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BigDance/TangoCommute2008 countdown event

CHE TANGO group tangocommuting on Blackfriars Bridge

Thursday 26th June 2008 from 6-8pm

with senior Tango dancers and confirmed special guests

Che Tango group members **are mainly over 50 years in age** and it is evident that they are fit and healthy and socially active – enjoying a close friendship and support circle.

Che Tango group was founded 5 years ago by Michele Stanley who has been teaching and arranging shows and demonstrations of **Argentine Tango in Residential Homes for the Elderly** and for various charitable organisations throughout the Home Counties.

Medical research has shown that dancing **Argentine Tango** (arguably the most difficult dance in the world) actively reduces the chances of developing Alzheimer's disease and, most recently, that activity in the hypothalamus is increased when the individual was involved in dancing this dance of compassion and connection.
(*reference to research)

TangoCommuting is a new dance form - unlike outdoor milongas or tango performances in public - where autonomous couples listen to music privately via shared headphones dancing amongst commuters in public silently.

TangoCommuting is also a global movement to generate joy during the evening rush hour on a day of national melancholy by inducing compassion and connection through the dance of Tango into the nodes of public transport network.

TangoCommute - London is a listed Big Dance event and is taking place on 7 London bridges and in 7 London train stations on the 7th of July 2008 between 6 and 7. TangoCommute was created by Thomas Lindner for BigDance, which is organized by the Mayor of London and the ArtsCouncil England.

Weather/Location

Should there be rain Che Tango dancers will dance with umbrellas.
Interview opportunities on the north/east bound end of the bridge.

Media Accreditation

Media wishing to cover **Che TangoCommute** event on Blackfriars Bridge should email thomas@tangocommute.com AND communitydesk@london.gov.uk
Parking potentially in Blackfriars Passage or Underpass call Transport for London dispensations office 0845 603 4545.

6pm – Interview opportunities with

Cultural Attaché from the Argentine Embassy (confirmed)
a representative of AgeConcern or Help the Aged (confirmed)
Che Tangofounder Michele Stanley
TangoCommute creator Thomas Lindner, BigDance organizer Jacqueline Rose (tbc)
a Member of the Court of Common Council (tbc), a Medical Adviser (tbc)

6pm – Film Picture opportunities

Che Tango dancers will pair up and tangocommute

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Picture by Nick Gurney, 05/06/2008, showing TangoCommuters during Launch Event on London Bridge attended by ITV London live

***Reference to Research:** please follow [THIS LINK](#)

Disclaimer

TangoCommute/BigDance organisers cannot take any responsibility or liability for participation in the event.

TangoCommuters are asked to dance as a distributed, compassionate, connected and considered social network and to give way to passing commuters, circulate and dissipate.