

The Fight for freedom past & present in contemporary music, words, dance & images

Together we can make a dif

Premiere: Hull City Hall 31st March 2007 at 4.00pm & 7.30pm (4.00pm performance will be signed)

with: Paul Field, Coco Mbassi, Sadie Chamberlain, Mike Haughton
Dan Wheeler, Steve Harding, Springs Dance Co
& the Cargo Choir & Narrators.

Tickets: £12: £8: £5 (Concessions £11: £7: £4)

Early Bookings: £1.00 off if booked before 1st Feb 2007- a

Group Bookings: Buy ten get one free: City Hall Box Office: 01482 22665

200 Balloons will be released, each with a slaves name attached, to symbolise 200 years of the fight for freedom. Outside City Hall at approx 3.15pm & 6.45pm

(Some of the images in Cargo may not be suitable for very young children).









Where better than Hull, Wilberforce's city, for the premiere of Cargo?

Written by Ivor Novello award winning Composer Paul Field the powerful contemporary songs, narration, dance and images will take you on a journey from the work of William Wilberforce and the abolitionist movement two hundred years ago through to the struggle that continues today against the many forms of slavery that still exist.

From the joy and hope in the rousing gospel feel of 'Sharika', (which will have you still singing long after the performance is over) to the heartbreaking loneliness of 'Midnight Rain' Cargo will entertain you, move you and challenge you.

Paul Field will be joined in Hull by:

Coco Mbassi: brilliant Womad award winning singer from Cameroon

Sadie Chamberlain: a really exciting new talent

Mike Haughton: sax and woodwind player for Sir Cliff Richard, Iona and many others.

Dan Wheeler: a great guitar player and respected singer/songwriter in his own right.

Steve Harding: keyboard player for Tim Hughes and Cathy Burton

Springs Dance Company.

The Narrators and the Cargo choir (led by Cathy Westby & Anne Richards) are all Hull people including members of the City of Hull Youth Choir, Redemption Gospel Choir & Hot Gospel.

Cargo supports the work of: Compassion UK - Anti Slavery International - Stop the Traffik

Imagine you can change the world

Two hundred and twenty years ago slavery was legal, open and accepted. It was a vital source of income to Britain and most of our ancestors if not directly involved in the trade were complicit in it. The Abolitionists immense uphill task was to persuade people of the fundamental injustice of trading in and owning human beings. In 1807, a combination of public opinion, voiced through petitions, demonstrations and publications. Economic pressure through widespread boycotts of slave produced goods and the constant rebellion of the slaves themselves left the government no choice but to vote Wilberforce's bill into law and set the wheel turning towards the Abolitionists ultimate goal. The total end of slavery.

Today the whole world agrees that slavery is wrong. And yet it still exists and indeed thrives to the extent that more than 20 million people are still trapped in some form of slavery. The feeling that there's nothing we can do to change things is our most common excuse for doing nothing and yet in the same way that 12 ordinary men started the great wheel moving more than 200 years ago it's up to us to keep it turning. We can never let indifference rule the world.

'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.'

The only fair trade in people is no trade and together we can make a difference.

Imagine that