Festivals

"It will be one of the more beautiful results that can follow from our anthroposophical understanding of times and seasons, if we are really able to add to the other festivals of the year a rightly ordered Michael Festival" (Steiner's 'Last Address').

"For in the past, festivals used to bind human beings strongly together...If men could determine in a dignified worthy way to establish a Michael Festival...this would be a most significant deed. But the courage would have to be found amongst them not merely to discuss external social reforms, etc., but to do something that connects the earth with the heavens, that reconnects physical with spiritual conditions" (from *The Festivals and Their Meaning*).

This Festival will attempt to answer these calls – to "do something that connects the earth with the heavens" – and to create a living experience for us all. We sincerely hope you will be able to join us.

Details

VENUE: Point Walter Conference Centre
Bicton, Western Australia (20 minutes from Perth airports)

DATES: Thursday 20th March - Monday 24th March, 2008

TIMES: **Registration and accommodation available from:** Thursday 20th March - 10am
Pre-AGM: Thursday 20th March - 4-6pm
Festival Start: Thursday 20th March - After Pre-AGM
Festival End: Sunday 23rd March - 10pm
Site Departure: Monday 24th March - 5pm

AGM: Monday 24th March

INFO: All bed-linen and towels included

RSVP: Please register before Friday 29th February, 2008

WEBSITE: www.thebeemaster.com

CONTACT: ***Peter Fern*** **-** peter.fern@bigpond.com.au
Phone: 0409 520 332 or (08) 9355 5138

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - ***Paul Mackay***
Leader for the Section of Social Sciences, Paul Mackay will address the beehive as a human social and economic metaphor. How do we create a 'global hive' in a world that runs counter to the principles of warmth?

SPEAKER - ***Horst Kornberger***
Adult educator and poet Horst Kornberger will speak on the mission of the contemporary Rosicrucian – the mission of 'Global Language'.

SPEAKER - ***Darius Outhred***
Darius Outhred will speak on issues arising from a Goethean investigation into genetics and the manipulation of life. What are the implications for our humanity when the recognition of context is lost?

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

Choir Singing - with Paul Lawrence and Shamara de Tissera, from music written especially for the Festival by Paul Lawrence.

Weaving the New 'Skep' Hive - with David Stockdale and Jaqueline Zanders

Sculpting a Canopy for the Hive - with David Stockdale

Sculpting a Gate of Beeswax - with Lesley Cotter

Creative Writing - with Horst Kornberger

Eurythmy - with Sue Simpson

** Festival immediately follows youth festival-gathering*
www.youthsection.org.au/perth

The Bee Master

A Michael - Easter Festival

Perth March 2008

An Invitation

Dear Fellow Member of the General Anthroposophical Society, and Friends.

It is with great excitement and warmth that the WA Branch invites you to the Anthroposophically-thriving, light-filled city of Perth, on the threshold of the Indian Ocean, for our upcoming international event "The Bee Master ~ A Michael Easter Festival".

This Festival will take the place of the Society's usual national conference, and will do so by integrating the activities of a regular conference into a carefully-woven Goethean wholeness – into a Michael Festival for our times.

Like the ancient festivals, "The Bee Master" will be centred around a powerful and original dramatic piece. Within this drama, we will experience the unfolding of the inter-related missions of three significant incarnating souls – The Poet, The Scientist, and The Bee Master. Through this, we will explore possibilities for the great need of modern culture to re-integrate the artistic, scientific and social spheres.

A New Hive

In his Bee lectures, Steiner gave a picture of the intimate connection between the beehive and the development of human culture as a whole – he also foreshadowed the current global honeybee crises. This relationship between today's bee crises and human culture is a central theme of our Festival – a theme of absolute practical and spiritual importance.

The Festival, therefore, will be an opportunity for us to co-create a new 'hive' – a symbol for a vessel of cultural renewal – both spiritual and physical. This will be a social deed, where the weaving of warmth that unfolds within our drama, lectures and workshop activities will extend to the co-weaving of a new beehive – an actual working hive for honeybees.

Through this activity – and all the interweaving activities of the Festival – we will seek to create a space in which we, as individuals within community, can encounter not just words, but the *living experience* of a Festival of the future – a Michael Easter Festival.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Requirements: _____

COST: ☐ **Thursday - Sunday 10pm** - $415
☐ **Thursday - Monday 9am** - $460
☐ **Thursday - Monday 5pm** - $480

Day rates available, for enquiries please contact:
Peter Fern **-** peter.fern@bigpond.com.au
Phone: 0409 520 332 or (08) 9355 5138

Payment Details **Amount $** _____

I enclose my: ☐ cheque ☐ money order

Payable to: **Anthroposophical Society in Australia, WA Branch**

If you're not a member, who is your member contact?: _____

(This is an event for members and their guests. If you are not a member and would like to attend, simply contact Peter Fern to organise a member contact person.)

Date and time of arrival: _____

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Date and time of departure: _____

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What transport assistance is required (if any)? _____

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PLEASE NOTE: Your place at the Festival will only be confirmed once full payment has been made. Please register before Friday 29th February, 2008. Further information will be forwarded when your booking is received. Receipts will be provided on the first day of the Festival unless otherwise organised. Cancellations after Friday 8th February will incur a 50% cancellation fee.

Please remove this section and return it to:
The Hive
26A Oats Street, Kewdale
Western Australia, 6105