EVENT CALENDAR 2019
Traditional music events & activity across Scotland
www.tmsa.org.uk
Welcome to the annual TMSA Event Calendar - designed to help you find traditional music and song around Scotland in 2019, whether you are here for a few days or longer. It complements the many more events, folk clubs and sessions across Scotland which are added to our website as we go through the year so please check them out at: www.tmsa.org.uk.

We thank those event organisers and advertisers without whom we would not be able to produce the Calendar, particularly our new entrants. Please support them by attending the events and using their services, plus let them know where you heard about them!

We would also like to thank the families of Jock Hunter and Alex Green whose legacies have helped us bring this edition to fruition, along with funding from Tasgadh Traditional Arts Small Grants – administered by Feisean nan Gaidheal with funding from Creative Scotland.

We wish you a year full of great music, song and cheer!

Fiona Campbell
National Convener

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*Information about disabled access to venues is correct at time of going to print. In the interval between publication and the day of the event, venues may occasionally change due to circumstances beyond the control of the event organisers. The TMSA recommends that readers contact event organisers directly in advance of attending the event to check access to individual venues.
EASTER & SUMMER SHORT COURSES

**EASTER**

01 - 05/04/19
- Gaelic 1, 3, 5, 7
- Gaelic Song / Christine Primrose
- Piano Accompaniment / Ingrid Henderson
- Fiddle - West Coast Style / Iain Macfarlane
- Gaelic Conversation / Joy Dunlop

08 - 12/04/19
- Gaelic 2, 4, 6, 8
- Flute & Whistle / Hamish Napier
- Step-dance / Nic Gareiss
- Learning to play Accordion with John Somerville
- Gaelic in the Landscape with Roddy MacLean
- Guitar / Ross Martin

**SUMMER**

01 - 05/07/19
- Gaelic 1 & 2
- Fiddle / Ewen Henderson
- Button Box / Fergie MacDonald & Robert Nairn
- Piano Accordion / Addie Harper
- Gaelic Songs of Lewis / Christine Primrose
- Comhradh is Cainnt / Ailig Domhnallach
- Gaelic for Irish Speakers
- Gaelic Conversation / Muriel Fisher

08 - 12/07/19
- Piping & Drumming Under 21s / Iain MacFadyen & Andrew MacPherson
- Creative Sound Production / Hector MacInnes

15 - 19/07/19
- Learning through living culture in Flodigarry

20 - 26/07/19
- Fiddle / Alasdair Fraser
- Cello / Natalie Haas

22 - 26/07/19
- Exploring Skye (Gaelic for Beginners) with Muriel Fisher

29/07 - 02/08/19
- Clàrsach / Ingrid Henderson & Deirdre Graham
- Gaeilge for Gaelic Speakers / R. Gorman
- Gaelic for Irish Speakers (Advanced)
- The Supernatural in Gaelic Song & Story with Margaret Stewart

05 - 09/08/19
- Gaelic Conversation / Muriel Fisher
- Music in the Fiddle / Charlie McKerron
- Gaelic Folklore / Màiri-Sìne Campbell
- Ukulele / Finlay Allison
- Tenor Banjo / Conor Markey

12 - 16/08/19
- Argyll Gaelic Song / Joy Dunlop
- Digital Photography / Cailean MacLean
- Trad Music Ensemble / Innes Watson

19 - 23/08/19
- Gaelic for Irish Speakers (Beginners)
- Gaelic Conversation / Joy Dunlop
- Adam Sutherland School of Fiddle
- Learning through Living Culture

The cúrsaichean bharrachd air an lèrach-fin againn a leithid na cúrsaichean Gàidhlig Ìrsean 1-10. A full list of courses is available on our website including Gaelic Levels 1-10.
THE MUCKLE SING 2019
9 February Queen Margaret Hall, Linlithgow, EH49 7JA
A day led by Jennifer Sterling for community singing groups and individual singers - with two workshop sessions, Performance Platform and short informal tutor concert. All welcome - from beginner to experienced - no need to be able to read music. Organised by the TMSA Edinburgh & Lothians Branch.
Tel. 07951 918 366
etmsa@yahoo.co.uk
www.eltmsa.org.uk

THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA
23 February, 7.30pm Perth Concert Hall, PH1 5HZ
The SFO plays original arrangements of traditional Scottish fiddle music, plus more recent orchestral compositions. Concerts usually involve around 100 performers including pipers, dancers and singers.
Tel. 01738 621 031 (Box Office)
secretary@sfo.org.uk
www.sfo.org.uk

INTER-VARSITY FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL
1 - 3 March Various venues in central Edinburgh
The UK’s longest running folk dance festival returns to Edinburgh! With top bands playing Scottish and English Ceilidhs, European Balfolks and American Contras, and numerous workshops, this festival is definitely a must!!
ivfdfedinburgh2019@gmail.com
http://ivfdf2019.org.uk

FLUTEFLING WORKSHOPS
January - April
Edinburgh - Tribe Porty, EH15 2AJ
Glasgow - Lesser Hall, Partick Burgh Hall, G11 5LN
Monthly traditional flutes & whistles mixed ability workshops in Edinburgh and Glasgow. Tunes, techniques & friendly support, suitable for Boehm & simple system flutes, soprano & low whistles in D. See website for focus of each workshop, times and dates plus details of our Flute Weekends.
Tel. 0131 669 9385
www.flutefling.co.uk

Spring
**ABERDEEN COMPETITION AND CEILIDH DAY**

**16 March** Boys Brigade Headquarters, Crimond Place, Aberdeen AB10 1RX

Traditional Music and Singing Competitions including competition for Clarsach. Also tune writing and song writing competitions. Plus storytelling competitions. Evening Ceilidh session.

Tel. 01224 314 795

shirley.watt795@btinternet.com

www.tmsa.org.uk - Aberdeen Branch page

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**CÚRSAICHEAN GOIRID NA CÀISGE / EASTER SHORT COURSES**

**1 - 12 April** Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Sleat, Isle of Skye

Why not consider a short course experience at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig this Easter? With events such as cèilidhs, evening activities and concerts each week, the College is a vibrant and busy place during spring, set in the beautiful Sleat peninsula. Visit the website for the full list of short courses.

Tel. 01471 888 240

cg@smo.uhi.ac.uk

www.smo.uhi.ac.uk

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**KIRRIEMUIR FESTIVAL SPRING CONCERT**

**9 March** Old Parish Kirk Hall, Kirriemuir

Ever-popular night of entertainment with Festival performers from previous years. Hosted by Joe Aitken and helps raise funds for Kirrie Festival 2019.

Tel. 01575 573292 (tickets)

info@kirriefestival.org

www.kirriefestival.org

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**THE NIEL GOW FESTIVAL 2019**

**15 - 17 March** Dunkeld & Birnam

Concerts, Recitals, Workshops & Sessions - a fiddle festival in celebration of the life of 18th Century fiddler Niel Gow.

Tel. 01350 727 674 (box office)

admin@birnamarts.com

www.niel-gow.co.uk

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**EDINBURGH HIGHLAND REEL AND STRATHSPEY SOCIETY**

**2 March** The Queen’s Hall, Edinburgh, EH8 9JG

The orchestra, under the baton of Yla Steven BEM, is sure to entertain you and get your feet tapping with a variety of marches, strathspeys, jigs, reels and slow airs.

Tel. 0131 668 2019
ehrss.secretary@gmail.com

www.ehrss.org.uk

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**04 SPRING**
GLENFARG FOLK FEAST 2019
5 - 7 April Backstage at the Green Hotel, Kinross, KY13 8AS
Siobhan Miller, Fara, Anthony Toner, Les Barker, Ian Walker Band with John Graham and Forgaitherin feature this year, with Gill Bowman and Lomond Ceilidh Band at our welcoming ceilidh/ concert. Other highlights include a ‘Conversation with Ian McCalman’, songwriting workshop with Anthony Toner, an original amusing song competition, Puff-a-Box Championship, sessions and singarounds.
Tel. 01334 478361 | 07900530811
info@glenfargfolkclub.com
www.glenfargfolkclub.com

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL HARP FESTIVAL
5 - 10 April Merchiston Castle School, Colinton Road, Edinburgh EH13 0PU
A magical series of events bringing together an international line-up of musicians and the finest Scottish players. Come and celebrate the harp at the Edinburgh International Harp Festival.
Tel. 0131 554 0212
office@harpfestival.co.uk
www.harpfestival.co.uk

FLUTEFLING FLUTE AND WHISTLE WEEKENDS
26 - 28 April, plus November date in Aberdeen TBC
Bellfield, 16B Bellfield Street, Portobello, EH15 2BP
Open to people playing Boehm system, wooden keyed or unkeyed flutes and whistles and low whistles in D. All abilities welcome. Featuring inspirational traditional flute and whistle workshops, guest musicians, performances and sessions. Tel. 0131 669 9385
www.flutefling.co.uk

NORTHERN STREAMS 2019
26 - 28 April The Pleasance, Edinburgh EH8 9TL
Festival celebrating Scottish and Nordic music, song and dance through concerts/ceilidh, workshops and sessions, with performers and tutors from the Faroe Islands/ Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Scotland. Organised by the TMSA Edinburgh & Lothians Branch.
Tel. 07951 918 366
etlmsa@yahoo.co.uk
www.etlmsa.org.uk
www.northernstreams.org
THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA
27 April, 7.30pm Music Hall, Aberdeen AB10 1QS
The SFO plays original arrangements of traditional Scottish fiddle music, plus more recent orchestral compositions. Concerts usually involve around 100 performers, including pipers, dancers and singers.
Tel. 01224 641 122 (Box Office)
secretary@sfo.org.uk
www.sfo.org.uk

GIRVAN FOLK FESTIVAL
3 - 5 May Various Venues
Girvan Festival welcomes you this year with concerts, competitions, ceilidhs, children’s events, workshops and informal sessions. Please check website for more details.
Tel. 0737 702 7742
admin@girvanfolkfestival.org.uk
www.girvanfolkfestival.org.uk

FIFESING 2019: THE FIFE TRADITIONAL SINGING FESTIVAL
10 - 12 May Various venues in Falkland & Freuchie, Fife
A unique opportunity to meet and hear some of the finest exponents of traditional singing to be found today - and to participate in singing sessions and singarounds.
Tel. 01337 830 773
connect@springthyme.co.uk
www.springthyme.co.uk/fifesing

2019 MONIAIVE FOLK FESTIVAL
10 - 12 May Moniaive, Dumfries & Galloway
Our vibrant wee festival will yet again be bringing some of the finest acts on the folky circuit down to the village for a weekend of concerts, sessions, workshops, children’s events and good craic.
moniaivefolkfestival@gmail.com
www.moniaivefolkfestival.com

STRICHEN FESTIVAL - BUCHAN HERITAGE SOCIETY
17 - 19 May Ritchie Hall, Strichen, Aberdeenshire, AB43 6TY
Pre-festival Dance on Friday with the ‘Garioch Blend’. Saturday all day competitions for traditional song, music, story and verse. Prize winners concert at 6.30. Free Ceilidh at 9.00pm. Farewell Ceilidh Sunday afternoon 2.00pm
Tel. 01779 821 631 (Liz Slaven)
01771 637 344 (Marlene Lowe)
info@buchanheritagesociety.co.uk
www.buchanheritagesociety.co.uk
ORKNEY FOLK FESTIVAL
23 - 26 May
Based in Stromness, with events taking place in many other parishes and some outer Orkney isles
Now in its 37th year, the Orkney Folk Festival is widely regarded as one of the finest in the UK, where Orkney’s thriving local folk scene welcomes artistes from throughout the world. The weekend is fully indoors, offering concerts, ceilidhs, clubs, talks, sessions, workshops, family concerts, and is ticketed by event - catering for all budgets.
Tel. 01856 851 331 | 07543 013 006
info@orkneyfolkfestival.com
www.orkneyfolkfestival.com

KNOCKENGORROCH WORLD CEILIDH 2019
23 - 26 May
Knockengorroch Farm, Carsphairn, Castle Douglas
Family-friendly world/roots/traditional/dance music festival in the stunning Galloway Hills of Scotland’s South West. Five stages feature a range of musical genres plus workshops, open mic, sessions, longhouse, children’s tent, hot showers, sauna, camping and more...
Tel. 01644 460 662 | 0771 835 8160
info@knockengorroch.org.uk
www.knockengorroch.org.uk

Hands Up for Trad exists to promote Scottish traditional music through education, information and advocacy to artists, participants and audiences across the world.
Our 2019 core programme will include:

- The Scots Trad Music Awards—7 December, Aberdeen
- The BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year Competition—dates TBC
- The Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame—date TBC
- Distil Showcase—29 March, Stirling
- Tinto Summer School—1–6 July, South Lanarkshire

Further details on all our work can be found on www.handsupfortrad.scot or email us at info@handsupfortrad.co.uk
How much do you know about the traditional Celtic origins of our country and how that rich culture influences our lives today? The Celtic roots of our country, preserved in the language, song and stories of our forefathers, play a vital role in shaping our national identity. Newbattle Abbey College offers two courses for those interested in learning more about our heritage:

- Access to Higher Education Celtic Studies (SWAP)
- National Certificate (NC) Celtic Studies

Both are 1-year full-time courses and include a residential cultural visit to Sabhal Mòr Ostaig in Skye to develop Gaelic language skills.

For more information and to apply online, visit: www.newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk

To speak to someone directly, call the college on: 0131 663 1921 or email us at: office@newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk

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The National Association of Accordion & Fiddle Clubs

Meetings the year round in various locations in Scotland and the North of England.

Open to the public and players alike. For more information on locations and dates visit Club Diaries on our website or join us on facebook

Box & Fiddle (NAAFC)

www.boxandfiddle.com
**SUMMER**

**10th HAAL FOLK FESTIVAL - FOLK AT THE SALMON BOTHY**

31 May - 2 June  In and around Portsoy
Tel. 07968872217
bobphilips25@live.co.uk
www.bothyfolk.org

**SCOTTISH CLARSACH COMPETITION**

8 June, 2pm  Armadale Castle, Sleat, Isle of Skye
Recital by finalists in the Princess Margaret of the Isles Memorial Prize for Senior Clàrsach. For details of how to enter see www.armadalecastle.com (‘News’ section).
Deadline for entries 8 April 2019.
Tel. 01471 844305 | office@armadalecastle.com
www.armadalecastle.com

**KEITH FESTIVAL**

14 - 16 June  Various venues, Keith
Traditional music festival with ceilidhs, concerts, competitions and informal sessions.
Tel. 01542 882 638
keithfestival@gmail.com
www.tmsakeithfestival.blogspot.com

**KILLIN MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019**

14 - 16 June  McLaren Hall, Main Street, Killin, FK21 8UW
A weekend festival packed from start to finish with top-of-their-game artists, supported by a festival fringe featuring sessions, workshops, kids activities, open stage competitions and community events.
office@killinmusicfestival.com
www.killinmusicfestival.com

**THE SCOTTISH FIDDLER ORCHESTRA**

15 June, 7.30pm  Usher Hall, Edinburgh, EH1 2EA
The SFO plays original arrangements of traditional Scottish fiddle music, plus more recent orchestral compositions. Concerts usually involve around 100 performers, including pipers, dancers and singers.
Tel. 0131 228 1155 (Box Office)
edinburgh@sfo.org.uk
www.sfo.org.uk
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31st STONEHAVEN FOLK FESTIVAL

11 - 14 July Stonehaven Town Hall (AB39 2BU) and various venues around the town
Celebrating its 31st year – Friendly weekend of Concerts, Ceilidh, Sessions, Singarounds, Workshops, Family events, Tradition Bearers, Aqua Ceilidh and World Paper’n’comb Championships. Please visit website for latest information on artists and tickets.
Tel. 07931 204329 (tickets)
info@stonehavenfolkfestival.co.uk
www.stonehavenfolkfestival.co.uk

FÈIS AN EILEIN (THE SKYE FESTIVAL)

2 July - 20 August SEALL, Sleat, Isle of Skye IV44 8RQ
A two-month-long celebration of world-class performing arts and Island culture in venues around the beautiful Isle of Skye. All the big names and bands in traditional, Gaelic and visiting music plus theatre, dance, comedy, children’s shows, cèilidhs, house concerts, exhibitions and cafés.
Tel. 01471 844 207
info@seall.co.uk
www.skyefestival.scot

NEWCASTLETON TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL - 50th ANNIVERSARY

5 - 7 July Newcastleton, Roxburghshire TD9 0QX
www.newcastleton.com

CEÒLAS UIBHIST

7 - 12 July Daliburgh School, Daliburgh, South Uist
Summer school offering Gaelic, Song, Clàrsach, Fiddle, Piping and Step Dance with the best tutors in the Gaelic world. Community festival in the evening with Gaelic as the main language. Everyone speaks English.
Tel. 01878 700 154
info@ceolas.co.uk
www.ceolas.co.uk

CÙRSAICHEAN GOIRID AN T-SAMHRAIDH /
SUMMER SHORT COURSES

1 July - 23 August Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Sleat, Isle of Skye
Why not consider a short course experience at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig this summer? With events such as cèilidhs, evening activities and concerts each week, the College is a vibrant and busy place during the summer months, set in the beautiful Sleat peninsula. Visit the website for the full list of short courses.
Tel. 01471 888 240
cg@smo.uhi.ac.uk
www.smo.uhi.ac.uk
DUNEDIN INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL
14 - 20 July Edinburgh, Glasgow, Anstruther & Stirling
Biennial festival featuring a mix of free outdoor performances in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Anstruther and Stirling Castle, as well as a ticketed indoor gala concert at Edinburgh’s Church Hill Theatre, with invited groups from Estonia and France alongside Scottish based dance groups
www.dunedindancers.org.uk

SHETLAND FOLK FRENZY
14 - 19 July Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0WQ
Learn the secrets of Shetland’s musical traditions from our experienced local, national and international tutors in fiddle and ensemble classes. Explore the richness of island life with extra masterclasses, cultural events and evening concerts all week.
Tel. 01595 745500
info@shetlandarts.org
www.shetlandarts.org

NEWTON STEWART & MINNIGAFF TRADITIONAL MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL
12 - 14 July Newton Stewart, Dumfries & Galloway
6th anniversary of this popular festival in the heart of Galloway; featuring Dougie MacLean - concerts, workshops, tune and song sessions and official Scottish Highland Dancing competitions.
www.tradmusic.com

HEBCELT FESTIVAL
17 - 20 July Stornoway, Isle of Lewis
Multi award winning HebCelt music festival is set against the wild landscape of the Outer Hebridean islands with its rich Gaelic culture and unique landscape. Featuring a world class programme of International artists, the best emerging acts and the cream of Gaeldom’s talent.
Tel. 01851 621234
office@hebceltfest.com
www.hebceltfest.com

LINLITHGOW SCOTCH HOP
17 July - 14 August, Wednesday evenings 7:30pm
Linlithgow Palace, West Lothian, EH49 7AL (alternative wet weather venue: Low Port Centre by Linlithgow Station)
Scottish Dancing for ALL in the unique open air Palace courtyard. Lively, friendly and fun with great Scottish Dance Bands. All welcome, all dances called. Tickets at the door include tea and shortbread at the interval. Under 12 years of age free. Organised by Linlithgow Scotch Hop SCIO.
ScotchHopCommittee@gmail.com
www.ScotchHop.org.uk
THE TRADITIONAL SINGING WEEKEND AT CULLERLIE
26 - 28 July Cullerlie Farm Park, Echt, Aberdeenshire AB32 6XL
A unique celebration of unaccompanied singing, bringing together outstanding traditional singers from Scotland, England and Ireland. This weekend includes ceilidhs featuring the guest singers, singarounds for everyone, workshops and a talk.
Tel. 01224 645 486
ianrussell@abdn.ac.uk
www.abdn.ac.uk/elphinstone

SING OR SINK
27 July, 12pm Forth & Clyde Canal Cruise from Bairds Bridge, Applecross St, Glasgow G20 7LU
Join TMSA Glasgow Branch on their annual traditional music and song naval outing. Canal Cruise from Glasgow (Bairds Brae) to Kirkintilloch (Stables) and back, BYOB and food. £10. Limited numbers so book early!
Tel. 07740 782 404 (Graham Charlton)
asc.gc@sky.com
www.tmsa.org.uk - Glasgow Branch page

ACOUSTIC MUSIC CENTRE @ UCC
5 - 25 August Ukrainian Community Centre, 14 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5AB
Acoustic Music Centre @ UCC operates annually during the three weeks of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The majority of performances fall into the very broad description of roots/acoustic/Celtic music.
Tel. 07968 131 737 (info)
jb@stoneyport.demon.co.uk
http://amc1982.com

TORPHICHEN FOLK & ALE FESTIVAL
16 - 17 August Torphichen Inn, 7 The Square, Torphichen, Bathgate, EH48 4LY
Two days of magic in the ancient village of Torphichen – high-calibre evening concerts, day-time workshops, performances and sessions in the Burns Bar, craft beers, home-cooked food and friendly, welcoming atmosphere.
Tel. 01506 652 826
info@torphicheninn.net
www.torphicheninn.net

MULL OF KINTYRE MUSIC FESTIVAL
21 - 25 August Victoria Hall, Kinloch Road and Heritage Centre, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, PA28 6JU
The best in Scottish and Irish traditional and contemporary music featuring concerts, ceilidhs, pub sessions, open-air events, children’s entertainment, parades, cultural and heritage tours.
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mokfest@hotmail.co.uk
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www.http://glasgowsviolinshop.co.uk
LARGS VIKING FESTIVAL
31 August - 8 September The Promenade, Largs, KA30 8NE
Living history 13th Century Viking Village, Owl Magic and Scottish Food and Craft Markets. Aerobatic displays, street performers and on-stage entertainment at weekends. Viking Festival of Fire with torch-lit procession, Viking skirmish, burning of symbolic Viking longship and firework display on Saturday 8 September.
Tel. 07835 454534
williamjjc0806@outlook.com
www.largsvikingfestival.org

CELTIC CULTURE WITH GAELIC
September 2019 Newbattle Abbey College
(Colaiste Abaid a’ Bhatail Nuaidh), Midlothian, EH22 3LL
A 1 year full-time course for students who are interested in studying Celtic culture, Celtic history and heritage, Gaelic and the politics of the Celtic nations. Visit website for short term courses that are also available.
Tel. 0131 663 1921
office@newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk
www.newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk

KIRRIEMUIR FESTIVAL
6 - 8 September Various venues
One of Scotland’s longest running traditional music festivals. A splendid weekend of ceilidhs, concerts and competitions with a lively session scene.
Tel. info: 01575 540 261 | Tickets: 01575 573 292
info@kirriefestival.org
www.kirriefestival.org

BLAS FESTIVAL
6 - 14 September TBC Venues across the Highlands
Bringing good quality traditional music events, with a strong Gaelic language flavour, to venues small and large across the Highlands.
Tel. 01478 613 355
blas@feisean.org
www.blas-festival.com

We can list events or groups at any time on the TMSA website:
www.tmsa.org.uk
email: office@tmsa.org.uk
or tel: +44 (0) 7922 533 915
CEÓL CHOLASA
12 - 15 September Isle of Colonsay
Music & song from all four folkly corners, distilled into a weekend, an island getaway, a breath of fresh air. Featuring Flook, Ímar, The Poozies, Adam Holmes & The Embers, SIAN, Assynt, Edwina Hayes & more.
Tel. Keir 01951 200265 (AM) | 01951 200266 (PM)
keir@ceolcholasa.co.uk
www.ceolcholasa.co.uk

ISLE OF JURA MUSIC FESTIVAL
27 - 29 September Various venues around Craighouse village, Jura - Marquee, Jura Hotel and more
This will be our 26th annual music festival with the ever-popular Sunday distillery co-operage concert, definitely a ‘must’ this year! We also hold a Grand Concert, plus ceilidhs, sessions and workshops for adults and kids alike.
Tel. 01496 820 362
juramusicfestival@gmail.com
www.jurafestival.com

DORIC CONCERTS
5 and 19 October Aberdeenshire (Venues TBC)
TMSA Aberdeen Branch celebrates North East cultural heritage in two concerts featuring many fine exponents of the Doric tradition.
Tel. 01224 314 795
shirley.watt795@btinternet.com
www.tmsa.org.uk - Aberdeen Branch page

THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA
7 September, 7.30pm Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, G2 3NY
The SFO plays original arrangements of traditional Scottish fiddle music, plus more recent orchestral compositions. Concerts usually involve around 100 performers including pipers, dancers and singers.
Tel. 0141 353 8000 (Box Office)
glasgow@sfo.org.uk
www.sfo.org.uk

LINLITHGOW FOLK FESTIVAL
11 - 15 September Various venues throughout Linlithgow
Friendly festival with outdoor stage, canal cruises, outdoor ceilidh, headline concerts, bluegrass events, gospel session, children’s events and sessions galore!
contact@linlithgowfolk.com
www.linlithgowfolk.com
COME GIE’S A SANG: SINGING HOLIDAY IN TRADITIONAL SCOTS SONG WITH ROBYN STAPLETON 6 - 11 October Edinburgh
Exclusive residential singing holiday. Discover Scotland’s rich musical heritage, learn a wide repertoire of traditional Scottish songs and discover the stories behind them. Suitable for singers of all levels of ability and experience.
Tel. 07884 966165
info@wildatartsScotland.com
www.wildatartsScotland.com

SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL
18 - 31 October Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1SR, and throughout Scotland
The 31st SISF celebrates old traditions & new connections, building bridges between artists & communities in a feast of storytelling, music & dance, with a special focus between Scotland & Canada.
Tel. 0131 652 3272
reception@scottishstorytellingcentre.com
www.sisf.org.uk

SCOTTISH FOLK SONGS
100 modern and traditional Scottish folk songs
The latest addition to the Collins Little Books range, this pocket-size guide features the very best Scottish folk songs. A tune for every mood and occasion, reflecting Scottish life and culture over a wide geographic area and historical period. First published as The Scottish Folksinger in 1973, edited by Norman Buchan and Peter Hall, this book is a perfect introduction to the world of Scottish folk songs.
books.harpercollins.co.uk/collins-little-books

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