



Liberation Lullabies

commemorating the abolition
of slavery in Britain

Featuring the music of Robert Maseko
and CongoBeat

FREE

Sunday April 22nd, 2.30pm

Tyneside Cinema

@ the Old Town Hall,

West Street, Gateshead.

to reserve seats:

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The North East Cultural Diversity Arts Forum (NECDAF) is the *umbrella* organisation for arts and cultural organisations promoting arts practitioners from ethnic minority communities in North East England.

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Liberation Lullabies commemorates the first parliamentary bill that led to the eventual end of the transatlantic trade in African people as slaves in the British Empire.

Popular Congolese singer, **Robert Maseko** and his band **Congobeat** who are based in the region, will perform a selection of songs chosen specially for this event.

NECDAF is pleased to introduce the **Sun Dance** group who will be performing a traditional African dance.

Poet and writer **Peter Adegbie** will narrate the show.

The **Tyneside Cinema** at the Old Town Hall in Gateshead is a great venue for the show as it will be performed before a changing backdrop of photographic images.

Robert Maseko and CongoBeat

Congolese soukous music has lost none of its attraction for European audiences and the African Diaspora that has settled in the North. Robert Maseko is part of the new wave of central African artists who are re-interpreting and enriching this hip-swinging music. With his band the Congo Beat he is going back to the rumba roots that so entranced the entire continent and adding touches of reggae, flamenco and zouk.



Peter Adegbie (narrator)

Is a Bachelor of Science, Zoology graduate of the University of Ibadan, and enjoyed a fulfilling career in the television industry before serving as a Christian Missionary in East and Central Africa. He bagged an MA in Creative Writing with commendation at the University of Northumbria and a PHD at Newcastle University.

He has published three books including a poetry collection.

He is married to Theodora a legal practitioner and they have two children Daniel and Deborah-Divine.



Sun Dance

We're pleased to welcome this new dance group specialising in traditional African dance and live drumming. They will be performing a traditional War Dance from Ghana.

Expect to see a lot more of Sun Dance all over the region in the future.

North East Cultural Diversity Arts Forum

The Forum was created to provide services to cultural and heritage organisations serving communities of people from other countries now living in the North East.

The Forum:

- Promotes the work of artists and organisations
- Encourages and supports collaborative arts projects between communities and groups
- Provides information services to a regional network of member organisations including an Artists and Organisations Database
- Provides fund-raising and development planning support to artists and organisations
- Organises quarterly Forum meetings and coordinates the region-wide development activities it agrees.
- Represents its members in meetings with regional decision-makers to influence policies and plans.

Get Involved

Calling anyone who makes art at any level and in any discipline whose families came from a different country!...

Join the Forum and help us to introduce your creative and cultural heritage to other communities. You might not see yourself as a professional or you might not be earning a living as an artist but we'd still like to invite you to share and improve your skills or just join in for fun. We provide support for artists of all levels through a range of activities and services.

Perhaps there's something you've always been interested in, like traditional dance or a particular craft, let us know and we might be able to put you in touch with the right people to make it happen.

Fill in tear off and return the form on the back of this programme for further details.

MEMBERSHIP

Name

Gender: Male/Female

Ethnic background

Art-form/Skill/Interest(s)

Postal Address

e-mail

African-Caribbean Buffet

After the show, please sample the wonderful African and Caribbean food provided by Agnes Offiong of Heavenly Manna restaurant in Byker. Heavenly Manna reflects the growing multicultural community of the East End of Newcastle. Agnes and her cooks Anthonia and Affi aim to bring a taste of Africa to the Geordie palate. We hope that this introduction to the delicious dishes brought to the North East by people from other countries who have made homes here will encourage you to visit HEAVENLY MANNA for yourself.

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