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# EXODUS FESTIVAL 2010

SUNDAY 18 JULY  
12PM-6PM  
FREE FAMILY FUN

A unique celebration of arts and culture brought to you by Greater Manchester's diverse refugee communities

Albert Square and Manchester Town Hall  
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# Programme

## OUTDOOR STAGE PROGRAMME

Hosted by Segun Lee French & Jean Azip Blanchard with DJ Sashwati

**12.00 Official Opening** by the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of the City of Manchester and Leader of Manchester City Council, Sir Richard Leese.

**12.05 V-Trix** This Vietnamese youth group will be performing the powerful Vietnamese Lion Dance.

**12.15 Asian Music Talent** This Pakistani and Indian group perform driving Bhangra music with classical Asian rhythms and western beats to get you on your feet.

**12.45 Exodus Beat Jam**  
A new eclectic collective of singers, MCs, musicians and spoken word performers from diverse backgrounds, created by Community Arts North West & supported by Beating Wing Orchestra.

**1.15 Jah Mission Vibes and Mbackeh Darboe** Jah Mission Vibes are a newly formed reggae band fronted by Jamaican singer songwriter Yesika Zevulana. The band will be joined on stage by Gambian star Mbackeh Darboe who is currently on tour in the UK.

**1.45 Educated Thugz** This up and coming band perform their own brand of Hip Hop and Rap bringing a refreshing taste of mainstream Hip Hop to the UK. Their unique approach has resulted in popularity on both sides of the Atlantic making these rising stars Manchester based, globally present.

**2.10 DRIM Polish Hip Hop** For over ten years DRIM were part of the underground scene in Krakow, Poland. They have 2 albums and dozens of concerts to their credit and have supported the legendary duo, Das Efx.

**2.25 Testimony** Women inspiring hope and joy through song. Three singers from across Central Africa perform an irresistibly exhilarating fusion of traditional African Gospel, Congolese dance music & American R & B.

**3.00 Beating Wing Orchestra** With musicians from countries as diverse as Kurdistan and Cameroon, Bangladesh and Brazil, Beating Wing Orchestra speaks a global music vocabulary, forging new connections between Greater Manchester's rich mix of communities.

**3.30 Heritage Survival** Formed in 2002, this group of talented musicians from Zimbabwe are now based in Wigan. They play a fusion of Shona Mbira music and Afro-Jazz and Reggae, and have recently recorded an impressive debut album which is on sale today.

**4.00 Exodus Parade** Communities from across Greater Manchester join Samba band Bloco Novo and a Vietnamese lion (!) for a parade around Albert Square. Enjoy vibrant music and a colourful display of flags and banners created by the community groups.

**4.25 Bloco Novo** An exciting, diverse and dynamic group of drummers, dancers and community artists based in East Manchester. Their vibrant and funky Afro-Latin and global grooves will surprise and delight.

**4.50 Ajah** Hard hitting lyrics that navigate the audience through their experiences of perception, local national & international identities, gender & sexuality, poverty, caste & class.

**5.20 Nouvelle Alliance** Congolese band playing danceable grooves including Salsa, Rumba, Zouk, and Folklorique. Get yourselves on the dance floor!

## LORD MAYOR'S STAGE PROGRAMME

Hosted by Borhan Mohammad & Yusra Warsama with DJ Buzz Bury

**12.45 Ejovi** Afro Hip Hop from acclaimed musician Ejovi whose debut album 'Another State' sold over 45,000 copies in Nigeria.

**1.00 Iranian Music Box** Performing the haunting sounds of traditional Persian music.

**1.25 Kokoriko** Laid back Jazz and Latin grooves, fusing British and African sounds. The band is fronted by Cameroonian pianist and composer Serge Tebu working together with musicians from the UK and Africa.

**1.50 WAST** (Women Asylum Seekers Together) A newly formed choir of women of all ages and backgrounds who refuse to be invisible and want to make their voices heard.

**2.00 Manchester Chinese Centre** Festival favourites of the Chinese New Year celebrations, the group will perform traditional Chinese dance.

**2.20 Future Starz** Manchester based youth dance group fusing a range of styles with their own unique self expression.

**2.40 Danto Tilili** A Tuareg electric guitarist and singer from the Libyan Sahara, a newcomer to the Exodus Festival playing a unique style of desert blues.

**3.00 Ya Freddy** Congolese pop singer (creator of the African anthem *Foe We All Miss You*) combines a love of song writing, football and humanitarian causes. He will shortly be off to South Africa to promote his new song celebrating the FIFA World Cup, so don't miss this unique UK appearance!

## DANCE WORKSHOPS

Free dance workshops throughout the day. No experience necessary. Come and join in!

### Conference Hall

**12.30-1.30** Tai Chi with Zhou Juan

**1.30-2.30** African & Caribbean Dance with Magdalen Bartlett

**2.30-3.30** Salsa workshop - Solar Salsa and friends

**3.30-4.30** West African Dance with Gambian artist, Mbackeh Darboe

**3.30 Dems de la Paix** Congolese band singing for peace in Africa.

**4.00 Kalayayasa** An international collective of Rainbow warriors based here in the UK. Kalayayasa (meaning Stone People) is derived from the highlands of Maasai and Gikuyu in Kenya, a powerful, spiritual place. Like the stones, each musician brings their unique sound and expression creating a heartfelt fusion of Ride DJ JOMO to vibe, Afro Jazz to Hip Hop and Soul to Dub and World Beat.

**4.25 DRIM Polish Hip Hop** For over ten years DRIM were part of the underground scene in Krakow, Poland. They have 2 albums and dozens of concerts to their credit and have supported the legendary duo, Das Efx.

## ART & CRAFTS ACTIVITIES

Free arts and crafts activities suitable for all the family running throughout the day

### Sculpture Hall

**12.30-4.30** Photography portraits with Miselo Kunda

**12.30-4.30** Mask making with Akinyemi Oludele

**12.30-4.30** Children's Arts activities with Alison Vaas

### Albert Square

**12-4** Face painting

**12-5** Chinese kite-making and calligraphy (Manchester Chinese Centre Stall)

**12-5** African Ceramics with Madade Bezy

**12-5** Henna Art with Saba Munir (WAST Stall)

**4.55 Letwin Berebende & Rumba Maestro** Zimbabwean live music and dance group combining the uplifting sounds of Rumba, Soukous, Dombolo dance, R n B and Soul.

**5.15 Tolu** A festival favourite, Tolu (meaning Sunrise) perform a lively mix of contemporary and traditional songs from Afghanistan.

## DRUMMING & MARTIAL ARTS

Free workshops and demonstrations throughout the day.

### Albert Square

**12.20-1.30** African Drumming with West African Development

**1.30-2** Vietnamese Martial Arts Demonstration

**2.30-4** African Drumming with West African Development

**4.20-5.20** Capoeira Demonstration



## INTERNATIONAL FOOD

Enjoy delicious home-cooked food by refugee communities from Bosnia, Sudan, Congo, Nigeria and Pakistan, plus a special Eritrean coffee ceremony and delicious cakes from Poland, Iran and beyond! With support from CAN, the groups have worked cooperatively to produce a varied and affordable menu (drinks-70p, snacks-£1, meals-£3) including halal and vegetarian food.

## WORLD CRAFT, CLOTHING & INFORMATION MARKET

A wide variety of stalls from many organisations and artists including Fair Trade, African and Pakistani-Gujerati clothing, jewellery, arts & crafts, world music, home-made cakes and much more.

## SITE DECORATION

Enjoy the vibrant festival site decorations designed and made by Bolton Red Cross Women's group, GELL Youth Group in Old Trafford, Oldham Peacemakers, Bury Eagles Wing, George House Trust and Rainbow Haven in Manchester. This project was produced by Community Arts North West, led by artist Wendy Meadley and supported by Jennifer Vickers, Helen Davies, Hannah Bold and Sarah McKenzie

## COMMUNITY ARTS NORTH WEST

Community Arts North West (CAN) is a Manchester based, arts development organisation who since 1978, have worked in partnership with communities, artists and agencies to encourage, create, and produce cultural programmes of work. CAN's main priority is to create access to cultural production for people that are excluded or on the fringes of mainstream cultural resources.

## EXODUS

The Exodus Festival is organised by Community Arts North West as part of the Exodus Greater Manchester Refugee Arts programme which launched in November 2004.

The Exodus artistic programme engages with a variety of traditional and contemporary art forms working with refugees, asylum seekers and other local communities to develop ideas for creative projects.

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