

THIRD NEW WORLD FESTIVAL OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

Sponsored by

The Center for African and African-American Studies

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Proposed Festival Dates - August 5-12, 1982

What it is

The festival is intended to celebrate the life and culture of persons of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, while paying due attention to their African origins and to their contacts and collaboration with persons of other origins in the Western Hemisphere. The choice of the first two sites, Brazil and Haiti, for the festival illustrates the range of interest of the Festival organizers. The New World Festival concept has attracted the favorable attention of many celebrated Afro-Americans including Romare Bearden, James Baldwin, Toni Morrison, Mattiwilda Dobbs, and Julian Bond. Mr. Bearden designed the poster for Diaspora 1; Miss Dobbs presented a recital at Diaspora 2. All of the above mentioned have served on the festival advisory committee.

Local Interest

It is expected that the festival and its events will be of great interest to the local population and that they should have maximum access to all festival events.

What the Host Country Provides

A local on-site coordinator, as well as an advisory committee should provide the base of operation in the Host Country. The coordinator should have close ties with the National Tourist Agency, the Ministry of Education and/or Culture, or the University.

Venues for events should include at a minimum a well-equipped theatre,