

**THE 21<sup>ST</sup> LAGOS BOOK & ART FESTIVAL**

**November 4 – 10, 2019**

**Programme**

**(Dedicated to Memory of David Herbert Dale 1947-2019)**

**Theme: EMERGE: Breaking into the NEW**

**Venues: Freedom Park, Broad Street, Lagos & Others**

**DAY 1: MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**9am: Opening of CORA YOUNG CREATIVE CLUB @Festival Arena**

*Event: Workshop and performances by students from 30 schools in Lagos*

*Synopsis: The Committee for Relevant Art, CORA accomplishes its "Extension Services" through School Outreach programmes featuring workshops/Mentoring/Training of students in various disciplines of the arts. Usually started a month before the festival (in October), over 400 students are expected to benefit from the exercise.*

*(Coordinated by Lynda Amadi of Events by Nature Consult Ltd)*

**2pm: SEMINAR @Kongi's Gallery**

*Event: PRAXIS HANGOUT*

*Theme: Literature in Indigenous Languages and Translation*

*Synopsis: Scholars and experts in language and translations examine the prospects and challenges of translating indigenous literature to English and vice versa. The panelists will include Prof. Ibrahim Malumfashi, Richard Ali, and Professor Ismail Bala, Managing Editor of *Gatanan Gatanan Ku* -- the Praxis platform dedicated to the promotion of literature in Hausa language.*

*Praxis Hangout is a live gathering of creative people and art enthusiasts interested in applying arts and literature toward solving social problems. Since October 2018, the focus has been on increasing mental health awareness. Praxis has held events in Durban, South Africa and five major cities in Nigeria, where experts and mental health survivors discuss the subject matter.*

*(Curated & anchored by Tee Jay Dan of Praxis Magazine Online)*

*[www.praxismagonline.com](http://www.praxismagonline.com); [www.boxofficestudios.com](http://www.boxofficestudios.com)*

**4pm: TRIBUTE EXHIBITION @Kongi's Gallery**

*Theme: 85 Verses To Wole Soyinka@85*

*Also featuring: Tallest Drum in Africa;*

*Biggest Agbada in Africa,*

*Biggest Map in Africa &*

*Biggest Book in Africa*

*(Curated by Femi Coker of Femi Coker Art Warehouse)*

**4.30pm: ART PROJECT@ Kongi's Harvest Art Gallery**

*Theme: Wole Soyinka: Timeless Memories: Elastic Effects*

*(In celebration of Wole Soyinka@85)*

*The exhibition project seeks to understand and showcase from the perspective of the icon, 25 most important defining moments that led the young boy, who grew up in Abeokuta, to become the enigma we all revere today. These have to be the Wole Soyinka moments that have defined him in every way and allowed us to see him for who he is today. The exhibition features Art pieces, Video Installation and Virtual Reality.*

*(Curated by Damola Adebawale of ASIRI Magazine) [www.asirimagazine.com](http://www.asirimagazine.com)*

**5pm: BOOK TREK @Amphitheatre**

*featuring. Readings and conversations around the *Newest Books on the Nigerian Shelf*.*

*The CORA BookTrek simply means taking the book to its lovers or the consuming public. It is designed to address the presumptive intractable disinterest in books by larger section of the public, itself a result of the prevalent poor educational infrastructure in the country. The BookTrek has two main strands: the *School Outreach* in which the Book is taken to secondary schools and university campuses and a communal Literary party is set up, which enables the students experience the joy of reading in an atmosphere of entertainment. The second strand is designed for the general adult/working class populace, consisting of former book lovers or potential lovers of the written word, who may have fallen out of love with the Book as a staple. The CORA in 2019 launched a Monthly series which has run 12 editions so far and is held at various bookshops and venues around the city. *BookTrek* at the LABAF, which is usually held in the open environment, such as the British Council garden of the open rooftop of the City Hall (Goethe Institut) in Lagos, is specifically designed to introduce the various books featuring in the festival as well as new books published in 2019 to the Lagos publics. The readers are usually notable celebrities, socialite-types and members of the city literati. The whole idea is to make the book sexy and sassy to the general public.*

**7pm: WRITERS-READERS CONVENTION @Foodcourt**

*Event: An evening of exchanges between writers and their audiences featuring performances and conversations etc.*

*Synopsis: Patterned after the African cultural setting of storytelling in evenings, the session involves interactions between writers and readers and will include performances by Guest artistes, such as the eminent Yoruba folklorist and actor, Jimi Solanke, Lillian Ezeugwu, Omoregie Osakpolor, and others.*

*(Anchored by Zainab Sanni. Directed by Tee Jay Dan. Produced by Praxis Magazine Online)*

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