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New Art Exchange *presents*

## NAE Community Open Day

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009, 12-7pm

Date: Saturday 18 July 2009

Venue: New Art Exchange, 39-41 Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green, Nottingham NG7 6BE

Times: 12pm - 7pm

Admission: FREE

**New Art Exchange has organised a fun day for the local community, our annual 'Community Open Day' with entertainment and activities for the whole family, and it's all FREE!**

Continue the Carnival and Mela vibe by visiting us for a day of live bands, dance, childrens activities, arts workshops, cuisine from around the world and lots more! This is a great opportunity to find out a little more about what New Art Exchange does, and how you can get involved whilst experiencing some great music, arts and activities. Please feel free to drop in any time between 12 and 7pm to experience lots of fun and free entertainment.

From Reggae to Kathak, and Celtic beats to spoken word, the Community Open Day will showcase the best of local and international artists, current activities at NAE and our exhibitions. The day will see live music performances from local artists including Freddie Kofi, Afro Invasion and San2 Singh amongst others. There will be dance performances and workshops including Afro-Brazilian dance, Capoeira and Kathak.

For our younger visitors there will be a chance to take part in childrens' workshops and activities, and for everyone - the chance to pamper yourself with Henna body art, Indian head massage and some fantastic live bands. Please note, all of these activities are Free! Our Café will also be serving up the best of world cuisine including Caribbean, Indian and European food.

### **Coming of Age**

To mark the end of An(other) Story at the NAE, and to celebrate the success of this year's Mela 21, come and tell us your stories and memories about previous visits to the Nottingham Mela, to one of our volunteer researchers. You may be part of a future exhibition (Coming of Age) and book, exploring the last 21 years of the Nottingham Mela.

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And don't forget it is your last chance to see our acclaimed exhibition **An(other) Story**. If you entered the Mithila Painting prize draw, find out if you have won at our live raffle draw on the day. Good luck, it's a great prize. Also, for the more inquisitive of you, come to the *'In conversation'*, where the two curators of An(other) Story will talk about their experiences in India, and how this exhibition came about.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July at New Art Exchange, from 12pm!

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### **Notes to Editors:**

#### **New Art Exchange**

- The NAE Community Open Day takes place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009, 12 - 7pm
- Admission to the NAE Community Open Day, and all related activities are FREE
- For further information / line-up please visit the NAE website: [www.thenewartexchange.org.uk](http://www.thenewartexchange.org.uk)
- All details and programmed artists are correct, but are subject to change

#### **Programme for Saturday 18 July 2009**

**New Art Exchange will be split into four zones, in which you can experience dance, art, music, and lots more:**

#### **Cafe Lounge :: LIVE MUSIC :: 12 - 6pm**

*Experience the best of World Music and local bands in our Café, as you experience a variety of sounds. From African rhythms to Celtic beats, Bhangra fusion to R'n'B, we have it all in our Café Lounge. You can also try out cuisine from all around the world, with the best of Caribbean, Chinese, and Indian food freshly prepared for the Open Day.*

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| 12:00 - 13:30 | DJ Lunches - Spinning the best in Pop / Hip Hop / Indie / R'n'B jams  |
| 13:30 - 14:00 | Vince Gould (Waler) - Birmingham post-punk / hip hop and spoken word inspired from roots and history  |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | Freddie Kofi - Nottingham's award-winning gospel singer and song writer   |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | Chorestor - Original Reggae tunes from this solo artist   |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Aistaguca - A Balkan Folk Orchestra horn band based in Nottingham whose music is styled around that of the Balkan 'Trubaci' bands           |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Afro Invasion - Rhythmic soundscapes from this African dance band   |
| 16:00 - 16:30 | San2 Singh - R'n'B, Soul, Bhangra and Gospel vibes from Nottingham's rising new talent  |
| 16:40 - 17:10 | Big Jig - The Big Jig Ceilidh Band perform Celtic music and dances from Ireland and beyond, from rocking reels to haunting ballads and airs |
| 17:10 - 18:00 | Global Gathering - Great DJ set from the brilliant Chill In The Park  |

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### Activity Zone :: INTERACT! :: 12 - 5pm

*A great opportunity for you to participate in Capoeira Angola Dance and Community Dance with Manning School. Also, Henna body art, face painting, Indian head massage and more, and it's all FREE!*

12:00 - 17:00	Face Painting
13:00 - 14:00	Capoeira Angola Workshop
13:00 - 16:00	Henna Body Art
13:00 - 17:00	Indian Head Massage
15:30 - 16:30	Star Child (by Manning School)

### Performance Space :: DANCE & DRAMA :: 12.30 - 7pm

*Live dance performances and artist workshops with Afro-Brazilian dance, Manushi Dance (Indian Classical - Kathak) & YARD Youth Theatre (Drama). Also a special An(other) Story Artist Talk with the Curators for this critically acclaimed exhibition*

12:30 - 13:30	YARD Youth Theatre
13:30 - 14:30	Afro-Brazilian Dance
14:30 - 15:30	Manushi Dance (Classical Indian - Kathak)
16:00 - 17:00	Djanogly Performance
18:00 - 19:00	An(other) Story Artist Talk - Dave Schischka Thomas and Saleem Arif Quadri MBE

### Learning Room :: WORKSHOPS :: 12 - 5pm

*Arts workshops based on South Asian patterns with Samiah Haleem and Tribal Art workshops based on Madhubani paintings from our current exhibition, with Saleem Arif Quadri MBE*

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### New Art Exchange

- **New Art Exchange was awarded £5million** of funding from Arts Council England, Nottingham City Council, the Greater Nottingham Partnership, East Midlands Development Agency, Radford and Hyson Green New Deal for Communities, and European Regional Development Funding, and took 18 months to build. The organisation was a big winner in Arts Council England's the January 2008 review of national arts funding gaining a 58% increase in its annual funding grant. The award was made in recognition of the organisation's vital role in supporting visual and performing arts.
- **The award-winning building designed by architects Hawkins\ Brown** boasts 5 -storey building provides 1360 sqm space dedicated to visual arts with; galleries, workshop/performance/rehearsal space, artists in residence facilities, and a cafe. Distinguished from the red clay buildings of the neighbourhood by its black brick façade and

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arrangement of frameless windows ranging in size (from 0.16 sqm to 4.84sqm), offers incidental and unexpected views into and out of the building.

- **Mission:** *The New Art Exchange ambition is to become a national centre of excellence promoting contemporary arts development within the cultural and creative industries, to deliver an innovative and exciting programme of activity to promote, support and advocate contemporary multi-cultural arts development in visual and performing arts and new media. To be a cultural centre led by African, African Caribbean and South Asian arts practice. To serve an international community from roots firmly embedded in the local area*