

Celebrating Sanctuary presents
20 YEARS OF BIRMINGHAM

REFUGEE WEEK

18 - 25 JUNE 2022





NIWEL TSUMBU



WELCOME

Celebrating Sanctuary (CSB) welcomes you to the Birmingham Refugee Week Festival 2022. CSB has been running the Refugee Week Festival in Birmingham since we founded in 2002, making this our 20th Anniversary!

Refugee Week happens each year in June across the country to celebrate the contribution and resilience of refugees and to share their stories, experiences and campaigns.

This year to mark our Anniversary and 20 Years of Refugee Week in Birmingham we are presenting a week long festival of events featuring some of the UK's finest musicians and artists originating from around the globe. We have a broad range of high quality artists from: Morocco, Poland, Ukraine, Senegal, Sudan, DR Congo, Slovakia, Zimbabwe, Colombia, Gambia, Cameroon, Palestine and the UK. A mix of traditional and contemporary music and arts will make this year's festival one to remember, with something for everyone!

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SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

20 YEARS OF BIRMINGHAM REFUGEE WEEK LAUNCH

12-2PM - FREE

REFUGEE WEEK SOLIDARITY WALK

11.15 AM
ST PHILIP'S CATHEDRAL COLMORE ROW,
BIRMINGHAM B3 2QB - FREE

Members of The Birmingham Refugee Week Network and City of Sanctuary invite you to meet at 11.15am at St Philips Cathedral, to join in a walk to the Library of Birmingham for the launch of Refugee Week.

LIBRARY OF BIRMINGHAM CENTENARY
SQUARE, BROAD ST, B1 2EA
12-2PM - FREE

Join us for the start of Refugee Week 2022 and celebrate our 20th Anniversary.

Here's what we have in store for you...

PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS
by CSB, Refugee Week Uk & Asylum Matters

SPOKEN WORD

FROM AHMED MAGARE (SOMALI BORN, POET AND SPOKEN WORD ARTIST)

For our 20th Anniversary Ahmed was commissioned by CSB to write a new spoken word piece which he will perform for the launch of this year's Refugee Week festival.

SPOKEN WORD

FROM STORIES OF HOPE AND HOME

A story-telling project offering Asylum Seekers and Refugees a space to share their stories and to give others a space to hear them.

LIVE MUSIC!

FROM NIWEL TSEMBU & DIDIER KISALA (DR CONGO)



1PM

Niwel Tsembu & Didier Kisala come together for a collaboration to launch our Refugee Week programme. Niwel and Didier have a long standing friendship going back to their youth in Congo and their performances present a combination of styles and experiences, reflecting their shared culture, stories and memories.

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE



WE ARE BIRMINGHAM 2022 SELF PORTRAITS EXHIBITION LAUNCH



12-2PM - FREE

LIBRARY OF BIRMINGHAM CENTENARY SQUARE, BROAD ST B1 2EA

In partnership with photographer Brian Homer of 'Handsworth Self Portrait' project dating back to 1979.

We've invited people from all backgrounds, across the city, to document themselves with self portraits, done in the style of Brian's famous 'Handsworth Self Portrait' project. The project is part of CSB's We Are Birmingham 2022 campaign which reflects the diversity of Birmingham in 2022 giving visibility to our refugee and migrant communities.

The exhibition runs 18th June - 18th July at the Library of Birmingham on the digital wall.

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

REFUGEE WEEK TAKEOVER AT SYMPHONY HALL

LOCATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION CENTRE BROAD ST,
BIRMINGHAM B1 2EA, 10-6PM - FREE

To kick off a week packed with live music, art and workshops that will inspire you with culture from all corners of the world, CSB are taking over Birmingham's iconic and much loved Symphony Hall - here's what we have in store for you...

TOP FLOOR

JOURNEY TO SAFETY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

10-5PM

Exploring spaces and places of reception and support along the 'Balkan Route', this exhibition challenges the myth of the simple journey, instead highlighting the dangers and struggles faced by displaced people as they seek safety in Europe.

Hosted in partnership with the Aston University Centre for Migration & Displacement.

SHELANU: WOMEN'S CRAFT COLLECTIVE DROP IN ALL DAY

A craft workshop exploring the Refugee Week theme of "Healing" through making.

Shelanu, which means 'belonging to us', is a collective of migrant and refugee women working with Craftspace to develop craft skills, and produce high quality craft inspired by their new home and experiences of migration.

The Collective will also have a stall with their ranges of jewellery available for sale.

HEAR MY VOICE (TEXTILE EXHIBITION & WORKSHOP WITH MARGARET MURRAY)

Arts All Over The Place presents work created with community groups across Birmingham, as part of their Creative City project funded by Birmingham City Council.

Creative Catalyst 'Love Erdington' - Work created in Erdington & Castle Vale funded by ENNS. A collective response to issues of exclusion and marginalisation and how we use creativity to express, share our stories and reduce isolation to support wellbeing. Even when we are silent or do not have a common language, creativity can give us a voice.

DRUMMING DISPLAY AND WORKSHOP WITH STEVE TCHOUMBA (CAMEROON)

Just drop in, no need to book for this event.
2 - 2:45PM

PLUS

Crafts, information stalls, arts and cultural activities all through the day.

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

REFUGEE WEEK TAKEOVER AT SYMPHONY HALL CONTINUED

JENNIFER BLACKWELL SPACE

LIVE MUSIC
FROM AROUND THE WORLD 3-6PM



A musical extravaganza featuring top acts from around the world, presenting a line up of local, national and international artists representing music and cultures from different parts of the globe. Get ready for...

- Traditional Gnawa (sacred trance) from Simo Lagwawi and Gnawa Blues Allstars (Morocco)
- Roma (Gypsy) songs from Julia Kozakova (Slovakia)
- Traditional Sudanese sounds from Hassan Salih Nour (Sudan)
- Eastern European music from Karolina Wegrzyn (Poland)
- Soulful Sudanese rhythms from Ebo Krdum

HOSTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH B:MUSIC.

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

JOURNEYING BY BAOBAB WOMEN'S PROJECT

2-4PM - FREE

JERICHO BUILDING 196-198 EDWARD RD B12 9LX (BUS TRAVEL PAID)

Make a plaster cast of your feet to decorate and paint on all of the places your feet have travelled.
BOOK A TIME TIME BY TEXTING SARAH ON 079 12 482336.

SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

KADIALY KOUYATE TRIO

YORKS CAFE AT IKON GALLERY
1 OZZELLS ST, BIRMINGHAM B1 2HS

4-5PM - FREE

Kadialy Kouyate (Senegal) descended from a great line of griots dating back to the 13th century. Kadialy's kora playing and singing style have been appreciated in many ensembles and institutions, enriching the London music scene with his griot legacy. Performing with his trio of bass, percussion and kora, Kadialy draws on his heritage and its traditional songs to create his own mesmerising compositions.

HOSTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH IKON GALLERY



THURSDAY 23RD JUNE

BIRMINGHAM REFUGEE WEEK HEALING PARTY

4-7PM - Free

CENTRALA UNIT 4, MINERVA WORKS, 158 FAZELEY ST, BIRMINGHAM, B5 5RT

Join us to celebrate Refugee Week with dance, song, spoken word and music, with performances from Birmingham's varied communities that want to share their culture & come together to showcase the City's brilliant diversity through 'healing & unity'. Food to enjoy and Stalls included to raise awareness of our migrant communities.

HOSTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NEAR NEIGHBOURS, BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL AND CENTRALA

THURSDAY 23RD JUNE

MAC SUMMER SERIES

HOPE, DETERMINATION AND SONG BY ANNA MUDEKA

8PM (DOORS 7.30)

MAC

HEXAGON THEATRE
CANNON HILL PARK,
BIRMINGHAM
B12 9QH

£9 - £15 (BOOK EARLY FOR
CHEAPER TICKETS)

Zimbabwean born singer, musician and storyteller Anna Mudeka tells the remarkable life story of an iconic South African singer, songwriter and civil rights activist. Chronicling a life blighted by hardship, tragedy and struggle, Hope, Determination and Song features many best loved songs including Mbube, Pata Pata and Soweto Blues, songs which embody an irrepressible spirit and integrity and which earned her legendary status. Script by Zimbabwean writer Tomas Lutuli Brickhill and Directed by Tonia Daley-Campbell.



SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

FAMILY EVENT

1-4.30PM - Free

MAC OUTDOOR ARENA CANNON HILL PARK, BIRMINGHAM B12 9QH

An exciting afternoon of music with performances by top musicians from around the world.



SEIKOU SUSSO

(GAMBIA)

From a family of griots known as Jalibas, who tell the History of the Mandingo Ancestry through music poetry which they express with one of the most authentic African string instrument called The Kora, sometimes known as the African Harp.



MUHA

(UKRAINE. LATVIA. UK)

Combining the melodic beauty of Eastern European folklore, North Indian Kathak rhythms, Cuban beats and original lyrics they mesmerise with a musical feast rooted in the Slavonic tradition but cultured from the world.

Turn the page for more on our Family Event

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

FAMILY EVENT CONTINUED

1-4.30PM - Free

MAC OUTDOOR ARENA CANNON HILL PARK, BIRMINGHAM B12 9QH

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LOS MUSICOS

(COLOMBIA)

The warmth of the nylon strung guitar, the bite of the electric guitar together with authentic Latin Percussion and traditional singing. That is the sound and vibe you get with Los Musicos.

DIDIER KISALA & THE REDEEMED

(DRCONGO)



A Birmingham-based group with members hailing from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Their music reflects their heritage and a broad range of influences, including Rumba, Sebene, Zouk, Jazz, Gospel and more.

PLUS

spoken word, community performances and presentations.

HOSTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MAC.

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

SAMER RASHED & SURGE:

TALES OF THE GYPSY JAZZ

MAC OUTDOOR ARENA CANNON HILL PARK, BIRMINGHAM B12 9QH

7:30PM - FROM £9



Following on from their sold out show at Centrala in 2019 acclaimed Palestinian viola player and composer Samer Rashed returns to Birmingham with his band to perform "Tales of the Gypsy Jazz". This is his second album that follows his unique path of putting the viola at the centre of his work. For this special event, you will hear Samer and his band joined by musicians from Surge Orchestra, re-imagining his music with some of Birmingham's finest players including Alex Polack, Katie Stevens, Ruth Angell and Xhosa Cole.

This event is presented by Surge Forward Music and Arts in partnership with Celebrating Sanctuary Birmingham.

HOSTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SURGE FORWARD.



2022 is the 20th Anniversary of CSB and the Refugee Week Festival in Birmingham. To mark the occasion we've launched a year long program called We Are Birmingham 2022, where we'll reflect on and showcase 20 years of diversity and culture in Birmingham's Music and Arts Scene.

To find out more about "We Are Birmingham 2022" and the many events we're showcasing over the Summer, please visit our website celebrating-sanctuary.org.uk



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