

Mandeville Art Fair – another sure-fire treat

The 22nd staging of the Annual Mandeville Art Fair will take place from November 14-16, 2013 at the St. John Bosco Boys' Home in Spur Tree, Manchester.

The Fair is set to be another premier, art-consciousness raising event, which has earned rave reviews as an intimate and interactive forum for achieving the twin objectives of showcasing the best of Jamaican art, while at the same time, raising funds for needy charities. Patrons will be treated to a total Art experience, ushered in by the Opening Night, which is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, commencing 6:00 p.m. at the St John Bosco Auditorium, Spur Tree. The cover charge for the Opening Night, which will commence with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, is \$1,500. The 22nd renewal of the Fair promises to be a stellar event, where approximately 80 Jamaican artists will be featured. Art productions on display will include those of the late Albert Huie, Carl Abrahams, Christopher Gonzales, Viv Logan and David Pottinger, Susan Alexander, George Rodney, Fitzroy Symister, Patrick Waldermar, Milton Messam, Lennox Coke, Webster Campbell, Richard Hall, Barrington Watson and a number of 'up and coming' artists. Members of the public, including students from local schools, are invited to view the artwork. Professional artists will be on hand to talk to students and the art-interested about method and style. Through this programme, the Mandeville Art Fair has helped to inspire many young Jamaicans to choose and excel in a career in the arts. NEW KID'S KORNER & Kiddie Art Segment

The 2013 staging is also the first year that will involve a 'KID'S KORNER' segment, featuring art from children aged 6 – 18. Representatives from the National Gallery of Jamaica will choose three prize winners in two categories: ages 6 – 12 and 13 – 18. The event will culminate, on Saturday, with a Fun Day, during which the show ground is expected to erupt into a festive, family-engaging atmosphere. The Fun Day will feature art workshops, pottery-making activities for children, as well as bounce-a-bouts and other rides, to create an environment of non-stop fun. Popcorn, cakes, soups, sandwiches and drinks will also be available for sale. The organisers of the Mandeville Art Fair are expectant that the event will be another well-attended and successful one. They acknowledge the kind financial support and in-kind donations of the event's supporters, including Opening Night sponsors, J. Wray and Nephew, Lascelles Wines and Spirits and Chas E. Ramson. Organizations to benefit from the Mandeville Art Fair include the Mary Help Christian Home for the Indigent Elderly, St John Bosco Boys' Home, Mustard Seed: Gift of Hope, St Vincent Stramby - Catholic College Scholarship Fund, Mount Calvary Retreat Centre and the St Vincent DePaul Society.