

BANNER THEATRE PRESENTS

"THEY GET FREE MOBILES... DON'T THEY?"



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ILLEGAL!**

STORIES OF EXILE AND MIGRATION

**Purcell Room
Southbank Centre
Saturday 8th March 2008**

Doors open: 6.30pm

Tickets: £4/£2 concessions

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“THEY GET FREE MOBILES... DON'T THEY?”

In this new production, Banner Theatre sets out to bust some of the media generated myths about refugees and asylum seekers.

This live multimedia show, combining music, song, video, film and theatre, speaks for Britain's newest arrivals as they dodge borders, bullets and bureaucracy in their quest for safety and security from war-torn lands in Africa and the Middle East. It tells the human stories of people in the wrong place at the wrong time, and cuts through the myths, lies and prejudice surrounding the search for sanctuary in England's green but sometimes not so pleasant land.

But *"They get free mobiles . . . don't they?"* also shows how our lives here in the UK are integrally connected to those of refugees from impoverished third world countries and exposes the big business interests that profit from the exploitation of children and slave labourers, particularly in the mining and production of tantalum - a key element in our mobile phones.

"They get free mobiles . . . don't they?" interweaves a rich tapestry of musical styles - from rock, rap and reggae, to blues, folk and jazz - to highlight the real-life experiences of people caught up in the whirlwind of the twenty-first century.

"The mix of media, music and performance was superb! Something I will remember for a long time" - Connexions Nottingham

"Made my skin tingle and sent shivers down my spine" - University of Sussex

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