

## MEDIA RELEASE

**“AFRICAN FOOTPRINT”**  
celebrates at **Emperors Palace**  
during FIFA 2010 World Cup

Great news for those who missed “African Footprint” or wish to see it again! “African Footprint”, which has left its footprint in the dusty plains of the USA, the walls of China, the throbbing streets of India, the snow of Canada and the vibrant walkways of Europe, returns to South Africa to celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on home soil with a four-week season at Theatre of Marcellus, Emperors Palace, from the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

This dazzling musical fuses the hypnotic heartbeat of the African drum, the cheerful pennywhistle and the inspiring words of Don Mattera with Kwela-jive, traditional gumboot, tap, contemporary ballet and hip-hop pantsula into an “explosive stampede of song and dance”.

Since it’s inaugural performance before Nelson Mandela and other international dignitaries on Robben Island on Millennium Eve, 31 December 1999, African Footprint, now South Africa’s longest-running show, has continued to spread its uplifting message of optimism in countries such as the USA, Australia, India, China, Monte Carlo, Europe, Israel, Mexico, Lebanon and most recently, France.

Ten years after the acclaimed World Premiere on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2000, the cast, with their passion and commitment, have continued to bring something uniquely African to audiences with their raw talent, energy and pride, spurring audiences to rise to their feet to nightly express their appreciation to a show that cannot be rivaled and should not be missed.

Producer/Creator Richard Loring says, “Having performed before Kings and Queens, Princes, Presidents and Heads of Government and savored global success, there is no place where the cast want rather be than in South Africa supporting Bafana Bafana at a time when the whole world will be watching our country during the FIFA 2010 WORLD CUP.

“Emperors Palace is thrilled to host the international sensation “African Footprint” at the Theatre of Marcellus from May, 2010 The collaboration between Richard Loring and Emperors Palace is a new and exciting venture, and one we hope to maintain long into the future. It is fitting that after 10 years of travelling the world, the show now moves to a new venue to suit the new show, and Emperors Palace is proud to host African Footprint in 2010.” Says Bob Yearham, Emperors Palace Chief Operating Officer.

Tickets can be booked through the Emperors Palace Box Office on 011 928 1297 or through Computicket on 083 915 8000 or [www.computicket.com](http://www.computicket.com) and are expected to sell fast. “Not to be missed”.

The show runs Wednesdays to Saturdays at 20h30 and Sundays at 15h00. Ticket prices range from R185 – R340. There are various dinner/show packages also available; contact the Emperors Palace Box Office on 011 928 1297 for further information.

### Some of the accolades received by African Footprint :

- 2000 Three Vita Awards: Best Ensemble-Best Musical
- Production-Best Lighting 2001
- 2001 “Freedom of the City” Plaque from Atlanta, USA
- 2005 Two Naledi Awards: Best Choreography-Best Lighting
- 2006 South African Tourism Award
- 2008 Paris Match Certificate of Excellence and Professionalism
- 2009 Presidential Inauguration

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