

Statement on the London 2012 Olympic Games

"Back the Olympics and kiss your Arts Goodbye"

Sorry to be spoilsports but the Olympic Games and most sports these days are a celebration of exclusivity, greed and drug abuse. Gone are the days of the amateur ideal. He who cheats wins, perhaps.

Furthermore, we and many others are disgusted by the fact that over £112,000,000 of Arts funding was diverted to this non-event and jamboree for property developers and speculators and then, to add insult to injury, a further £25,000 p.a. (and more) per English Arts Council region is being spent on the mockery of a so-called "Cultural Olympiad" (sorry Lorna, nothing personal).

We have nothing in common with the technocrats of today's world of sport: Samaranch (corrupt), Count (for he is that) Jacques Rogge, Sepp Blatter (corrupt), Max Mosley (corrupt and a fascist to boot) nor the largely inarticulate sporting "heroes" that they manipulate.

Our theatre company is quite happy to celebrate physical and artistic cultural events so long as they are associated with humankind's better instincts and not its most vile and base attributes.

We want Apollo and Achilles to be our children's inspiration, not the money-grubbing prostitutes who prostrate themselves at the feet of /suck the private parts of Coca-Cola, Nike (the name is in itself an insult), EDF etc.

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