

Stories from Around the World Multicultural Arts Festival

Dartington Primary School
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The Stories from Around the World Multicultural Arts Festival celebrated both the diversity of world cultures and those things that are common to all of us whatever our differences.

Joanna was a major contributor to the delivery of this festival organising much of the fundraising, designing the artwork and programme, running her own mask making workshop as part of the event and directing and producing a play involving 35 children that was performed twice during the festival.

Joanna also videoed the week long festival and edited it to produce a film full of memories.

With performers including Far and Wide Puppets, Theatre Carnavalesque and Puppetcraft, also Tip the Wink, Imule Theatre, Hedgehog Theatre, Katherine Karpolov & Company. Artists included Jane Patterson Indian Shadow Puppets, Don Newton Stories and Shadows, Annie Pomeroy Aboriginal art, Rosanna Irvine Celtic dance, Rosie Nanjo-Rowe dramatising a Mexican Tale, Junko and Friends with Japanese folk stories, Lewis Riley slides and tabla, Joanna herself with 'We are brothers after all', and talented teachers and teaching assistants who made it all possible.

On the Friday each child made their own creation including masks to form part of 'La Procesion Grande Y La Bella Fiesta' a carnival procession around the village culminating in a tree planting ceremony in honour of Charlie Llewellyn who was 100 years old on that day and had worked at Dartington Primary School for 18 years. Charlie also used to train race horses and one of his horses also made an appearance.

Sponsors and Funders included Dartington Arts, the Elmhurst Trust and local businesses.

