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Sixty one-minute films on diasporic identity that go beyond the rhetoric and behind the headlines

60x60 Secs

Opening Britain 4th June, 2008;

Launch in India & Pakistan September 2008

Touring June 2008 – end 2009

Award winning international arts organisation **motiroti** launches **60x60 Secs**, the first project of **360° Britain India Pakistan**. **60x60 Secs** consists of sixty one-minute films commissioned by **motiroti** via an open call. Established and emerging artists from the South Asian Diaspora - twenty from each of the three countries - present their unique views on identity in an age of globalisation. **60x60 Secs** introduces fresh artistic voices, images and ideas that transcend existing cultural and geographical definitions to unravel complex identities and stories.

Pushing the boundaries of where work can be seen, audiences will encounter these films in conventional as well as unconventional settings: TV, digital arts and film festivals, art galleries, cinemas, public spaces such as shopping malls, cafes and restaurants and in-flight entertainment.

60x60 Secs will be launched in June 2008 and will premiere in India and Pakistan simultaneously in September 2008. All the films can be viewed at www.360degrees.tv and the site will evolve as the programme progresses.

4th - 7th June: The first installation of **60x60 Secs** will be showcased at **The Shunt Lounge** in London, with a special opening night event that will incorporate a range of creative interventions. The evening will include guest appearances by two of the **60x60 Secs** artists; Abdullah Chhadeh, the Arab world's most innovative *Qanun* player ("...spellbinding dexterity..." *The Guardian*) and spoken word artist and DJ, Yam Boy ('sharp, often humorous, socio-political polemic' *Time Out*). The film installation will be open to the public until the 7th of June. Admission to the exhibition is ticketed.

18th June - 6th July: The films will be presented as an installation at the **Vibe Gallery**. Admission to the exhibition is free.

Filmmaker Shekhar Kapur says, "**motiroti's** work is like being immersed in a wide-screen cinematic experience with surround sound. Their thoughtful and beautiful projects inspire and tickle the sensibilities of an exceptionally wide range of audience".

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Notes to Editors

- **360° Britain India Pakistan** is **motiroti**'s three-year programme of exchanges that will bring to light a rounded and contemporary picture of the cultural dynamics between the three countries. Sixty films, artists' residencies and a new collaborative work will deliver outcomes that are both artistic and educational, yet also extend beyond the realm of the arts. **360°** will explore notions of identity, home and boundaries in the 21st century, in partnership with local, national and international cultural institutions, crossing geographical, linguistic, racial and religious divides.
- **The 60x60 Secs artists:**
 - Britain** Said Adrus; Khaldoon Ahmed; Semonara Chowdhury & Sashwati Mira Sengupta; Abdullah Chhadeh, Nico Piazza & Aliya Salahuddin; Nirmal Singh Dhiman; Monika Dutta; Sheila Ghelani; Seema Gill; Harjinder Grewal; Seemab Gul; Shobna Gulati; Shanaz Gulzar; Sanchita Islam; Simon Kallow; Rizwan Mirza; Rummana Naqvi; Hetain Patel; Rajyashree Ramamurthi; Daniel Saul; Rajni Shah; Yam Boy; Ali Zaidi
 - India** Khadeeja Arif; Natasha Badhwar; Pawas Bisht; Neel Chaudhuri, Samar Grewal & Kartikey Shiva; Baptist Coelho; Nitin Das; Ritu Datta; Elvis D'Silva; Tascha Eipe; Sukanya Ghosh; Vishwajyoti Ghosh; Bidhu Bhushan Panda; Nila Madhab Panda; Gautam Pandey; Pranav Sahi; Surya Shankar Dash; Avinash & Geeta Singh; Santosh K Singh; Hemanth Subramaniam; Abhilash V.
 - Pakistan** David Alesworth; Unum Babar; Nida Bangash; Joshinder Chaggar; Shazieh Gorji; Mazhar Hussain; Ferwa Ibrahim; Juhi Jaferii, Taimoor Tariq & Komail Naqvi; Shalalae Jamil; Muzzumil Ruheel; Roshan Khattak; Adnan Malik; Kohi Marri; Asma Mundrawala; Mehreen Murtaza; Syed Ali Nasir; Zarmeene Shah; Vasiem Siddiq; Sehban Zaidi; Maheen Zia.
- To view a trailer for the **60x60 Secs** films please visit:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVCiymD5OnU>
- The full 360° website goes live 16 May. www.360degrees.tv
- For further information about **The Shunt Lounge** please visit www.shunt.co.uk
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