

MAT extravaganza!

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THE Moresby Arts Theatre, or better known as MAT, came to life last Thursday evening with the launch of the month-long *Extravaganza* at Waigani. The launch also starts PNG's 35th Independence Anniversary celebrations.

The pure sounds of Siassi Island could be heard along the back road leading to the Parliament and golf course through sharp tone singing from the voices of the women and the rhythm beats of the kundu from the Siassi Traditional Dance group that performed throughout the evening.

Out of the smoke from the fire in the corner of the courtyard came the elegant Asaro Mudmen of Eastern Highlands led by Henry Laki, who was also responsible for building a replica of a traditional hut from the Asaro tribe.

Many of the guests at the launch were privileged to see the mudmen for the first time as most had only heard stories about them.

"I always wanted to meet an Asaro mudman and finally got a chance to see one at the Goroka Show, but this time around, there's so many of them walking around us here tonight," said chairman for the Moresby Arts Theatre Glen Fisher during his address at the launch.

Mr Fisher also mentioned that unfortunately, the patron for MAT, NCD Governor Powes Parkop was not able to attend the launch due to his busy schedule and duly opened the Moresby Arts Theatre Extravaganza on his behalf.

The Mosong Band which is formed by current and former students of the UPNG Arts faculty now known as the MIAC - Melanesian Institute of Arts and Communication, also performed contemporary music on the night with compositions mostly of Madang origin accompanied by the beautiful sounds of the saxophone played by former student of MIAC, Leroy Murray.

Contemporary dancer Malcolm Gabut was also on hand with a few performances that got the guests laughing for part of the evening.

Although the MAT committee stressed that sponsorship and fundraising activities were the only reason why it has survived for 96



A guest being entertained by an Asaro mudman.

years in Port Moresby, it is the sacrifice of personal time by its voluntary members that has brought MAT this far from its humble beginnings, which is unlike any other organization in the country.

The program is said to take you on a remarkable journey that they claim is the "Biggest Arts Show in Port Moresby's history."

There will be poetry reading, PNG films show, art exhibition, bilum and pottery exhibition, photographic exhibition, drama performance, contemporary dance, traditional dance

and contemporary music which will keep you entertained this month. The show began on September 2 and will end on September 25.

The morning sessions beginning at 10am through to 4pm will be open for schools to participate and also for the general public to come along and appreciate some of the art form not known by many Papua New Guineans which is well known overseas.

Although the morning sessions have no cover charge, there will be a K10 cover charge for the evenings.

(minim- 'das b'long Rabaul') isenisim nem b'long Rabaul tu ikamap Radaaz.

Moa yet longen foapela singsing long dispela album sidaun strong tru insait long chart b'long yumi we imekim ol kamap group of the year long YUMIFM PNG Music Awards 2009. Dispela rilis em bin wanpela special projek b'long grup Radaaz, Anslom aninit long Quakes Productions na Spaida Trakz ibin distributim.

Narapela grup we nambawan taim ol rilisim album b'long ol na pairap bikpela moa yet long seim yia ibin BJ Nagura. Husait ol ben membasa b'long Kerema, Buka na Mailu we oli rekodim album aninit long Latitude Zero Production.

Singsing we ibin pairap strong na ptuim mak b'long grup na apim aem b'long ol bin singsing tokples Kerema - Mori e.

Singsing Mori e sidaun long chart tenpela wik na winim ol narapela singsing ong kamap Song of the year insait long muzik

wansolwara b'long yumi long Solomon aelan igivim bikpela salense long artis blong yumi na mi pilim olsem em gutplea salense tru. Artis olsem Sharzy, Kekene, Onetox, Loose Fruits, Saba, Funky na Rushee tu iwok long kamap wantaim niupela teist b'long muzik wanwan rilis we mi pilim olsem dispela salense em gutpela long apim mak b'long muzik insait long kantri.

Tasol, sapos yumi skelim gut strong b'long muzik insait long kantri, Tolai muzik igo pas long olgeta, bihainim ol em Bougainville, Madang, Morobe, Centrol, Gulf, Sepik na Hailens.

Artis olsem ol Kania bratas, Leonard na Uralom, Painim Wok, Quakes, Barike na sampela niupela artis olsem DJ AAR, Texas Allen, olgeta yia iwok long kamap wantaim stailpela muzik we iwok long winim lewa b'long yumi olgeta.

Ol Bougainville muzik tu isenis bihain long hevi b'long trabol long aelan. Momase rijen tu igat

Unit na Cool C' na niupela artis iwok long kapsait bihain oli rekodim album aninit long niupela studio nau ikamap strong.

Wanwan yia yumi skelim niupela singsing na lukluk b'long yumi long 'song of the year' igo bek long yia 1999 (taim mi stat wok wantai YUMIFM) Quakes - Lulu, 2000 - Quake- Iau PJ, 2001 - Pondopondo, Felix Yausi, 2002 - Rait Lewa - Junior Kopex, 2003 - Aiwara - Shydeez, 2004 - Nellian - Uralom ft Moses Tau, 2005 - Maten kandiek - Twin Hoxs, 2006 - Milomilo - Kekene, 2007 - Swit Love - Patti Doi, 2008 - Take me to Paradise - Skwatas, 2009 - Mori e - BJ Nagura.

Dispela yia strongpela resis istap namel long singsing b'long Briixie - Stella na Olema b'long Reggie.

Olsem mi tokaut pinis longen, niupela stail b'long muzik iwok long kamap wanwan yia na long stat b'long 2009. Iwakim planti artis ilaik kamap wantaim stail we igat lukluk b'long a muzik

b'long planti man meri na sampela isave kisim bikpela taim tru.

Nau, wanwan stail na taist b'long wanwan Province iwok long kamap strong tru wantaim kainkain staik b'long ol yet olsem K Mala, kamap wantaim Ambai Julian na 5th Element pairap gut tru long stat b'long disp'la yia na wantok b'long ol Cool C, mangi Dom - b'long Simbu, ikamap ples kilia wantaim namabawan album em katim aninit long Tribal Yard Recording: E'Dom Gal Mere. Ex memba b'long Hobby Mate, Reggie b'long Aroma ibringim stail b'long muzik b'long Aroma igo narapela levol, taim em katim niupela album b'longem 'OLEMA' aninit long Kantri Sound Studio. Singsing Olema nau iwok long lukluk igo pas long pinis b'long dispela yia long winim song of the year awod insait long YUMIFM muzik awards 2009.

Tasol yia moa pinis yet na sampela stailpela singsing iwok long kamap wantaim stail we igat lukluk b'long a muzik