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Dear

Friend

It gives me great pleasure to invite you on behalf of Councillor Ken Little to the opening of a most exciting Black Arts Programme. "The Black Experience", initiated and co-ordinated by my Department's Race Equality Unit, is a celebration of the Black Arts. This very comprehensive programme will be presented by arts organisations many of which have been funded by the Ethnic Arts Sub-committee of the Council.

It has been a privilege to have been able to develop a vibrant Black Arts Sector in London over the last four years. My staff and I are proud to have been active in nurturing a rich and diverse arts environment in London. We feel confident that this legacy will continue to receive support and development from the appropriate arts organisations, arts venues, and arts audiences.

The Black Experience, of course, precedes the opening of The Roundhouse Black Arts Centre which is destined to become itself a major national and international arts venue, a centre of artistic excellence but having close links with the community.

I hope you will be able to accept the invitation to attend the launch on 7th February at the Commonwealth Institute.

Yours sincerely,

Birkett

THE BLACK EXPERIENCE

Invitation

Councillors **Ken Little**,
Chair of the Ethnic Arts Sub-Committee
and **Peter Pitt**,
Chair of the Arts and Recreation Committee
have pleasure in inviting you to a
reception to mark the launch of

**THE BLACK EXPERIENCE
ARTS PROGRAMME**

on Friday 7 February 1986 at 6pm
at Commonwealth Galleries
Commonwealth Institute
High Street Kensington London W8

The programme will be formally opened by the
Right Honorable **Tony Banks MP**,
Chair of the Greater London Council.
A Keynote address will be given by
Professor Stuart Hall.

Entertainment will be
provided by:
The Courtney Pine Quartet
Uthingo Dancers

RSVP: Race Equality Unit
Room 674
Greater London Council
County Hall, London SE1 7PB

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BLACK EXPERIENCE RECEPTION

Positive Publicity on behalf of the GLC Race Equality Unit is pleased to welcome you to the BLACK EXPERIENCE ARTS PROGRAMME.

The BLACK EXPERIENCE an unprecedented arts venture will take place in venues around London. Every arts event thematically linked with the BLACK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME celebrates the achievements and experiences of black people in Britain over the past 40 years, since the Second World War. Key people feature in the Black History events, such as CLR James and Rajani Palme Dutt. Photographic exhibitions portray black peoples struggles for their rights and equal opportunities; plays, films and dance performances describe and symbolise this remarkable period in black British history.

Ken Little, Chair of the Ethnic Arts Sub-Committee, says, "This is the most exciting series of Black Arts events to be presented not only in London, but in Europe and I'm sure many many thousands of Londoners will not only attend them but be influenced and informed by the spirit and creativity of the artists involved and the experiences they have used to inform their work."

A reception to launch Londoners into this experience will take place at the Commonwealth Institute on February 7th 1986, where Councillor Ken Little and representatives from the GLC Race Equality Unit will be hosting the celebration.

Groups participating in the programme, groups who have been supported by the GLC, the press, and friends of the GLC will be present at what promises to be a spectacular evening. The BLACK EXPERIENCE ARTS PROGRAMME will be formally opened by the Rt. Hon. Tony Banks, M.P., Chair of the Greater London Council, followed by a keynote address by Professor Stuart Hall.



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Jazz newcomer Courtney Pines and his Jazz Band together with Uthingo Dance Company will provide the evening's entertainment.

For further information please contact Yvonne Thompson on 723 1558 or the Race Equality Unit on 633 2611\1671.

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