



## theater workshops for social and ecological awareness

We're cycling (for) the planet on tall, self-made bicycles,  
*because the oceans are rising, and we don't want fish in our pedals . . .*

**We use theater and music** to raise awareness about how the world's over-production of cheap, disposable products is making the Earth uninhabitable. In Europe and Asia, we've seen toxic rivers and experienced unbreathable air, as well as the wide-spread destruction of forests and mountains for plastics, factory foods, mining and oil. Numerous unhealthy environments and civilisations at war over natural resources is unfortunately quite normal today. This isn't new -- people have been talking about **ecological sustainability** and **environmental protection** since before any of us were born, but it's getting worse.

**Since March 2010, we've been traveling, working, learning, playing – living** with over 35 different people in an ever-growing and changing, international group of artists and musicians. From **Germany to Mongolia, Japan to Vietnam, China to Kazakhstan** – we've been visiting **alternative cultural centers, schools and children's orphanages**, as well as working directly with youth and children on the street. We share our skills in **music, juggling, acrobatics, clowning and physical theater**, and we build funky bicycles to show that large distances can be covered by human power. In our workshops, we help people to create performances using their own topics and newly acquired skills.

### **As travelers, we try to live by example:**

- \* buying local food, and products with little packaging,
- \* using cloth bags and re-using plastic bags and bottles,
- \* using solar power for rechargeable batteries, and
- \* making decisions collectively in our group.

The limited resources that we consume and carry on our bicycles leaves a smaller impact than it does to sustain a house, shopping in supermarkets, or traveling by car or motorbike.

### **Our non-profit project is made possible by donations**

for bicycle materials, circus equipment and travel visas. Sponsors are listed on our website. Our street music performances provide us with the means for food.



**Photos and videos, stories and maps of our journey**, as well as our current telephone number, event listings and information for donations are all on our website. Please contact us!

**Starting in March 2012, we'll continue the project in Eastern & Southern Europe –**  
*We're looking for sponsors, and we want more people to live and perform with us on the road!*

# workshops since March 2010

a selection – June 2011



**Acrobatics for Adults**, Carandiru, Krakow, **Poland**, April 2010



**Circus Workshop**, New Family, Uzhhorod, **Ukraine**, May 2010



**Circus Workshop**, Boarding School, Chastlivtsi, **Ukraine**, May 2010



**7-Day Workshop**, Fathers House, Petrivske, **Ukraine**, June 2010



**Concert Visit**, Lotus Center, Ulaanbaatar, **Mongolia**, Sept. 2010



**Rebel Clown Workshop**, Tokyo, **Japan**, December 2010



**Physical Theater Workshop**, Wuhan, **China**, March 2011



**Acrobatics Visit**, Trung Tam Day Nghe Nguoi Tan Tat Orphanage, Vinh, **Vietnam**, May 2011

# self-built bicycles

a selection



tyle's **double-recumbent tandem with trailer**  
Frankfurt 2009 – Krakow 2010



Felix's **recumbent tandem with unicycle-trailer**,  
Frankfurt 2009 – Ulaanbaatar 2010



Tobi's **tuba-tallbike**, then Bruno's **cello-tallbike**,  
since Frankfurt 2009



Big Boy's **tallbike**, since Mongolia 2010,  
then Yama's, Tokyo-Wuhan 2010



Ballaque's **tallbike**, since Tokyo 2010



tyle's **long-john cargo-thing**,  
since Wuhan 2011



Felix's **recumbent**, Frankfurt 2011



tyle's **washing-machine-chopper with stilts**,  
Amsterdam & Frankfurt 2009 (this never went to Mongolia . . . )

# all workshops & events

as of Oct. 2011

## 2wheels4change

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### **Germany: February-March 2010**

Children's Circus Spectacle, Cabuwazi, Berlin

Childrens Acrobatics Workshop, LebensGut Alternative Living Community, Pommritz

### **Poland: April 2010**

Acrobatics for Adults, Carandiru Alternative Living & Culture Center, Krakow

### **Ukraine: May-July 2010**

2-Day Circus Workshop & Performance, Boarding School for Orphans, Chastlivtsi

3-Day Circus Workshop & Performance, New Family Orphan Program, Uzhhorod

Circus Visit, Roma School #5, Uzhhorod

14-Day Circus Workshop & Performances in the city center, Fathers House Foundation, Kiev-Petrivske

Rebel Clown Workshop & City Action, Festival Zix-Zix-One, Kiev Island

Concert Visit, Boarding School for Orphans, Kaniv

### **Russia: July 2010**

Circus Workshop for Children, Vjesjelo-Voznjesjenovka Village

### **Mongolia: September 2010**

Concert Visit, Lotus Childrens Center, Ulaanbaatar

Juggling and performance with street children, Ulaanbaatar

### **Japan: November 2010 – January 2011**

Tallbike Workshop, Tokyo

Rebel Clown Workshops & Actions, Kunitachi

Theater Visit, Edgren High School, Misawa Air Base

### **China: January-March 2011**

Culture Station Theater Workshop, Grassroots Theater, Shanghai

Crazy Bike Workshop (2 Tallbikes, Cargo Bike), Wuhan

Physical Theater Workshop & Presentation, Wuhan

Alternative Education Discussion, Huazhong University, Wuhan

"Story of Stuff" Film & Environmental Discussion, TSE Youth Autonomous Center, Wuhan

### **Vietnam: May 2011**

Acrobatics Visit, Trung Tam Day Nghe Nguoi Tan Tat Orphanage, Vinh

### **Laos: June-July 2011**

4-day Circus Workshop, Alpha International Montessori School, Vientiane

Clownesque Variété, Fête de la Musique, Vientiane

Musical Accompaniment, Escogriffes Puppet Show, Vientiane

### **Kazakhstan: August-September 2011**

6-day Circus Workshop, Boarding School At-Risk Youth, Almaty

3-day Physical Street Theater Workshop, Obraz Art Studio, Almaty

### **Central Europe & Eastern Asia**

Hundreds of performances & informal workshops on streets and in private homes, since March 2010

Traveling Music & Theater Internship Program for 5 students, since March 2010

"Against the Wind" 2wheels4change Film Documentary, Off Beat Unity Productions (planned release Jan. 2012)

## Jonglirium e.V. - 2wheels4change's non-profit artist association

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### **Berlin, Germany**

Artistic Interventions, "Beyond-Growth" Congress, Technical University, May 2011

Performance at Sustainability Conference, Humbolt University, June 2010

Open Zirkus Training, Berlin, since October 2010

Open Workshop for Artistic Bikes and Experimental Instruments, since December 2010

"Artist Advice" for young independent artists, since January 2011



# the route 2010 – 2011



cycling



train / hitch-hike / boat

**March --> Sept. 2010**

**Germany**

**Poland**

**Slovakia**

**Ukraine**

**Russia**

**Mongolia**

**--> June 2011**

**China**

**Japan**

**China (again)**

**Vietnam**

**Laos**

**Thailand**

**--> Oct. 2011**

**China (3rd time)**

**Kazakhstan**

**Kyrgyzstan**

**March 2012 -->**

**Eastern Europe**