

Festive Spirit Alive And Kicking At The Barras



As snow falls on the **Glasgow's World Famous Market** in the run up to Christmas, a partnership of community, enterprise and education organisations are celebrating the Market and surrounding area with a day event of entertainment and education focusing on **The Barras** at **The Barras Centre**, a hive of up-and-coming creative activity working alongside the traditional trading marketplace.

The Barras: Past, Present & Future

On Tuesday 14th December 2010, the public are invited to remember and enjoy the heritage and community importance of **The Barras** market through a documentary '**Voices from The Barras**' produced through a community learning and heritage project run by community interest company **Diversity Films** in partnership with the **People's Palace** and funded by the **Heritage Lottery Fund**. The project, which facilitated local community filmmakers to work with professional award-winning filmmakers Abigail Howkins and Alan Knight, collected stories and memories past and present, archive photography and film of the market since it was founded.

Also looking at the market area as it is now and with a strong look towards the future, **Back tae the Barras and Beyond** an exhibition of the **Urban Design Studies Unit** and **24-7 Barras*** (Department of Architecture at the University of Strathclyde) will present **Views, Perceptions and Images of Glasgow East End and the Barras** and **Visions of a Bright Future: Looking 20 years ahead**. This work is by final years students in architecture and urban design, and is supported by **Glasgow City Council**, **ROCK DCM** and the **Barras Trust**.

The Programme:

Exhibition from 3.30pm, Film screening at 5pm, 6.30pm and 7pm

at **The Barras Centre**, Moncur Street, Glasgow G1 5AX, **FREE ENTRY**

Contact Abigail Howkins at Diversity Films on 0141 357 7299 or mail@diversityfilms.org.uk for more information

Come visit us! These are community based projects which need your ideas and support!

WATCH THE 'VOICES FROM THE BARRAS' TEASER CLIP HERE -

<http://diversityfilms.org.uk/index.php/2010/12/voices-from-the-barras-screening-the-barras/>

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Quotes:

'We go every Christmas Eve to the Barras because those are my nicest memories. The atmosphere is incredible – just incredible. It's a ritual and I just like to go back every Christmas Eve.'

Irene Glickman, owner of Glasgow's oldest sweet shop, Glickman's, extract from 'Voices from The Barras'

'We are delighted that there is so much positive interest in The Barras and are really pleased people are making films about the Barras and are interested to come and work here and help promote the market's future. We are very supportive of the students work here and hope the exhibition alongside the film will attract people to the Barras and help boost interest in the local area.'

Nicola Duggin, The Barras Enterprise Trust

'Growing up in Glasgow is such a big part of my heritage and makes me specifically proud.

It's Humans evolutionary instinct to be proud of something and I feel that I am the character I am today through visiting the Glasgow Barras as a child.

I grew up being part of a unique social outing listening to the banter of Glesga Harry and joining the many crowds of people who had flocked to the open air market that was full of unique people with hearts of gold in an atmosphere of life and vitality.

I believe that you will never be able to replace this uniqueness or ever find the characters that entertained the many families every weekend although today many of these people still exist at the Barras.

I take pride in the many memories that I hold having met the generations that made the Barras what it is today. Fun and laughter was the order of the day as I stood as a child holding my fathers hand as we waited for the bargains to emerge.

Good people are hard to find but their uniqueness will always help the Barras today to retain its identity. Hopefully for many years to come. There are many good people today remaining that will do just that!'

Jacqui Lohead, ex- Barras Stallholder who features in 'Voices From The Barras'