



Bold pedal pushers power act



Using audience-powered sewing machines, two travelling tailors brought a little sparkle to city workers prepared to take off their clothes for the sake of art yesterday.

The Mobile Sewing Company seamstresses are touring the city customising clothing on vintage

machines powered by bicycles as part of the Perth International Arts Festival. After an opening act, they create unique festival mementos for anyone brave enough to submit to their skills.

Dutch theatrical tailors Karin Arts and Marieke Biegan got together

in 2003, combining their love for street theatre and their talent for creating beautiful things.

They will reinvent tired threads at spots across the city until Monday.

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Stitched up: Seamstress Karin Arts, right, alters a T-shirt for Caroline Comstock, of Como, who is pedalling to power the sewing machine.

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