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Share your bike story to be part of the Yorkshire Festival 2014

Yorkshire theatre company 509 Arts is calling for stories, pictures and anecdotes from the public about life on two wheels, as they create a brand new outdoor theatre production that will tour the region during the run up to this year's Grand Départ.

Stories and pictures can be submitted at www.bikestory.org.uk. A selection of these will be used by award-winning theatre writers Mike Kenny and Martin Riley as they weave together a script for the tour based on real tales of life in the bike saddle.

As part of the project Martin Riley will be Writer in Residence and collecting stories at Cycle Heaven bike shop in York on Saturday the 8th February.

Theatre director Al Dix said "Whether you're a pedal powered fanatic, a carbon-neutral commuter or a slow lane dawdler, whether it's short and to the point or long and rambling we want your stories! We're seeking tales of city streets and rural rides, of getting lost and Sunday trips, of the school run and the rusty bike so please do take a few minutes to tell us your story and it may find its way into the production."

Bike Story will be on tour throughout Yorkshire from 20 June to the 5th July and is part of the Yorkshire Festival 2014. For more information visit www.bikestory.org.uk.

Yorkshire Festival 2014 is the first ever arts festival to precede the Grand Départ in its 111 year history. Nearly 50 events have been selected to be officially part of Yorkshire Festival 2014 which will also include hundreds of fringe events. Visit www.yorkshirefestival.co.uk, Yorkshire Festival on Facebook or follow Yorkshire Festival 2014 on Twitter - YFest2014

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Editors' Notes:

- **Yorkshire Festival 2014 is the first ever arts festival to precede the Tour de France, the world's biggest annual sporting event**
- **Yorkshire Festival 2014 will run from 27th March to the 6th July 2014**
- **Yorkshire Festival 2014 is backed by Welcome to Yorkshire, Yorkshire Water and the Arts Council England as well as Local Authorities across the county.**
- **Bike Story is a major commission within the Yorkshire Festival and is presented in association with City of York Council. The production begins and ends its journey in York during June and early July.**
- **Details of locations and dates for the Bike Story tour will be posted at www.bikestory.org.uk**

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