**Tibetan Monks come to Portland**

A dramatic Masked Dance will be performed on Saturday 21st September 7-30pm at the Portland Sculpture & Quarry Trust newly refurbished Community Stone Workspace and Drill Hall Gallery. This spectacular Performance by 8 Tibetan Monks accompanied by original instruments - is part of an international tour including Jerusalem, Sweden, Florence, and the UK at the Eden Project, Salisbury Cathedral and Oxford. . A large sand mandala will also be created during the 16-22 September as part of a meditation for peace and compassion for all beings.

The Drill Hall will be filled with a whirl of colour, dance, stories and music continuing the legacy of international friendship and cultural exchange, started during the Olympics when the Buddhist monks from the Tashi Lhunpo monastery performed the ‘Power of Compassion’ during PSQT 'Stone Island' programme

**Programme**

**17th to 21st September pm**. Drill Hall open for people to see the making of a large sand mandala from brightly colored grains of crushed marble – also a variety of beautifully made Tibetan craft items will be on sale throughout the week.

**Saturday 21 September 1.30 - 4.30pm** - Tibetan Art Workshops for children and adults – *(there is a small cost £2 - £5 to cover materials)*

**Saturday 21 September 7.30-9.30pm**

Masked Dance Performance with traditional Tibetan instruments Admission £10 chairs (£5 bring a cushion)

Interval - Refreshments available.

Tel 01305 826438/826736 or email psqt@learningstone.org

**Sunday 22nd September 10 - 10.30 am** – gather at the Drill Hall to see the completed mandala, after which it will be destroyed by the monks, as a way of celebrating the teaching of impermanence. There will then be a procession down to the sea for the sprinkling of the mandalas’ grains of marble - returned to the ocean, as a way of spreading peace and compassion throughout the world.

Gifts of coloured sand will be offered to those present

 Proceeds from the event are to charity – helping to

support the monks of Tashi Lumpo who are living in exile in India