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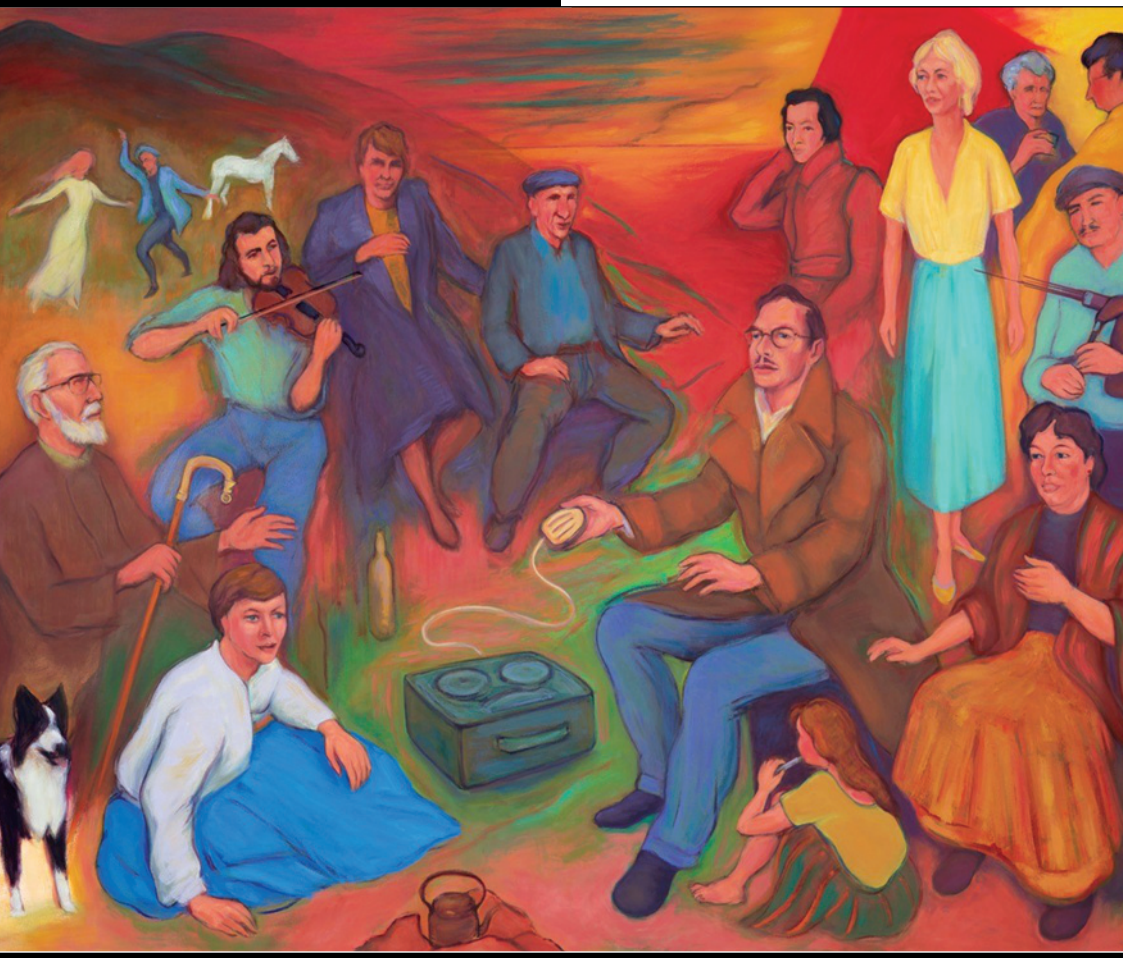

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'The story is told eye to eye, mind to mind and heart to heart'
Scottish Traveller proverb

The Scottish Storytelling Centre is free to enter, with a small charge for entry to John Knox House and varying prices for events. The Centre includes the Storytelling Café, Netherbow Theatre, Storytelling Court, George Mackay Brown Library, Exhibition space and our Bookshop.

Families are welcome!
Highchairs and baby changing facilities are available. Events with this symbol are particularly suitable for children and families.

The Centre is accessible
Accessible to wheelchair users, there are audio loops in our performance areas and Braille signage throughout. Please let us know if you'd like any of our publications in a different format or if you need assistance once you're here. A full copy of our Access Statement is available on our website.

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A booking fee of £1 per transaction is charged for online and phone bookings.
No booking fee is applied to tickets purchased in person from the Centre's Box Office.

We try our hardest to make sure all details are correct, but to avoid disappointment please check with the box office. Sometimes the Centre's exhibition space is not accessible to the public because of a private function. Please call ahead to check.

TRACS (Traditional Arts & Culture Scotland SC043009) is the national network for traditional arts currently based at the **Scottish Storytelling Centre**. Supported by **Creative Scotland** and **City of Edinburgh Council**. www.tracscotland.org

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WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER PROGRAMME!

We offer an authentic taste of arts and culture in Scotland for locals and tourists alike, with special focus on our continuing celebrations of the Hamish Henderson Centenary and our Festival Fringe events, which showcase some of the best traditional arts talent around. We hope you find many opportunities to engage with your own creativity and take inspiration and enjoyment from these events and workshops.

Daniel Abercrombie, Programme & Events Manager

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10am & 11.30am (40mins) | £5 per child | 1-3yrs

Tiny Tales

The perfect introduction to storytelling and the Centre for your wee ones. A different storyteller each month will share stories, songs and rhymes, with plenty of space for buggies and roaming around!

- **Tue 16 Jul** • **We Must Go Down to the Sea Again** with **Aiken Drum** (**Tony Bonning**)
- **Tue 17 Sep** • **Animal Stories** with **Lea Taylor**

7pm - 9pm | £5 (£4.50 SCS)

Café Voices

The Centre's monthly storytelling night, with an open-floor section for storytellers to tell their own tales, or bring a poem, song or music to share. All held in the relaxed setting of the Storytelling Court.

- **Thu 18 Jul** • **Monsters and Mayhem** with **Fiona Herbert**
- **Thu 12 Sep** • **Harvest Moon** with **Anne Hunter**

7.30pm - 10pm | By donation (suggest £5/£4)

Guid Crack Storytelling Session

Edinburgh's long-running storytelling club meets on the last Friday of the month, upstairs in the Waverley Bar, St. Mary's St.

- **Fri 26 Jul** • **All at Sea** with **Jan Bee Brown**
- **Fri 30 Aug** • **Laughter is the Best Medicine** with **Jack Martin**
- **Fri 27 Sep** • **Under a Spell** with **Amanda Edmiston**

Wed 18 Sep | 7pm - 9pm | £5 (£3) (£2.50 SCS)

Bal Folk: Dance Workshops + Social

An introduction to the European version of Ceilidh dancing - bal folk! The workshops are independent from each other and suitable for complete beginners. Each workshop is followed by an hour of social dancing to recorded and live music. Led by **EdinBal**.

2pm - 3pm | £8 (£6) (£5.50 SCS) | 12+

Traditional Tales

Wed 10 - Fri 12 Jul (with **Joshua Bryant** and **Dougie Mackay**)

Wed 17 - Fri 19 Jul (with **Beverley Casebow** & **Anne Hunter**)

Wed 24 - Fri 26 Jul (with **Glamourie: Beverley Bryant** & **Heather Yule**)

A summer season of traditional tales from Scotland and further afield. Hear the truths, myths and legends of folklore, past and present. Authentic entertainment and insight, all in one hour! For details on each session, please check our website.

Fri 28 Jun | 7.30pm - 10pm | £10 (£8) (£7.50 SCS)

Tartine de Clous, Alasdair Roberts & Neil McDermott

Traditional harmony singing with fiddle and bouzouki accompaniment, harking back to both the French and Scottish folk revivals of the late 20th century, and from there deeper into Europe's musical past. The group's recent recording *Au Cube* has received glowing reviews. 'A masterpiece of the art of collaboration.' (*Thomas Blake, Folk Radio UK*).

Sat 29 Jun - Sat 27 Jul | Free

Exhibition: Past Forward - Stories of Urban Scotland

Explore Scotland's urban past and the places that matter to community groups around the country in this free digital exhibition from **Historic Environment Scotland**. Climb Ayr's tallest tower, test your skills in the first skate park to be added to the National Record of the Historic Environment, and see Arbroath Abbey as it was in medieval times all in one place.

Wed 3 & Thu 4 Jul | 7.30pm - 8.45pm
£10 (£8) (£7.50 SCS)

Mary, It Began with a Lass

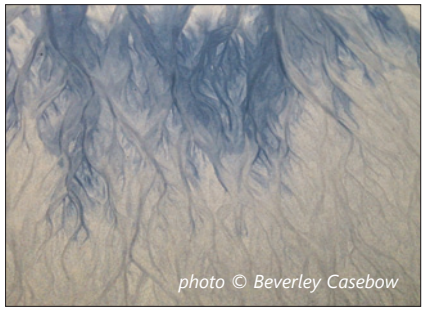
by Suzanne Lofthus

Must a woman choose between love and power? **Battery Theatre** present a fast-paced journey through the life and loves of Mary, Queen of Scots, exploring her love for Scotland and the men around her. A contemporary look at Mary's story through the complex power struggles around her, power struggles that remain to this day. *Performed outside in the Sandeman House Garden. Includes entry to John Knox House after the performance*.

Sat 20 Jul | 7.30pm - 9.15pm
£8 (£6) (£5.50 SCS)

Elemental Voices

Ever thought you heard a voice in the sparkling fire, or in the song of a stream? Ever felt like the wind was talking to you, or the earth was humming a soft lullaby? **Beverley Casebow** and **Virginia Bjertnes** take us on a journey to listen to the stories the four elements have to share, and rediscover ancient forgotten wisdom from our lovely planet.



TRACS TRADITIONAL ARTS+CULTURE SCOTLAND

31 Jul - 2 Aug

SCOTLAND'S REVIVAL

The Hamish Henderson Summer School

Folklorist, poet, songmaker and educator **Hamish Henderson** has been at the heart of radical change in Scotland. In his centenary year, TRACS looks at Scotland today through the legacy and continuing impact of his multifaceted personality, described as the founding father of Scotland's twentieth century folk renaissance. TRACS Summer School brings together experts, artists and activists, often, like Hamish, in the same person.

Wed 31 Jul - Tue 27 Aug

Exhibition: Scotland's Voices

by Alexander Moffat

We are delighted to host Alexander Moffat's painting Scotland's Voices (2017), which imagines some of the influential singers, and tradition bearers of the Scottish Folk Revival assembled around the poet, folklorist and pivotal figure of that revival, Hamish Henderson. This exhibition also features some of Alexander Moffat's preparatory studies and forms the centrepiece of our Hamish centenary celebrations.

Wed 31 Jul | 5pm - 6pm
£5 (£4.50 SCS and Forum Members)

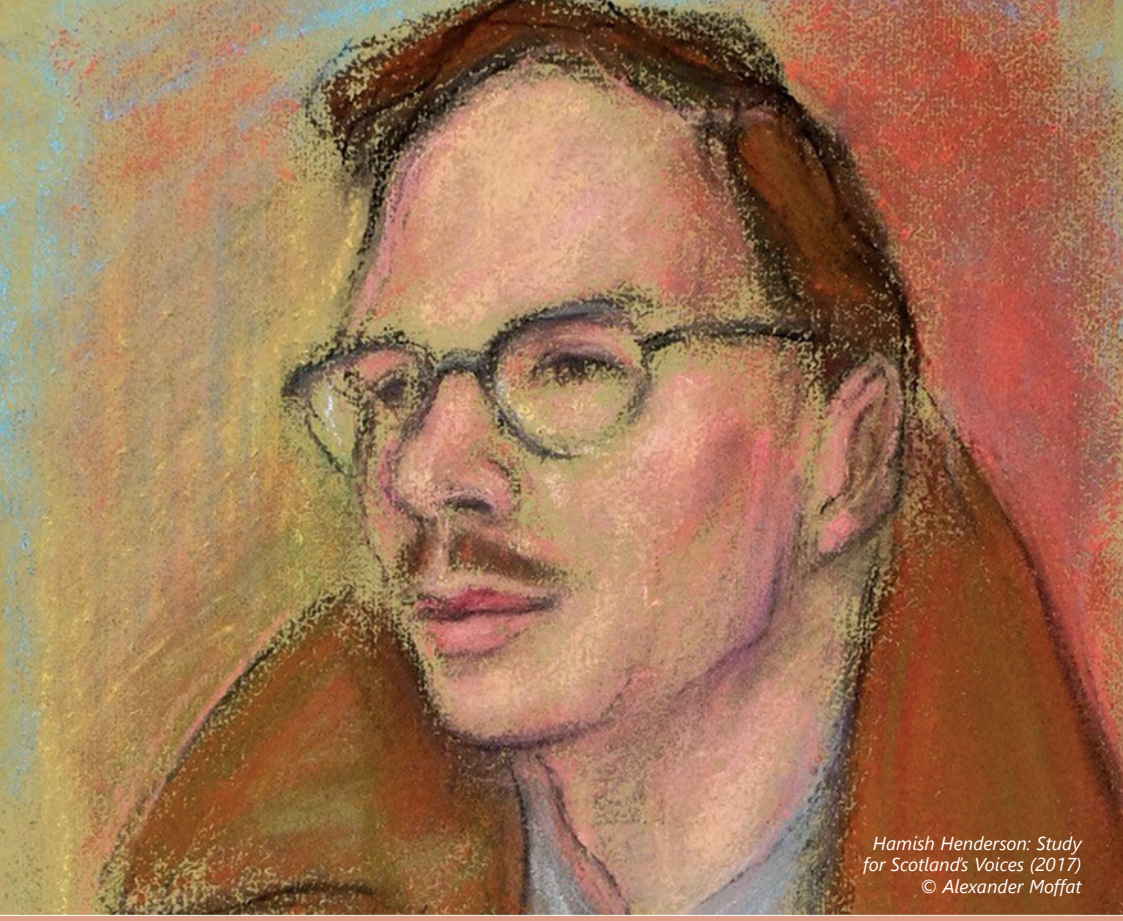
Hamish Henderson's Carrying Stream

Discover the inspiration of Hamish Henderson's 'Carrying Stream' of song, story, music and dance with an opening talk by **Professor Fred Freeman**. Then enjoy a private viewing of Alexander Moffat's exhibition after the session.

Wed 31 Jul | 7.30pm - 9.30pm
£10 (£8) (£7.50 SCS and Forum Members)

The Ceilidh House: Come All Ye

Welcome to The Ceilidh House, where people meet to dance, sing, play music and share stories. A traditional Scottish Ceilidh is friendly, lively, and enjoyable with the chance to participate or just to sit back and enjoy the fun!



Hamish Henderson: Study for Scotland's Voices (2017)
© Alexander Moffat

Thu 1 Aug | 10.30am - 5pm
£20 (£17.50 Forum Members)

Poetry, Song & Solidarity

Experience the upsurge of folk song in Scotland, its connections with poetry and the international political values that connects Scotland with the wider world.

10.30am **International Solidarity – The Frontline Struggles** *with Ray Burnett*

12.30pm **Poetry & Politics – Henderson's Muse** *with Donald Smith*

2pm **Waterfalls Of Song** *with Alison McMorland & Geordie McIntyre*

4pm **Life Fully Lived – The Passions & Enigmas** *with Donald Smith*

Fri 2 Aug | 10.30am - 5pm
£20 (£17.50 Forum Members)

Sustainable Cultures

Scotland taps into its cultural riches of content, styles and creative methods. Where is this heading and what will a sustainable cultural future look like?

10.30am **Dig Where You Stand - Sourcing the Local** *with Erin Farley, Steve Byrne & David Francis*

12.15pm **The People's Stories** *with Donald Smith & Ewan McVicar*

2pm **Burns, Henderson & the National Music** *with Fred Freeman*

3.45pm **Why Hamish Matters** *with Mairi McFadyen, Stan Reeves & Stuart McHardy*

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02 – 26 August 2019

SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE

Celeste's Circus
10.30am (35mins)
1 - 25 Aug
(not 6-8, 13-15, 20-22)

Wee Seals and Selkies
12pm (50mins)
1 - 11 Aug

Feast of Fools
1.30pm (50mins)
1 - 18 Aug (not 7, 13, 14)

Blood and Gold
2pm (1hr)
1 - 26 Aug (not 12, 19)

JRR Tolkien's Leaf by Niggle
4pm (1hr 15)
1 - 3 Aug

The Man Who Planted Trees
4pm (1hr 5)
12 - 26 Aug (not 19)

This Script
4pm (1hr 5)
4 - 11 Aug

The Red Hourglass
6pm (1hr)
1 - 14 Aug

Dispatches on the Red Dress
6pm (1hr 15)
15 - 26 Aug (not 20)

Hamish Henderson: On the Radical Road
8pm (1hr)
2 - 26 Aug (not 5, 12, 19)

Loud Poets: Best of Fringe
9.30pm (1hr 30)
1 - 26 Aug (not 12, 19)

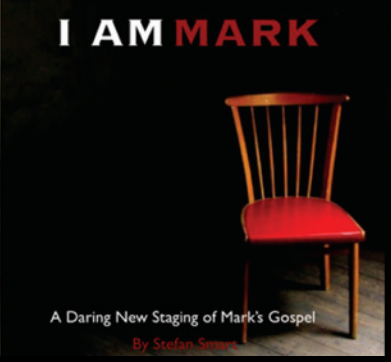
The Night With...
8.30pm (2hrs)
13 - 16 & 20 Aug

Supernatural: Wonder Tales from Scotland
3.30pm (1hr)
13 - 26 Aug (not 21)

Burns for Brunch
11.30am (1hr)
1 - 26 Aug (not 12, 14, 19, 21)

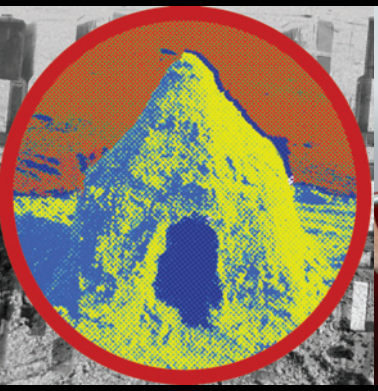
Walk the Oars
1.30pm (1hr)
21 - 25 Aug

Sing Me A Song: The Robert Louis Stevenson Show
4.30pm (1hr 15)
1 - 11 Aug



I am Mark
5.30pm (1hr)
13 - 17 Aug

A Trilogy of Horrors: Vol I
7.30pm (1hr)
2 - 11 Aug



(Can This Be) Home
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The Golden Fly
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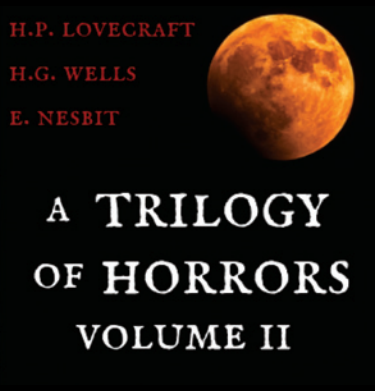

A Trilogy of Horrors: Vol II
9pm (1hr)
2 - 11 Aug

Dr. Korczak's Example
12pm (1hr 15)
21 - 25 Aug

'an essential stop for anyone... the standard is always high and the permanent theatre is one of the nicest venues on the Fringe.'
(*British Theatre Guide*)

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Fri 6 - Sat 28 Sep

Exhibition: In Their Lifetime - Celebrating 10 years of Groundbreaking Work

This exhibition showcases images and information about Christian Aid's pioneering ITL programme, which is different from traditional emergency aid or mainstream development work. It enables them to test out new ideas, exploring bold and creative possibilities in the search for lasting change. ITL brings together philanthropists, technical experts and grassroots organisations in developing countries to find radical new solutions to entrenched problems in fighting poverty. Featuring projects from Myanmar, Kenya, Nicaragua, Columbia, Nigeria and Burundi.

Sun 8 Sep | 1pm & 3pm (1hr)
£7 (£5) (£25 family ticket) | 2+

The McDougalls Safari Adventure

Get ready to GO WILD with The McDougalls in their brand-new live show - Safari Adventure! Join Max, Auntie Aggie and Morag the Rabbit for some musical mayhem as they drive around on the look-out for colourful creatures and critters. From giraffes that laugh to monkeys going bananas - join the gang for a roaring musical adventure for all the family, packed with action songs, live music and audience participation. Come dressed as your favourite animal!

Wed 11 Sep | 8pm - 10.30pm | £10 (£6) (£5.50 SCS)

The Night With... Ensemble Offspring

Ensemble Offspring, from Australia, present a concert of music by Scottish and Australian composers including **Kate Moore** and **Thomas Meadowcroft** alongside world premières by **Matthew Whiteside** and **Jane Stanley**. Interesting music in informal spaces. Book for all 4 events (Sep-Dec) for £30, see website for details.

Fri 20 Sep | 7.30pm - 10pm | £8 (£6) (£5.50 SCS)

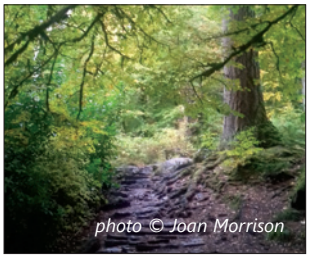
Loud Poets: The Slam

One of the UK's most successful spoken word collectives return with their monthly showcase of the UK's top spoken word talent. This is make some noise, fist-thumping, pint-drinking, side-tickling, heart-wrenching poetry. This is poetry for the masses. 'Throughout there's a humour, poignancy and most of all a confidence which serves to inspire.' (*Scotsman*).

Sat 21 Sep | 2pm - 3.30pm | £8 (£6) (£5.50 SCS)

The Fairy Hills of Scotland

Prepare to be enchanted as **Beverley Casebow** and **Joan Morrison** transport you to the magical fairy hills of Scotland, revealing hidden places of beauty and mystery through songs, music and stories.



Tue 24 Sep | 2pm - 4pm | Free

Café Ceilidh: Changing Seasons

Join friends from the **Scots Music Group** for an afternoon session of traditional songs, music, poems and stories. Held in the relaxed setting of the Storytelling Court. All welcome to listen or bring a tune for a turn!

Fri 27 Sep | 7pm – 8pm
Free (ticketed)

The White Rose of Gask: The Life and Songs of Carolina Oliphant, Lady Nairne

Freeland Barbour Book Launch

Lady Nairne wrote over 100 popular songs during her lifetime. Despite their popularity, she shunned publicity and never acknowledged her authorship, even concealing it from her husband. In *The White Rose of Gask*, celebrated Scottish folk musician **Freeland Barbour** presents a long-overdue biography of her life and work. Join Freeland and poet, actor and singer **Gerda Stevenson** to celebrate the book launch with songs and stories from Lady Nairne's life.

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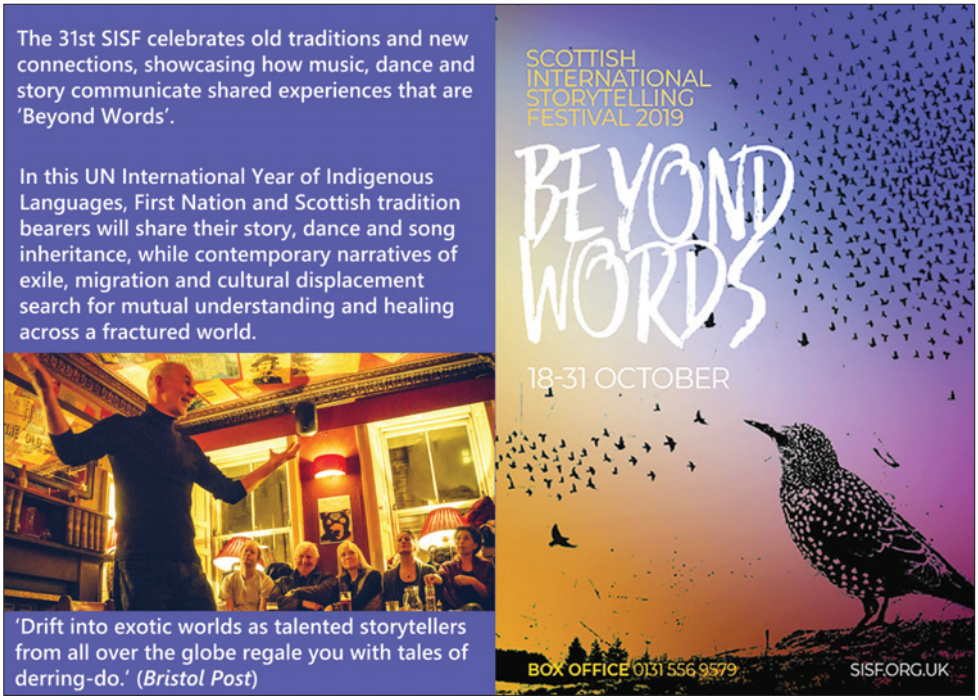

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Workshops & Development Days
Living Culture & Traditions

Our participatory sessions are designed to help you improve your skills and share your experiences with fellow trad art enthusiasts across artforms.

The carefully curated workshop programme offers you the chance to work with highly-skilled and experienced artists, giving you guidance on improving your practice and discovering your own talent.

Whether you're a beginner or more experienced, we're hosting sessions for a range of levels and abilities.

Did you know? Members of the **Traditional Music Forum**, the **Scottish Storytelling Forum** and the **Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland** are entitled to discounted rates on workshops. For more information on Memberships visit www.tracscotland.org

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We require five working days' notice of cancellation to guarantee a refund. You will receive an email reminder of your booking and a full programme in the week preceding the workshop.

Workshops are held at the Scottish Storytelling Centre, unless otherwise stated.

Sat 31 Aug | 10.30am - 4.30pm
£26 (£20 Forum Members)
Storytelling

Starting with Stories 1

A hands-on, practical introduction to live storytelling and the associated skills. This participatory session for anyone curious about experiencing and developing their storytelling is led by storyteller and educator **Bea Ferguson**. Let out your inner storyteller and learn to craft your skills.

Sat 7 Sep | 10am - 5.30pm
£20 (£18 Forum Members) | Development

Scottish Storytelling Forum Development Day

Held in Stirling (Venue TBC)

An interactive day to make connections, support the storytelling scene in Scotland and gain insights into storytelling in practice for professional and aspiring storytellers, as well as individuals simply interested in discovering the artform.
Themes to be explored include:

- Archiving
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Trauma-Informed Policy & Society: Affects for Story Practitioners
- Marketing Yourself as a Storyteller

Please check the website for guest speakers and further information.

Wed 11, 18, 25 Sep | 5.15pm - 7pm
£9 (£7.50 Forum Members)
Full Series £24 (£19.50) | Development

Life Writing

Explore three genres of writing across three weeks with storyteller and author **Donald Smith**. A brief introduction to the genres - Diaries & Journals; Reminiscence & Autobiography; Biography in Fact & Fiction - is followed by workshopping examples, with participants welcome to bring a short piece of their own writing for development, if they wish.

Fri 13 Sep | 2pm - 4.30pm
£15 (£12 Forum Members)
Storytelling

Unleash Your Stories

We all have our stories; we just need a bit of help identifying them. By exploring your significant experiences, identifying the story type and shaping it into an effective tale, this practical workshop will help you get in touch with the stories inside you, unlocking the power of storytelling, including methods for post-traumatic recovery. Led by storyteller and author **James Spence**.

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Sat 21 Sep | 10.30am - 4.30pm
£26 (£20 Forum Members) | Development

Calling the Soul Back Home

Explore the selkie myths alongside personal life stories to evoke a sense of soul with author and storyteller, **Janis Mackay**. Working with myth can be empowering and help retrieve lost or forgotten parts of ourselves. Do these traditional stories embody a wholeness that has healing potential? Can we come, like the seal woman, to feel comfortable in our own skin despite the pressures that divide our attention and awareness?

Sat 28 Sep | 2pm - 4.30pm | £15 (£12 Forum Members) | Music & Storytelling

Songs to Help Life Happen

What kind of response are we looking for in our listeners? Our own stories and experiences are an important part of the songwriter's stock in trade. **David Francis** explores ways of shaping your personal experience in song-making, channelling narrative, metaphor, images and emotion. Bring an idea, a fragment or a song to work on.

John Knox House Step Inside History

Explore the drama of Scotland's Reformation in this ornate 15th century building, associated with some of the most dramatic events in the nation's turbulent history. Discover the stories of John Knox, James Mossman and Mary, Queen of Scots in one of Scotland's greatest cultural treasures.

Please contact us to arrange a bespoke tour of John Knox House or the surrounding Netherbow area.

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ADMISSION £6 Adult | £5 Concession | £1 Children 7+ | Under 7s free
GROUPS Get in touch & arrange a tour for your group

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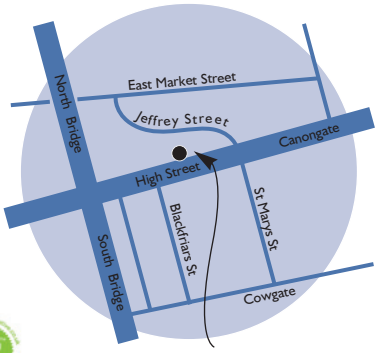

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