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KENYAN MAASAI GOODWILL AMBASSADOR TO VISIT SANTA FE

SANTA FE, NM– Kenyan Maasai Chief Salaton Ntutu Ole will be in Santa Fe next month as part of a month-long visit to the U.S. His host is local humanitarian naturopathic doctor Andrew Lustig who has provided free medical care for Chief Salaton’s village. Lustig has also provided free medical care in Haiti, Nepal and Nicaragua. While in Santa Fe, Salaton will attend six public events (Feb 21-Feb 24) sharing his message of the importance of preserving indigenous cultures and native healing. He will also provide a glimpse into the Maasai way of life. This will be Chief Salaton’s first visit to Santa Fe. The events in Santa Fe will be held in support of the 7000 members in his tribe.

Salaton Ole Ntutu is a warrior, community chief, shaman, and innovative leader in the nomadic Maasai tribe in Kenya. He began warriorship with a journey of 7 years living in the wild African bush, amongst wild animals with little more than his blanket and spear. There he honed survival skills, instincts and internal strengths he draws upon today. Salaton is a revered elder and community chief, recognized for his courage and wisdom. His passion is for preserving his culture and environment, working as a leader on social and economic issues pertaining to his tribe. He champions education, health, sanitation, and conservation projects in his community, along with operating an eco-tourism business to provide job training and opportunities.



“Salaton is forging links between his tribal community in Kenya and Santa Fe by sharing his wisdom and life stories,” says Lustig. “He will be coming to Santa Fe to generate awareness and support for his community’s health and education projects. The six public events we’ve organized for Salaton will be conversations about his traditional Maasai life from childhood, through warriorship, into his present role as a visionary leader bridging world cultures. I hope Santa Feans will come support Chief Salaton and his important work.”

Salaton leads culture change in harmful practices, eliminating the common, but illegal, practice of female genital mutilation (FGM), by building a rescue shelter and obtaining boarding school scholarships for girls' protection, and promoting the idea of alternative rites of passage. He also provides a home on his land in Maji Moto for rescued girls, widows, and women with AIDS. Salaton has joined with other Maasai leaders to establish a heritage conservation initiative that preserves medicinal and holy trees and plants, fortifies the bee population, protects elephant migration routes and supports the sharing of culture and connection to nature in his community.

EVENTS IN SANTA FE WITH KENYAN MAASAI CHIEF SALATON NTUTU OLE

Wednesday, February 20, 10:30 a.m. Maasai Marketplace Santa Fe Prep Auditorium,: Jewelry, Spears, Masks, Photographs for sale. Free. .

Thursday, Feb 21, 6 p.m. African dinner at luxury home

This event includes a three course benefit dinner at Faren Dancer's beautiful Emerald home in Monte Sereno, Santa Fe. Catered by Jambo African restaurant. Directions provided upon ticket purchase. Tickets: \$85

Friday, Feb 22, 6 p.m. Dinner and auction at The Railyard Market Building, 1607 Paseo De Peralta

Three course dinner, silent/live auction, Maasai marketplace Tickets \$100/per person

Saturday, Feb, 23, 9 a.m. Maasai marketplace at BODY Jewelry, Spears, Masks, Photographs for sale. Free.

Saturday, Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m. Dinner and concert at BODY, 333 West Cordova Road

Speaking engagement & three courses benefit dinner. Marimba concert, Maasai marketplace
Tickets \$75/per person

Sunday, Feb 24, 7 p.m. Film, Santa Fe Prep, 1101 Camino De Cruz Blanca

Cyril Christo Film Screening, "Lysander's Song," a short film about the African Elephant. Introduction by Chief Salaton, Q&A to follow. Maasai Marketplace @ Santa Fe Prep school auditorium, Santa Fe. Tickets: \$20

Info: <https://www.facebook.com/Kenyavisionarysantafe>

To purchase tickets, please visit: <http://andrew-naturopath.com/donateafrika2.php>.

Funds raised from all of the events Salaton attends in Santa Fe will go directly to healthcare, education and community development and are supported by Jamii Moja (www.jamiimoja.org), a 501c3 non-profit.

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