



# BROWN'S MART COMMUNITY ARTS

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## **Brown's Mart Community Arts e-Newsletter, August 2007**

### THE SUNSHINE CLUB AT CANTINA ROJA

The Sunshine Club will be at Brown's Mart from 6:30 PM on Friday, 31 August 2007, to bring us "back into the 50s and Darwin's unique musical history and legacy," according to Sunshine Club organiser, Ali Mills. Shellie Morris, the Mills family, and other well-known Darwin musicians will be performing; Samantha Chalmers will comper the evening.

Ali now works at Brown's Mart as Project Officer for Indigenous Performing Arts Development (IPAD) and this event is one of her and IPAD's first offerings. Ali will also continue with her popular and groundbreaking Play 'em Back Theatre as part of IPAD.

The Sunshine Club is also the inaugural performance of Cantina Roja, Brown's Mart's new cafe in the Courtyard. Cantina Roja (or Red Canteen) is a new Brown's Mart initiative. Initially, it will be open Thursday and Friday afternoons, from 4:00 PM, into the evenings depending on attendance. The menu will be basic tapas.

Our licence requires that we must provide some form of entertainment this can include something like poetry, dance and so forth. As we have a limited budget, performers will generally be single acts and those willing to perform for a nominal fee. The initial intention is capture the afternoon the after-work trade and then, if all is looking good, in the new year slowly develop into a regular cantina aimed at the tourist sector as well as the local trade.

For more information:

The Sunshine Club and IPAD, contact Ali Mills, 08 8981 5522, [ipad@brownsmart.com.au](mailto:ipad@brownsmart.com.au).

Cantina Roja, contact Anna Stewart, 08 8981 5522, [venue@brownsmart.com.au](mailto:venue@brownsmart.com.au).

### YOUTH BLAST BLUE LIGHT DISCO AT CHAMBERS CRESCENT THEATRE

Brown's Mart is a partner in a project entitled "Youth Blast" led by Melaleuca Refugee Centre. The project was recently funded by the Department of the Chief Minister's Northern Suburbs Youth Activities Grant Funding program and is meant to provide a coordinated approach to delivering services and positive activities for youth in the Northern Suburbs of Darwin.

As part of Youth Blast, Blue Light Dance Parties will be held at The SHAK and at Chambers Crescent Theatre, Malak Shopping Centre, Malak (now managed by Brown's Mart Community Arts). The first one was at The SHAK on 17th August. The second Youth Blast Blue Light Dance Party will be at Chambers Crescent Theatre, on Saturday, 1st September 2007, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM.

For more information on the Blue Light Dance Party and Youth Blast, visit <http://www.youthblast.org.au>.

### FIST FULL OF FILMS WINNERS AND REGIONAL SCREENINGS

Congratulations to the Winners of the 2007 Fist Full of Films Awards. Darwin film maker Huni Bolliger was awarded the Best Film and received the overall Pick of the Crop prize sponsored by NT Tourism. "Can I Have a Banana Please, Chris", a film made by the Gochan Jinny-Jirra community and Formation Studios has received Best Actor and the People Choice Award. Andrew Gillies was awarded Best Screenplay, Cath MacKay was awarded Best Direction and she won the PhoneFlix Award, Todd Whitaker was awarded Best cinematography and Phil Macdonald and Nicholas Hansen Best Soundtrack. The winner of the Long Shots was Darwin Filmmaker Annaliese Richardson.

### Regional Screenings

Katherine: Flying Fox Festival Event - Friday 31st August 7:00pm [Rated PG]. Venue: Katherine Training Centre Outdoor Stage, 19 Second Street, Katherine | Tickets: \$8/\$5 concession / Under 10yrs free | Bring a blanket or your camp chair. Strictly no BYO. Featuring: Homegrown, Long Shorts and New Shoots Award winners, plus Katherine region entries!

Tennant Creek: Desert Harmony Festival Event - Friday 31st August 7:30pm [Rated PG]. Venue: Civic Hall | Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Alice Springs: Alice Desert Festival's Flicks in the River Event - dates TBC

Nhulunbuy: Friday 14th September 8.00pm | Venue: Nhulunbuy Town Hall | Cost: FREE!

For more information, contact Sean Kavanagh, 08 8981 5522, [fistfulloffilms@brownsmart.com.au](mailto:fistfulloffilms@brownsmart.com.au)

## CULTURFEST

Brown's Mart Community Arts is working with Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory (MCNT) to organise MCNT's Culturfest, a multicultural festival to be held September 22-23, from 3:00 PM on to the evening, at Malak Shopping Centre. Culturfest will feature art, craft, performance, food, information stalls, and other offerings. Brown's Mart is contributing activities such as hair braiding, henna painting, and a fashion parade organised by African community groups based in Darwin, coordinated by Josephine Mesiku, on Saturday, 22 September.

For more information, contact Andrish Saint-Clare, 08 8981 5522, [darwinfringe@brownsmart.com.au](mailto:darwinfringe@brownsmart.com.au).

## MALAK UPDATE

Brown's Mart Community Arts now operates two spaces at Malak Shopping Centre: the spaces were known as Malak ArtSpace (Shop 3) and Chambers Crescent Theatre (Shop 1), and have been made available for community arts activities in the Malak area (and beyond) by Henry Yap, the owner of Malak Shopping Centre, in collaboration with Brown's Mart.

Malak ArtSpace (Shop 3) was used for drumming and dancing classes, meetings, and other functions earlier this year. It will be set up as a Telecentro with several computers to provide Internet access and digital media production facilities for community use. The Telecentro is planned to be operational by September 2007.

Chambers Crescent Theatre (Shop 1) is a 300 square metre space that was an aerobics studio originally and was converted into a performance space in 2005; it is still set up with staging and can be used for performances, workshops, classes, and functions. It is available for bookings now.

The spaces will be the hub for several community arts projects planned by Brown's Mart for later in 2007 and for 2008. These projects include workshops on theatre, music, dance, video, and digital cultural production. The spaces are also available for projects of other community groups; possible activities include: an arthouse cinema specialising in multicultural movies, regular multicultural jamming sessions and performances, and youth discos.

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## NEW STAFF

Welcome to new Brown's Mart workers:

Ali Mills, Project Officer, Indigenous Performing Arts Development.

Mark Hilton, Administration Officer.

Josie Mesiku, Project Organiser.

Vicky Torrefiel, Bookkeeper.

Lucy Brown, Administration Officer.

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