Festival to highlight progressive culture

The Community Arts Project (CAP) is marking the end of this decade with a festival that raises the question of the way forward for the progressive culture in South Africa.

The theme of the festival is Building a National Culture, and it aims to provide a forum for the work of CAP students and staff. It will also provide an opportunity for the exchange of skills and ideas with other community cultural organisations.

The festival runs from December 1 to 10, and kicks off with an exhibition titled Let It Be Done Before Dawn, which will feature a collection of works done at CAP over the past three years.

Central to the festival is an exciting programme of seminars which will focus on various facets of a national culture.

The seminar programme opens on December 4, with a look at the building of a national culture, how this will affect the development of the arts and the contribution the arts can make.

Other seminars will feature the visual arts, music, and theatre, on various days.

The seminar programme will end on Friday, December 8, with a look at what participants are for the future.

A two-hour theatre programme consisting of the best pieces performed by the students during the year will be hosted by various organisations at community venues on December 4, 5, and 6.

POETRY

The programme of dance, drama, music, and poetry, will be presented at CAP from Thursday, December 7, to December 9.

On Sunday, December 3, cultural groups will present pieces around the theme Beyond the Boundaries, at 7.30 pm.

The evening is intended to be one of experimentation, with various artists being encouraged to go beyond their present aesthetic experience.

A children's festival will be held on Saturday, December 9, at St Gabriel's in Guguletu, and will include an exhibition by children who attend CAP's art classes.

There will also be a concert programme featuring children's bands, gumboot dancing, choirs, a puppet show.

The festival will culminate with a huge open-air music event which will be held in CAP's quad on Sunday, December 10, from 5 pm.

Further information about the festival can be obtained from 45 3689.