

Houston calling... The Bogside Artists of Northern Ireland

The Bogside Artists®

Released on: February 12, 2009, 6:30 am

Author: Trevor Philips

Industry: [Media](#)

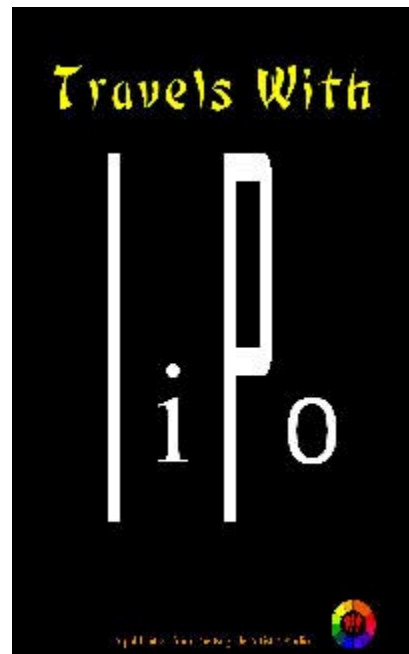
The Bogside Artists have returned to their hometown of Derry in the North of Ireland from the U.S. after visiting Houston, Chicago and other main cities. They gave talks and presentations on their work and on their lives as muralists in several academic venues and launched not only a book that showcases their famous murals in the Bogside area of Derry but another very intriguing little book called **Travels with Li Po** that has landed the trio into trouble with legal reps of J.K.Rowling no less.



The book is about an orphaned boy lost in a parallel world with a bird for company in search of The Philosopher's Stone. Duh? Only this one was written in 1990, six years before Harry Potter emerged.

Travels with Li Po was sent to many publishers throughout the UK during the early nineties. Written by one of the artists - **William Kelly**, it was recently published for the first time by the artists' studio. What magical events transpired after that can be learnt from their

website <http://www.bogsideartists.com> where **Travels**



with Li Po has been on display for many months... long before it made it to print. Nobel Laureate John Hume, a friend and supporter of the artists, who opened the muralists' new gallery in the Bogside was presented with a copy of **Travels with Li Po**.

The Bogside Artists are a charity that has been working with disadvantaged children in Derry through the medium of art-workshops for many years.

Contact Details: k_333@hotmail.com

Tom Kelly, The Bogside Artists Studio, William Street, Derry City. N,Ireland.

Telephone; 028-71-373842