHILI LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS

12-18h MANCALA –Learn the rules and play the African board game!

12h MINI-CONCERT – Battery of percussionists "Rhythm of the Soul" from the "Josif Marinković" elementary school in Novi Bečej

The official address of the Dean of the African Group, H. E. Mr. Tajouri Shradi Tajouri, Ambassador of Libya in Belgrade

13:30h PRACTICUM students' guided tours

"The Mysterious Power of the African Mask", Slađana Biljić

14-17h Creative workshops for kids:
FISHING BOATS ON THE GOLD COAST &
LET'S DRESS AN AFRICAN HOUSE!

14h SUDAN – GOOD PEOPLE IN THE DESERT OF FOUR HUNDRED PYRAMIDS

Lecture and presentation of photographs Guest lecturer: Viktor Lazić, writer, lawyer, traveler

15h CONCERT - SALSA Y PUNTO

16:30h PRACTICUM students' quided tours

"From Life to Death - the Rituals of West African Communities", Maja Banović