

BANDBAZI

THEATRE . CIRCUS . EDUCATION

Welcome to the BandBazi e-bulletin, Dec 2009

BandBazi is a Brighton based professional circus theatre company and an associate company of Norden Farm Centre for the Arts in Maidenhead. BandBazi runs an inclusive Youth Circus Theatre for young people aged 11-25 years, with a focus on young refugees and asylum seekers, and provides workshops for community and school groups in trapeze, circus skills, drama and creative writing.

CONTENTS

[Youth Circus Theatre presentation Sat 12 Dec](#)
[Religious and Racially Motivated Incidents DVD project](#)
[First Light Pilot Award](#)
[Refugee Week 2010](#)
[Youth Circus Theatre resumes 27th Feb](#)
[Love Indeed autumn tour review and May dates](#)
[Sustained Theatre initiative](#)
[Looking for new board members](#)
[Follow BandBazi on Twitter and join our Facebook group](#)
[Zombie Crash Gig](#)

[Youth Circus Theatre presentation Sat 12 Dec](#)

On Saturday 12 Dec 11am there will be a short presentation from BandBazi Youth Circus Theatre participants for friends of BandBazi and parents/guardians. Everyone is welcome to attend the presentation at 11am and to stick around for mince pies and drinks! This is a great chance for anyone interested in joining the YCT, or who has children who might be interested, to come and see what we get up to.

The address is Hangleton Community Centre, Harmsworth Crescent, BN3 8BW.

[Religious and Racially Motivated Incidents DVD project](#)

BandBazi has been commissioned by the Community Safety and Healthy

Young Peoples Centre, 69 Ship St, Brighton, BN12 1AE www.bandbazi.co.uk
BandBazi - Registered in England No 4271844 Registered Charity No 1091276

BANDBAZI

THEATRE . CIRCUS . EDUCATION

Schools Teams at the City Council about Religious and Racially Motivated Incidents in Secondary Schools. It will eventually be shown in schools to help prevent this kind of bullying and to make sure it's reported. The project is open to 11-25 year olds and will be facilitated by local artists Irene Mensah and Philippa Vafadari and filmmaker Maria Lloyd.

It will be a film made by and for young people. The participants will be the actors, script writers, consultants and, if they are interested, compose the soundtrack and have a say in the final edit. Below is some more information:

The time commitment for participants:

Script Development Workshops: 6 x 3 hrs of arts based workshops running from Saturday 9th January until Saturday 13th February (inclusive). Each session will run from 10am - 1pm.

Filming: 3 x days filming in half-term February 2010: Monday 15th: 10-5pm, Tuesday 16th: 9-4pm, Saturday 20th: 10-5pm

All the filming and workshop days will be at Hangleton Community Centre. Lunch will be provided on 15, 16 and 20 Feb. (Numbers 5, 5a or 5b buses to Harmsworth Crescent, BN3 8BW)

We are interested in hearing from young people of secondary school age or who have been through the British education system, particularly if they have been victims of this kind of bullying. The film will be made in a confidential and supportive environment.

For more information, call Ian on 07805 451530 or email mail@bandbazi.co.uk



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

BANDBAZI

THEATRE . CIRCUS . EDUCATION

First Light Pilot Award

First Light Movies

BandBazi has been successful in securing funding from First Light digital film and media initiative to make a short film called 'Under 18 Prisoner - Azita' about a young asylum seeker held in a detention camp in the Netherlands. Based on a true story, the idea for this film came out of our Youth Circus Theatre Easter film scriptwriting and storyboarding project which was also funded by First Light.

The rehearsal and devising sessions for this project will take place in June/July 2010 and we aim to end up with a finished film by September 2010. Philippa Vafadari, Maria Lloyd, Dan Bridge and AudioActive will facilitate member of the YCT to direct, script, produce, market, edit, record the sound, write the music and perform in the film which will be open to YCT participants.

Refugee Week 2010

BandBazi will be hosting an evening of poetry, art, music, film and circus theatre on Sunday 13th June (probably at Pavilion Theatre) to celebrate Refugee Week. This year's event was a great success and we are aiming to create an even richer mix for 2010.

Here's a clip of last year's show <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PM0R-LywHB4>

We want to showcase the talent of Refugees, Asylum seekers and Migrants living in and around Brighton & Hove. If you know of anyone who would like an opportunity to show their work, please let us know.

This is a community event, and we can provide a certain number of free tickets to disadvantaged groups.

Youth Circus Theatre resumes 27th feb

Young Peoples Centre, 69 Ship St, Brighton, BN12 1AE www.bandbazi.co.uk
BandBazi - Registered in England No 4271844 Registered Charity No 1091276

BANDBAZI

THEATRE . CIRCUS . EDUCATION

Please note that because of the DVD project mentioned above the regular YCT Saturday workshops will not restart until 27th Feb at the usual time 10am – 12pm,

Love Indeed autumn tour and May dates

BandBazi's latest aerial theatre production Love Indeed went out on the road in September and October and was a great success. The tour took in venues in the South East and South West as well as including three shows in Scotland. It played to packed houses in several venues and there were also a number of tie-in workshops for students at some of the college venues.

Have a look at this video clip filmed in Brighton at the beginning of the tour <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGzT6p-hb7Y>

We are currently in the process of arranging dates for a couple of May performances. We will be at New Theatre Royal Portsmouth on 12 May and hope to have a Brighton date in the Fringe that week.

Looking for new board members

We are actively looking for new board members for BandBazi due to two members having to stand down because of other commitments. Are you the person for the job or do you know the right person for the job? We are looking for enthusiastic, committed individuals to take on this unpaid role. You would be committing to attend quarterly board meetings and taking on other actions that help to move BandBazi forward and sustain our multi-cultural ambitions. We encourage applications from young people in the 11-25 age range.

You might be: someone with experience of community arts projects, someone well networked in the arts, someone with experience working across different cultures, or someone with loads of energy and ideas!

If you're interested or would like to propose someone, call Ian on 07805 451530 or email mail@bandbazi.co.uk

BANDBAZI

THEATRE . CIRCUS . EDUCATION

Sustained Theatre initiative

BandBazi has become an active member of the South East hub of the Arts Council's Sustained Theatre initiative which "ensures artists transform the future of our national arts landscape to reflect the diverse, rich and vibrant talent that exists in British society and aims to keep "issues relating to Black, Asian and minority ethnic theatre artists and practitioners alive and in the national debate."

We are currently involved in organising a symposium for 5 March 2010 which will be a chance for arts programmers, venues, producers and artists to discuss opportunities and obstacles in the field of diverse arts.

More info call Ian on 07805 451530 or email mail@bandbazi.co.uk

Follow BandBazi on Twitter and join our Facebook group

You can get all the latest updates about BandBazi goings on by following us on Twitter <http://twitter.com/bandbazi>

Twitter, in case you don't know is a micro-blogging site where you can put in short status updates, post links etc. It's easiest to use if you install a little plug-in for your browser – like Echofon or Twitterbar for Firefox.

Or you can join our facebook group 'Bandbazi Circus Theatre'. Just search for it or go to

http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=app_2373072738&ref=ts&gid=22136032203#/group.php?gid=22136032203&ref=ts Please invite your friends!

Zombie Crash Gig

Your chance to see the fabulous Zombie Crash rock band featuring one of our Youth Circus Theatre regulars Luc Eisenbarth (plus other bands) 15/12/2009 7pm at The Rock House, Westhill Hall, Compton Avenue, Brighton, London and South East BN1 3PS, Cost: £2

BANDBAZI

THEATRE . CIRCUS . EDUCATION