

Saturday 16th of July



Tromsø is brought to life!

Tromsø came alive during yesterday's opening ceremony outside the City Hall. An excited crowd gathered at the pavilion and was treated to an imaginative and accomplished theatrical performance by KULTA, the Tromsø theatre company and a band of French musicians.

The parade began with entertaining figures peeking out from the windows of

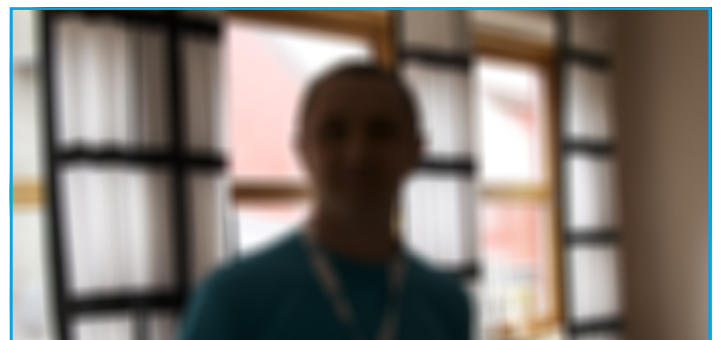
City Hall, waking up the flowers below which were played by children; the flowers came to life, and the parade was on! Many followed through Tromsø's pretty streets and during an otherwise rainy day, the sun also made an appearance! KULTA's Circus School met the parade in the streets and a very entertaining show was given by Monaco. After some initial caution many

of Tromsø's numerous tourists were also captivated by the parade, which continued on to the Cathedral and the Cultural Centre. Here, the Mayor of Tromsø, with Chairman of the Norwegian Theatre Council Svein J. Svennson, wished a warm welcome to Tromsø Dialog 2011 and declared the festival officially open!



Introducing the Culture House

Of all the stages used during the festival, The Culture House will host the largest number of countries. With its area of 6000 square metres, the Culture House houses three stages, a café, and an auditorium. There is a high level of activity, with 300-400 events and 70 000 to 80 000 visitors per year. The Culture House was officially opened by Crown Princess Sonja on the 14th of January 1984, fifteen years after the fire in Tromsø which destroyed the city's last big stage.



Interview with a volunteer

I was fortunate to have the wonderful opportunity to interview [redacted] a volunteer at the festival.

Why did you decide to become a volunteer?

- I have been a volunteer at other festivals, and I hope to make a difference and help people.

What are you most looking forward to?

- I'm very much looking forward to the performance from Hungary. I'd also love to see Cuba.

What is your role as a volunteer?

- I am the host for Hungary, so I help to make sure that everything is in place for their performances. I also show them where the shops are and so on.

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Please note!

16th July – from 2100 hrs
Faroese evening
Provisoriet – Rådstua Theatre House

17th and 23rd July
The Iranian performance "The flower" has been cancelled.

17th and 21st July
Rio de Trokkones play at the Festival Bar Café Sønn

18th July
German evening
Festival Bar Café Sønn

20th July
Monegasque evening
The Festival Bar Café Sønn

22nd July 2000 hrs
Off programme:
Malangsrevyen
Provisoriet – Rådstua Theatre House



Places still available at Bread and Circus!

There's still time to sign up for the exciting symposium on Tuesday the 19th of July 2011! The event takes place at the stunning Rica Ishavshotel. The framework for the symposium is the concept "World Café", a method whereby large groups can discuss complex issues in a personal and engaging space. The question posed is: *Participation in cultural activities is an "in-*

strument" to help individuals and local communities to overcome poverty and social exclusion. How can WE create more arenas for cultural activities?

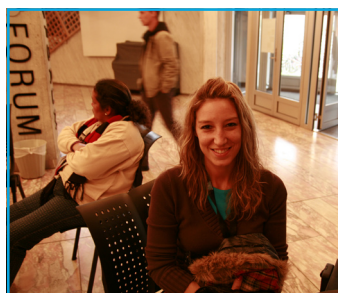
The goal is for participants to clarify their own personal involvement and for individuals to receive expert and concrete help in deciding how this engagement can be fully realised on return to their respective home coun-

tries. So Bread and Circus is an opportunity to forge new alliances and gain inspiration from all over the world! The deadline for registration is now Monday the 18th of July at 1600. Sign up today for a truly thought provoking experience!

Four at the festival: What are your first impressions of Tromsø?



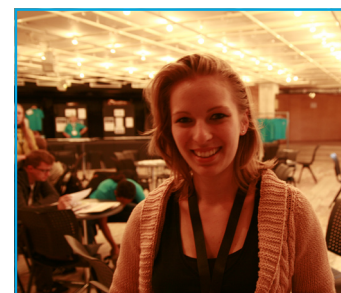
Charlott (19), Monaco
This is a very sweet town and I love all the little streets with the sweet old houses. It's a cold yet charming place and very endearing. I love the street musicians.



Alexandra (26), Monaco
The people here are very kind and everybody is so friendly. I like the music played on the streets very much. You can just kind of go and start singing along to the music.



Zsuzsanna Nagy (23), Hungary
I think it's pretty cold, colder than I like, and it rains a lot. But it's also very interesting. It's a fascinating town to walk around in; I love to experience new sights.



Viktória Horurath (22), Hungary
There are many entertaining people here, and it's fun to experience all the street music. Despite being a bit cold and quiet at times, it's different and new.