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GHOST PELOTON

NVA & Phoenix Dance present Ghost Peloton, an exciting opportunity for experienced road cyclists to be part of this once in a lifetime experience to celebrate the Grand Départ and the spirit of the Tour de France in Yorkshire. During two live performances in central Leeds, cyclists from across the county will create beautiful, choreographed patterns as they move in formation in specially designed programmed light suits, and friends and family can come along and watch your extraordinary performance for free!

Ghost Peloton extends NVA's remarkable Speed of Light public artworks which have taken place with endurance runners in the UK, Japan and Germany. This is the first time that the productions has been adapted for cyclists.

We are working closely with our partners Sustrans to engage road cyclists, cycle leaders and volunteers who will work closely with our Creative and Production Teams, taking part in technical and dress rehearsals before the performance dates. Selected cyclists will become a peloton team, representing Yorkshire, committing to regular practice sessions and illuminating their surroundings.

To be part of this extraordinary opportunity to explore the potential of road cycling as one of our riders, to guide our peloton performers as a Cycle Leader, or to support the event team as a volunteer you must be able to attend all required dates, and meet our experience requirements. Please read the detailed information at www.nvaspeedofflight.org.uk/ghostpeloton

Visit <http://nvaspeedofflight.org.uk/page/112/Cyclists> to register your details.

BICYCLISM LEEDS

Calling all Leeds residents and expats! We are seeking photos of Leeds people past and present on their bikes. Do you have any photos of yourself, your friends or family with their bikes? If so - old or new, Polaroid or digital - we'd love you to submit them online at www.bicyclism.co.uk for a special exhibition at Leeds City Museum from 24th June 2014.

Contact Bicyclism for more information on 0113 224 3732, or visit www.bicyclism.co.uk

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BIKE STORY, WHAT'S YOURS?

Do you have a Bike Story you can share with us? If the answer is 'yes' then why not spend a few minutes at www.bikestory.org.uk, where you can submit pictures and stories. We want stories of all kinds - from the long and rambling to the short and pithy - about life on two wheels. Your stories will form the basis of a new play touring Yorkshire during the Yorkshire Festival 2014.

Contact Jenny on 07973 483055,
email: jenny.harris@509arts.co.uk
or visit www.bikestory.org.uk to share your story.

CART BEFORE HORSE

Calling all people interested in bikes and tricks, cycling and playing... We are creating a performance for Le Grand Départ in July and during Yorkshire Festival 2014 will be running workshops in Yorkshire at various venues for people to play with artistic cycling tricks, cycle choreography and a rough vocabulary of invented tricks for bikes. There will also be performance workshops run by members of Stumble danceCircus and a possible opportunity to join in our performances. If anyone is interested in attending, scheduling, housing or inputting into any such workshop we'd love to hear from you.

Please get in touch with mish@stumbledancecircus.com and visit www.stumbledancecircus.com

TOUR DE FORCE BICYCLE ORCHESTRAS

Take recycling to a new dimension!

Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival (hcmf//) is seeking donations of bike parts to create instruments for our Tour de Force Bicycle Orchestras. Have you got an old bike gathering dust? Or some parts put aside and going to waste? Free up some space and donate them to hcmf// where they will have a new lease of life as a frame harp, handlebar trumpet, thumb piano or singing wheel!

Whether complete bikes or odd parts, we will happily accept them, whatever state of repair they are in.

To donate, please email Sarah McWatt at s.mcwatt@hud.ac.uk or call 01484 471116.
Visit www.hcmf.co.uk/Tour-de-Force-Bicycle-Orchestras for more information.

THE BIG WIDE....

Yorkshire Festival 2014 is proud to be able to share 'The Big Wide' - the official festival song. An empowering, uplifting and catchy track to get you in the mood for the festival and the tour, and generally feeling all 'Yorkshire'! You can listen to the song, watch the music video, and download the lyrics at <http://festival.yorkshire.com/join-in-and-downloads>. The song is a gift - it's free for people to take away and make their own! We'll be adding arrangements for choirs and brass bands, among others, to the festival website, and we'd love to hear the song performed across the county in as many musical styles as possible. So please, listen, share - and get involved.

Find out more about the song and its associated project: www.festival.yorkshire.com/events/the-tour-of-infinite-possibility

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TOUR DE CINEMA

Would you be interested in encouraging cyclists of all different levels of ability to cycle to spectacular indoor and outdoor cinema screenings across Yorkshire? The Tour De Cinema includes over 60 film screenings based around cycling and Yorkshire life, including 11 massive outdoor screenings to which we want as many people as possible to cycle and fill the outdoor cinema sites with bikes. You can read all about the programme here - www.sheffdocfest.com/view/tourdecinema - and we'd love to hear ideas from you about encouraging as many of your club and friends and family of your club members to cycle to the cinemas.

Please email us at charlie@sidf.co.uk with your ideas or visit www.sheffdocfest.com/view/tourdecinema for more information.

WISH YOU WERE HERE

NYMAZ is looking for 7 cyclists to courier songs written as part of the Wish You Were Here project to different locations across North Yorkshire during May and June 2014. The project will work with communities across North Yorkshire to write and perform original songs celebrating their area. Led by Rebecca Gross, a team of musicians will bring together young people with local music groups in each location to create songs which encapsulate their community's identity. Each cyclist would be asked to complete one stage of the journey, concluding with a photo call of the cyclist passing on a song recording to the next participating music group. Exact dates and times are to be finalised, but the stages will be as follows:

- 1 Grassington to Pateley Bridge (c.12 miles)
- 2 Pateley Bridge to Selby (c.50 miles)
- 3 Selby to Helmsley (c.40 miles)
- 4 Helmsley to Botton (c.20 miles)
- 5 Botton to Easingwold (c.35 miles)
- 6 Easingwold to Reeth (c.50 miles)
- 7 Reeth to Grassington (c.30 miles)

If you're interested in volunteering to cycle a stage for the project please get in touch with Heidi Johnson at heidi@nymaz.org.uk, call 01904 543382 or visit <http://www.nymaz.org.uk/wish-you-were-here>

TOUR DE BRASS

Brassed On York hopes a team of cyclists will be part of their project, by delivering a yellow conductor's baton to each of the participating bands in the Tour de Brass, over the weekend of Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 June 2014. This element of our programme is still to be confirmed, but we would like to put a call out to cycling clubs and other cycling organisations/businesses for an expression of interest at this early stage.

Brass bands will be playing at locations along the two stages of the Grand Depart over the weekend of 21 & 22 June. We envisage the cyclists will turn up at the designated locations and hand over a yellow baton to the conductor for the start of their concert. Batons will be sent out in advance to the organiser of the ride. All the group needs to do is plan a ride from whatever starting point they want, which terminates at the concert, where they can hand over the baton and enjoy the concert (and perhaps even have a go at playing a brass instrument afterwards!). Alternatively, the riders could drop the baton off as part of a ride out, perhaps taking a refreshment break there and enjoying part of the concert.

The locations we have bands playing at are:

Saturday 21 June (daytime, exact times tbc)
Otley (Carnival Showground)
Muker Village Green
Leyburn
Ripon Market Place
York Parliament Street
York Coppergate Centre

Sunday 22 June (daytime, exact times tbc)
Hebden Bridge (tbc)
Skipton (tbc)
Knaresborough
Ilkley Bandstand (tbc)
York Parliament Street

Please note that Brass On York Ltd does not have the capacity or resources to organise or finance any rides (though we can, of course, publicise them widely and the handovers will provide great photo opportunities too).

Contact **Kate Lock** for further information or to express your interest: **Kate Lock, Brass On York,** Klockworks@btinternet.com, tel: 07792 633984.

Visit www.festival.yorkshire.com/events/tour-de-brass for more information

WHITE CLOTH GALLERY

Eyes on Le Tour de France! Throughout the Cultural Festival, White Cloth Gallery are privileged to be hosting an exhibition by world renowned cycling photographer, Graham Watson.

Working in partnership with Rouleur Magazine, WCG will also be exhibiting the work of Bernard Thompson.

A series of beautifully shot cycling related movies will be screened along with Rouleur events including talks, Q & A's, book signings.

We are looking for cyclists to join in our Rollopaluza competitions and be a part of our full range of exhibitions and events.

Rollopaluza allows riders on stationary bicycles to compete in a series of short times races, to the accompaniment of music and an MC generating a unique atmosphere.

Two cyclist's battle it out on a pair of Rollopaluza rollers connected to a giant dial over a simulated 500m distance at speeds in excess of 50mph.

For details contact sharon@whiteclothgallery.com, call 0113 218 1923 or visit <http://www.whiteclothgallery.com/eyes-le-tour-de-france/>

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