

### Werfpop

**Where?** Het Leidse Hout, Leiden

**When?**

13 July

**How much?** Free



Werfpop is Leiden's largest free popfestival. From 13.30 till 23.00 the stage will be filled with local bands. The bands had to go through a qualifying round, from which the winner would get the honor of opening the festival.

The line up isn't complete yet, but what's for sure is that Sticks&Rico and Claw Boys Claw will be there to enter the stage!

### Rise Festival

**Where?** Finsbury Park ; London

**When?** Sunday 13th July, Midday - 8.30pm

**How much?** Free

London's biggest free music festival, RiseFestival, started in 1996 as a music



festival to promote anti-racism. On (hopefully) a sunny day in June you will enter a beautiful and colourful world that celebrates cultural diversity. The festival has something to offer for everyone. The African Village showcases the vibrancy of the African communities through music, arts, food and film. There is also a special music tent, featuring a range of artists, from Central African music to big artists like Jamelia and Kelis.

If you've had your share of music, you can always visit the cinema tent, join various workshops, a community market place, or have a laugh at the comedy tent, featuring some of the best comedians from around London and the UK. *By Leonore Koopman*



### My World – Mugariro

In the spotlight this time is a new exposition which opened last april in the Hortus Botanicus, 'My world – Mugariro'. It will be for the first time that the botanical had such a big exposition.

It will consist out of more than fifty life size statues made by Zimbabwean artist Dominic Benhura (1968). The artist will be there on Saturdays as well as Sundays to polish his statues. "A few times a day he will be there to give a tour and tell about his truth, his world 'mugariro'" says the Hortus. Benhura is one of the most successful artists of the south of Africa. He gets his inspiration from carefreeness of playing children and nature, especially the "endless beauty of Zimbabwe." His artistic qualities lie the beautiful balance between figuration and styling: always recognizable, but still very basic. It's no surprise Benhura's sculptures appeal to such a wide audience, from the real art critic to someone who purely appreciates his work for its beauty.

Already hundreds of organisations and private owners have bought his works over the last few years. In Holland for example stands a big statue in front of the building of The Netherlands Development Financing Company (FMO) in the Hague. But also princess



Maxima and a world citizen like Nelson Mandela are the proud owners of Benhura's work.

Benhura already has years of experience exhibiting on international scale. On the age of 23 he exhibited abroad, among others in the botanical gardens of Singapore and the Kew Gardens in London. And now the Hortus Botanicus can open its gates to 'the world of Mugariro.'

The exposition 'My world – Mugariro' will stay until 19 October; the entry costs are € 5 for adults, € 3 for 65+ and € 2,50 for kids 4-12 years. People with a museumcard will get free entrance. *By Leonore Koopman*