



LUTHER IS MUSIC TO THE EARS

THE Arts Theatre is the venue for what is described as a "major and innovative multi-media arts project," the premier of which is on June 22.

A Symphony of Luther, presented by Belfast-based Nicodemus Productions, will use musicians, dancers, visual artists, a circus school, a medieval dance group and a 12 strong chorus section to dramatise the life of Martin Luther.

In something of a paradox, the use of Luther as the central figure and focal point is designed "to encourage cohesion and mutual understanding between the two communities in Northern Ireland.

The play will bring to life Luther's actions which resulted in a split in the church.

The producers argue that these actions had two main results:

His dogmatic ideas and actions inspired

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revolution and liberation in many walks of life and opened up new possibilities for artists - marking a turning point in the history of art.

His actions also unleashed the suppressed peasants, causing a wave of destruction which swept across Europe.

A Symphony of Luther is supported by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, and a reading of extracts will be held at Waterstones, Royal Avenue on June 21.

The production premieres on Friday, June 22 at 8pm.

There are 19 scheduled shows.