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Dhow Culture Dialogues

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Lighting the flame of ZIFF 2006

By ZIFF Board Vice-Chairperson Fatma Allo, CEO Martin Mhando, and Board Member Rose Sayore.
(Courtesy: Ali Nisar Sheraly)
Indian dancer at the opening of ZIFF
Call for Papers

‘Celebration: of Waters and Dreams’
ZIFF Conference, July 2-4, 2007

ZIFF will be celebrating its tenth anniversary with another grand cultural festival from 30th June to 8th July, 2007. As part of what has become a tradition, ZIFF will organise another conference to celebrate the occasion.

It is a moment of reflection on where we have come from, where we are at, and where we are going. A summing up of our experience will therefore be in order.

The overall theme of the ZIFF festival will be ‘Celebration: of Waters and Dreams.’ This should provide a broad enough canvas for contributors to reflect on celebrations and rituals centred on the Indian Ocean that unites the dhow countries, and the dreams and imagination of its peoples.

As in previous conferences, we are looking for papers that will excite debates and cross-fertilisation of ideas between scholars and artists, story-tellers, documentary and film makers, rather than highly scholastic or technical papers with innumerable footnotes.

Those interested in participating in the conference should send:
An abstract of their paper by 1st April, and
final paper by 15th June, 2007 at the latest.

An attempt will be made to raise funds to support a limited number of contributors from the Dhow Countries who need such assistance for travel and accommodation. Those intending to apply for such assistance should write an application and send an abstract and their CV by 1st January, 2007.

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