October 15th 2009-Drop in and Drum with The Buddy Beat



And so, on Buddy Beat's most booked up morning so far, they managed to be in two places at once - the second of which was an open session where unsuspecting visitors could drop in on a 'regular' Buddy Beat session and see what it was like. Only thing was - there was only one regular 'Beater' there! The wonderful Jackie managed to singlehandedly represent the group to the 7 or so visitors who turned up, singlehandedly working through impersonations of each member in turn (she has Jeanette down to a tee) (n.b. some of this report is made up), while switching seats and drums every time the group looked the other way. In this manner, nobody had any idea that there was less than the full 'racket' of the BB present. In fact, two of our visitors liked it so much, they've bought drums and are camping in the graveyard of Paisley Arts centre, just hoping for a chance to play with this amazing talented group again. Shame we're about to switch to the Museum!

All in all, it was a very successful session, which introduced more people to the joys of drumming (some of this report is true!), and let them in on a little bit of Buddy Beat magic!



Talented Jackie - The Lady of Many Faces

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