



PRESS RELEASE

The official opening of the French Institute of South Africa

The official opening of the French Institute of South Africa (IFAS) will take place on Friday, May 12th, at their new offices, the former FUBA building, 66 Wolhuter Street (Market Theatre Precinct) in Newtown, Johannesburg.

IFAS is a documentation centre on France and the French-speaking countries. As an artistic agency, the vocation is to support exchanges between French and South African artists. the Institute is as well a research centre for human sciences in Southern Africa.

A unique celebrations programme has been put together by IFAS :

3.30 pm, French Institute

Inauguration of the Institute by H.E. Mrs Joëlle Bourgois, the Ambassador of France in South Africa.

5 pm, French Institute

Opening of *South Africa, April 1994*, a photography exhibition by Marie-Laure de Decker and Bongani Mnguni of the first multiracial elections held in South Africa.

6 pm, Newtown Galleries

Opening of a sculpture exposition by the French artist Françoise Cataláa.

7 pm, Kippie's and Market Theatre

"African night", music and dance till dawn.

IFAS would like to extend a cordial invitation to you, to join us in our celebrations.

Ends

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