

the Motion Project

Awards For All – Touring Program 2006 - 2007

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- Racism in the workplace week in association with the Irish Congress of Trade Unions
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- Belvior Activity Centre, Belfast. In association with Baha'i multi-cultural celebration
- Derry in association with S.E.E.D.S.
- Hosford House Homeless Shelter, Belfast. 2 of 2 workshops
- Archway youth centre, Belfast.
- Downpatrick, Down arts centre in association with the Blues & Roots society.
- Ballymena Encourage Unity Event.
- Limavady High School.
- Share Music – art of social inclusion
- Omagh – motion youth program
- Bangor, St. Columbanus School.
- Brownlee intergraded college

About the Motion Project

The 'Motion' Project is Northern Ireland's multi-cultural band featuring a collective of musicians representing 18 countries living in the province. The Motion Project tour around N. Ireland providing unique interactive music experiences (iME's) and performances.

The reason;

The Motion Project aim to address racism, sectarianism and other discrimination issues in Northern Ireland by showing how our individuality can produce something far more attractive and unique when we work together. Motion provides people with the opportunity to hear and play music from around the world and to meet others from different cultural backgrounds. The project also highlights the unity in the diversity by mixing music cultures and styles together.



Some of the countries so far represented in the Motion Project are: Poland, China, South Africa, Ireland, Venezuela, India, England, New Zealand, Slovakia, Zimbabwe, Scotland, Sri-Lanka, Mexico, France, Columbia, Switzerland and of course N.Ireland.

INTERACTIVE MUSIC EXPERIENCES.

All Music, All Ages, All Abilities...



In addition to the live performance the Motion Project take music participation to a new level in the form of an interactive Music Experience (iME). Everyone will experience being part of a band with some of the sessions recorded and available to download from our website and partner organisation's websites. The sessions contain elements of African, Indian, Irish, South American, European & other world music cultures tutored by musicians representing these countries. With an education element into different cultures these iME's can also be integrated into the 'Motion Project' live set-up allowing students to play with the full Motion band.

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Ballymena 7 towers Leisure Centre. In connection with the Ballymena Inter-Ethnic Forum.



The event at Ballymena Leisure Centre 21st October 06 had two main aims...

...to develop relationships within multi-cultural arts between Belfast & Ballymena and to developing relationships with the Ethnic Arts Forum and Beyond Skin. *See 28/07/07 entry.*

The Motion Project performed featuring music from India, Africa, Poland, China and Ireland funded through the Awards for All program.

The event also featured Romanian dancing and music, local singer/songwriters organised by the Ballymena Inter-Ethnic Forum.

Contact: Eileen Chan-Hu

Racism in the workplace week in association with the Irish Congress of Trade Unions.

As part of racism in the workplace week, The Motion Project took part in two events in association with the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, one event was funded through the Awards for All program.

The events were to highlight multi-cultural music and how musicians from different countries were contributing in a positive way to the social and economical development of Northern Ireland. It was a display of world music with a message of unity in the diversity.

Contact:



Hosford House Homeless Shelter, Belfast.

Two rhythm based workshops exploring world music with the residents of Hosford House homeless shelter.

The workshops gave the residents an opportunity to meet musicians from Slovakia, Zimbabwe, Venezuela & Mexico and to hear and play musical styles from these countries. Due to relationships built through the workshops other art programs have now developed using creative writing and art. The strategy of a sustainable program is in development; www.createperceptions.net

Contact: Casey Peters

Belvoir Activity Centre, Belfast. In association with Baha'i multi-cultural celebration

A multi-cultural event celebrating the diversity of arts in association with the Baha'i community. The Motion Project performed along side Chinese Opera, Hawaiian & Indian dance. The event has become a milestone within 'Beyond Skin' with contacts made from the event now key players within Motion Project and Beyond Skin. These relationships have resulted in developing music workshops and animation projects.

Contact: Susie Kelly / Zhenia Mahdi-nau

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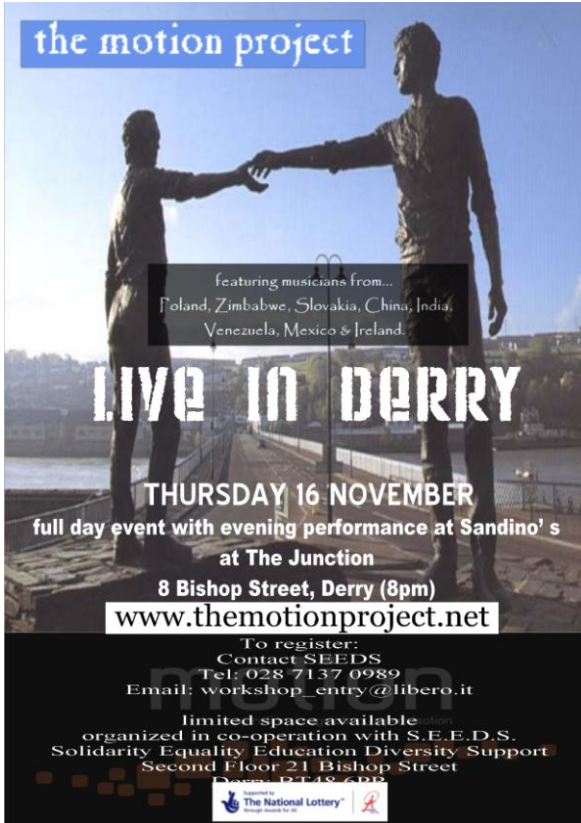
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Derry in association with S.E.E.D.S.



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featuring musicians from...
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Venezuela, Mexico & Ireland.

LIVE IN DERRY

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER
full day event with evening performance at Sandino's
at The Junction
8 Bishop Street, Derry (8pm)
www.themotionproject.net

To register:
Contact SEEDS
Tel: 028 7137 0989
Email: workshop_entry@libero.it

limited space available
organized in co-operation with S.E.E.D.S.
Solidarity Equality Education Diversity Support
Second Floor 21 Bishop Street
Derry BT48 6PB

The National Lottery
Awards For All

Without a doubt this event with then new associate, S.E.E.D.S. has been the most productive partnership.

This first of many events with S.E.E.D.S began with a full day of work music drum & percussion workshops. Participants came mainly from ethnic communities, (Iranian, Lithuanian and Italian), with a wider community representation at the evening concert at Sandinos featuring the Motion Project band.

The event was unprecedented with people from many cultural backgrounds engaging for the first time in a cross-cultural event. The expectation for such an event to be successful was so low the council refused to have any connection, a choice they later regretted.

In fairness the day event amazed us all, and since that day 'Beyond Skin' and the musicians from Motion have been involved in many events with S.E.E.D.S.

The development of motion in partnership with S.E.E.D.S. is now working towards a strategy to train and work with musicians from ethnic backgrounds in Derry.

S.E.E.D.S. are now Beyond Skin's primary partner organisations.

Contact: Eddie Kerr



Limavady High School.

Another unique event, held in Limavady High School (seen as a predominately Protestant school), with participants from St. Marys (Limvady) and Dungiven High School.

The world music rhythm workshop provided education into world cultures and not only gave students the opportunity to meet musicians from different countries and hear their music, but also provided a forum for the pupils representing both sides of the N.I. divide to meet pupils from other schools. The day was covered by the local press and Beyond Skin met with Limavady council to discuss possible future music based programs.

Contact:



Omagh motion youth program



A series of music composition workshops leading to a performance at Omagh midsummer festival. Awards for All funding payed for part of the program with Omagh Council covering the rest. Participants from Sacred Heart College & Living Room Project. The students worked along side musicians from the Motion Project with an aim to perform on stage with the Motion Band at Omagh's largest annual event.

The project was very successful and Beyond Skin are in negotiations with Omagh council about future programs with the students. Possible Youth in Motion project. www.youthinmotion.co.uk

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Archway youth centre, Belfast.

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**WORLD DRUMS
AND PERCUSSION
WORKSHOP**

11am Sunday 19th November
Archway Centre, Lomond Ave.
(includes breakfast)

everyone welcome

in association with Belfast Central Christian Church

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A world music workshop with musicians from Motion representing Slovakia, Venezuela, Ireland, Zimbabwe. The session was held in Archway Youth Centre in association with Belfast Central Christian Church who provided a cooked breakfast for participants.

The participants came from the surrounding area in East Belfast and where mainly young people 9 – 15yrs.

The participants never before had taken part in a workshop of this kind and we are applying to various other funders to run a series of workshops in the Archway Centren with Belfast Central Church.

Contact: Neil Peterson

Downpatrick, Down arts centre in association with the Blues & Roots society.

An event featured one of the largest Motion Project performances to date with 24 musicians on stage at the Down Arts Centre. The Motion Project has developed a good relationship with communities in Downpatrick and news of this event generated a lot of interest. (see press articles below...)

The performance was preceded by drum workshops at the Arts Centre. Each workshop (45mins) was fully booked and was facilitated by Motion Musicians from Zimbabwe, Mexico, Ireland and Venezuela.

Contact: Brenda Kent

Compiled by Joanne Fleming

Some of the international artists who will be performing in the 'SHADES 2' concert on December 1. The event is being organised by the Downpatrick Blues and Roots Music Society.

Top artists for concert

DOWNPATRICK Blues and Roots Music Society is welcoming the Motion Project to Down Arts Centre for a concert next month.

The Shades 2 concert on December 1 will blend all shades of music from folk and rap to rock and rhythm.

Organisers are hoping that those attending will kick off their shoes and dance the night away to music that inspired blues, rock and more.

The Motion Project brings together world class musicians living in Northern Ireland to play incredible music inspired by the beats of their birth places.

It includes drummers from

Venezuela, Slovakia, and India, a Polish flautist, a Mexican cellist and a keyboard player from China – not to mention those from closer to home.

Ardglass man Aidan Milligan plays the bodhran, and with Talking Drums was last year's joint winner of Shades, the Blues Society's competition for world music held in Downpatrick.

He and other members of Talking Drums, an Irish/Zimbabwean band, will be back to join the Motion Project on December 1.

The performers at Shades 2 hail from all parts of the world and from all walks of life, including an American trainee chartered accountant, an Indian fracture specialist, a Bollywood percussionist, and a landscape gardener.

Shades 2 starts at 8pm at Down Arts Centre. Two hours earlier there will be a percussion workshop, which is open to everyone from aged seven upwards. Motion Project musicians will demonstrate how to pick up a rhythm and use the instruments. No previous knowledge is needed.

Those participating can also opt to prepare a piece to play on stage with the performers that evening.

Tickets cost £5 for the performance and £5 for the workshop. A combined ticket is also available at £8, with a £1 discount for the under 12's.

For more information, or to buy tickets, contact Brenda Kent on 07764 182966.

Poetry in Motion...Arts Centre to host major music event

WANT to dance? South American, African... Ardglass? You can have them all at this year's Shades 2 music event, which will be held in the Down Arts Centre next month.

On Friday 1 December the Downpatrick Blues and Roots Music Society will welcome the Motion Project to the Arts Centre for *Shades 2*, which blends all shades of music from folk to rap and rock to rhythm.

The Motion Project brings together world class musicians living in Northern Ireland to play incredible music inspired by the beats of their birthplaces. An example of this is Ardglass man Aidan Milligan, who plays the bodhran.

In 1996 he picked up a bongo at Ballyshannon Folk Festival and he hasn't looked back since. Last year with Irish/Zimbabwean band Talking Drums, Aidan was the joint winner of *Shades*.

Also included in the Motion Project are drummers from Venezuela, Slovakia and India, a Polish flautist, a cellist from Mexico and a keyboard player from China – and that's not to mention the folk from closer to home.

The Motion Project gig gets under way at 8pm, but from 6pm – 7.30pm the musicians will hold percussion workshops on instruments such as the bongo, tabla, congas, djembe, darubuka and bodhran. The workshops are open to everyone aged seven and above.

Separate tickets for the workshops and the Motion Project performance are £5 each, while a combined ticket for the two is £8.



Musicians from the Motion Project will be at the Arts Centre. (c)

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Ballymena Encourage Unity Event.

One of Beyond Skin's aims is to address racism by highlighting positive effects multi-culturalism on Northern Ireland socially and economically, so when we received information about how negative the Ballymena press was on Romania joining the E.U. we had to act.

Leading on from the first Beyond Skin event with Ballymena community a meeting Karla Kosch from the Ballymena Inter-Ethnic forum and Darren Ferguson from Beyond Skin, the idea of a gathering to welcome Romania into the E.U. was suggested. This was due to Karla being Romanian and Darren having worked in Romania over the course of 10 years.

The idea was also to counteract the negative response, especially from the media regarding the possible growth of Romanian migrant workers in Ballymena.



Pictured with Madam Ambassador Raduta Matache and her husband, Minister Counsellor, Constantine Matache with Mayor, Alderman Alexander and Dorina Grama and Bucin Claudiu in traditional Romanian costumes. Also featured are Eileen Chan-Hu, Billy O'Flaherty, Darren Ferguson, John McCann, Sylwia Kraszewska, Jim Holmlund, Karla and Dan Kosch, Betty Flanagan John Lowry and Manako Carey.Gb0526rw

Getting it Together

At a meeting of the developing Ethnic Arts Forum at the Arts Council residence in Belfast on January 29th 2007, the idea of the event became a reality due to Eileen Chan-Hu being present at the meeting.

The panel involving representatives from different arts organisations agreed it would be a positive step to run the event welcoming Romania and Bulgaria into the E.U. and volunteered to help with providing artists. A date was set for the Sunday 28th February to accommodate the migrant workers.



Ballymena Leisure Centre had been used for a previous event and with the desire to

involve Ballymena Council it seemed the best venue to facilitate the event. Ballymena Good Relations Council agreed to cover the venue costs and Beyond Skin used Awards for all funding to cover Motion Project performance costs.

The main arts organisations contributing to the running of the event were, Tinderbox, ArtsEka and Beyond Skin. Ballymena Inter-Ethnic Forum and the Romanian Self-Support Group managed the majority of the logistics of the whole event, with the Arts organisations providing the entertainment using their own funding sources.

As the planning started to come together, interest grew with the Romanian embassy in London resulting in Madam Ambassador Raduta Matache and her husband attending the event. The event was also attended by Mayor Alderman Alexander.

VIPs and guests met at the Adair Arms Hotel in Ballymena before the event for a meal, to give the represented individuals an opportunity to meet in a relaxed social environment. It was also an opportunity for photographs. Several local papers attended.

Awards for all funding has played a major role in developing relations with artists in Ballymena, the inter-ethnic forum and Beyond Skin.

Contact: Eileen Chan-Hu



Darren Ferguson, Project Manager of Motion Project, with Eileen Chan-Hu, Ethnic Minorities Co-ordinator of Ballymena Community Forum, who organised the Encourage Unity event at the Ballymena Leisure Centre. GB0553DC

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one band - many cultures

live in Downpatrick

1st December 06

**Performance - Down Arts Centre 8pm
&
Drumming Workshops for all Ages 6pm**

Tickets on Door or call 07764182966

featuring musicians from...
Poland, Zimbabwe, Slovakia, China, India,
Venezuela, Mexico & Ireland.

Downpatrick Blues and Roots Music Society



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Share Music

A meeting with Jaci Wilde (manager of Share Music) produced an idea of an introductory with the musicians from the Motion Project. If successful another series of workshops would be planned to lead to a performance.

The introductory workshop funded by Awards for All went so well that future possibilities seemed endless.

Through that initial workshop a series of sessions lead to ‘The Art of Social inclusion’.

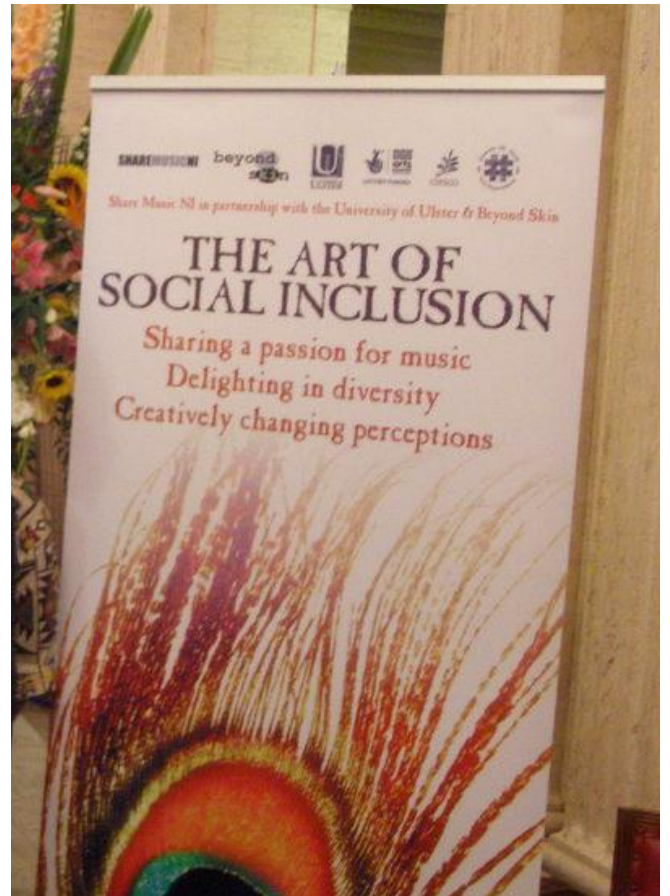
It’s amazing what 1 workshop can develop into.

‘The Art of Social Inclusion’ a collaboration between musicians from Share, Motion & University of Ulster impressed people so much that word spread leading to the group performing at Stormont on the formation of the new assembly.

Hard to describe the impact funding leverage from Awards for All has had for the Motion Project in developing these relationships so included are some photos below that should speak for themselves.

Motion musicians are still working with share music.

Contact: Jaci Wilde



Columbanus School

A pilot program of workshops exploring diversity through music. Planned programs for other schools scheduled for 2008



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Conclusion

As with all Beyond Skin programs, we aim for projects to provide development possibilities.

All the projects/program through the Awards for All scheme have gone way beyond all our expectations and the impact is so, that it is hard to put into words.

Even though Beyond Skin's aim is addressing social issues, the organisation use of the arts has had an impression on the Northern Ireland arts culture with also a unforeseen outcome of confidence building with participants involved.



Websites

www.beyonddskin.net (official organisation website)

www.motion2music.com (Beyond Skin's trading company)

www.themotionproject.net

www.myspace.com/themotionproject

www.homelyplanet.org

www.myspace.com/homelyplanet

www.yim-ni.org

www.journeyequals.net

www.createpercetions.net

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