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COMPONENTS COMMEMORATES RWANDAN GENOCIDE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SURVIVORS FUND

(March 2008 - LONDON) Components is teaming up with the Survivors Fund (SURF) to mark the 14th Anniversary of the Rwandan genocide with a unique multimedia event at Brixton Jamm on Sunday 6th April 2008.

The event will serve to raise awareness of the Rwandan genocide, and the plight of survivors today. In addition to music, it will feature the reading of testimonies of survivors, which will be extended across the Atlantic as SURF stages *Reading of the Testimonies NYC* in Washington Square Park on Monday 7th April at which 100 students will read the testimonies of 100 young survivors in the first outdoor public event in New York to mark the genocide.

From 4pm in Lounge Room – Free b4 6pm - £5 after (conc £3)

African Cuisine - Arts & Crafts + Records Stalls -

Poetry - Readings - Screenings - Testimonies -

Special performances by The Vibeologists

Hosted by LEETO THALE plus special guest DOU G (Afro Hip Hop)

Music with DJ's Commander Chief – Suga Kan'n - Mo Laudi - Red Clay

From 8pm in the Live Room - £8 (Conc £5)

Bass Heavy Neo-Soul with full live band

SOUL ID (ABB RECORDS) & The SoulMinded band (Rotterdam)

Afropean Soul Music with attitude...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vieKfSadozl>

+ Support from Junior Kigwa (Rwanda – Germany)

Followed by an After-Party with

ERIC SOUL is joined by MAN vs. WIFE (Reclaim The Soul)

Speaking about the forthcoming events, SURF's Founder Mary Kayitesi Blewitt OBE said:

“There is a thread that runs through all the work of SURF, a motivation to ensure that the voice of survivors is heard, that the memory of the genocide is kept alive and that the victims are never forgotten. By featuring the testimonies of survivors, the events in London and New York that are hugely important - demonstrating that the one million Rwandans who died in 1994 are remembered, and as importantly, that those still living with the legacy of the genocide are not forgotten. As well, in light of the ongoing genocide in Darfur, we hope to also raise awareness of the importance of acting to prevent genocide – and the repercussions that result from inaction, as witnessed in Rwanda.”

The Components event in London is promoted by AFROGROOV, founded by Rwandan born Karengera Eric Soul to promote contemporary Afro culture by challenging general perceptions and cultural misrepresentations through music, art, workshops and performances.

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