

SHANGWE NEWS ISSUE 6 – April 2007

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1. Welcome

Welcome to the 6th edition of Shangwe News – the quarterly newsletter that aims to keep you informed of past events and gives you a preview of future topical events, along with the opportunity to network, and/or contribute a poem or article. The purpose of *Shangwe News* is to promote new and diverse creative writing.

If you have any comments or information for the newsletter please contact Nicole Moore, on 07960 120468 or by email at nicole@shangwe.com

2. Shangwe Poetry Nights Held at the Poetry Café, Covent Garden.

Shangwe is the vibrant and energising monthly performance poetry space, hosted by Nicole Moore, which showcases and promotes fresh emerging artists' talent in a supportive atmosphere.

On **Thursday 22nd February 2007**, Shangwe Poetry Night featured Dimela Yekwai with open mic performances from 'Akuba', Achilles and Brio. With a '**Love & Romance**' theme, this was an intimate affair despite the bomb scare 'challenges' which meant that the police cordoned off the whole of Betterton Street. Finally, we were given the all clear but by then, a few potential attendees had given up. However, the show did go on even though it started a bit late. Thank you to those who stayed the course!

3. Shangwe Poetry Nights – Coming Soon:

- **Thursday 3rd May 2007:** featuring 'Achilles' and Janett Plummer aka Melted Demerara.
- **Thursday 31st May 2007:** featuring Nicola Greenwood (Resident Poet) and Maggie Harris.

(As usual detailed publicity will be emailed nearer the time).

4. Shangwe's 2nd Anthology: ***Sexual Attraction Revealed*** **Publication Date: May 2007**

Sexual Attraction Revealed: Shangwe's second title is due to be published by AuthorHouse in May 2007. This Shangwe produced 2nd anthology will provide a showcase for today's black and mixed-race writers; a permanent record of diverse creativity for today and tomorrow.

The publishers, are currently putting the finishing touches to the manuscript and the book will be available to purchase from Nicole Moore, for £9.99 plus p&p, and eventually on-line at www.authorhouse.co.uk or via Amazon.

Publicity will be distributed as soon as possible and a book launch is due to be held in London – details to follow. For further details and to pre-order a copy, please email: nicole@shangwe.com

5. Poets' Corner

Many thanks to Maggie Harris who submitted the following poem for publication in Shangwe News:

Time **(first published in 'From Berbice to Broadstairs', 2006)**

I trapped time once as he struggled to escape,
trapped him in a fist of wet sand
deceitfully trickling through my fingers.
From the egg in which I crouched, palming pies out of mud
watching pearls of green river ooze like jewels,
rise like bubbles in a pot,
time squatted like a dwarf on my shoulder.
Is it you? They cried: Come child, come,
it is time that you move from this place to that,
it is time that you left, that you went.

I trapped time once, knotted in the finger of a glove
choked him in the air that I breathed, pure carbon
trembling in a roomful of trees.
I sealed him in a jar of meridian blue,
washed him in a rush of ochre;
deaf to the cries that were rippling –
Come child, come. It is time that you left,
it is time that you move from this place to that,
it is time that you left, that you went.

I trapped time once in a wave of sea water,
banished him far on a reef,
but his voice broke free and sings from the shadows –
Come child, come, it is time that you cease all this running.
For don't you know you will always be mine?

Always, always be mine..

6. Shangwe News – next edition

Shangwe News is distributed to a target audience of black & mixed-race women of African & Caribbean descent in the UK and to other relevant and interested parties

If you would like to write an article of between 500 to 1000 words (max) or submit a poem (any theme) for the next issue of *Shangwe News*, the copy deadline date is: **20th June 2007** for the July 2007 edition.

Please email your submissions to: nicole@shangwe.com

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