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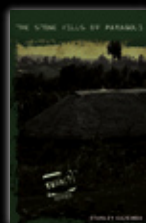
Kwani Trust welcomes you to the second edition of the monthly bulletin. September was filled with many exciting things including the 13th Nairobi International Book Fair, Open Mic Night and the Stockholm Poetry Festival. We cannot wait to see what October brings!

We look forward to receiving feedback from you through our interactive website, Facebook page, or email at info@kwani.org.

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LATEST ISSUE OF 10TAL FEATURES KENYAN WRITERS

The Editors of a Swedish Magazine based in Stockholm, 10TAL visited Kenya last year and present the first comprehensive introduction to contemporary Kenyan prose and poetry in Swedish on the magazine's 2010 autumn issue. The issue was released at the Goteborg Book Fair in September 2010, where Africa was the main theme. The issue carries 136 pages of fiction, interviews and pictorial articles by Kwani? Editors Billy Kahora and Binyavanga Wainaina and other writers published by the Trust including Parselelo Kantai, Boniface Mwangi, Yvonne Owuor and Ngwatilo Mawiyoo. A Kenyan poet, Shailja Patel, also featured at the Stockholm Poetry Festival as part of the programme.

More details here: <http://www.00tal.com/english/?p=777>



For more pictures visit:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/kwani2006/KwaniTrustThe13thNairobiInternationalBookFair#>

KWANI @ THE 13TH NAIROBI BOOK FAIR

Kwani Trust was one of the exhibitors at the 13th Nairobi international Book Fair at the Sarit Centre in Nairobi from 22nd – 26th September 2010. Activities at the Kwani? Tent included book signings by Stephen Partington (Author of 'How to Euthanise a Cactus') and display and sale of recent titles. A welcome surprise was an award of 'Best Corporate image' for the Trust issued by the Kenya Publishers Association, organizers of the event!



For More Pictures visit:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/kwani2006/KwaniTrustTheStoryMojaHayFestival#>

KWANI @ THE STORYMOJA HAY FESTIVAL, 1ST – 3RD OCT 2010

Kwani Trust camped at this year's edition of the Storymoja Hay Festival for three days, with highlights from this including invigorating discussions on poetry in Kenya led by Keguro Macharia, winners of the recent Kwani? Short Story competition being interviewed by David Kaiza, and authors of recent Kwani? Titles, Eva Kasaya and Stanley Gazemba in conversation with David Kaiza on all things literary.

SEPTEMBER OPEN MIC

Kwani Trust hosted its September Open Mic Night on Tuesday the 7th at Club Soundd. Guests listened to the words of featured poet Njeri Wangari and the music of featured musician Stan.

Visit: <http://picasaweb.google.com/kwani2006/KwaniOpenMicOct2010#>

FEATURED WRITERS



EVA KASAYA

In 1991, Eva Kasaya, a 13-year old girl dropped out of school in rural Western Kenya and came to Nairobi to work as a domestic servant. For several years she was consistently physically and sexually harassed by subsequent employers. When she turned 19, she managed to go back to school and thereafter trained as a dressmaker. She also started writing about her life during this period, having never given up on becoming a published writer. Tale of Kasaya traces her journey from girlhood to the present, her memoir reflects the plight of hundreds of domestic servants across Kenya.

FEATURED BOOK



HOW TO EUTHANISE A CACTUS

By Steve Partington

How to Euthanise a Cactus is Partington's second collection of poetry. The majority of his politically charged poems provide a witness' account of 2008's post-election violence while others look back at his childhood in Britain. This work provides a glimpse into the thoughts of someone who lived through a devastating moment in Kenya's history. This book is available now.

This title is distributed by Kwani Trust and can be ordered via phone on 020 444 1801, or via email on m.mburu@kwani.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

KWANI? OPEN MIC

Featuring poets from 'To be a Man' Poetry Anthology
2nd Nov 2010
Venue: Club Soundd
Entrance: 100/-

KWANI? LITFEST

December 2010
Venue and Details to be announced soon.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION MWANGALIO TOFAUTI

WHERE: Nairobi Gallery
(Next to Nyayo House, Kenyatta Avenue / Uhuru Highway)
Opening: Friday 10th Sep 2010
8.00 PM
Exhibition: 11th Sep – 12th Dec 2010,
Monday to Saturday
9.00 AM to 6.00 PM

OPPORTUNITIES

ADVERTISE IN KWANI? 06

Are you interested in advertising in the next Kwani? 06 Journal. We are offering full, half, quarter and eighth page advertisement space for corporate companies, Ngo's, schools, arts and cultural institutions e.t.c. For more detail or to receive the rate card, kindly send an email to n.onyango@kwani.org or m.mburu@kwani.org

ITCH E.07 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS EXTENDED

Artists working in any medium and writers expressing themselves in any form or genre are invited to submit work for the seventh issue of ITCH Online. The "theme" is: Smiley face. :) Happy days. What makes you crack a grin and send some bright-eyed love out into the world? There is so much joy in life, and so much sadness. How do you experience each? How do you find and cling to happiness? When does life let you down and when does it lift you up, up and away? Where is your euphoria, how do you get there? Submissions for this issue will be accepted until 14 October 2010. Contact mehita@itch.co.za if you have any suggestions or questions.

ACP PHOTO COMPETITION

Applications close 15th September 2010
Are you a young photographer under 30? The themes of the competition (as they relate to African, Caribbean and Pacific countries and development): trade, climate change, culture and science and technology
For more information visit:
www.acp-eucourier.info

ITALIAN WRITERS OF AFRICAN ORIGIN SERIES

As part of the Italian Language Week Worldwide 2010 the Insitiuto Italiano di Cultura is inviting Kaha Mohamed Aden, an Italian writer of Somali origin, to hold a seminar at the University of Nairobi on the 27th of October. This event is part of a series of meetings with Italian writers of African origin to present the cultural diversity that the Italian language can offer and to create an exchange of experiences with Kenyan writers.
For more information on the event visit <http://www.iicnairobi.esteri.it>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kwani Trust is looking for volunteers to assist Kwani trust staff during events. Interested persons should email a one page motivation letter and one page resume to n.onyango@kwani.org. Deadline 25th Oct



JOSEPH MUTHEE

Written in Swahili, 'Kizuizini' is a story of endurance and the struggle for freedom written by Joseph Muthee who survived 7 detention camps during the Mau Mau struggle. Muthee is the only living survivor who went through all of Kenya's colonial detention camps. This is his story. In 2007 Kizuizini was awarded the Jomo Kenyatta Prize for Literature, Literature For Adult's Kiswahili Category, 2nd Prize.