

PRESS RELEASE

Festival sur le Niger

6th edition
February 2 - 7
2010
Ségou -
Mali

When evasion coincides with the Eco Festival, solidarity & social Economy

Guest country : les Pays-Bas

Guest city : Richmond (VA)

THEME: « Culture and Development »

With its glorious past and open to the world, Segou, land of culture, will become during six days the scene of a multidisciplinary festival where arts and cultures meet. Once again the Festival sur le Niger opens the doors to Ségou to offer you a unique performance on the Niger River and its banks from February 2nd through 7th, 2010.

A scientific FORUM: "Culture and Governance"

Sub-theme 1: "Is the Malian culture a source of inspiration for an adapted Governance and progress for Mali?"

Sub-theme 2: What type of political, economic and social governance for Africa?" Challenges, Risks, and Perspectives. These are the main questions of the forum which will take place February 4th, 2010 in the meeting room of the City Hall.

TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCES: "Ségou welcomes Kayes"

Traditional groups unveil the great cultural richness of our ancestral rites, unique occasions to discover these shows that tend to be forgotten and to which the festival gives a new expression.

Music, dances and puppets, traditional hunters' show, pirogue races...

This year the Region of Kayes is the guest region.

ART EXHIBITS : "Water"

An international gathering of artists from Mali and elsewhere in the "Korè" Gallery at the Quai of Arts, on the theme of "Water", and a photography exhibits at the "Animy Sculpture" Center on « Rivers in the view »

INTERNATIONAL FAIR OF SEGOU where imagination and creativity meet and the creativity of craftsmen and farmers of the region et the sub-region.

THEMATIC EVENINGS

- **Mandingo evening** with Habib Koité, Kassé Mady Diabaté, Bako Dagnon, Sékouba Bambino, Nahawa Doumbia
- **Evening with Cheick Tidiane Seck** with Cheick T Seck & company
- **Ragga, Reggae, Rap evening** with Amkoullel, King Massassi, Dady Dasty, Koko Dembélé

CONCERT ON THE RIVER

Salif Keita

Baba Maal (Senegal)

Atongo Zimba (Ghana)

Sékouba Bambino (Guinea)

Habi Koité

Tinariwen

Baba Salah

Assan Kida

Nahawa Doumbia

Kassé Mady Diabaté

Super Biton de Ségou

Mamou Sidibé

This year the opening ceremony will take place at the Municipal Stadium on February 3rd, with the reconstitution of the various periods of the Malian music through a unique concept in order to celebrate 50th anniversary of Mali's independence.

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