

14–31 October
2022



SCOTTISH
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STORYTELLING
FESTIVAL

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Welcome

KEEP IT LIT in Scotland's Year of Stories

Welcome to the world's largest celebration of storytelling, anchored in Scotland, a nation of storytellers. At the core of Scotland's culture and identity is the hospitable hearth - a place of solidarity and welcome for friend and stranger alike. Round that symbolic fire, experiences and memories are shared, and hope affirmed.

This year, people's everyday lives are under pressure on all sides. Yet a story shared is a trouble eased. In Scotland's Year of Stories, the Scottish International Storytelling Festival invites everyone to the ceilidh; locally, nationally and globally.

The Festival Team



The Scottish International Storytelling Festival is organised by **TRACS** (Traditional Arts & Culture Scotland), which brings together the **Traditional Music Forum**, **Scottish Storytelling Forum** and **Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland**, from its base at the **Scottish Storytelling Centre**. TRACS showcases Scotland's traditional arts in a contemporary world, making them more accessible to all.

Supported through **Scottish Government's Festivals Expo Fund**, **Creative Scotland**, **City of Edinburgh Council**, **Festivals Edinburgh**, **Digital Expo**. We acknowledge the support of the **Canada Council for the Arts**.



About the Programme

We are delighted to present more live events again this year, whilst continuing to offer online opportunities. Our event categories ensure your storytelling experience is exactly what you are looking for, be it at one of the Festival venues, in outdoor locations, or from the comfort of your own home.

How to book



www.sisf.org.uk



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Booking information for partner venues and regional events are listed throughout the programme.

Accessibility

A full **Access Statement** and a list of how to engage with our accessible events will be available at sisf.org.uk

Event Types

Live | Indoor

Live storytelling events in festival venues.

Live | Outdoor

Live storytelling events in outdoor locations.

Online | Live

Traditional storytelling sessions broadcast live online.

Online | Pre-recorded

Storytelling performances filmed in advance.

Online | Workshops

Online workshops and presentations broadcast live from the Scottish Storytelling Centre, with online audience participation.

All in-person events will be subject to Scottish Government health & safety guidelines in October. Please read the Centre's **COVID guidelines** before travelling to the venue.

Festival Pass

We have strived to keep ticket prices as affordable as possible throughout the programme. If you plan to attend multiple events, please take advantage of our Festival Pass!

- Discounted tickets to many live festival events at the Scottish Storytelling Centre
- Discounted tickets to many online festival events
- **10%** discount at the Storytelling Centre's bookshop
- **10%** discount in the Haggis Box's Storytelling Café



Look for the **Festival Pass** prices in the listings marked as ★

Get Creative

WED 12 OCT – WED 30 NOV

The Big Scottish Story Ripple

The SISF Community & Family Programme pairs local storytellers with schools and community groups in live and digital settings throughout Scotland. Take part in **The Big Scottish Story Ripple** by holding a storytelling event led by a storyteller from the Scottish Storytelling Forum's Directory. Groups can apply for a subsidy that will cover the cost of the storyteller's fees and in return, successful applicants must offer a good deed back to their local community on, or before, St Andrew's Day.

For more information contact: storytelling@tracscotland.org

FRI 14 OCT – WED 30 NOV

The Stone Soup Collective

The Stone Soup Collective is a series of community events facilitated by a storyteller in partnership with a community hub in their local area. A ceilidh of stories, song, and dance with shared food, right in the heart of the community.

The Stone Soup is a European folk story in which strangers convince the people of a town to each share a small amount of their food in order to make a larger meal that everyone in the community can enjoy. At the heart of this story is a message of welcoming strangers, integration, kindness and sharing our resources to enable community strength and support.

- Which story/song/dance would you bring to the Scotland's diverse pot?
- Which members from your community would you invite to come along?
- Which ingredients would you bring to a shared meal?

Live Edinburgh event **Stone Soup Ceilidh** on **Wed 19 Oct** (pg. 20)

Follow our Instagram
@scotstoryfest for updates



Festival Exhibition

THU 6 OCT – MON 31 OCT

John Slavin: Land of the Ravens

Live | Indoor

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Daily: 10am - 9pm | Free

A multiform exhibition, with visual images, film animation, musical soundtrack and live storytelling on a journey of narrative recreation, inspired by the international folk tale Jack and the Two Ravens. The 1979 recording by the renowned storyteller Duncan Williamson of Argyll (1928-2007) was subsequently illustrated in a series of paintings by artist **John Slavin**, then selected by **Christine Martin** for film development by animist **John McGeoch**. *The Two Ravens* film is enhanced by the musical interpretation of **Jack Evans** and members of the **Harta** music ensemble.

Live family event **Silver Unicorns & Golden Birds** on **Sat 15 Oct** (pg. 19)

'Magician with Hat and Raven Eyes' John Slavin



'John and Marigold with Hungry at Pool'
John Slavin



Interpreting Scotland

Scottish Storytelling Centre (unless stated)

Live | Indoor

All events are £10 (£8) ★£6 unless stated

How does Scotland shape its sense of self in this period of change? Creatives, within and beyond the storytelling community, challenge and shape stories that matter for Scotland – past, present and future. A series of new work created for this year's Festival.

FRI 14 OCT

Opening Concert: Speak Out the Other

7.30pm (2hrs)

Three storytellers are trapped in the court of the Fey and must perform to earn their freedom. Who deserves to return to the human realm, and who remains in the otherworld? The fair folk in the audience will decide. In this show, the **Young Edinburgh Storytellers (YES) Mark Borthwick, Ailsa Dixon and David Hughes** navigate the mystery of emergence, blending their voices with music as a testament to belonging, becoming, and the 'otherness' of queer identities which permeate Scottish myth.

This event is sponsored by our media partners The Skinny.

Evie Waddell
Photo by Mihaela Bodlovic

SUN 16 OCT

Bùth-obrach Òrain Ghàidhlig & Dannsa-ceum

1pm (1hr 30) | £5 | All Ages

Ionnsaichibh beagan mu dhualchas nan Gàidheal tro dannsa, òrain agus cànan. Tha an neach-ciùil **Evie Waddell** agus sgioba de luchd-cruthachail d/Deaf a' toirt fiachachadh dhuibh pàirt a ghabhail san tachartas cultarail seo a thèid a chumail tro mheadhan BSL agus Beurla labhairt. Ionnsaichibh òrain Ghàidhlig tro soidhnichean BSL agus cuideachd dannsa-ceum! Bidh eadar-theangair BSL ann is tha fàilte ron na h-uile. Tha cuideachd fàilte air clann fo aois 12. Bheiribh leibh brògan cruaidh.

Gaelic Song & Dance: d/Deaf Inclusive Workshop

Immerse yourself in Scottish traditions through dance, song and languages. Led by traditional musician **Evie Waddell** and her team of d/Deaf performers, you are invited to join this joyful cultural exchange presented in BSL and spoken English. Learn some Gaelic signed songs and rhythmic traditional step dance! The workshop will have a BSL interpreter and is suitable for all ages and abilities, hearing or d/Deaf. Accompanied children under 12 are welcome. Please bring hard/hoisy shoes, if you have them.



Susi Briggs
Photo by Kim Ayres Photography

SAT 15 OCT

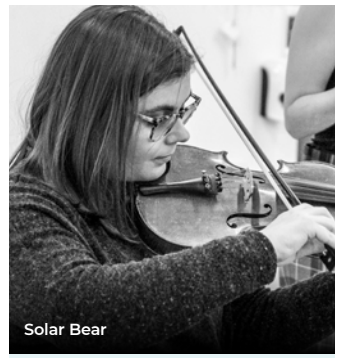
Turas tro na Cluarain

8.30pm (1hr)

Nach tig sibh còmhla rinn air chuairt, tron bheatha bho phàiste gu peinnseanair. Comharraichidh sinn clachan-mìle is amannan sònraichte nar beatha le sgeulachdan, bàrdachd, òrain agus ceòl. Le measachadh de ghùthan, clàrsach agus cànan, thèid sinn air chuairt le **Christina Stewart, Susi Briggs, Alpin Stewart** agus **Grace Stewart-Skinner**. Thigibh còmhla rinn!

A Daunder through Thistles

Tak a daunder wi us, grawin up an grawin auld in Scotland. Pause along the way to celebrate life's milestones and moments in story, poetry, song and music. In an intergenerational blend of voice and clarsach, **Christina Stewart, Susi Briggs, Alpin Stewart** and **Grace Stewart-Skinner** perform in Gaelic, Scots and English, integrating sensitive translations. Thigibh còmhla rinn!



Solar Bear

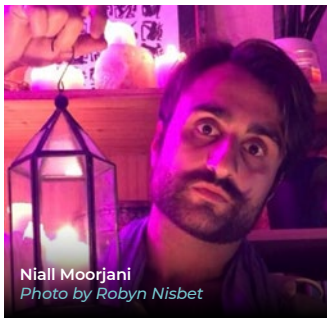
Fàilte gu BSL

8.30pm (1hr 30)

'S e neach labairt na Gàidhlig, neach d/Deaf agus ceòladair a th' anns an **Evie Waddell**. Anns an tachartas beòthail seo, tha i a' taisbeanadh ceanglaichean cultarail is poilitigeach ann an aonaranachd – eadar coimhearsnachdan agus Albannaich eadar-mheasgte. Tro òrain is sgeulachdan, soidhnichean agus dannsa, bidh an sgioba a' taisbeanadh na ceanglaichean eadar a' Ghàidhlig agus BSL. Tha an tachartas seo ann an co-bhonn le **Solar Bear**.

Welcome to BSL

Evie Waddell is a Gaelic speaker, d/Deaf and a musician. Experiences of creative and political connection through isolation are at the core of this vibrant show. By using traditional songs and stories, sign and dance, the cast explores opportunities for d/Deaf people to own Scottish culture and the relationships between Gaelic and BSL, using collaborative performance to amplify the importance of each unique 'cultural voice'. The event is in partnership with **Solar Bear**.



Niall Moorjani
Photo by Robyn Nisbet

THU 20 OCT

Animate Lands

8.30pm (1hr 30)

The tales of the Fianna offer a glimpse into an ancient, animistic culture that once thrived in Scotland. Storyteller **Douglas Mackay**, painter **Alastair Blayne** and musician **Freya Rae** wander into the Scottish landscapes to track the tales of Ossian, greatest poet and bard of the Fianna. As they carry the myth back to the wild places bearing his name, a tapestry of story, image, melody and nature emerges.

SAT 22 OCT

Scotia Botanica: Workshop

Live | Outdoor

Royal Botanic Garden
Edinburgh
2pm (2hrs) | Free (ticketed)

Join storytellers **Amanda Edmiston** and **Lisa Schneidau** in the autumnal setting of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and engage in a lively plant base exchange of stories and memories.

Some of the shared reflections will weave into their event at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on **Thu 27 Oct** (pg 9).

MON 24 OCT

SUM / body

8.30pm (1hr)

Can you imagine the “voice” of Scotland? Is it possible to blend the diverse words, accents, opinions and emotions expressed by people living in Scotland, and unify them into one character? What would they want, sound and act like?

Multidisciplinary writer and producer **Aisha Josiah** works to combine storytelling, theatre, data science and gaming into a unique storytelling experience. Directed by **Olivia Songer**.

WED 26 OCT

Inner-City Soil

8.30pm (1hr)

Flowing streams and mythic goddesses meet cigarettes and housing schemes in ‘inner-city soil’, where the urban and the pagan combine. Through storytelling, contemporary music and poetry, emerging artists **Raymond Wilson** and **Fiyin Fakunle** let us into the worlds of working-class Scottish characters who find their connection to mythology, spirituality and the natural world within the everyday.

TUE 18 OCT

Careering Clinic

11am, 11.45am, 12.30pm, 2pm,
2.45pm, 3.30pm (30mins)
£5 | 12+

In these times of change and re-evaluation, storyteller **Shona Cowie** is delighted to invite you to a very different kind of Careers Clinic. This playful, interactive storytelling encounter for audiences of up to 3 people is sure to make you giggle, scratch your head and uncover life changing inspiration.

A Fairie Tale

8.30pm (1hr)

A brand new and original piece of storytelling from **Niall Moorjani**, directed by **Minnie Wilkinson**, with videography by **India Moorjani** and dramaturgy by **Sanjay Lago**. The show explores Scottish race and gender identities through a medieval inspired landscape, reimagining the folk classic Thomas the Rhymer. Set to live cello music from **Diana Redgrave**, expect an evening of strangeness, sexy fairies and swearing. This is storytelling at its experimental best.



THU 27 OCT

Scotia Botanica: Seed Stories

8.30pm (1hr)

Plant allies and storytellers **Amanda Edmiston** and **Lisa Schneidau** are joined by young filmmaker **Zephyra Durkin** as they explore plant stories through differing lenses. The piece reflects Scotland's constantly evolving culture using stories to revalue natural habitats, exploring how we adapt to climate change and recognise diversity.

The event will feature stories contributed by workshop participants on **Sat 22 Oct** (pg 8).

FRI 28 OCT

Careering

3pm (1hr) | £8 (€6) ★£4

How can we prepare for an unknowable future?

A contemporary storytelling project performed and collaboratively created by students from **Dunoon Academy**, with guidance from storyteller **Shona Cowie**. Through weaving wonder tales, personal stories and verbatim accounts, the piece will explore those skills you can't be tested on: resilience, creativity and how to make our hearts sing.

SAT 29 OCT

Hotel Caledonia

8.30pm (1hr)

Treat yourself to a mini-break at Hotel Caledonia. Mingle with millions of guests from all over the world, drawn here by stories of heroes, romance, magic and history. Some guests become part of the story, some always were. A mouth-watering medley of untold travellers' tales of love and exile, laughter, longing, lost luggage and laundry. Presented by storyteller **Aine King** and musician/composer **Erik Linklater**.

SUN 30 OCT

The Pulling of the Rose

8.30pm (1hr)

Old communities carry their myths yet evolve with new ideas, but when the flints of the old strike with the new, what story can be lit from the sparks? Coming from the success of their internationally-toured show *Lord Fox*, **New Myths** - songmaker **Kirsty Law**, author **Kirsty Logan** and harpist/composer **Esther Swift** - will tell a story of rebuilding, reimagining and recalling old traditions in a near-future dystopian Scotland.



Amanda Edmiston
Photo by Em Watson

Shetland

FRI 14 – SAT 29 OCT

Leviathan: Boom-Bust-Boom!

Join storyteller **Jan Bee Brown** and musician **Renzo Spiteri** as they reinterpret 200 years of Shetland's former whaling industry through story, percussion and song. Touring to five site-specific community venues in Shetland to gather and share local stories, they will trace the transition of a once booming business to today's eco-tourism, by sharing the stories and songs of the women and men that have shaped Shetland's whaling tales.

Events in Bigton, North Roe and Yell also include story & music making community workshops, in collaboration with **Curious Pilgrims**.

Check Go Local for tour dates & locations (pg. 41).

*Booking and info:
www.curiouspilgrims.com*

Open Hearths & Special Events

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live | Indoor

All events are £8 (£6)

★£4 unless stated

Our **Open Hearth** sessions gather together storytellers and musicians for a relaxed evening in the Netherbow Theatre. As the darkness closes in and minds glow with pictures in the symbolic fire, this is the perfect way to end your day!

Lily Asch
Photo by András Csapó

MON 17 OCT

Open Hearth: Burgh Blatherers

8pm (2hrs)

Edinburgh's Burgh Blatherers share some of their favourite stories in celebration of their first printed collection 'Book Whisperers'. Hosted by **Bob Mitchell**, with a wonderful array of guest contributors.

WED 19 OCT

Open Hearth

8pm (2hrs)

Hosted by **Daniel Allison**, with **Tom Pow**, **Gauri Rajee** & **Csenge Virág Zalka**.

SAT 22 OCT

Open Hearth

8pm (2hrs)

Hosted by **Claire McNicol**, with **Fran Flett Hollinrake**, **Julie Pellissier-Lush** & **Colin Urwin**.

TUE 25 OCT

Open Hearth: Webspinner

8pm (2hrs)

A celebration of the stories of **Duncan Williamson**. Hosted by **Linda Williamson**, with **David Campbell**, **Shane Ibbs** and **Heather Yule**.

FRI 28 OCT

Open Hearth

8pm (2hrs)

Hosted by **Ruth Kirkpatrick**, with **Shona Cowie**, **Svend-Erik Eng**, **Janis Mackay** & **Neil Sutcliffe**.



Gauri Rajee
Photo by Mary Humphrey

FRI 21 OCT

Figures of Speech: Place

8pm (1hr 15) | £10 (£8) ★£6

Figures of Speech is a series of events bringing together writers and artists to take us on a road trip through Scottish literature for Scotland's Year of Stories 2022. October's session explores the theme of Place with writer and visual artist **Amanda Thomson** in conversation with poet and filmmaker **Roseanne Watt**, discussing nature, home, travel and roots within Scottish literature. This event also features a new commission from emerging storyteller **Marjolein Robertson**. Programmed with Edinburgh City of Literature and supported by EventScotland.

SUN 23 & 30 OCT

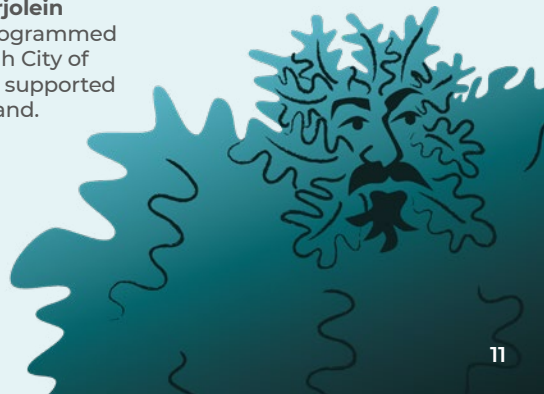
Guid Crack Storytelling Sessions

**Sun 23 (7.30pm):
Stories for Mental Wellbeing
with Lily Asch**

**Sun 30 (2pm):
Ghosts & Ghouls
with Bea Ferguson**

2hrs | £5

Two festival specials of Edinburgh's long-running storytelling night, hosted by a special guest storyteller each time. With an open-floor section to share a tale of your own.



Tales, Tongues & Trails



Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live | Indoor

All events are £7 (£5)

★£4 unless stated

A series of events celebrating regional and international languages, landscapes and identities, for Scotland's Year of Stories.

Munro Gauld

Map of Stories

Enjoy an evening of multimedia storytelling where a world of local Scottish stories unfolds through the live voices of traditional storytellers and site-specific film footage of the landscapes they emerge from.

Find Map of Stories regional events in the Go Local section (pg 30-43).

Produced by **Transgressive North** as part of VisitScotland's Year of Stories.



SAT 15 OCT

Map of Stories Film Ceilidh: Orkney

6pm (1hr 10)

Hosted by Orcadian storyteller **Tom Muir**, with live music accompaniment.

MON 17 OCT

Map of Stories Film Ceilidh: Dumfries & Galloway

6pm (1hr 10)

Hosted by Dumfriesshire-based poet and storyteller **Tom Pow**, with music from **Wendy Stewart** and film footage featuring a series of voices from across Galloway and beyond.

WED 19 OCT

Map of Stories Film Ceilidh: Outer Hebrides

6pm (1hr 10)

Hosted by Hebridean storyteller **Ian Stephen**, with music from **Kenneth Linklater** and film footage featuring **Norman Maclean**.

MON 24 OCT

Map of Stories Film Ceilidh: North East

6pm (1hr 10)

Hosted by Aberdeenshire-based storytellers **Grace Banks** and **Jackie Ross**, with film footage featuring **Tony Robertson**.

THU 27 OCT

Map of Stories Film Ceilidh: Perth & Kinross

6pm (1hr 10)

Hosted by Perthshire-based storyteller **Jess Smith**, with film footage featuring **Sheila Stewart**.



SUN 16 OCT

Sgeulachdan & Òrain Ghàidhlig à Siorrachd Pheairt

4pm (1hr)

Tha an seinneadair agus neach-rannsachaidh **Ceit Langhorne** agus na ceòladairean ionadail **Munro Gauld** agus **Neil Baillie** a' toirt fiachachadh dhuibh don tachartas sònraichte seo. Leanaidh sibh iad tro dhùthchas Ghàidhlig beairteach ann an Siorrachd Pheairt; 's iad a' toirt dhuibh sean sgeulachdan agus òrain a chaidh, gu ìre mhòr, a-mach à cuimhne san sgìre. Thèid an tachartas seo a chumail gu dà-chànanach.

Gaelic Stories & Songs from Perthshire

Gaelic singer and researcher **Ceit Langhorne** and local musicians **Munro Gauld** and **Neil Baillie** invite you to a very special performance where they share a treasure of lesser-known Perthshire Gaelic songs, and the stories behind them.

The event is in English and Gaelic.



Hillfoots to Ocean Edge

6pm (1hr)

Joanne Dowd and **Ian Stephen** exchange stories from the Ochil Hills to the shores of Lewis, accompanied by sound worlds from **Kenneth Linklater**, who has lived in both places. Moving through the Highlands and Islands, mainland and upland, these tales evoke life, love and landscape.

TUE 18 OCT

Lost Stories

6pm (1hr)

Hungarian storytellers **Lily Asch** and **Csenge Virág Zalka** connect continents and traditions, exploring lost stories and tracing the movement between cultures, tradition and transformation. Intertwining their own cultural roots, they reveal how such stories are still active in and through who we are today.



Julie Pellissier-Lush
Photo by Patricia Bourque

THU 20 OCT

Silvery Tay to Scapa Flow

6pm (1hr)

An east coast journey unites Tayside storyteller **Erin Farley** and Orkney storyteller **Fran Flett Hollinrake**. Together with singer **Scott Gardiner**, they follow a trail of stories, songs and poems by sunlit granite shores.

FRI 21 OCT

Lighthouse Lives

6pm (1hr)

This film captures the lived experiences of the people who worked for the Northern Lighthouse Board, through a time of transition, from manned to automated lighthouses. Resonant archive voices and visual imagery allow us an authentic sense of life, against a dramatic natural back-drop. Film-makers **Martine Robertson** and **Erin Farley** from GaelGal Creations are introduced by the Northern Lighthouse Board.

SAT 22 OCT

A' lorg Sruthan Falaichte

4pm (1hr)

Tha cànan riatanach do dhearbha-aithne cultairail. Thug na tùsanaich ann an Aimeireagaidh a Tuath an dualchas aca don ath ghinealach tro bheul-aithris, mar a rinn na h-eilthirich Gàidhealach a chaidh am fuadachadh gu Sgìrean na Mara ann an Canada. Cluinnear sgeulachdan agus seanchas bhon dualchas Mi'kmaq agus Gàidhealach bho na seanchaidhean **Julie Pellissier-Lush** agus **Iain Seathach**.

Finding Hidden Streams

Language is vital to cultural identity. North America's First Nations handed on their culture through oral tradition, as did the Gaelic speaking emigrants to the maritime territories of what was to become Canada. Storytellers **Julie Pellissier-Lush** and **John Shaw** share stories and traditions from the Mi'kmaq and Gaelic speaking cultures that they are preserving and passing on.

Land of the MacGregor

6pm (1hr)

From the hills and glens of the Trossachs to Loch Lomond and Argyll, you are in the land of Clan Gregor. Storyteller and former shepherd

John Barrington is our unsurpassed guide to a landscape that has seen bloody conflict, persecution and unexpected survivals for the people denied their own name.

SUN 23 OCT

Saut an Bluid: A Scots Saga

4pm (1hr)

The full smeddum of Scotland's Norse saga unfolds, as **Donald Smith** introduces his new epic Scots telling, through Norse eyes and tongues. Who is Skald the Ferryman? What is his connection with the Maid of Norway, and the Corryvreckan whirlpool?

Commissioned by Luath Press and the Scots Language Publishing Fund for Scotland's Year of Stories.

The Story of Auslag: A Saga from Unst

6pm (1hr)

Discover a Shetland story dating back to the 800s, steeped in both historic truth and elements of myth. A Jarl's daughter, Auslag was an outcast who soon became one of the most powerful figures in Unst, her home island. Based on Andrew T. Cluness' *Trouble With Trolls*, Shetland storyteller **Marjolein Robertson** brings Auslag's story to life with the rugged richness of Shetlandic language and landscape.

TUE 25 OCT

Storytelling and Worldview: The Legacy of Duncan Williamson and Betsy Whyte

Alan Bruford Lecture

6pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed)

The Alan Bruford Lecture this year is presented by **Prof. John T Niles**, one of the world's greatest scholars of oral storytelling. It marks the publication of his book *Webspinner: Songs, Stories, and Reflections of Duncan Williamson, Scottish Traveller*.

The lecture is given in memory of Scottish scholar Alan Bruford and is presented by the University of Edinburgh's Department of Celtic and Scottish Studies.

WED 26 OCT

We All Have a Story to Tell

4pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed)

Deafblind Scotland launches an important new video, featuring deafblind people sharing their experiences. Participants have been guided by storyteller **Anne Dignan** and poet **Andrew Pettigrew**, both of whom are deafblind. Through their stories, they explore their right to be recognised as a unique community, included in all aspects of society – one of the rights laid out in the Scottish Deafblind community's new Manifesto of Rights.

The purpose of the video is to empower the deafblind community, while challenging stereotypes and reducing social distance – the biggest barriers to inclusion.

Wir Leid: Scots for a New Generation

6pm (1hr)

Young artists **Ailsa Dixon** and **Neil Sutcliffe** shine a light on Scots words, expressions and sayings, exploring how they relate to modern culture. They share folktales in Scots and Doric, integrated with a conversation about how they interact with the language in their own lives and with their peers. The show will feature a mix of traditional storytelling and music, with strong audience input.

FRI 28 OCT

Recovering Our Culture

6pm (1hr)

The Mi'kmaq Language Act commits the Province of Nova Scotia to work closely with Mi'kmaq communities and organisations such as Mi'kmaq Kina'matnewey to develop a language revitalization strategy. **Julie Pellissier-Lush** shares her work as a storyteller and traditional historian, and how it can contribute to the recovery of the First Peoples of Nova Scotia.

SAT 29 OCT

Home Where I Belong

6pm (1hr)

Two migratory birds trace the patterns of the journeys that brought them to build their nests in the heartland of Scotland. The history of Scotland is based on the movement of people, yet the stories we hear tend to be dark and difficult. Together, storytellers **Linda Perttula** and **Claire Hewitt** weave Finnish and English words to create the world from a bird's egg.

SUN 30 OCT

Female Powers: Fairy Queens and Witches

6pm (1hr)

Folk music duo **Pictism** and storyteller **Stuart McHardy** present a magical interlude of ancient ballads and stories, with a focus on Halloween and its feminine themes. Weaving together tales of female deer cults, goddesses of the landscape, and the symbolic actions of witches, this performance promises an enriching reflection on the feminine in Scottish folklore.



MON 31 OCT

The Witchcraft Persecution: A Commemoration

4pm (1hr 30)

“Many were accused as witches because they were outspoken or skilled women. Feared because it was believed that they could charm, curse, and cast spells with their voices. Our tongues have been silenced for too long. It is time to tell their stories”.

This performance is a creative collaboration between storyteller **Rowan Morrison** and artist **Karen Strang**, using visual art to enable the unspoken to be seen and heard.



Ailsa Dixon
Photo by Holly Edgar

Sgiath: Warrior Queen of Skye

6pm (1hr 15)

The celebration of Scotland's Stories could not be complete without a fresh telling of the Sgiath epic. Surrounded by historical tradition and tales, celebrated in myth and landscape, she is the embodiment of an alternative Herstory of a nation.

This performance brings together storyteller **Marion Kenny** and musician **John Kenny**, blending traditional stories with evocative soundscapes.



John Kenny and Marion Kenny
Photo by Robyn Blair



Family Events

Scottish Storytelling Centre (unless stated)

Live | Indoor

All events are £5 unless stated

Our family events invite people of all ages to join in the delights of storytelling, from mystical unicorns and Robin Hood, to Greek gods and outdoor play, there's something for everyone!



Photo by Ruth Armstrong

SAT 15 OCT

Silver Unicorns & Golden Birds

11am (50mins) | 5+

Welcome to a morning of family fun celebrating the new children's storybook *Silver Unicorns and Golden Birds: Scottish Traveller Tales for Children*, by Duncan Williamson, Floris Books. Enjoy the short film *Twa Ravens*, followed by a costume parade and live storytelling. Children are wholly encouraged to dress up as silver unicorns or golden birds!

SUN 16 OCT

School of Storycraft

10.30am (1hr 30) | 7-12yrs

Sarah Wedderburn-Ogilvy and **Ailsa Dixon** invite you to a fun-filled storytelling workshop, venturing out to explore stories in their spoken form, through art, games and movement. Come and try to tell your own story!



Shona Cowie
Photo by Fuad Alakbarov

MON 17 OCT

Plop! In the Ocean

2pm (50mins) | 4+

Join two epic Greek gods on an interactive, sing-along, eco-adventure across the seas. 'Plop!' is an Ancient Greek slapstick comedy all about friendship, adventure and looking after our planet. Created by **Sarah Mooney**. Produced by **Hopscotch Theatre Company**.

TUE 18 OCT

Careering Clinic

11am, 11.45am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 2.45pm, 3.30pm (30mins) | 12+

In these times of change and re-evaluation, storyteller **Shona Cowie** is delighted to invite you to a very different kind of Careers Clinic. This playful, interactive storytelling encounter for audiences of up to 3 people is sure to make you giggle, scratch your head and uncover life changing inspiration.

Part of the Interpreting Scotland series.



WED 19 OCT

Stone Soup Ceilidh

12pm (2hrs)
Free (ticketed) | All Ages

Join members of the **Re-Act Scotland's Syrian Refugee** community groups for a celebration ceilidh blending Scottish and Syrian traditional songs, stories, and dances. At the centre of the Stone Soup story is a message of community strength and support, welcoming strangers, integration, kindness and sharing our resources. Tasty treats from both cultures will be available to try. A feast for all ages and senses!

**THU 20 &
SAT 22 OCT**

Macastory's Caddie Capers

Live | Outdoor

11.30am (1hr 20)
5+

Join the Old Town Caddies as they take you on a Greatest Hits tour of Auld Reekie in story, song and rhyme. You'll meet characters such as Deacon Brodie and Aggie the Fish Wife as the caddies lead you through the cobbled streets and closes to share the secrets of old Edinburgh with you! Interactive storytelling with the always entertaining **Macastory**. The event involves walking on hilly terrain.

FRI 21 OCT

Greenwood - Robin Hood

Live | Outdoor

11am (1hr)
Free (ticketed) | 6+

Who is going to the Greenwood to make the forest their home? Outlaws and misfits, or the people who want a more just society, and a greener future? Come and find out with storytellers, mummies and plenty of participation. In association with The Story Valley Erasmus Project and Edinburgh College.

SAT 22 OCT

Botanics Storytelling Day

Live | Outdoor

Royal Botanic Garden
Edinburgh
11am (5hrs) | Free | All Ages

Join us for a day of family fun with storytellers popping up throughout the community garden in RBGE. The day will feature story walks and performances as well as the Botanics' popular Halloween Trail!

Csenge Virág Zalka
Photo by Prohászka Szandra



SAT 22 OCT

Garabonciás School: Hungarian Folktales

2pm (1hr) | 5+
Performed in Hungarian

The world of Hungarian folktales overflows with magic. How do you tame a dragon? Where have all the fairies gone? What if a witch's daughter does not want to become a witch herself? Join us for the afternoon, and storyteller **Csenge Virág Zalka** will tell you all the answers! Organised in partnership with the Hungarian School and Cultural Association of Edinburgh (Hétmérföldes Játszóház és Tanoda).

SUN 23 OCT

School for Skalds with Macastory

10.30am (1hr 30)
7-12yrs

Prepare to become a Skald, a Viking poet storyteller. Join storytellers extraordinaire **Macastory** for a daring adventure... YOURS! With Macastory's help, create your own mini-saga, learn it and tell it in the style of the ancient Viking Skalds. Prepare for sea monsters, battles and even a visit from the gods. Cast the mystical story runes, then it's up to you what happens next!

Family Samhuinn

1pm (2hrs)
Free (ticketed) | 3+

This delightful **Beltane Fire Society** tradition allows parents to share in the magic of the Samhuinn celebration with their little ones through storytelling, face painting and arts & crafts, in advance of the Samhuinn Fire Parade on **Mon 31 Oct**.

SAT 29 OCT

Rocket Post!

Constellation Points

2pm (1hr) | 6+

1934, a beach on the Western Isles, an excited crowd have gathered to watch Gerhard Zucker. He is a dreamer, a scientist, and he has a plan to change the world. The future is communication, the future is ROCKET POST! A joyful mix of songs, storytelling and exciting visuals for everyone aged six and over. Rocket Post! is a tale of miscommunication and the magical discoveries that can happen when everything goes wrong. Presented by **Constellation Points**, written and directed by **Lewis Hetherington**, designed by **Ailie Cohen**.

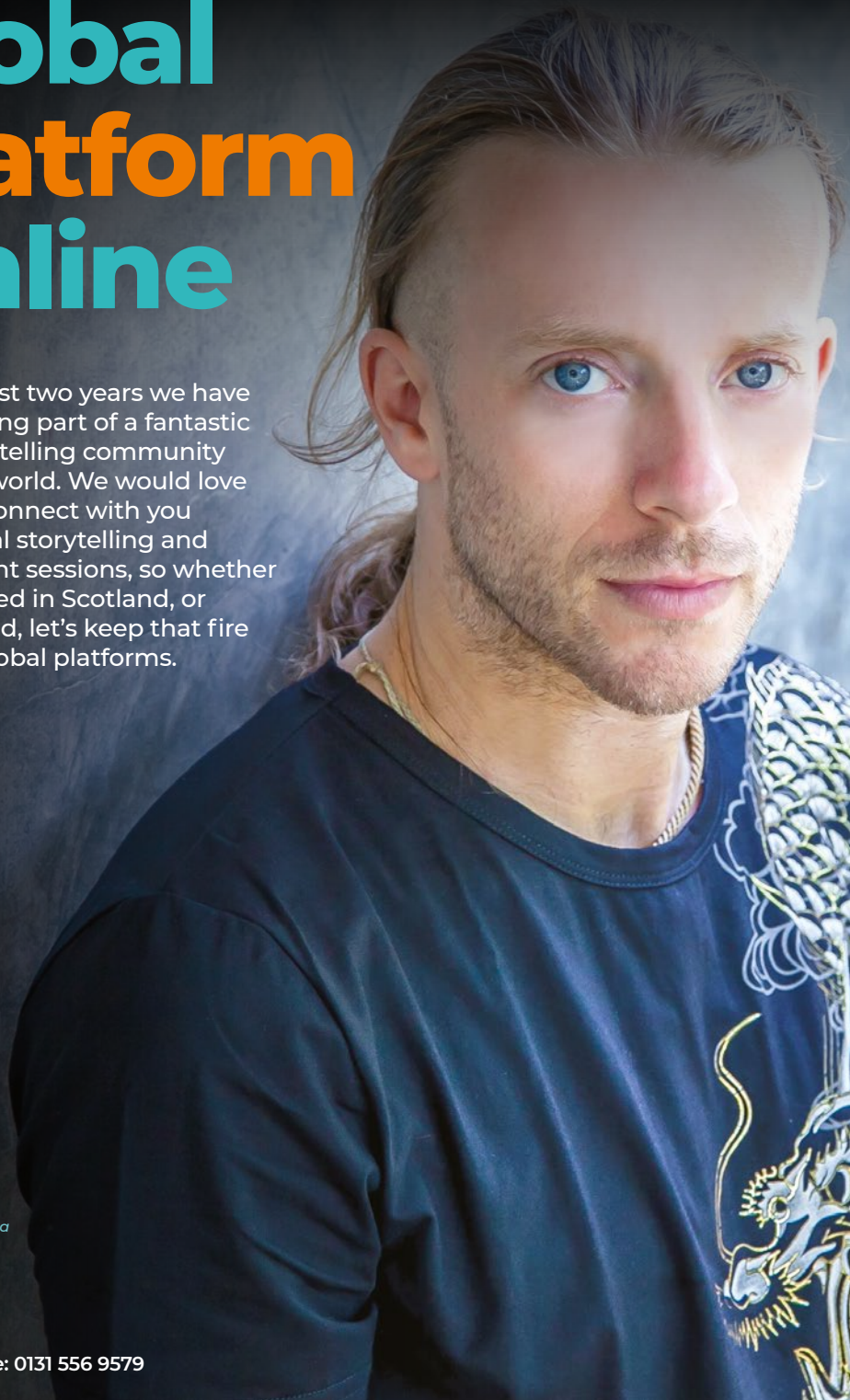


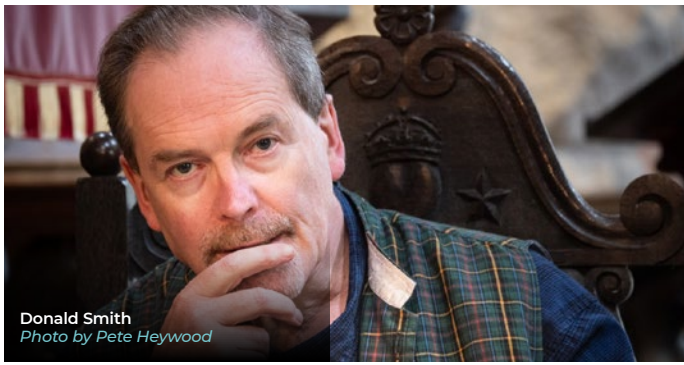
Image by Ailie Cohen

Global Platform Online

Over the past two years we have enjoyed being part of a fantastic online storytelling community across the world. We would love to further connect with you in our digital storytelling and development sessions, so whether you are based in Scotland, or further afield, let's keep that fire lit on our global platforms.

Daniel Allison
Photo by Ashlee Elia





Donald Smith
Photo by Pete Heywood

Art of the Storyteller

Online | Live

3pm (2hrs) | £10 (£8) ★£6

An international celebration of the artform of oral storytelling, its interaction with cultural tradition, and its contemporary renaissance worldwide. Each session includes a performance, discussion and creative development section. Hosted by Festival Director **Donald Smith**.

MON 17 OCT

Psyche and Eros

The ancient Greek myth of Psyche and Eros has travelled beyond centuries from North Africa to Europe. This collaboration of story and music resonates with our modern lives. Featuring storyteller **Dawne McFarlane** and musicians **Maryem Tollar** and **Sophia Grigoriadis**. Maryem and Sophia play Arabic, Greek, and original music on instruments that have travelled as far as the story, across land and sea and into our hearts. Supported by the Canada Council for the Arts.

TUE 18 OCT

I Would Drink of Your Heart's Blood

On a midsummer night in the Isle of Lewis, Griogair leaves the ceilidh house and wanders into the cave-strewn glens. Hearing a voice echoing among the rocks, he encounters a fairy woman who lifts the veil from the hidden world hearts long for. Scottish folklore, poetry and Greek myth are woven together into a unique storytelling performance. Devised and performed by storyteller and author **Daniel Allison**.

WED 19 OCT

Shape Shifters

Shape shifters move through the stories of Scotland. They shimmer in myth, play tricks or seek vengeance in folktales. From the Seal Killer of Duncansby Head to Saba the deer mother, tales tragic and terrifying, playful and wise, are brought to you by storyteller **Fiona Herbert**, with song, harp and fiddle from **Emma Durkan**. Supported by Creative Edinburgh and The Andy Hunter Bursary.

THU 20 OCT

The Two Mantles

Beurra (or Beira) and Brighid (or Bride) are two goddesses of Celtic myth and tradition. Each brings a very different Mantle to the earth, which displays benefits shared between gods of Nature and humankind, and different ways of obtaining those benefits. Seanachaidh and storyteller, **George Macpherson** tells these ancient tales and leads on discussions of their significance for present times.

FRI 21 OCT

Scotland Wild and Free

Scotland is celebrated for its sweeping glens, wildlife, and clean air, but it ranks in the bottom 25% of countries for biodiversity. Rewilding the countryside is one option, rewilding ourselves alongside nature is another one, and perhaps a richer path. Storyteller and environmentalist **Cara Roberts** starts out on this journey.



Global Lab

Online | Workshops

2pm (2hrs 30) | £10 (£8) ★£6

An international exploration of oral storytelling, its interaction with cultural tradition, its ecological passions, social engagements and contemporary renaissance worldwide. In association with **The Earth Stories Collection** and **Earth Charter International**, each session involves presentations, discussions with the participants and a short interval. Hosted by Festival Director **Donald Smith**.

MON 24 OCT

Storytelling with and for Children

Four storytellers share their thoughts about our vital exchange with the next wave of storytellers. **Georgiana Keable** and **Dawne McFarlane** explain the nature and nurture approach of their new book *Fairytales, Families and Forests*. **Allie Finlay** introduces us to *My Kind of Book*, promoting inclusive books so that every child can enjoy a good story, including children with complex additional needs. On Diwali, **Geeta Ramanuja** shares her *Tales of the World* and decades of work with India's children.

TUE 25 OCT

Shifting the Narrative: Story Work and Nature Crises

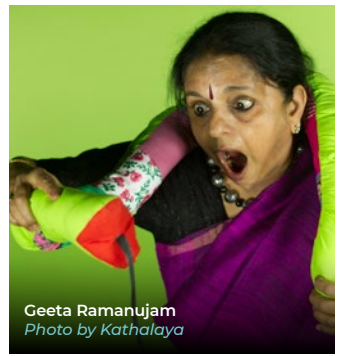
Join us as we share the findings of a major study on storytelling and social change. Explore ways in which your storytelling practice can support the differences in your community, while

also nurturing a common meaning and message. **Alette Willis**, **Ramsey Affifi**, **Jule Hildmann** and **Arno Verhoeven**'s study involved 56 storytellers engaged on the themes of nature connection, environmental education and social change. Funded by The British Academy and University of Edinburgh.

WED 26 OCT

Stories for the Soul

Anna Fancett from Scotland and **Radhieka Al Hakawati** from Sri Lanka share classic Scottish stories with innovation, creativity and heart. Anna will begin with Sir Walter Scott's *The Bridal of Triermain*, evoking passion and mystery, while Radhieka will facilitate a healing and restorative psychodrama for participants. The session ends with a grounding of guided imagery, which will provide a relaxing experience.



Geeta Ramanujam
Photo by Kathalaya

THU 27 OCT

In the Borderlands

Focusing on tales of the supernatural rooted in the landscapes of the Scottish Borders and Likhu, in Nepal, the film *Tales of Borders* explores the power of stories to connect people over the boundaries of time and space. Reflecting on the impact of borders in physical and symbolic terms, storytellers **Nawaraj Pandey**, film-maker **Hannah Woods**, creative ethnologist **Martine Robertson** and historian **Mary Woods** explore the Borderlands.

FRI 28 OCT

Understanding Scotland's Witches

As Scotland comes to terms with the horrors of its witchcraft persecution, how do we now understand the women who were tortured and executed? In this exploration, history, empathy, gender, drama and religion are all brought together in the search for a new insight, with the refusal to accept simple answers. Hosted and curated by **Jen McGregor**.

THU 20 &
THU 27 OCT

GLOBAL HEARTH

Online | Live

7pm (2hrs)
Pay What You Can

Storytellers from around the world gather round the digital hearth as the darkness closes in and minds glow with pictures in the symbolic fire. Enjoy two traditional sessions of online stories from home and abroad!



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Blue City

Blue City: A Story Journey

Online | Pre-recorded

1hr | Free | On-demand

Explore Edinburgh as a city by the sea. Follow the coastline from Fisherrow, on the boundary with East Lothian, to South Queensferry. A trail of harbours and wildlife havens that glimmers with stories from folklore, history and ecology.

Devised by SISF with storytellers **Janis Mackay**, **Linda Perttula**, **Nicola Wright**, **Douglas Mackay** and **Donald Smith**, with music by **Kenneth Linklater** and the **Bowling Ceilidh Band**.

Produced in support of the Forth Rivers Trust and Restoration Forth.



Nicola Wright
Photo by Lydia Gschosmann

Edinburgh Events

Live | Indoor

Unless stated

Discover Edinburgh and its surroundings by enjoying some of our many Edinburgh partner events, featuring storytelling in venues and outdoor locations across the city.



Claire McNicol
Photo by Peter Dibdin

FRI 14 OCT

Scotland's Stories: Library Social

National Library of Scotland
10.30am (1hr 30)
Free (ticketed)

A relaxed morning of traditional stories and tunes for people living with dementia and their families, carers and supporters with storyteller **Anne Hunter**. Refreshments will be provided.

Booking and info:
www.nls.uk

**FRI 14 –
MON 31 OCT**

The Botanics Halloween Trail

Live | Outdoor

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
10am (6hrs) | £2 per booklet
3+ | No booking required

Join the annual Botanics Halloween Trail for some family friendly fun this autumn. Explore the Garden to find all the clues, complete the trail and receive a tasty treat. Sponsored by Mackies of Scotland.

Info: www.rbge.org.uk



sisf.org.uk

**TUE 18 –
FRI 21 OCT**

Greenwood – Robin Hood

Live | Outdoor

11am (1hr) | Free, drop-in | 6+

Who is going to the Greenwood to make the forest their home? Outlaws and misfits, or the people who want a more just society, and a greener future? Come and find out with storytellers, mummers and plenty of participation. In association with the Story Valley Erasmus Project and Edinburgh College.

Tue 18 Oct
Dr Neil's Garden

Wed 19 Oct
Hopetoun Crescent Garden

Thu 20 Oct
The Balm Well

Fri 21 Oct
Scottish Storytelling Centre

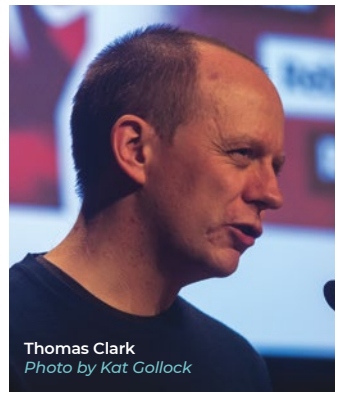
TUE 18 OCT

Reimagining Scottish Myths

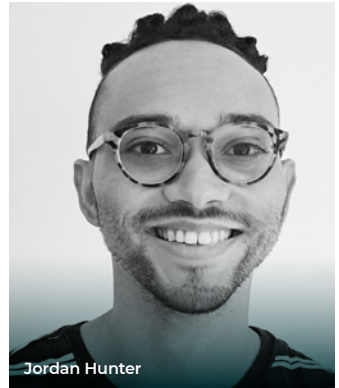
National Library of Scotland
2pm (2hrs) | Free (ticketed)
12-16yrs

Join writer **Thomas Clark** and illustrator **Jordan Hunter** for this fun, hands-on creative workshop exploring myths and legends from around Scotland. Hear some of the traditional stories featured in the new National Library Google Arts & Culture digital resource, and help to reimagine and illustrate some of the characters. All art materials will be provided.

Booking and info:
www.nls.uk



Thomas Clark
Photo by Kat Gollock



Jordan Hunter

Rabblar

The Waverley Bar
7.30pm (1hr + Q&A)
Pay What You Can

An intimate, confessional and occasionally boisterous storytelling show about conspiracy theories, mob mentality and the changes just one person can make. Meet Jenny Geddes, the 17th century Edinburgh grocer who hurled a stool at a minister, sending Scotland hurtling down the path towards the Covenanters' War. She's ready to do what's right – with a mob at her back, if necessary.

Info: www.waverleybar.co.uk

THU 20 OCT

Binnorie: Fiddles and Women's Stories

St Cecilia's Hall
1pm (1hr) | PWYC (suggest £5)

A fiddle music workshop with **Marie Fielding**. Learn tunes from James Hogg, William Marshall and James Scott Skinner and meet and hear the historic fiddles they played!

Booking and info:
blogs.ed.ac.uk/binnorie/

Supported by the Year of Stories 2022 Community Stories Fund, delivered in partnership between VisitScotland and Museums Galleries Scotland.

Balm Well Festival

Live | Outdoor

The Balm Well, grounds of Toby Carvery Liberton
6pm (1hr) | Free, drop-in

The ancient healing Balm Well was once a place where kings bathed, a site of pilgrimage and festivity. Hear the legend of the well and stories of mythical water creatures as we rekindle this long-lost festival for modern times and light up the evening with lanterns. Led by storyteller **Jane Mather**. Magical costumes welcome. Please dress warmly.

Info: www.tobycarvery.co.uk

FRI 21 OCT

Family Stories & Crafts

National Library of Scotland
2.30pm (1hr 30)
Free (ticketed) | 6-11yrs

Join storyteller **Claire McNicol** and staff from the National Library of Scotland for an afternoon of traditional stories and crafts on the theme of 'treasures'.

Booking and info:
www.nls.uk

SAT 22 OCT

Botanics Storytelling Day

Live | Outdoor

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
11am (5hrs) | Free | All Ages

Join us for a day of family fun with storytellers popping up throughout the community garden in RBGE. The day will feature story walks and performances as well as the Botanics' popular Halloween Trail!

Info: www.rbge.org.uk



Hungarian Halloween

St Columba's by the Castle
5pm (1hr) | £5 | 12+

Hungary might not celebrate Halloween, but we do have a whole lot of scary stories! Haunted cathedrals, ghosts and treasures, dancing with the devil... this storytelling show brings you the creepiest, most haunting, most chilling stories of Hungarian folklore. Teens and adults only. You have been warned! With guest storyteller **Csenge Virág Zalka**.

This program is organised in partnership with the **Hungarian School and Cultural Association of Edinburgh** (Hétföldes Játszóház és Tanoda).

Booking: ticketsource.co.uk
Info: hetmerfoldes.edinburgh@gmail.com

SUN 23 OCT

Binnorie: Fiddles and Women's Stories

St Cecilia's Hall
1pm (1hr) | PWYC (suggest £5)

A storytelling workshop with **Beverley Bryant**. Learn about stories told by women in Scotland and develop skills to tell your own.

Booking and info:
blogs.ed.ac.uk/binnorie/

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**MON 24 &
MON 31 OCT**

Bookbug Stories

National Library of Scotland
10.30am (30mins)
Free (ticketed) | 0-5yrs

Join storyteller **Claire McNicol** and staff from the National Library for a fun, relaxed session of songs, rhymes and some seasonal stories.

Booking and info:
www.nls.uk

WED 26 OCT

Landscapes and Dances, Songs She Scored Out

Canongate Kirk
7.30pm (1hr)
£10 (£8, under 18s free)

At the heart of this concert, charting the history of female composers' relationships with authorship and 'place', is the premiere of Scottish composer **Ailie Robertson's** new work inspired by the Craiglockhart Hill, performed by **GAIA Duo** musicians **Katrina Lee**, violin and **Alice Allen**, cello.

This is the fifth of seven new music commissions by **St Mary's Music School's Seven Hills Project**. Seven composers have each been commissioned to write a work inspired by one of the seven Edinburgh hills and the corresponding 'hill' poem by **Alexander McCall Smith**.

Booking and info:
[stmaryscommunity.ptly.uk/
event/CraiglockhartHill](http://stmaryscommunity.ptly.uk/event/CraiglockhartHill)

THU 27 OCT

Binnorie: Fiddles and Women's Stories

St Cecilia's Hall
8pm (45min + Q&A)
£10 (£8) ★£6

A tale of three fiddles and the women's stories they have told. An intimate performance 'in the round' at the first purpose-built concert hall in Scotland featuring fiddles played by James Hogg, William Marshall and James Scott Skinner. Who are the women in their tune titles? Performed by **Marie Fielding** and **Beverley Bryant**, devised with **Lori Watson** and **Sarah Deters**.

Booking and info:
blogs.ed.ac.uk/binnorie/

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**THU 27 &
FRI 28 OCT**

When Mountains Meet | Jub Milain Pahaar

Authentic Artist Collective

Assembly Roxy
7.30pm (1hr 15) | £10 (£8)

Across two lands, one family collides. Gig theatre, storytelling, Scottish/Pakistani fusion music and striking visual images recount the adventures of Isla McCrae as she leaves Edinburgh for



Marie Fielding
Photo by Susan Mancini

an unforgettable voyage through Pakistan, inspired by the true story of **Anne Wood**. 75 years after the creation of Pakistan, a live band plus storytellers and singers celebrate cultural diversity and difference in this tender, surprising and heart-opening show, summoning majestic mountains, mesmerising sounds and mouth-watering tastes. Presented in English and Urdu, with captioning in both languages.

Booking and info:
assemblyfestival.com/roxy

MON 31 OCT

Samhuinn Fire Parade

Live | Outdoor

Edinburgh Old Town

The Beltane Fire Society's spectacular coming-of-Winter ritual returns once more to the streets of Edinburgh with a fiery twist on Samhuinn night, offering a dazzling mix of fire-play, drumming, acrobatics, puppetry and immersive theatre.

Booking & info: beltane.org

Go Local

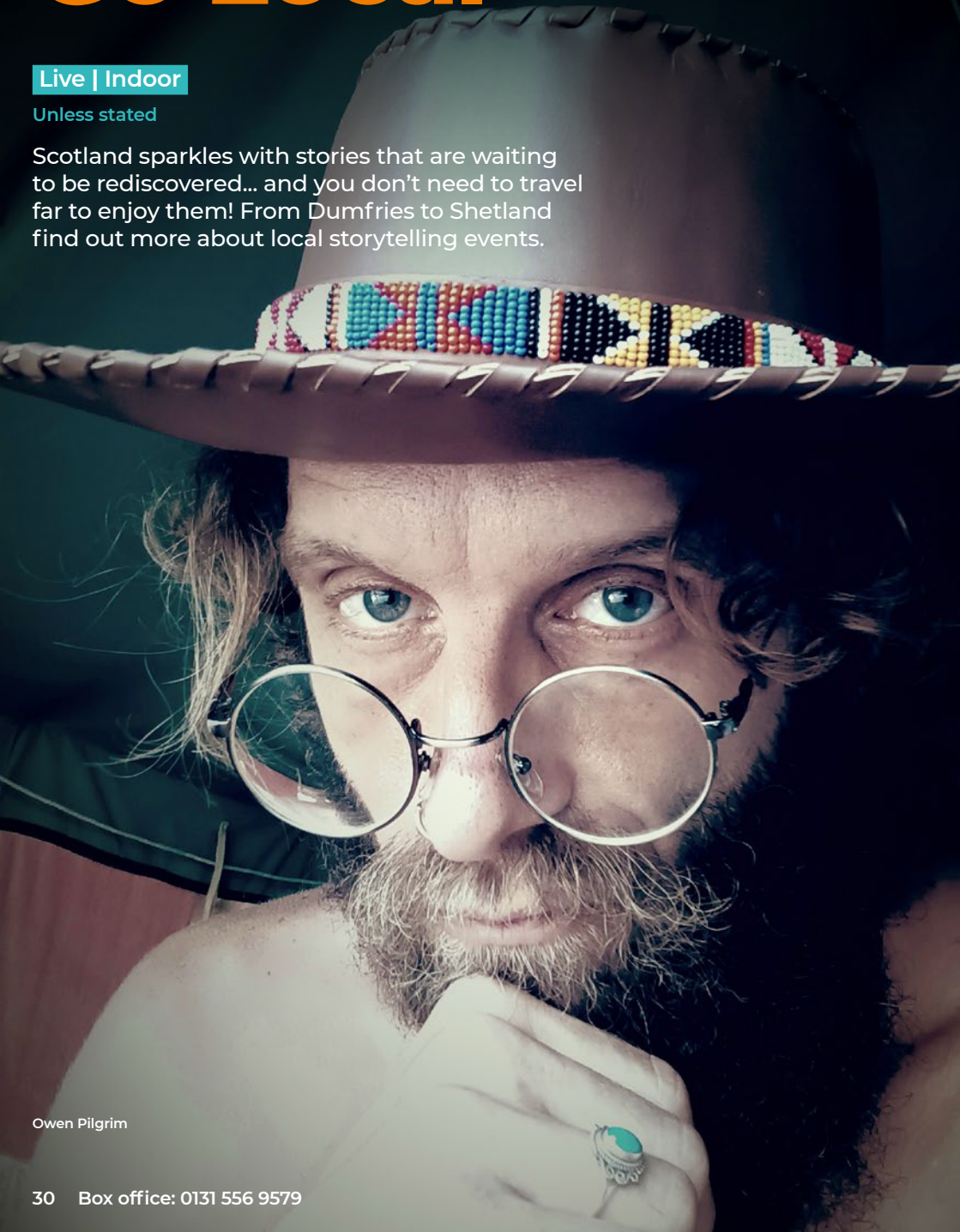
Live | Indoor

Unless stated

Scotland sparkles with stories that are waiting to be rediscovered... and you don't need to travel far to enjoy them! From Dumfries to Shetland find out more about local storytelling events.

Owen Pilgrim

30 Box office: 0131 556 9579



Angus

Forfar

SAT 22 OCT

Wild & Free Stories

Live | Outdoor

Forfar Open Garden,
36 Lochside Road, DD8 3JD
2pm (1hr 30)
Free, donations welcome

Join local storyteller **Cara Roberts** sharing tales of the wild and free, exploring our need for nature connection and hope. During the pandemic, local environments have become tangibly more important as sources of connection, joy and solace. Come along, unwind, and connect.

Info: Cara Roberts - cara@onenatureeducation.com

Montrose Basin

SUN 23 OCT

Wild Geese and Other Tales

SWT Montrose Basin
Visitor Centre,
Rossie Braes, DD10 9TA
5pm (1hr) | £6

Join local storyteller and naturalist **Cara Roberts** to hear mythic and real tales of

wild geese and some personal reflections on our need for nature connection and rewilding. Spend some time in the Scottish Wildlife Trust Visitor Centre, watching the geese land, before or after the performance.

*Booking and info:
Cara Roberts - cara@onenatureeducation.com,
onenatureeducation.com or
scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk*

Argyll

Lochawe

SUN 23 OCT

Across the Water: Story and Song from Erin to Alba

St Conan's Kirk, PA33 1AQ
3pm (1hr) | By donation

What mysteries lie between the waters of Northern Ireland and the West Coast of Scotland? **Colin Urwin**, a singer, writer and storyteller from the Glens of Antrim, and **Heather Yule**, Scottish storyteller and harper, come together to share dramatic songs and tales of shipwrecks, selkies and other strange creatures.

Info: enquiries@stconanskirk.org.uk



Heather Yule
Photo by David McIntosh

Oban

FRI 21 OCT

Feast of Fools

The Rockfield Centre,
Rockfield Brae, 19 Stevenson
Street, PA34 5DQ
2pm (1hr) | £3 (£1 child) | 4+

Have you ever stuffed mackerel into your trousers, or slurped fish soup with the devil? Well now's your chance. Join storyteller **Daniel Serridge** at his dinner table of foolishness as you choose the tales he regales from a menu that includes disgusting banquets and measly meals in celebration of all things fishy.

*Booking and info:
therockfieldcentre.org.uk*

Clackmannanshire

Alloa

**WED 19 –
WED 26 OCT**

Wild Hillfoots Storytelling Festival

‘Light the Nights’

Hillfoots Tales warmly welcomes you to its storytelling festival in Alloa, to enjoy four days of traditional stories and songs. Special guest **Colin Urwin** from Ireland is joined by local storytellers **Joanne Dowd, Eleanor Bell, Kate Walker, Jennie Syme, Marion Levett, Mary Snaddon, Rosi Brown** and **Sue Bytheway**.

Booking and info:
www.hillfootstales.co.uk,
hillfootstales@gmail.com

19 Oct, 7.30pm
Passing the Torch

21 Oct, 7.30pm
The Little Gold Ring

22 Oct, 2pm
Towards the Light

26 Oct, 7.30pm
Finding Your Light



32 Box office: 0131 556 9579

Dollar

WED 19 OCT

Tales from the Japanese Garden

Live | Outdoor

The Japanese Garden at
Cowden, Upper Hillfoot Rd,
FK14 7PL
11am (1hr 30)
Tour included in garden ticket

Welcome to Sha Raku En, the place of pleasure and delight. Join our storyteller in residence **Lindsey Gibb** as she leads a unique story tour around the Japanese garden, sharing tales of its plants, special corners and its creator, the adventurer Ella Christie.

Event suitable for all ages. The paths are loose gravel and slope upwards at various points.

Booking and info:
**Nicola Dibley - outreach@
cowdengarden.com,
07876 117 703, cowden-
garden.myshopify.com**

Dumfries & Galloway

Dumfries

**THU 20 –
MON 31 OCT**

Wild Goose Festival

Enjoy our annual exploration of nature, creativity and place across seven days.

The family-friendly programme celebrates the incredible journey undertaken by barnacle geese, from Svalbard to the Solway estuary in our very own region. Produced by **The Stove Network** and held in Dumfries and surrounding areas, the festival unites key partners from across the region to promote connection with our natural world through education and community engagement.

Booking and info:
www.wildgoosefestival.scot

SAT 22 OCT

Map of Stories Film Ceilidh: Dumfries & Galloway

**Robert Burns Centre,
Mill Rd, DG2 7BE
7.30pm (1hr 30)
Free (ticketed)**

Enjoy an evening of multimedia storytelling where a world of local Scottish stories unfolds through the live voices of traditional storytellers and site-specific film footage of the landscapes they emerge from. Hosted by Dumfriesshire-based poet and storyteller **Tom Pow**, with music from **Wendy Stewart** and film footage featuring a series of voices from across Galloway and beyond.

Produced by **Transgressive North** as part of VisitScotland's Year of Stories. In partnership with **The Stove Network**.

Booking and info:
www.wildgoosefestival.scot

Dundee

Events hosted by Blether Tay-Gither

Booking and info: Owen Pilgrim - storypilgrim@hotmail.com

TUE 25 OCT

Stories of People & Place

HMS Unicorn, S Victoria
Dock Road, DD1 3BP
7pm (2hrs) | £5

This is the Year of Scotland's Stories and to celebrate, **Blether Tay-Gither**, the Dundee Storytelling Group, is pleased to host a special night with guest storyteller **Lily Asch** from Hungary, along with tales from our local tellers. Jump aboard the decks of the magnificent HMS Unicorn in Dundee.

SUN 6 NOV

Scottish Tales & Legends

Dudhope Castle,
3 Infirmary Brae, DD3 6TU
2pm (1hr) | £5 (£15 Family)

Today we bring Scottish tales & legends for children and families to the historical halls of Dudhope Castle, to celebrate the Year of Scotland's Stories.

Fife

Dunfermline

SUN 23 OCT

Minding the Light, Fanning the Flames

The Fire Station Creative,
Carnegie Dr, KY12 7AN
2pm (1hr 30) | £6 (£5)

Mi'kmaq storyteller **Julie Pellissier-Lush** and local storytellers **Joanne Dowd** and **Kate Walker** breathe new life into old stories and share lost tales of yesterday, spoken for today.

Booking and info: Kate Walker - kate.storyteller@hotmail.co.uk

Kinghorn

Events hosted by The Ecology Centre

Kinghorn Loch, Burntisland, KY3 9YG

THU 20 OCT

The Great Kinghorn Loch Story Hunt

Live | Outdoor

2.30pm (1hr 30) | £4 child -
accompanying adults free

Local storytellers **Sarah Wedderburn-Ogilvy** and **David Hughes** take you on a family friendly adventure into the woods to discover the stories that are hidden in the trees, under the ground and beneath the waters of Kinghorn Loch. The walk will end around a campfire for more stories and songs.

SAT 29 OCT

Reading the Land

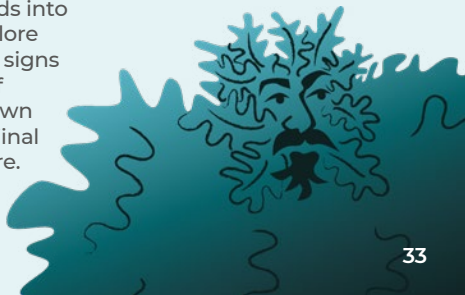
Live | Outdoor

3.30pm (2hrs) | £5

Join local storytellers **Sarah Wedderburn-Ogilvy** and **David Hughes** on a walk around Kinghorn Loch, as they weave myths and legends into the local landscape. Explore local plants, and spy the signs that show the turning of the seasons, winding down our time together with final stories around a campfire.

This is a storytelling session for adults, aimed at soothing weary souls and kindling an interest in re-storying the local landscape.

Booking and info: [The Ecology Centre - theecologycentre.org/whats-on](http://TheEcologyCentre - theecologycentre.org/whats-on)



Glasgow

THU 27 OCT

Sangs an' Clatter

The Old Hairdresser's,
Renfield Ln, G2 5AR
7pm (2hrs) | PWYC £5 - £15

Join us for an evening of stories and music in the cosy setting of Glasgow's Old Hairdresser's. We'll be joined by Mi'kmaq storyteller from Canada, **Julie Pellissier-Lush**, as well as the Village storytellers, with live music. Hosted by **The Village Storytelling Centre**.

Booking and info: info@villagestorytelling.org.uk,
www.villagestorytelling.org.uk,
0141 882 3025

SAT 19 NOV

The Apprentice's Tale

The Tall Ship Glenlee, 150
Pointhouse Place, G3 8RS
11am (30min), 12pm (30min),
1.30pm (30min), 2.30pm (30min)

All sessions are free (ticketed)
except for 1.30pm session
which is free (drop-in)

It is 1918 and young apprentice Andy sets sail on the Tall Ship for a voyage of discovery. Join him as he shares his experience of life on the open sea and learn what it was like to be an apprentice on the Tall Ship, one of Scotland's historic treasures.

This new piece has been developed by an emerging storyteller, mirroring Andy's apprenticeship journey. In collaboration with **The Tall Ship, The Village Storytelling Centre** and Andy's real life family. The performance is accompanied by an exhibition.

Bookings and info:
info@thetallship.com

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Highland

Ballachulish

SAT 26 NOV

A Necklace of Stories from the Highlands and Islands

Ballachulish Village Hall,
PH49 4HL

Be transported to the magical Hebridean Islands and Highlands of Scotland through stories and legends collected by folklorist Otta Swire, who captured the spirit and traditions of a bygone era. Through story, music and imagery, storytellers **Bea Ferguson** and **Heather Yule** will explore the captivating tales of these lands, and the people and strange creatures who dwelt there.

Booking and info:
balla-hall.co.uk

Invergary

SUN 13 NOV

Gleann nam Bàrd

Glegarry Community Hall,
PH35 4HG
3pm (2hrs) | Free, drop-in

Tha Gleanna Moireasdain na àite sònraichte do dhùthchas nam bàrd. Bidh an cuid bàrdachd is òran a' cur air cèill dòigh-beatha a dh'atharraich thar na linntean. Air an fheasgar sònraichte seo, cluinnear sgeulachdan bho **Cheit Langhorne** agus ceòl bho **Neil Baillie, Charlie Grey** agus **Munro Gauld**. Bheir an ceithrear aca 'taigh-ciùil a' ghlinne' dhuibh, 's dòcha airson a' chuid tùras ann an 100 bliadhna.

Thèid an tachartas seo a chumail gu dà-chànanach.

Fios: *Joyce Gilbert* -
joycegilbert56@gmail.com

Glen of the Bards

Glenmoriston has a rich tradition of local bards, their poems and songs tell the story of a changing way of life.

Join storyteller **Ceit Langhorne** and musicians **Neil Baillie, Charlie Grey** and **Munro Gauld** as they bring the music and stories of Glenmoriston to life for the first time in perhaps 100 years.

The event is in Gaelic and English. Refreshments available.

Info: *Joyce Gilbert* -
joycegilbert56@gmail.com

Inverness

FRI 14 OCT

Story Garden

Live | Outdoor

The Clay Studio Community Garden, 33 Grant St., IV3 8BN
3pm (2hrs)
Free, donations welcome

Discover the Story Tiles made by local children, inspired by the traditional tales they heard from storyteller **Lizzie McDougall**. Lizzie and the children invite you to a very special afternoon where traditional tales come back to life. The event is in collaboration with **The Clay Studio** and **The Highland Story Quilts**.

Info: theclaystudio.scot

Lochinver

THU 6 OCT

Stone by Stone

Assynt Church, IV27 4JY
1.45pm (1hr) | Free

Lizzie McDougall shares the stories illustrated in the large artwork made with the children of Lochinver Primary, unfolding the tale of a church that travelled from the east to the west coast of Scotland in the days before the invention of lorries.

The event will be followed by tea and cakes. The older generation of the Assynt area are very welcome to join the event and share their memories of the years gone by, transport will be provided.

Info: **Lizzie McDougall** - lizzie.mcdougall@gmail.com

Maryburgh

SUN 16 OCT

Brahan Seer Tales

Live | Outdoor

Brahan Estate, nr Dingwall, IV7 8EE
2.30pm (2hrs) | Free (ticketed)

Brahan is the ideal place to hear the tale of Coinneach Odhar, The Brahan Seer, as this is where he lived in the 1600's and where he made many uncannily accurate predictions! Storyteller **Lizzie McDougall** will lead a short storywalk through the magical woods and will also display two small Highland Story Quilts inspired by the Seer's predictions.

The walk starts at The Dell, by the Hospice Stone. You may wish to bring a hot drink, rug or camping chair.

Donations welcome.

Booking and info: **Lizzie McDougall** - lizzie.mcdougall@gmail.com

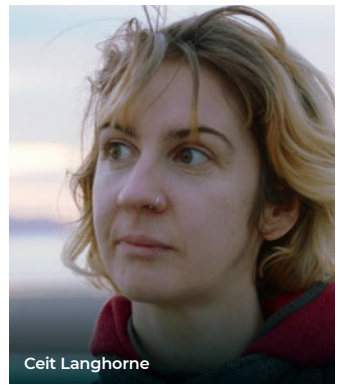
Strathpeffer

SUN 30 OCT

One Dark and Stormy Night...

Coul House Hotel, Contin, IV14 9ES
2.30pm (1hr 15) | £10 (£8)

Imagine a dark and stormy night, on the threshold of Hallowe'en. An Englishman, an American and a Scotswoman – all skilled in the arts of music, singing and storytelling – join together to celebrate the journey from the darkest, spookiest autumn days, to the first glimmerings of spring.



Ceit Langhorne

With storyteller **Bob Pegg**, traditional singer **Christina Stewart** and harper **Bill Taylor**. Tickets include tea, coffee and home-baked scones after the performance.

Booking and info: **Bob Pegg** - catsback@gmail.com

Midlothian

Temple

SAT 22 OCT

The Moorfoot Tales: Lost Myths from Midlothian

Temple Village Hall, EH23 4SG
1pm (1hr) | Free, drop-in

Join storyteller **Stephen McCabe** in the beautiful village of Temple for an hour of local stories from his new book *The Moorfoot Tales: Lost Myths from Scotland*. Come along to discover the little-known myths and legends from the Moorfoot area of Midlothian: a land of psychic trees, faery stones and exploding hills!

Info: **stephen@naturetherapyonline.net**

North East

Aberdeen

Events hosted by
Elphinstone Institute

Booking and info:
elphinstone@abdn.ac.uk

SAT 15 OCT

Supernatural Tales from the Carpathian Mountains

Sir Duncan Rice Library,
Meeting Room 1, fl. 7,
Bedford Rd, AB24 3AA
4pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)

Hungarian storyteller **Csenge Virág Zalka**, also known as The Multicolored Lady, has travelled far and wide with a treasure of traditional folktales from her home country.

Join her as she brings her stories to Scotland and be ready for an afternoon of wonder.



TUE 25 OCT

Tales through Signs: BSL Storytelling

Sir Duncan Rice Library,
Seminar Room 224, fl. 2,
Bedford Rd, AB24 3A
7pm (2hrs) | Free (ticketed)

Join us for a special evening during which **Ella Leith** introduces the relationship between British Sign Language (BSL) and stories, and storyteller **Tania Allan** signs tales in BSL. The evening concludes with an open forum for BSL-users to share their own spooky experiences together, just in time for Halloween.

The event is for both BSL-users and non-BSL users alike.

FRI 4 NOV

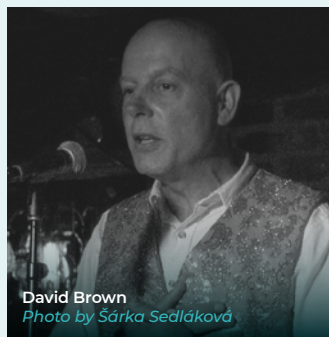
Stories at the Friday Fling

Live | Indoor & Online

King's College Chapel,
College Bounds, AB24 3FX
7pm (2hrs) | Free (ticketed)

Join local storytellers **Sheena Blackhall**, **David Brown**, **Pauline Cordiner**, **Diana Peers** and **Jackie Ross** for an evening of local tales and discussion. **Dana Scott** will also chair an interview with the tellers.

This friendly storytelling event welcomes contributions from those who would love to share a story. In partnership with **GAS** – Grampian Association of Storytellers.



David Brown
Photo by Šárka Sedláková



Pauline Cordiner
Photo by Press and Journal

TUE 8 NOV

Coastal Tales of the North East

Sir Duncan Rice Library,
Meeting Room 1, fl. 7,
Bedford Rd, AB24 3AA
7pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)

Young storyteller **Ailsa Dixon**, a Cruden Bay native, weaves fantastical, local, coastal tales of mystery and magic with real historical adventures. Join us for an evening of witches, waves, mermaids, journeys, and salt sea spray.



Events hosted by GAS – Grampian Association of Storytellers

Booking and info:
gas_story@hotmail.com or
[facebook.com/Grampian
association of storytellers](https://www.facebook.com/Grampianassociationofstorytellers)

FRI 7 OCT

GAS First Friday Fling with Sheena Blackhall

Online | Live

7pm (2hrs) | Free

The first part of the evening will feature guest storyteller **Sheena Blackhall** telling stories in Doric and perhaps the odd song and poem too. The second part of the evening is an open mic session. All welcome to tell a story as time permits.

Peterculter

SUN 16 OCT

The Monster Under the Bridge

Culter Village Hall, 178 N
Deeside Rd, AB14 0UD
4pm (2hrs) | Free

Come along and join in the fun as we co-create a multilingual version of a story based on the traditional tale of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. The aim is to tell different 'verses' of the story in a range of languages spoken in the North East.



Sheena Blackhall
Photo by Pauline Cordiner

The story will be shared at the event "Multilingual Stories" (see event below). All ages and mother languages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Multilingual Stories

Culter Village Hall, 178 N
Deeside Rd, AB14 0UD
7pm (2hrs) | Free, by
donation

Join us for a wonderful evening of tales by the very talented **Csenge Virág Zalka**, also known as The Multicolored Lady, Hungary's first international storyteller. She travels the world, sharing Hungarian folktales in multiple languages, taking new stories back home to Hungary. We are sure she will enjoy the 'Monster' story we created especially for this evening (see event above).



Anne Pitcher
Photo by Stark Images

Aberdeen

SUN 6 NOV

Map of Stories Film Ceilidh: North East

Belmont Filmhouse,
49 Belmont St, AB10 1JS
6pm (1hr 30) | £9 (£7)

Enjoy an evening of multimedia storytelling where a world of local Scottish stories unfolds through the live voices of traditional storytellers and site-specific film of the landscapes they emerge from. Hosted by Aberdeenshire-based storytellers **Grace Banks** and **Jackie Ross**, with film footage featuring **Tony Robertson**.

Produced by **Transgressive North** as part of VisitScotland's Year of Stories.

Booking and info:
www.belmontfilmhouse.com
01224 343 500





Colin Urwin

Orkney

THU 27 –
SUN 30 OCT

Orkney Storytelling Festival

The small festival with a big heart is proud to celebrate its 13th edition, as Orkney storytellers welcome special guests **Colin Urwin** from Ireland and **Cath Edwards** from England. Come and join us for a four-day feast of traditional stories from Scotland and beyond! With **Tom Muir**, **Fran Flett Hollinrake**, **Marita Luck**, **Chris Perry**, **Erin Farley** and **Nela Scholma Mason**.

Booking and info:
orkneystorytellingfestival.co.uk

Johnshaven

FRI 25 NOV

Tales from the Lifeboat Shed

Johnshaven Heritage Hub
Museum, The Lifeboat House,
Fore Street, DD10 0EU
7.30pm (2hrs, with interval)
£8

Singer-songwriter **Andy Shank** and storyteller **Anne Pitcher** take you on a spellbinding journey through tales of the quirky seafaring community of Johnshaven. See stories through the eyes of crusty old seafarer 'Johnner Jack' and feisty fishwife Betsy.

Booking and info:
Andy Shanks - 07877 716 650
or Johnshaven Heritage Hub
Museum - 01561 361 683

Stromness

SUN 30 OCT

Map of Stories Film Ceilidh: Orkney

Stromness Town Hall,
Church Road, KW16 3BA
2.30pm (1hr 30) | Ticketed

Enjoy an evening of multimedia storytelling where a world of local Scottish stories unfolds through the live voices of traditional storytellers and site-specific film of the landscapes they emerge from. Hosted by Orcadian storyteller **Tom Muir**, with live music accompaniment. Produced by **Transgressive North** as part of VisitScotland's Year of Stories.

Booking and info:
orkneystorytellingfestival.co.uk

Outer Hebrides

Isle of Lewis

FRI 7 & SAT 8 OCT

Fèill Seanchais ann an Sgìre Uig

Uig Community Centre,
Timsgarry, Uig, HS2 9JG
Day ticket £15 (£10)
Weekend ticket £25 (£15)

Fèill seanchais le tachartasan ann an Gàidhlig is Beurla a tha a' gabhail pàirt ann an Ùig, Eilean Leòdhais – far an deach na Fir-tàileisg Leòdhais a lorg agus far an do rugadh Coinneach Odhar. Bidh bùthan-obrach sgeulachdan do chlann agus inbhich ann agus cluinnear sgeulachdan bho na seanchaidhean Leòdhasach, **Ian Stephen**, **Magaidh Nic a' Ghobhainn** agus **Dolina NicIllFhinnein** nam measg. Cuideachd, bidh aoighean sònraichte ann, fiolmaichean rim faicinn agus cèilidhean traidiseanta.

Fios agus tiogaidhean:
studiofirchlis@gmail.com
07976 316 073
www.feillseanchais.com

Uig Storytelling Festival

A Storytelling festival with events in Gaelic and English set in the spectacular and historic Uig, Isle of Lewis – home of the Lewis Chessmen and birthplace of the Brahan Seer. The programme will feature storytelling workshops for children and adults, performances by storytellers **Ian Stephen**, **Magaidh Smith** and **Dolina MacIannan**, special guests, film screenings and storytelling ceilidhs.

Booking and info:
studiofirchlis@gmail.com
07976 316 073
www.feillseanchais.com

Perth and Kinross



Cath Edwards
Photo by Paul Fisher

Isle of North Uist

FRI 21 OCT

Map of Stories Film Ceilidh: Outer Hebrides

Taigh Chearsabhagh Museum
& Arts Centre, Lochmaddy,
HS6 5AA

7.30pm (1hr 30)
PWYC £3 - £10

Enjoy an evening of multimedia storytelling where a world of local Scottish stories unfolds through the live voices of traditional storytellers and site-specific film of the landscapes they emerge from. Hosted by Hebridean storyteller **Ian Stephen**, with music from **Kenneth Linklater** (Lewis) and **Iain Sutherland** (Uist).

Produced by **Transgressive North** as part of VisitScotland's Year of Stories.

Booking and info:
taigh-chearsabhagh.org
01870 603 970

Aberfeldy

Events hosted by Birks Cinema

1 Dunkeld St, PH15 2DA

Booking and info: www.birkscinema.co.uk

FRI 21 OCT

Hungarian night: Film & Storytelling

5.30pm (3hrs 30)
£10 (2 for 1 option available)

Join us for a film screening followed by storytelling ceilidh & feast, sharing traditions and foods from Eastern Europe.

Suitable for families. Bring someone from a different generation and they enter for free.

Magyar népmesék

(45min)

Film

Three episodes of animated Hungarian folk tales.

Forgotten Fairytales

(1hr)

Live storytelling

Meet the Hungarian storytellers **Lily Asch** and **Csenge Virág Zalka** and be transported into a magical evening of forgotten fairytales and family histories. Hosted by local storyteller **Claire Hewitt**.

SAT 29 OCT

Map of Stories Film Ceilidh: Perth & Kinross

7.30pm (1hr 30)
£12 (£10, under 18s free)

Enjoy an evening of multimedia storytelling where a world of local Scottish stories unfolds through the live voices of traditional storytellers and site-specific film of the landscapes they emerge from. Hosted by Perthshire-based storyteller **Jess Smith**, with film footage featuring **Sheila Stewart**.

Produced by **Transgressive North** as part of VisitScotland's Year of Stories.



Dunkeld

WED 19 OCT

Sgeulachdan & Òrain Ghàidhlig à Siorrachd Pheairt

Birnam Arts Centre, Station Rd, Birnam, PH8 0DS
7pm (2hrs, with interval)
£12 (under 26s free)

Tha an seinneadair agus neach-rannsachaidh **Ceit Langhorne** agus na ceòladairean ionadail **Munro Gauld** agus **Neil Baillie** a' toirt fiathachadh dhuibh don tachartas sònraichte seo. Leanaidh sibh iad tro dhùthchas Ghàidhlig beairteach ann an Siorrachd Pheairt; 's iad a' toirt dhuibh sean sgeulachdan agus òrain a chaidh, gu ìre mhòr, a-mach à cuimhne san sgìre. Thèid an tachartas seo a chumail gu dà-chànanach.

Fios agus tiogaidean:
birnamarts.com
01350 727 674

Gaelic Stories & Songs from Perthshire

Gaelic singer and researcher **Ceit Langhorne** and local musicians **Munro Gauld** and **Neil Baillie** invite you to a very special performance where they share a treasure of lesser-known Perthshire Gaelic songs, and the stories behind them.

The event is in English and Gaelic.

Booking and info:
birnamarts.com
01350 727 674

Perth and Kinross

Kenmore

Events hosted by Scottish Crannog Centre

Loch Tay, PH15 2HY

Booking and info:

www.crannog.co.uk, 01887 830 583, info@crannog.co.uk

SAT 8 &
SUN 9 OCT

Celtic Autumn

10am (6hrs)
Tour starts every 45min
£7 adult, £5 child
(family tickets available)

A Harvest Festival at the Crannog Centre with ancient dishes to taste!

Celebrate one of the most abundant times of the year as we look to the harvest and the foods of the Iron Age. Taste a variety of ancient dishes all inspired by the archaeological finds both in our collection and across the wider UK. Vote for your favourite dish and finish off your day listening to stories and music by the shore, with our local storytellers.

TUE 25 OCT

Mi'kmaq Stories by the Loch

6pm (1hr) | £5 (under 5s free)

Hailing from Prince Edward Island, Mi'kmaq storyteller **Julie Pellissier-Lush** joins our local storyteller **Claire Hewitt** for an unforgettable evening of traditional stories in our cosy crannog by the shores of Loch Tay.



Claire Hewitt
Photo by Derek Prescott

MON 31 OCT

Samhain Celebration

7pm (2hrs 30)
£15 adult, £10 child

Join us for an evening of music, storytelling, magic and fire, as we celebrate the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. See aerial fire acrobatics displays by Wolanski Pole alongside meeting the Hedgewitches, Miss Fortune, and watching our yearly shadow puppet performances. Try to beat the ghosts at our Halloween games, and take part in our famous Ram Burn! Fancy dress is encouraged, and prizes are available for the best dressed child and adult!

Shetland

FRI 14 –
SAT 29 OCT

Leviathan: Boom-Bust- Boom!

Join storyteller **Jan Bee Brown** and musician **Renzo Spiteri** as they reinterpret 200 years of Shetland's former whaling industry through story, percussion and song. Touring to five site-specific community venues in Shetland to gather and share local stories, they will trace the transition of a once booming business to today's eco-tourism, by sharing the stories and songs of the women and men that have shaped Shetland's whaling tales.

Events in Bigton, North Roe and Yell also include story & music making community workshops, in collaboration with **Curious Pilgrims**.

14 Oct: Scalloway

15 Oct: Bigton

22 Oct: North Roe

27 Oct: Hoswick

29 Oct: Yell

Booking and info:
www.curiouspilgrims.com

Part of the Interpreting
Scotland series.



Marjolein Robertson
Photo by Trudy Stade

Unst

SAT 29 OCT

The Story of Auslag: A Saga from Unst

**Uyeasound Public Hall,
Uyeasound, ZE2 9DL
7pm (1hr 15) | £5 on the door**

Discover a Shetland story dating back to the 800s, steeped in both historic truth and elements of myth. A Jarl's daughter, Auslag was an outcast who soon became one of the most powerful figures in Unst, her home island. Based on Andrew T. Cluness' *Trouble With Trolls*, Shetland storyteller **Marjolein Robertson** brings Auslag's story to life with the rugged richness of Shetlandic language and landscape.

Info: Facebook

West Dunbartonshire

Dumbarton

SAT 8 OCT

A Journey Remembered

**The Phoenix, 17a Quarry
Knowe, G82 5AF
7pm (1hr 45) | Free (ticketed)**

Coorie in (snuggle) close to the campfire and warm yourself on a wondrous weaving of tales, told by Traveller tradition bearer **Jimmy Williamson** and storyteller **Anne Pitcher**. Experience the stories Jimmy's father, Duncan Williamson, world renowned storyteller, told his children on the journey from Fife to Argyll, along with a flavour of music from Jimmy. This is a community event for all families. In partnership with **Rock Community Church**.

Booking and info:
The Phoenix – 01389 600 245,
rockcommunitychurch.org.uk/phoenix

**Anne Pitcher -
annepitcherstoryteller@
hotmail.co.uk
07708 059 770**

SAT 12 NOV

The Birlin' Bannock's Adventures in West Dumbarton

Film Premiere

The Phoenix, 17a Quarry Knowe, G82 5AF
5pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed)

Follow the Wee Bannock on his journey from Knowetop down to the River Clyde in Dumbarton West. Meet characters and creatures, places and landmarks, as he whirls and birls down the hill, with People's Parish storyteller **Anne Pitcher** and a cast of local people. This is a community event for all families.

In collaboration with Clifftop Projects' artistic director **Lottie Barker** and West Dunbartonshire film-maker **Joseph Dalton**.

Booking: Lottie Barker - lottie@clifftopprojects.co.uk

Info: Anne Pitcher - 0770 805 9770

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FRI 15 JUL - SAT 15 OCT

Of Scotland's Soils and Soul

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh & Benmore,
Dawyck, Logan Botanic Gardens

Stories will take centre stage across our four gardens, through enchanting audio trails inspired by words and nature. Encounter stories past, present and future, inspired by Scotland's rich and diverse plant life.

From the rushes of *Sunset Song* to the tree inhabiting creatures of *The Gruffalo*, these stories have crossed Scotland, circled the world and are now shared with you by some of our most familiar and exciting storytellers.

Info: www.rbge.org.uk/stories



Inner Hebrides • Outer Hebrides • Highland

FRI 23 SEP - MON 17 OCT

Hippodrome Silent Film Festival Tour 2022

Journey to the Isles: Marjory Kennedy-Fraser

Enjoy a mesmerising glimpse into the landscapes, folktales and songs that inspired one of Scotland's great early collectors of Traditional Arts, Marjory Kennedy-Fraser, who began collecting Hebridean songs in 1905, fired by a desire to preserve and celebrate the musical riches of the islands' people.

Storyteller **Marion Kenny** and musician **Mairi Campbell** weave together words, music and song to evoke the sounds and landscapes captured by the films of this key figure of Scotland's Celtic Revival.

Booking and info: www.hippfest.co.uk

23 Sep: Tiree

27 Sep: Mull

13 Oct: Eigg

14 Oct: Skye

15 Oct: Lewis

17 Oct: Inverness (with live stream)



Marion Kenny
Photo by Peter Dibdin

This tour is supported by the BFI Film Audience Network with National Lottery funding as part of CURIIOUS.

Festival Diary

Edinburgh



Location Key

EOT	Edinburgh Old Town
HCG	Hopetoun Crescent Garden
NLS	National Library of Scotland
RBGE	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
SCBC	St. Columba's by the Castle Scottish Episcopal Church
SSC	Scottish Storytelling Centre

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	6pm	Map of Stories Film Ceilidh: Orkney	SSC	13
SUN 16	8.30pm	Turas tro na Cluarain A Daunder through Thistles	SSC	7
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	1pm	Òrain Ghàidhlig & Dannsa-Ceum Gaelic Song & Dance: d/Deaf Inclusive Workshop	SSC	7
	4pm	Sgeulachdan & Òrain Ghàidhligà Siorrachd Pheairt Gaelic Stories & Songs from Perthshire	SSC	14
	6pm	Hillfoots to Ocean Edge	SSC	14
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	11am	Greenwood - Robin Hood	HCG	27
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	6pm	Map of Stories Film Ceilidh: Outer Hebrides	SSC	13
THU 20	8pm	Open Hearth	SSC	11
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	11.30am	Macastory's Caddie Capers	SSC	20
	1pm	Binnorie: Fiddles and Women's Stories	St Cecilia's Hall	28
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	7pm	Global Hearth	Online	25
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FRI 21	11am	Greenwood - Robin Hood	SSC	20
	2.30pm	Family Stories & Crafts	NLS	28
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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	PAGE
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	5pm	Hungarian Halloween	SCBC	28
	6pm	Land of the MacGregor	SSC	15
	8pm	Open Hearth	SSC	11
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	1pm	Binnorie: Fiddles and Women's Stories	St Cecilia's Hall	28
	1pm	Family Samhuinn	SSC	21
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THU 27	2pm	In the Borderlands	Online	24
	6pm	Map of Stories Film Ceilidh: Perth & Kinross	SSC	13
	7pm	Global Hearth	Online	25
	7.30pm	When Mountains Meet Jub Milain Pahaar	Assembly Roxy	29
	8pm	Binnorie: Fiddles and Women's Stories	St Cecilia's Hall	29
	8.30pm	Scotia Botanica: Seed Stories	SSC	9
FRI 28	2pm	Understanding Scotland's Witches	Online	24
	3pm	Careering	SSC	9
	6pm	Recovering Our Culture	SSC	16
	7.30pm	When Mountains Meet Jub Milain Pahaar	Assembly Roxy	29
SAT 29	8pm	Open Hearth	SSC	11
	2pm	Rocket Post!	SSC	21
	6pm	Home Where I Belong	SSC	16
SUN 30	8.30pm	Hotel Caledonia	SSC	9
	2pm	Guid Crack Storytelling Session	SSC	11
	6pm	Female Powers: Fairy Queens and Witches	SSC	16
MON 31	8.30pm	The Pulling of the Rose	SSC	9
	10.30am	Bookbug Stories	NLS	29
	4pm	The Witchcraft Persecution: A Commemoration	SSC	17
	6pm	Sgiath: Warrior Queen of Skye	SSC	17
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