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2013 Oyotunji African Village Festival Season Kicks Off with Igbega Alade; Celebrating the life and legacy of HRH Oba Efuntola Adefunmi II

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Sheldon, SC [January 17, 2012] – In the same sense that children of certain Orisa find themselves compelled to experience the traditional ceremonies and rituals for that particular deity, Igbega Alade is a time designated for the children born into Orisa through Ile Adefunmi to pay homage to or gain a deeper understanding of the cultural custodianship that Oba Waja sowed so selflessly and fanatically into our greater community. From February 8-11, 2013 OAV will host the 6th Annual Igbega Alade Festival at 56 Bryant Lane, Sheldon, SC 29941. Admission to this year’s festival is \$15/festival-adults (Saturday and Sunday early-bird online rate) and \$20/festival-adults (Saturday and Sunday gate-rate); donations are welcome for Friday.

New to this year’s festival is the inclusion of Friday’s Opening Ceremony and Cultural Documentary showing, featuring a compendium of *Oba njokos* during the reign of HRH Oba Adefunmi I. See below for a complete outline of 2013’s Igbega Alade Festival:

Friday- Opening Day

9am- Ebo to Royal Ancestors

6pm- Opening Ceremony

7pm- Meet & Greet

8pm- Cultural Film Series Fridays/Cultural Docs Series

1:00pm- Lunch and Lecture Series [Examining Oba Efuntola’s writings and drawings]

3:30pm- Egungun

Bomb fire with roasted yams other winter refreshments between Egungun and Candle Light Parade.

5:30pm- Candle Light Parade

Saturday-Main Day

7:30am- Alawemo (Town cleaning and purification)

9:00am- Continental Breakfast

11:00am- Opening prayer at Oba Efuntola’s shrine

Sunday-Closing Day

7:30am- Alawemo (Town cleaning and purification)

11:00am- Obatala Worship

**Presentations from Egbe immediately following*

In the early days of Igbega Alade, the candles lit from the lives that continue to be transformed through the influences of Oba Waja were many. In an effort to resurrect that same energy, we have created an option for those individuals that will be unable to travel to this year’s Ascension Celebration for Oba Waja...

An electronic donation of only \$3 allows a candle to be lit from you for Oba Waja, ensuring continued light and elevation, during the Candle Light. Visit the Igbega Alade Festival page at oyotunji.org for details.

The Igbega Alade Festival is more than a remembrance of the fall of a great tree whose roots run deep or the celebration of the King that went through the roof; this festival allows us time to examine and review the legacy that imparts to us an incredible view of creative and expansive thinking; a tool that is desperately needed for truth and navigation in these days and times.

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