

## BASTILLE DAY @ BALTIC SOLD OUT EVENT

On the 17th July 2003, the FBC is organising its annual Gala event to celebrate the French National Day (Bastille Day) in the North East.

Last year's event, at Eversheds' offices on the Quayside, featured an exhibition by seven top North East glass artists and French ceramist Patrick Audevard, organised by Outline. Live musical performances were arranged by North East company A.M. Live, and French canapés and wine were served throughout the evening. Prizes awarded on the evening included a champagne dinner and overnight stay for two at the Copthorne Hotel, dinner for two at Fisherman's Lodge, theatre tickets from Théâtre Sans Frontières, tickets for a Musikè Concert at Durham Cathedral, and a language training pack by the Regional Language Network North East.

This year's soirée, sponsored by One NorthEast and easyJet, is taking place in the Rooftop Restaurant of the Baltic with stunning views over the Tyne. The French evening will include a three-course dinner with wine. Guests are encouraged to arrive early to take advantage of the Baltic's late opening hours and to view exhibitions by Antony Gormley and Sirkka-Liisa Kontinen prior to the dinner.

We look forward to seeing you on the 17th July!