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Barras immortalised in short film

By John Simpson

Glasgow's historic Barras Market has been the focus of a documentary film produced by a group of local student filmmakers.

'Voices From The Barras', which includes tales from stallholders past and present on their time at the market, was screened to a capacity crowd at the 130 seater Barras Centre in Moncur Street on December 14.

The 25 minute documentary, produced by Diversity Films and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, features collected stories, memories, archive photography and film of

the Glasgow institution from when it was founded in the early 1920s until the modern day.

Abigail Howkins, who was instrumental in the production of the documentary, said: "The aim was to provide a snapshot of the market and celebrate not just what the market was and is but what lies ahead in the future."

Speaking to *Market Trader*, she added: "The reaction to the film has been great. We asked people to give feedback after the film and it has been really positive. It has refreshed a sense of community and reminded people of the past. The timing of the film's release just seemed right."

With such a vast history, Abigail said there is more than enough scope for a follow-up.

"The film just stop and hangs and begs the question, 'what happens next?'" she explains. "There's only so much you can fit in a 25 minute film but we could have a second film out within a year definitely."

Abigail was spurred on to make the film after seeing some photographs of the Barras from fellow filmmaker Alan Knight.

"I really liked the photos and they acted as a springboard for the film," she revealed. "A few of them feature in the documentary but it's more about the people and the community."

The film screening earlier this month was accompanied by a photographic exhibition about the community learning and heritage programme.

Nicola Duggin, of the Barras Enterprise Trust, hopes the film would regenerate footfall at 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," she said.

"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."

Irene Glickman, owner of Glickman's - Glasgow's oldest sweet shop, said: "We go every Christmas Eve to the Barras because those are my nicest memories. The atmosphere is incredible

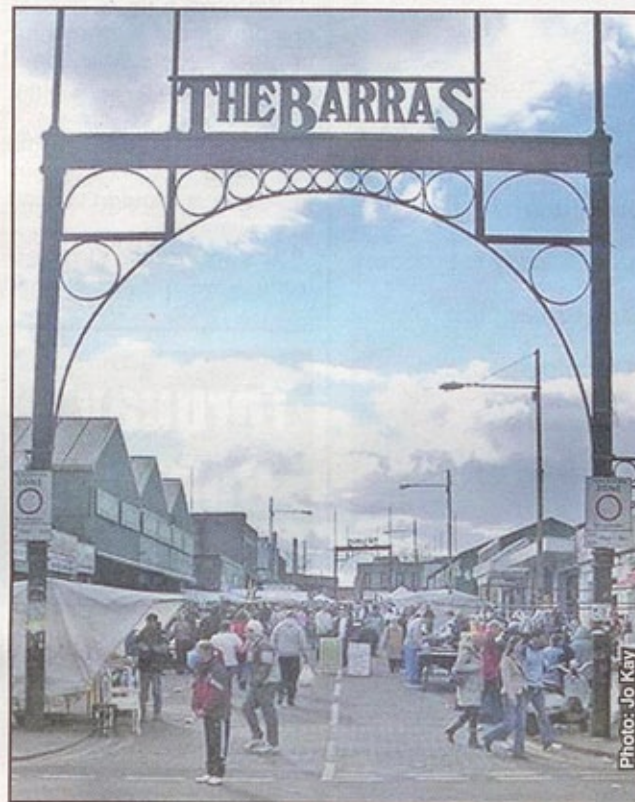


Photo: Jo Kay

Glasgow Barras has been the subject of a new documentary film.

— just incredible. It's a ritual and I just like to go back every Christmas Eve."

Watch a teaser clip of 'Voices From The Barras' at www.diversityfilms.org.uk

If you have any fond memories or stories to share about Barras Market, Diversity Films would love to hear them. Call 0141 357 7299 or email mail@diversityfilms.org.uk

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