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PRESS RELEASE



Ras Goffa Bobby Sands

Eddie Ladd

7.30 pm, 2nd October 2009

Eddie Ladd will perform *Ras Goffa Bobby Sands* at Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Friday 2nd October, 7.30pm.

Bobby Sands died in 1981 on hunger strike in Long Kesh prison in Belfast. His aim was to win back political status for its republican prisoners. Bobby's name however also crops up on running websites and there is a race in Cambridge, Massachusetts that is run in his memory.

"It is difficult to link the name with the sites and the event at first!" says Eddie Ladd. "It turns out that he was a member of a running club, the Willowfield Temperance Harriers, in Belfast as a young teenager and was, if not a champion racer, a useful one."

Bobby Sands wrote about running during his time in prison and his short essay, *The Loneliness of a Long-distance Cripple*, is the starting point for this dance piece by Eddie Ladd. *Ras Goffa Bobby Sands* is performed on a large-scale machine and follows the sixty-six days of Bobby Sands' hunger strike. The piece is performed to a specially commissioned electro-acoustic score by Welsh composer Guto Puw.

Eddie Ladd is a physical theatre performer, worked with Brith Gof for ten years, and is now making performance based work, touring and creating new work.

Tickets for this performance are £8 (£7) CC £7.50 (£6.50) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre ticket office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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