



SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTING ARTISTS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW

Parvaneh Soltani

Theatre Director and actress, and film critic, from Iran. Involved in mainstream theatre in Iran, her work has since toured in Europe. Her main subject is the life and plight of Iranian women, using comedy.

Redley Silva

Theatre Artist and Human Rights Activist from Sri Lanka. Campaigned for equal rights for both Tamils and Sinhalese, performed in mainstream theatre and ran theatre workshops for women working in garment factories.

Igor Tojcic

Writer and multidisciplinary artist, originating from former Yugoslavia, who has dedicated his artistic skills towards reaching an understanding across cultures. Igor's work includes writing, film, visual art, singing with an underlining 'Earthling' theme.

Zory

Visual artist from the Middle East, currently using photography and installations, aiming to challenge pre-set perceptions and to raise questions about dehumanisation and identity. Focus on women and oppression.

Miroslav Jancic

Protagonist of anti-national literature of former Yugoslavia, with several published novels, plays, non-fiction books and film scripts. He will read from the second of his works to be written and published English, *Singing Through The Town*.

Ghias Aljundi

Poet, short story writer and playwright, from Syria. His artwork mainly addresses the suffering of humankind. His personal experience motivates him to participate in international campaigns for the eradication of torture.

Caryne Chapman Clark

Theatre practitioner of Canadian origin, who has worked and performed in many countries and been involved in a long collaboration with a theatre company based in Tbilisi, Georgia. Founder of Artists in Exile.

Leticia Valverdes

Award winning photographer from Brazil renowned for her work with street girls. Her book of photographs *Invisible Lives* explores common threads of gender and identity between the lives of marginalised women from different ages and cultures.

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Martha Elsesser

Human Rights activist and recipient of Silver Bear at the Berlin Film Festival for her film work. Colombian-born, she has been working with a Chilean women's theatre company and has collaborated with London International Festival of Theatre.

John Jairo Morales

Colombian actor, theatre director and radio presenter. His work has been highly acclaimed at the Edinburgh Festival.

Vida Kashizadeh

Poet, songwriter-singer and story weaver from Iran. Her multidisciplinary work draws from a traditional and spiritual base revolving around issues of identity and nomadic belonging.

George Berberian

Artist from Armenia working with materials such as glass, stone, wood and use of varied painting techniques. His work reflects magical aspects of human experience.

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