

BIG BLUES GOES GREEN!

Blues lovers are excited to attend the annual music pilgrimage to Kleinmond on 2 & 3 March 2012. Festival attendees can now offset their carbon emissions by supporting the festival's green partners:

Make a stand against Rhino poaching by donating a ribbon (minimum R5) to tie on the wire rhino replica, called Wetsi. **The Overstrand Friends of Metsi Rhino Project** is an awareness / educational and fundraising campaign in support of the Clive Walker Foundations' black rhino called Metsi, and is proudly partnered with StopRhinoPoaching.com in creating awareness at events.

Buy a **Pampiri Indaba newspaper bag**, thereby also supporting a local community project with the goal of: reducing paper waste by converting newspapers and magazines donated by the residents of Kleinmond into sturdy, attractive gift packaging and providing interesting, creative work and the dignity of an income for women who, through no lack of ability, have no formal skills.

PENGUIN PROMISES.COM – The African penguin is both endemic as well as endangered. The Animal Keepers Association of Africa (AKAA) initiated the Waddle in 2011 to highlight the need for people to shift their behavior in relationship to their environment and to make a difference no matter how small. In making a few small yet significant changes in the way we live our daily lives, we could turn the tide for this only African penguin species enough to see it be around for future generations to enjoy. Waddle 2012 takes place 16-21 April . *Many people making a small change makes a massive difference!*

RETHINKTHEBAG.ORG – This is an idea whose time has come – the banning of the plastic shopping bag in South Africa. Plastic bags are not the enemy, but the way in which we abuse them and irresponsibly dispose of them certainly is.. Countless creatures fall prey to the ubiquitous plastic bag every year, the number literally runs into millions worldwide. It is entirely possible to live without this convenience and the alternatives are truly simple to adopt. All it takes is a conscious effort to cancel this item from your life. You'll feel proud to be making such a positive contribution to nature!

TWO OCEANS AQUARIUM – feel the pull of the ocean!! With thousands of ocean going species on display, the aquarium draws you into the depths of the salty waters surrounding our unique country. Immerse yourself in an experience to last a lifetime as you discover creatures you never knew existed. Your journey through this beautiful attraction will have you in awe when you leave and planning your next visit soon!

Tying in with this: Spare some change for Percy, our African Penguin representing **SANCCOB** (the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds); Take our **sea rubbish stage art** installation, by Bamboesina, to heart and make a promise to yourself not to litter on our beaches. Drop your **plastic drinking glasses** in the bins provided for recycling. Thank you for paying the 'plastic tax' when supporting our bar.

The festival takes place in the **Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve** – known as the heart of the Cape Floral Kingdom and a component of the Fynbos World Heritage Site. Size for size, this 70 000 ha biosphere reserve is home to the most complex biodiversity on earth - here we have 1300 different plant species per 10 000 square km, the next richest is the South American rainforest with just 420! 77 species within the reserve occur nowhere else on this planet. The reserve also stretches 3.5 nautical miles into sea and includes towns, villages and farmlands. The reserve is managed on the Man and Biosphere Principles – man living in harmony with nature. While you're here, enjoy our many attractions – the **African Penguin**

Colony at Stony Point, the **Harold Porter National Botanical Garden**, go hiking in the award-winning **Kogelberg Nature Reserve** or spot the Wild Horses at **Rooisand Nature Reserve**. There is **so much more** to see and do – visit the Hangklip-Kleinmond Tourism Bureau at 14 Harbour Road, Kleinmond. Office hours Sat 3 March & Sun 4 March 09:00 – 16:00.

2011 marked the festival's first solo year as one of the country's premiere blues music fests. Organisers are determined to offer a bigger and better show, with an even stronger line-up of SA's most talented blues musicians on one stage over the weekend. Firm favourites such as Boulevard Blues Band, Dan Patlansky and the Blues Broers will perform again, alongside the fairer blues songbirds such as Natasha Meister, Charlie King and Monique de Jager. There are some surprises on the line-up such as Vusi Mahlasela who will highlight the roots of blues and will certainly inspire.

The festival once again plays host to bands from up north such as The Black Cat Bones and now also Southern Gypsy Queen. Rock legend Piet Botha and the Lyzyrd Kyngs will return to the festival for a third time. Crowd pleaser, Gerald Clark will perform with Henry Steel Jnr and Peter Hoven as Tony and the Trailer Cats, who will have just returned from their American tour in Jan 2012, invited by *The International Blues Challenge* in Memphis to take part in the biggest blues event on the American calendar.

And as if that's not enough, the festival takes place in the spectacularly upgraded Kleinmond Harbour, with restaurants, bars and interesting shops in the adjacent Harbour Road. The setting is breathtaking and will truly shine with Kleinmond and the Overberg's finest – from deli delights to "moerkoffie" or a plate of "seekos" prepared in the traditional fisherman's way.

Partnering with Paul Bothner music, the festival is honoured to offer a Guitar Workshop and Vocal Workshop for aspiring blues musicians, hosted by two of the most popular artists. Stand a chance to win a Fender guitar, sponsored by Paul Bothner Music, or a R5000 Travel Voucher, courtesy of Flight Specials*. Tickets must be purchased through Computicket.

The festival will once again offer value for money packages and offers to include accommodation, entry to the area's major tourist attractions and a range of additional discounts. General festival facilities include a 1050 square metre marquee for shade, safe parking, a buddy-bus to get you safely home, a kiddies club, arts stalls and more. The full list of artists, with performance times, and festival ticket prices (Range R100 – R250 pp) are available from the website www.bigblues.co.za.

* *Terms & Conditions apply. See website for info.*