



Friends of South Africa
The Austrian - South African Society

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Dear members and friends,

A warm welcome to all FoSA members after a long summer break! Let's kick this newsletter off with a real spectacle:

AFRICAN FOOTPRINT

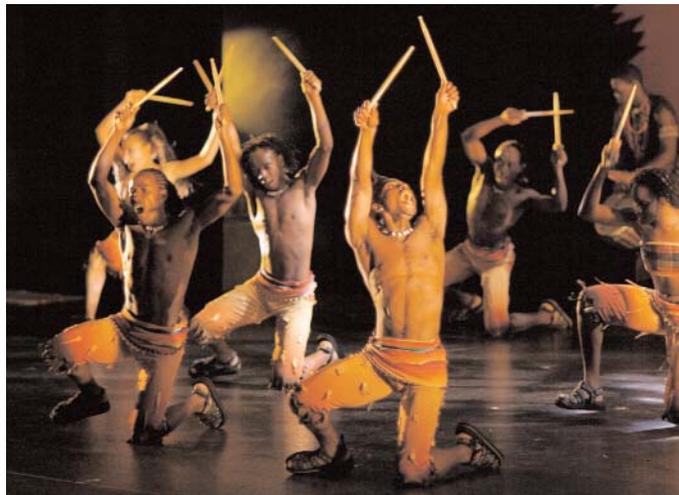
"our footprints shaped the landscape, we've been here before"
13 to 31 October 2004 in the Ronacher Theatre, Vienna.

"African Footprint", the South African extravaganza, is the story of hope and renewal. Thirty professional dancers, singers and musicians accompany the audience on a fascinating journey through time, with churning dancing and dynamic songs, wrapped in the bright colours of home. "African Footprint" is a dance of spontaneous emotion, a rainbow of eclectic images and feelings, a sensual feast of life and living.

The "African Footprint" opened on 11 May 2000 in the new Globe Theatre in Johannesburg, attended by President Thabo Mbeki. More than 1000 performances later have made "African Footprint" the most successful show made in South Africa. After tours of the USA, Australia and China, this spectacular performance is showing in Austria for the first time.

Tickets cost between Euro 17- and Euro 67-, via ÖsterreichTicket, Tel. 01/96096, or via Wien-Ticket, Tel. 01/58885 as well as their Internet links at www.oeticket.com and www.wien-ticket.at, or contact the Ronacher directly.

Shows take place on Tuesdays through Saturdays, at 20:00, Saturdays additionally at 17.00, Sundays at 15.00 and 18.00.



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F O O T P R I N T



Membership Payments

A big THANK YOU to those members and friends who have already paid their membership fees for 2004. A large number of fees are still outstanding though. If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so within the next month. Your fees are used to assist a young South African to complete his/her academic degree.

The fees are as follows:

Single: Euro 40-

Couple: Euro 70-

Students: Euro 25-

Pensioners (above age of 60): Euro 25-

Extraordinary member: Euro 100-

Our bank account-nr.: 50900 985 801

BA/CA BLZ 12000

We do not send out "Erlagscheine" any more, in order to lower our running costs.

If you are unable to pay your fee for whichever reason, please inform the FoSA Focal Point (Wilma Kapfer). Wilma's contact details are in column three of this page.

Our student, Alec Nyokong, has written us a letter to once again express his thanks towards us for supporting him. He has successfully completed the first half of his first year B.Comm. (Accountancy) and even had 2 distinctions! He will apply for our help to finance his second year as well. If he does not get support, he would have to stop his studies, since Alec's funds come from a portion of the membership fees.

Report on the Bring and Braai

Lydia says: "The first 'Bring and Braai' on the 17th of July at the Dyks place in Raabs on the Thaya river was very nice, thanks to a perfect summer day. Around 16 people attended, of which only 4 FoSA members turned up, either due to the short notice, the long distance, holiday time, hot weather, and even slipped spinal discs (*Ed.: Believe me, this is real!*) as well as members who did not read the FoSA Newsletter with the invitation on the last page! We spent a lovely afternoon next to the river, enjoying the food and as it was quite a multi-cultural group, interesting conversations followed and some of us even went for a swim at the end of the day. Maybe we can have another braai in the Waldviertel next year in May or June before the summerholiday starts, so more of our members can join us."



photographs of the bring and braai



Working Group(s)

Some FoSA's have already met on the 24th of September, when the Culture and Fundraising Workgroups had a communal meeting. It was decided to merge both groups into one in order to improve cooperation and avoid duplication of work.

The next meeting of the **Working Committee** will take place on Tuesday, the 19th of October at Cafe Prückel, in the first district, Stubenring 24. We have a reserved a separate area at the back of the coffeehouse, so if you don't see us, just ask the waiter. All are welcome and we hope that many more FoSA's will come and help us to find new ideas for events and fundraising projects!

Social Gathering

The first SOCIAL GATHERING will take place on Friday, the 15th of October at "Orpheus", Spiegelgasse 10, 1010 Vienna. We will meet at 19h00.

There we can indulge in greek specialities, enjoy some greek wine, and those of us who haven't been to the Olympic Games (some FoSA's have!) can still prolong the summer- feeling!

Please let our Focal Point, Wilma Kapfer, know if would like to attend, so that she can make the reservation. Wilma's contact details are:

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FoSA Website

At the last AGM the members were impressed with the new look of the FoSA website. Our thanks are expressed again to the people who made it possible. It is, however, not only the task of the Board but also that of the FoSA members themselves to keep the website active and updated. So please send the website coordinator, Rina Loader, your links, information on events, photos of Austria and South Africa (with the story about to the photo), interesting Austrian events, other ideas, recipes and, well, anything of interest. Rina can be contacted at catharina.e.loader@univie.ac.at. Ivan, our webmaster, is back in Austria after visiting South Africa for most of the summer holiday. He is now ready to get the ball rolling with your contributions.

Art Exhibition

The South African artist, Christopher Bayne, will be holding another art exhibition, with the vernissage taking place on 21 October 2004. Christopher's most recent work will be on display, including the "Earth Series", a mixture of gold, copper, silver and variegated metal leaf, with antique papyrus and acrylic paint. The works will be on show for a few weeks. All Friends of South Africa are invited.

Date: 21 October 2004

Time: 19:00

**Venue: Galerie Interkult,
Esterhazygasse 20, 1060 Vienna.**

For information about the exhibition and/or the artist, please contact the gallery at telephone number:
+43(1)5871518

New books published in Austria on South Africa literature

Two interesting new books can be found in Austrian bookstores. One is "**Imagination in a Troubled Space: A South African Poetry Reader**" edited by Michela Borzaga & Dorothea Steiner.

Prof. Dorothea Steiner writes: "Commitment is what unites all poets, commitment to a craft that seeks to find the right words for what the poem has to say. This is always potentially precarious, and if it is possible to join this precariousness with the larger cultural issues being reshaped in South Africa, this is particularly rewarding. The nexus between new world hope and memory that requires assertion and addressing for the sake of integrity of vision, rings through much of the poetry ..."

Included in this book are new poems from the poets Lionel Abrahams, Tatamkhulu Afrika, Ken Barris, Jacques Coetzee, Michael Cope, Ingrid de Kok, Isobel Dixon, Tembeka Mbobo, Joan Metelerkamp, amongst others. An interview with Tatamkhulu Afrika and Ingrid de Kok is also included.

If you are interested more information is obtainable from orders@poetrysalzburg.com (ISBN: 3-901993-19-3).

The second book is compiled by Catharina Loader & Helmuth Niederle with the title: "**Literature and migration: South Africa**". (ED.: *Yes, you read right! This is Rina Loader from the FoSA Board!*) The book is based on the symposium on South African literature and migration, held in Europe during November/December 2002 with the intention to introduce South Africa to Europeans through the medium of literature. The primary goal was to bring a broad spectrum of South African literature to the podium through the mouths of experts and authors themselves. Significant is the fact that the speakers represented different languages, cultures, and countries. At issue was not only the migration of writers to and from South Africa, but also of migrating values and new insights brought about by cultural and historical interaction. Articles were written by authors like Achmat Dangor, Etienne van Heerden, Johnny Masilela, Marita van der Vyver, Alfred Schaffer, Walter Sauer, Luc Renders, Ena Jansen and Henk van Woerden. The different views are introduced by a perspective on some prominent themes in South African literature. The book can be ordered from Edition Praesens, edition@praesens.at (ISBN: 3-7069-0251-6).

Ordering forms will be available on the FoSA website soon (www.fosa.at)

Rina and the FoSA Board hope that you will enjoy reading these South African books which have taken shape on Austrian soil.



Fund Raising Event

FoSA plans to arrange a stall at a Flea-Market in the near future, in order to raise funds for future activities. Our Event Manager, Terry Buchman, has told us that she needs help, especially with logistics. Terry says: "We need information on how to secure a venue for a Flea Market i.e. which authorities to consult, what costs are involved, etc. We would appreciate venue suggestions (out- and in-doors)." If anyone can brainstorm with Terry, or has ideas and information which can help her out, please give her a call on tel. (+43-1) 216-4527.

Trip to Hamburg/Zürich

Wilma would like to organize a train trip to Hamburg or Zurich in early in 2005. This will be much like the train trip to Venice earlier this year. She would like to know how many people would be interested in going by train - (sleeper carriage) at a cost of Euro 78 return. We would take the train on a Friday evening, spend the day in the city and take the train back on Saturday evening. As these cheap tickets are limited, she would like to start planning as early as possible. Kindly send her an email indicating your interest. Wilma will also be happy to accept ideas as to other destinations, and/or other travel possibilities.

How to contact FoSA:

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Recipe

This is a recipe for Chicken-liver paté (Hoenderlewerpatee in Afrikaans), from Johan Coetzer, in Ermelo, South Africa.

Bestanddele:

250 g hoenderlewers
1 medium ui gekap
1 huisie knoffel
swart peper & knippie sout
1 teelepel gemengde kruie
2 eetlepels droe sjerrie of brandewyn
'n halwe suurlemoen se sap

Vorbereiding:

smelt driekwart eetlepel botter
braai ui en knoffel tot ligbruin
gooi lewer by en braai +- 10 min tot
ligpienk
voeg res vd bestanddele by
versap en gooi in 'n klein bakkie
bedek met gesmelte botter om te seel

Bediening:

bedien met 'n vars bruin broodjie of
roosterbrood, afgerond met 'n glasië goeie
rooiwijn.

(Ed.: This certainly sounds good to me!!! If you'd like an English version of this recipe, just let our Focal Point know. We'll send it to you by email and/or post it on our website. In my view though, half the fun is not in the eating, or cooking, but in reading the Afrikaans!)

Photos from home

Since we're heading for that time of the year again i.e. winter, here are two shots of an Austrian winter landscape and a South African winter landscape. Brrrrr..



Baden in wintertime - just to remind you of what is coming! Cold, but beautiful.



South Africa in wintertime (July to be precise). A view from a house in Sanlameer. Cold, but beautiful.

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