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Ringing the Changes

Welcome to the 2021 Bulletin! Coming out of lockdown feels like a fresh start, as new opportunities allow us to venture into exciting projects. We would like to provide the springboard you need to showcase your talent and open up those horizons!

What is CIOFF?

CIOFF stands for The International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Folk Arts. Founded in 1970, its aim is to promote and protect traditional culture and heritage through a network of national and international events.

At present, CIOFF International membership covers 107 countries of the world, with 63 National Sections, 22 Associate Members, 3 Partner Members and 19 Corresponding Members.

It is estimated that over 1 million people, including over 30,000 folklore dance and music groups and folk arts organisations are associated with CIOFF through their CIOFF National Sections Worldwide.



**CIOFF President,
Philippe Beussant,
recently opening the
VI CIOFF World
Folkloriada in UFA,
Bashkortostan**



Membership

CIOFF UK National Sector is unique in its membership in that it reflects the broad spectrum of our Intangible Cultural Heritage in the UK. Through Billingham International Folklore Festival of World Dance (our flagship festival), and other events, we are able to explore and collaborate on projects, including fusion performances, that represent our identity and traditions.

We would like to welcome you to the CIOFF® UK family.

Check out the benefits of membership below.



Be part of a community that promotes, safeguards and shares traditional culture through music, song and dance.

To discuss further
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MEMBER BENEFITS



MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

Get your group accredited by CIOFF with your unique membership certificate



ARTS AWARD

An opportunity to apply for the arts award (for members under the age of 25)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Access to CIOFF's worldwide calendar of events and festivals



UNESCO NEWS

Keep up to date with news from UNESCO



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

Opportunity to market & share your news with an international network



DIGITAL NETWORK

Be part of CIOFF's digital community including the website and social media channels



FESTIVAL INVITATIONS

Receive personal invitations to selected international festivals

ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF BEING PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL COMMUNITY

Current CIOFF® Group Members



Absolutely Legless



Balbir Singh Dance Company



Brenda Walker Clog Dancers



Discovery Highland Dance



Fosbrooks Folk Education Trust



Hexham Morris



Mendip Morris

Board Members



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Jessica Smith



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Balbir Singh



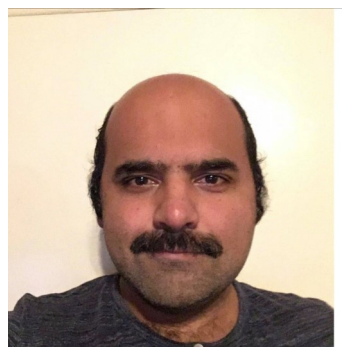
Danielle Cutler



Dianne Newman



Brenda Walker



Satbir Dhillon

What's on?

Summer 2021 brings a refreshing return to live performances as restrictions are lifted and we can enjoy some 'normality'.

Check out the *Two Frida's Tour* and *The BIFF Weekend Festival* on Facebook, Twitter and the Billingham Festival website.

www.billinghamfestival.com



The Two Fridas is an innovative reflection on the parallel lives of the artists Frida Kahlo and Amrita Sher-Gill. Commissioned and produced by Olga Maloney (Billingham International Folklore Festival) in collaboration with The Balbir Singh Dance Company.



The last Festival in 2019 welcomed hundreds of participants from all over the world. This year we will be celebrating with a weekend festival on 13th-15th August 2021. Joined by international groups resident in the UK, we will be providing a unique combination of song, dance, storytelling and folklore for all ages.

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