



18 September 2019

FREE STATE PROVINCIAL HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation will commemorate Heritage Day through a series of activities that are aimed at fostering social cohesion in our communities as well as recognizing and celebrating the cultural wealth of our nation. In general, South Africans commemorate this day by remembering the cultural heritage of the many cultures and traditions that make up the diverse population of our country.

Heritage Day was first celebrated on 24 September 1994 and for the past eight years the Free State Provincial Government has celebrated this day in Ficksburg with cultural music and dance performances as well as exhibitions by crafters and artists from all diverse groups of South Africa but continues to align the celebrations with the national theme. Anticipated to attend the celebrations are communities from across the Free State Province, particularly Thabo Mofutsanyana District, the leadership of the province led by Premier Sefora Ntombela, House of Traditional Leaders and other dignitaries from government.

On the 24th of September 2019 South Africans will be celebrating the 25th edition of Heritage Day under the theme: ***“Celebrating South Africa’s Literary Classics in the Year of Indigenous Languages”***. Through Heritage Day celebrations, the Department aims to promote heritage landscape transformation of the Free State Province, reaffirm the significance of our heritage as part of our national identity, and promote unity and diversity among all of the South African society.

The Provincial Heritage Day Celebrations will take place as follows:

DATE: 28 SEPTEMBER 2019

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VENUE: MEQHELENG STADIUM, FICKSBURG

TIME: 09:00 AM

This event will also include a line-up of artists such as Teboho Moloi, Serame Sediti, Matsela, Bhekuse Jobe, Liatra, Andy T and many more.

“Heritage Day will be celebrated through the promotion of traditional attire, diverse cultural expressions and indigenous languages as well as discussions around what constitutes our heritage. The Department encourages our people to cherish their rich and diverse cultural heritage as articulated in the Freedom Charter that, the doors of learning and culture shall be opened and that all the cultural treasures of mankind shall be open to all, by free exchange of books, ideas and contact with other lands” said MEC Limakatso Mahasa.

Your media house is invited to cover this event.

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