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FEMALE EMPOWERMENT

"When one notes the spiraling statistics of women suffering abuse, in all its forms, it would often seem as though the celebration of the female spirit is something that is sadly lacking in Africa today". Charlotte Blignaut - founder member of Jewels of the Nile.

This harsh reality is the motivation for Charlotte, through her vision, to make a difference in the healing medium of the female spirit.

Charlotte has used her own, artistic and creative combination of movement therapy and the powerful African drumbeat. The Jewels of the Nile, gathering from all walks of life, express their own femininity by exploring and celebrating the 'Goddess within' themselves.

POWA (People Opposing Women Abuse) and Jewels of the Nile, recently entered into a venture to promote and encourage self-preservation and expression for women. POWA promotes methods for women to become more powerful, self-reliant, equal and respected.

It is through this mission statement, that a further alliance incorporated Return to Roots Africa, whose founder member, Addi Lang, was recently featured on Carte Blanche. The core focus of this community development and upliftment project is assisting and encouraging woman to become emotionally and economically powerful and independent.

The first project for this new alliance is a fund raising and networking forum, with all proceeds donated to POWA. This drive challenges not only the dance world, but also the misconceptions of "sexuality versus sensuality", which will become the theme for Charlotte's workshops in the new year. Incorporating the festivity at the onset of womanhood which prepares young girls for this great status, and the prospect of childbirth.

The public are invited to share and support the empowerment and magnificence of the female spirit, as this event pre-empted the "International Day of No Violence Against Women", followed by the "16 Days of Activism" (World Aids Day).

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