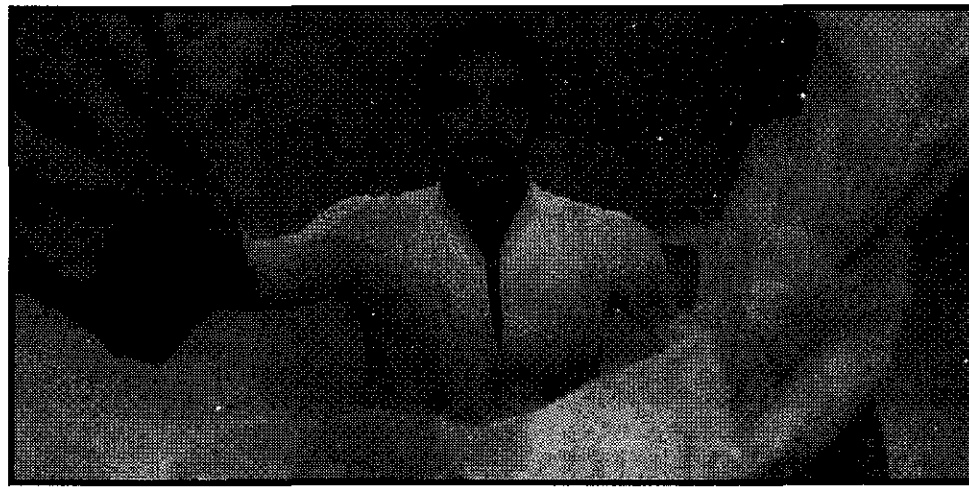


10th anniversary of fashion awards

Ten years ago when Adrian J. Mizzi came up with the idea to organise the first ever Malta Fashion Awards, the only fashion related events hosted were beauty contests. The quality of fashion in what was make-up, fashion and photography were completely different from what the rest of the world was directing to. Mr Mizzi however felt that this was a great opportunity in Malta as although we live in such a small country, this event would promote the Maltese talent of those working in the fashion industry.

Not giving up on the event today, 10 years have passed and on 31 May, the awards will celebrate their 10th anniversary, in an activity at the Malta Fairs and Convention Centre in Ta' Qali.

The performers for the night will include top local artists. A special feature for the event is the Instant Italian fashion designer Alfredo Nocera. His peculiar matching capability allows him to create in few seconds evening gowns just on models by using either precious or simple fabrics. Nocera merges both fashion and fun, drapings and trains, gowns and



fouseaux, coats and pants. Many of you have seen him on the Italian television stations.

There will also be a fashion show by 10 local fashion designers, and the launch of the new collection of Charles and Ron. Hair shows and fashion shows of top imported brands will continue to add the

vibe on stage.

Tickets can be obtained from any Vodafone, Agenda Bookshop and Bookends outlets for the price of €15 or visit www.fashionawards.com.mt

The Diet Coke Malta Fashion Awards are also supported by Pantene and Peugeot.

Intercultural dialogue in Malta: the way forward

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The expression intercultural dialogue is becoming a popular buzz word, extensively used nowadays in the media to foster understanding between people sharing different cultures and/or religions. This year has been earmarked by the Euromed countries as the year of dialogue between cultures.

Through the creation of a Euro-Mediterranean partnership, the European Union desires that the people of Europe and the Mediterranean region open their doors for the encounter between cultures. The European Union has

already shared such an idea when through a partnership with Mediterranean countries it created a foundation to foster dialogue among cultures. This Euromed Organisation, which took the name of the Anna Lindh Foundation (it was named after the assassinated Swedish minister of foreign affairs) is undertaking a number of initiatives in this direction, after having created what is known as a network of networks of NGO associations.

Malta is actively present in the operations of the foundation, both through the Foreign Ministry as well as through the head of network which is headed by the Mediterranean Institute at the University of

Malta.

To honour the need expressed by the European Union for culture exchange and the cultural richness which can be offered by diversity, the Anna Lindh Foundation and its members joined together in a campaign titled "1001 actions for Dialogue". The aim of this campaign is to help NGOs organise activities aimed at fostering mutual comprehension, curiosity and knowledge among groups of different social and cultural background.

The Anna Lindh Foundation gave a "micro grant" to a number of associations in Malta, to organise cultural activities and events, aimed at fostering mutual understanding among cultures. Thursday, 22 May has been earmarked as the day during which a number of activities will be taking place all over Europe and the Mediterranean area to celebrate dialogue between cultures. As a result, Malta will be joining the other 37 members of the Anna Lindh Foundation by the organisation of a number of activities focused on music and theatrical activity as a way of promoting dialogue.

Five of the 16 members that make up the Malta Network will be organising a number of activities aimed at fostering the concept of dialogue among cultures. These include the Vittoriosa local council, St

James Cavalier, the Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency, the Senglea local council and the *Fondazzjoni Temi Zammit*. The central theme of all these activities is the migratory experience and society, the valorisation of local artists and the vision of a common Mediterranean heritage.

The Mediterranean Institute, as the head of the Malta network, will be organising its own activities in the form of two musical concerts and seminar that will take place on 21 and 22 May. Taking advantage of its academic structure, the Mediterranean Institute will be organising a seminar tackling the intercultural dialogue and migration. The seminar will take place on campus between 2 and 4pm and will be diffused on the internet to all partner members.

Music will bring emotions of shared cultural heritage on the following day. The first concert will be at noon, at St James Cavalier, where mezzo soprano Claire Massa will sing operatic arias accompanied at the piano by Caroline Muscat. The concert starts at noon. Then, at the Sacristia Vaults, at the Waterfront, an evening concert is being organised featuring local and European music, by past and contemporary composers. The concert starts at 7.30pm. Entrance to all these activities is free of charge.

It is hereby notified that by a decree of the Court of Magistrates (Malta) of the 21st April 2008, the publication of the following extract was ordered for the purpose of service in terms of Article 187(2) of the Code of Organisation and Civil Procedure (Cap. 12).

Bank of Valletta p.l.c (C2833) of 1/5, Palace Square, Valletta, filed a Claim on the 29th February 2008, whereby they asked the Court to condemn Giovanni Bonetta (ID 48796M) of 5, Conversion Street, St Paul's Bay, to pay the plaintiff company the sum of €10,408.41 (Lm4,468.33) which amount is due to the plaintiff company.

With costs and interests.

The case (Notice Number 104/08SM) is put off to the 22nd October 2008 at 9.00 a.m. Registry of the Courts of Magistrates (Malta) today 28th April 2008.

ALEXANDRA DEBATTISTA

For the Registrar, Civil Courts and Tribunals

It is hereby notified, that by means of a decree of the 8th August 2006, the First Hall Civil Court ordered the publication of the banner which appears hereunder for the purpose of Article 931(3) of the Code of Organisation and Civil Procedure (Chapter 12).

Bann for Curators

Republic of Malta

To the Marshall of the Court

Whereas by a decree given by this Court on the 8th August 2006, following a request by Bank of Valletta p.l.c. it was ordered that Deputy Curators be chosen to represent the absent company Muson Company Ltd., in the records of the application in the names Bank of Valletta p.l.c. vs Deputy Curators and in the relative and subsequent acts.

By means of a judicial letter, filed in the First Hall Civil Court, against Deputy Curators appointed to represent the company Muson Company Limited (C 24471) on the 28th July 2006, the company Bank of Valletta p.l.c. called upon the respondent to pay the sum €38,782.86 (Lm16,640.48) balance of debt in its 'Loan Accounts' with the Bank of Valletta p.l.c. together with further interests from the 26th June 2006, till the date of effective payment. The interpellant company warns you that if you fail they shall be constrained to proceed against according to law.

Notify: Deputy Curators et noc, Chamber of Advocates, Superior Courts, Valletta.

You are therefore ordered to affix an official copy of this bann in this Superior Court and to summon whosoever wishes to act as curator to appear before this Registry within six days and by means of a minute to submit a declaration that he wishes so to act.

You are also ordered to inform each one that if he fails to make this declaration within the stipulated time, the Court will proceed to the selection of curators of office. And after so acting or if you should encounter any difficulty in the execution of the said bann, you are to inform forthwith this Court.

Given by the Civil Court First Hall above mentioned with the witness of the Hon. Mr. Justice Joseph R. Micallef LL.D., Today 8th August, 2006.

Registry of the Superior Courts, today 9th May, 2008.

ADV.DR. FRANK PORTELLI LL.D.

For the Registrar, Civil Courts and Tribunals

Supporter held after punching policeman

A policeman suffered slight injuries after being punched on the head from behind while he was taking down the particulars of another person who was misbehaving during a football match being played at the Centenary Stadium at Ta' Qali.

A police statement said that the officer stopped a person who was verbally offending the refer-

ee during the Division II promotion decider between Gozo FC and Zebbug. The man refused to give his particulars to the policeman and, at this stage, another person punched the officer from behind. The policeman was taken to hospital to be treated for minor injuries.

A number of people are being held by the police for questioning.

Manifesto for children: Poverty and social exclusion

The Office of the Commissioner for Children undertook a major project in 2007 and carried out extensive research to identify the present needs of children in Malta, in view of the 2008 general election.

The manifesto project involved consultation with a wide range of professionals aiming to improve children's rights in crucial areas including family, justice, education, health, work, sport and culture and the environment.

Empowering children to express their views and opinions was a recurring principle emerging in all areas.

Owing to the wealth of information collected in the project, it was felt vital to follow up the manifesto with a series of public discussions.

The first session, on poverty and social exclusion, will be held on 21 May, from 5.30 to 7.30pm at the Office of the Commissioner for Children, 469, St Joseph High Road, Sta Venera.

Following a 15-minute presentation by chairperson Charlene Mizzi, the floor will be open for a general discussion.

Central to the debate will be questions that ask how many children in Malta experience poverty in Malta today? How does social exclusion affect children?

Does the labelling of very challenging behaviour, asylum seekers' children and unaccompanied minors, disabled children, children suffering from a mental illness, drug users and victims of domestic violence stigmatise children?

Is there consensus on the need to provide adequate safeguards to all children experiencing social exclusion and to establish a national policy on looked after children? This is an opportunity for children, authorities, NGOs, and the public to voice their opinions with and on behalf of children. Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact the Office of the Children Commissioner on 2148-5180 or via email cfc@gov.mt