



workshops for social and ecological awareness

We are 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. From toxic rivers to unbreathable air, the wide-spread destruction of forests and mountains for plastics, factory foods, mining and oil is creating unhealthy environments and civilisations at war over natural resources.

This isn't new -- people have been talking about 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 30 different people in an ever-growing and changing, international group of artists and musicians. Starting in Germany, we cycled through Poland, Slovakia and Ukraine to Russia, took the train to Mongolia, cycled through China, took the ship to and from Japan, cycled and hitch-hiked through the mountains of Vietnam and Laos, and by December 2011 we will have traveled through Kazakhstan, Azerbaidjan and Georgia to Turkey. There we will organise the Eastern European and South American parts of our journey — *We're looking for a few more people who want to live and perform with us on the road!*

Along our route, we visit alternative cultural centers, schools, children's orphanages, and work directly with adults, youth and children on the street. We share our skills: music, juggling, acrobatics, clowning, physical theater, and we build funky bicycles. 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 and sponsorships for bicycle materials, circus equipment, transportation and travel visas.

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!

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-recumbant tandem with trailer**
Frankfurt 2009 – Krakow 2010



Felix's **recumbant 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 **recumbant**, Frankfurt 2011



tyle's **washing-machine-chopper with stilts**,

all workshops & events

as of June 2011

2wheels4change

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-June 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-Voznesjenovka Village

Mongolia: September 2010

Concert Visit, Lotus Childrens Center, Ulaanbaatar

Juggling and performance with street children, Ulaanbaatar

Japan: December 2010

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 2011

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

Clownesque Variété, Fête de la Musique, Vientiane

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, since November 2009



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

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 Experimental Bikes & Music, since December 2010

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

the route 2010 - 2012



cycling



train / hitch-hike / boat

March --> Sept. 2010

Germany

Poland

Slovakia

Ukraine

Russia

Mongolia

--> June 2011

China

Japan

China

Vietnam

Laos

Thailand

--> Jan. 2012

China

Kazakhstan

Azerbaijan

Georgia

Turkey

& beyond . . .