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Get Racy

●LADYFEST EDINBURGH GETS RACY ON MAY 25TH 2008

Ladyfest Edinburgh is a four week festival celebrating women in the arts, culture and society. There's a lively and exciting mix of music, dance and theatre organised by local volunteers, with over 40 events throughout May - including drama, music, arts, workshops, seminars, debates, comedy and films.

The **Get Racy** team joins Ladyfest Edinburgh for an exciting event for all the family. **Get Racy** will explore the experiences of ethnic women in Scotland through a variety of routes, all highlighting race issues and celebrating the wealth of backgrounds which contribute to Scottish life.

Get Racy takes place on Sunday 25th May 2008 at the Pavilion Café in the Meadows from 5:00pm to 9:30 pm. Tickets are £5, with a delicious curry included in the price.

The Edinburgh Samba School will kick off the evening's programme and set the mood, with drumming and dancing.

Kokumo Rocks follows. A hugely popular performance poet, Kokumo has also developed Scotland's first community school Black History course and performed in Human Traffik, which illustrates how black Scots contributed to the abolition of the slave trade. As well as reading from her book '*Stolen From Africa*', Kokumo will facilitate a discussion on Race and Identity, looking especially at rage and racism,

Next up, a match made in heaven! Viara Ivanova will present beautiful music, while participants enjoy hot and sizzling curry cooked by a local chef, Joe Singh, from the prestigious restaurant Atrium. While some artists simply entertain, others, like Viara, take their talents deeper and leave the audience moved, shaken and stirred.

The participants' journey continues, Dance Ihayami presents a colourful, rhythmic and joyful journey of Indian classical dance. With beautiful hand gestures, strong footwork to complex rhythms, and expressive faces, the dancers convey ideas both of pure dance movement and of drama.

Sneh Jaswal hosts a discussion on 'Women as a commodity, from eternity to modernity'. She will be using the legends that prevail across the world to explore the role of women in societies, ancient and modern. These stories not only showcase the past and reflect the present, but also shape the future; playing a seminal role in our memories, discourse, and social transactions.

The evening comes to end as local African drummers dance and drum participants into the night.

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For more information about the Ladyfest concept and links to other Ladyfest sites, see:
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ladyfest>

There is a Facebook group for Ladyfest Edinburgh, you can join here:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=7816432651>

Any profits from Edinburgh Ladyfest will go to innovative campaigning charity, The Zero Tolerance Charitable Trust, which works to end violence against women. More information about the campaign is available here: www.zerotolerance.org.uk

Further information

For more information on Ladyfest Edinburgh and to obtain photographs and logos, please contact Ruby Kaur, on 07804952706, e. rubys@ladyfestedinburgh.com