EVENT CALENDAR 2020
Traditional music events & activity across Scotland

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Convener’s Welcome

Welcome to the annual TMSA Event Calendar - designed to help you find traditional music and song around Scotland in 2020, 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 - www.tmsa.scot - as we go through the year.

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 continue to help 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

TMSA Patrons: Dr Aly Bain MBE, Dr Margaret Bennett, Dr Phil Cunningham MBE, Dr Barbara Dickson OBE, Archie Fisher MBE, Dr Sheena Wellington.

The TMSA has been producing this Event Calendar for over 20 years to help people find out what’s on in the traditional and folk music scene in Scotland. Why not join us by:

• Attending a local TMSA Branch event or festival
• Catching one of our TMSA Young Trad Tour concerts of finalists and winners of the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year
• Visiting our website to buy TMSA Young Trad Tour CDs or 101 Scottish Songs/Wee Red Book Celtic Connections Concert DVDs
• Listing your event, folk club, activity or venue on our website
• Becoming a member of the TMSA - promoting, preserving and passing on the music and song traditions of Scotland since 1966

More details at www.tmsa.scot
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2020 EASTER & SUMMER SHORT COURSES

30/03 - 03/04/20
- Gaelic 1, 3, 5, 7
- Gaelic Song / Christine Primrose
- Piano Accompaniment / Igrid Henderson
- Fiddle - West Coast Style / Iain Macfarlane
- Gaelic Conversation (lower Intermediate)

06 - 10/04/20
- Gaelic 2, 4, 6, 8
- Flute & Whistle / Hamish Napier
- Gaelic Conversation (Advanced)
- Gaelic in the Landscape with Roddy MacLean
- Guitar / Ross Martin

29/06 - 03/07/20
- Gaelic 1, 3, 5, 7
- Fiddle / Ewen Henderson
- Còmhradh is Cainnt / Ailig Dòmhnallach
- Fiddle Course with Duncan Chisholm
- Gaelic Song / Christine Primrose

06 - 10/07/20
- Piping & Drumming Under 21s / Iain Macfadyen & Andrew MacPherson
- Family Learning Week (information to be distributed via the schools)

13 - 17/07/20
- Gaelic 1, 2
- Piano Accordion with Addie Harper Jr
- Button Box with Fergie MacDonald
- Lower Intermediate Gaelic Conversation
- Gaelic for Irish Speakers (Beginners)

20 - 24/07/20
- Learning Through Living Culture in Flodigarry

27 - 31/07/20
- Exploring Skye (Gaelic for Beginners) with Muriel Fisher

10 - 14/08/20
- Gaelic 1, 3, 5, 7, 9
- Digital Photography with Cailean Maclean
- The Music in the Fiddle with Charlie McKerron
- Gaelic Folklore and Heritage with Màiri-Sìne Campbell

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06 - 10/04/20
- Gaelic 2, 4, 6, 8
- Ukulele with Finlay Allison
- Pronunciation Skills with John Urquhart
- Gaelic for Irish Speakers (Advanced)

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- Digital Photography with Cailean Maclean
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- Gaelic Folklore and Heritage with Màiri-Sìne Campbell

17 - 21/08/20
- Gaelic 2, 4, 6, 8, 10
- Traditional Music Ensemble with Innes Watson
- Fiddle course with Ewen Henderson
- Step Dance with Mats Melin

Tha cùrsaichean a bha harrachd air an làrach-lin againn a leithid na cùrsaichean Gàidhlig Ìrrean 1-10. 
A full list of courses is available on our website including Gaelic Levels 1-10.

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THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA
22 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

THE MUCKLE SING 2020
29 February Queen Margaret Hall, Linlithgow, EH49 7JA
A day led by Christine Kydd 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
eltmsa@yahoo.co.uk
www.eltmsa.org.uk

EDINBURGH COMPETITION FESTIVAL 2020
3 - 15 March Various venues in Edinburgh
Join us to celebrate our Centenary Festival. Eleven days of free performances featuring a wide range of instruments and voice, all ages and stages, including traditional/folk music, with expert adjudication. The Concert of Festival Highlights with the final of the Concerto Competition takes place at The Queen’s Hall on 15 March (paid tickets required).
email@ecfest.org.uk
www.ecfest.org.uk

KIRRIEMUIR FESTIVAL SPRING CONCERT
7 March Old Parish Kirk Hall, Kirriemuir
Ever-popular night of entertainment with Festival performers from previous years. Hosted by Scott Gardiner and helps raise funds for Kirrie Festival 2020.
Tel. 01575 573 292 (tickets)
info@kirriefestival.org
www.kirriefestival.org
ABERDEEN COMPETITION AND CEILIDH DAY
14 March Boys Brigade Headquarters, Crimon 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.scot/aberdeen-branch

CÚRSAICHEAN GOIRID NA CÀISGE EASTER SHORT COURSES
30 March - 10 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

GLENFARG FOLK FEAST 2020
3 - 5 April Backstage at the Green Hotel, Kinross, KY13 8AS
This year’s line-up are Jez Lowe & the Bad Pennies, Christine Bovill, Rallion, Harp & A Monkey, Celine Donoghue & Neil Sturgeon and the Hannah Rarity Duo. Once again we feature the Original Song Competition, the World Famous Puff-a-Box Championship as well as workshops, singarounds and sessions and the new highlight on Friday evening—The Gathering.
Tel. 01577 830 239 | 07801 889 820
info@glenfargfolkclub.com
www.glenfargfolkclub.com

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL HARP FESTIVAL
3 - 8 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

NORTHERN STREAMS 2020
24 - 26 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 Scandinavia and Scotland. Organised by the TMSA Edinburgh & Lothians Branch.
Tel. 07951 918 366
ettmsa@yahoo.co.uk
www.northernstreams.org
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moniaivefolkfestival@gmail.com
www.moniaivefolkfestival.com

KNOCKENGORROCH 2020
21 - 24 May Knockengorroch Farm, Carsphairn, Castle Douglas
Family friendly world/roots/traditional/dance music festival in its own glen in the stunning Galloway Hills of Scotland’s South West. 2020’s line up includes the Afro Celt Sound System, Shooglenifty, the Poozies and Moishe’s Bagel with five stages featuring a range of other musical genres plus workshops, open mic, sessions, kids’ tent, hot showers, sauna, camping and more...
Tel. 01644 460 662 | 0771 835 8160
info@knockengorroch.org.uk
www.knockengorroch.org.uk

THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA
16 May, 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

FIFESING 2020: THE FIFE TRADITIONAL SINGING FESTIVAL
15 - 17 May Various venues in Falkland & Freuchie, Fife
A weekend of traditional song - a unique opportunity to meet singers and hear traditional song in an informal gathering and participate in concerts, workshops and singarounds. Guest singers from Scotland, England and Ireland.
Tel. 01337 830 773
connect@springthyme.co.uk
www.springthyme.co.uk/fifesing

GIRVAN FOLK FESTIVAL
1 - 3 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

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ORKNEY FOLK FESTIVAL
21 - 24 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 around 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

STRICHERN FESTIVAL - BUCHAN HERITAGE SOCIETY
22 - 24 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

Hands Up for Trad exists to promote Scottish traditional music through education, Information and advocacy to artists, participants and audiences across the world.

Our 2020 core programme will include:
The Scots Trad Music Awards ★ The BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year ★ The Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame ★ Distil ★ Tinto Summer School ★ The Scots Language Awards.
Further details on all our work can be found on www.handsupfortrad.scot or email us at info@handsupfortrad.co.uk
Celtic Culture with Gaelic
Exploring Our Culture
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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keithfestival@gmail.com
www.tmsakeithfestival.blogspot.com

SCOTTISH CLARSACH COMPETITION

**13 June, 2pm** Armadale Castle, Sleat, Isle of Skye

Recital by finalists in the Princess Margaret Memorial Prize for Senior Clàrsach. For details of how to enter see www.armadalecastle.com/news. Entry deadline 25 April.

Tel. 01471 844 305
office@armadalecastle.com
www.armadalecastle.com

THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA

**13 June, 7.30pm** Usher Hall, Edinburgh, EH1 2EA

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Tel. 0131 228 1155 (Box Office)
edinburgh@sfo.org.uk
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CÚRSAICHEAN GOIRID AN T-SAMHRAIDH SUMMER SHORT COURSES
29 June - 21 August Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Sleat, Isle of Skye
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www.smo.uhi.ac.uk

FÈIS AN EILEIN (THE SKYE FESTIVAL) 2020
3 - 12 July SEALL, Isle of Skye IV44 8RQ
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info@seall.co.uk
www.seall.co.uk

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5 - 10 July Daliburgh School, Daliburgh, South Uist
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Tel. 01878 700 154
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www.ceolas.co.uk

32nd STONEHAVEN FOLK FESTIVAL
9 - 12 July Stonehaven Town Hall (AB39 2BU) and various venues around the town
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Tel. 07931 204 329 (tickets)
info@stonehavenfolkfestival.co.uk
www.stonehavenfolkfestival.co.uk

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NEWTON STEWART & MINNIGAFF TRADITIONAL MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL
10 - 12 July
Newton Stewart, Dumfries & Galloway
7th anniversary of Trad Music Trust’s award nominated traditional music & dance festival in the heart of Galloway featuring Ulaid, Damien O’Kane & Ron Block Band and The Sarah Markey Band. Concerts, workshops, sessions, solo piping competition, Highland dancing competition, local beer & gin and much more!
www.tradmusic.com

LINLITHGOW SCOTCH HOP
15 July - 12 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
24 - 26 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
25 July, 12pm
Forth & Clyde Canal Cruise from The Stables Bar & Restaurant, at Glasgow Bridge near Kirkintilloch, G66 1RH
Join TMSA Glasgow Branch on their annual traditional music and song naval outing. Canal Cruise from Kirkintilloch (Stables) to Kilsyth and back, BYOB and food. £10. Limited numbers so book early!
Tel. 07740 782 404 (Graham Charlton)
asc.gc@sky.com
tmsa.scot/glasgow-branch

We can list events or groups at any time on the TMSA website:
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TORPHICHEN FOLK & ALE FESTIVAL
21 - 22 August Torphichen Inn, 7 The Square, Torphichen, Bathgate, EH48 4LY
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Tel. 01506 652 826
info@torphicheninn.net
www.torphicheninn.net

MULL OF KINTYRE MUSIC FESTIVAL
19 - 23 August Victoria Hall, Kinloch Road and Heritage Centre, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, PA28 6JU
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Tel. 01586 552 034
mokfest@hotmail.co.uk
www.mokfest.com

SHETLAND FOLK FRENZY
3 - 8 August Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0WQ
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Tel. 01595 745 500
info@shetlandarts.org
www.shetlandarts.org

FALKLAND TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
7 - 9 August Falkland, Fife
Join us in beautiful Falkland in the heart of Fife for a weekend of traditional music and song with a ceilidh, concerts, talks, workshops, competitions and sessions.
Tel. 01337 840 450
falklandtradfest@outlook.com
www.falklandtradfest.org.uk

ACOUSTIC MUSIC CENTRE @ UCC
10 - 30 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
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Tel. info: 01575 540 261 | Tickets: 01575 573 292
info@kirriefestival.org
www.kirriefestival.org

LARGS VIKING FESTIVAL
29 August - 6 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 5 September.
Tel. 07835 454534
williamjjc0806@outlook.com
www.largsvikingfestival.org

CELTIC CULTURE WITH GAEIC
September 2020 Newbattle Abbey College
(Colaiste Abaid a’ Bhatail Nuaidh), Midlothian, EH22 3LL
We offer two 1 year full time courses 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

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5 September, 7.30pm Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, G2 3NY
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17 - 20 September Isle of Colonsay
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Tel. Keir 01951 200 265 (AM) | 01951 200 266 (PM)
keir@ceolcholasa.co.uk
www.ceolcholasa.co.uk
FIDDLER OF STRATHSPEY FESTIVAL
25 - 27 September Various venues, Grantown-on-Spey
Celebrating the music and dance of Strathspey with ceilidhs, concerts, community events and fiddle competitions: local and open classes from 9 and under to top level invitation. With lead fiddler Paul Anderson. Tel. 07709 270 044 eventsfiddlerstrathspey@gmail.com fiddlerofstrathspey.co.uk

ISLE OF JURA MUSIC FESTIVAL
25 - 27 September Various venues around Craighouse village, Jura - Marquee, Jura Hotel and more
This will be our 27th annual music festival with concerts, ceilidhs, sessions, storytelling and workshops for adults and kids alike. Tel. 01496 820 362 juramusicfestival@gmail.com www.jurafestival.com

DORIC CONCERTS
3 October + later October date TBC
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.scot/aberdeen-branch

AM MÒD NÀISEANTA RÌOGHAIL 2020
( THE ROYAL NATIONAL MÒD 2020)
9 - 17 October Various venues, Inverness
The Royal National Mòd is Scotland’s premier festival famous for celebrating our Gaelic linguistic and cultural heritage, showcasing emerging and professional artistic and musical talent, with opportunities for people of all ages to perform across a range of competitive disciplines including music, song, highland dancing, drama, sport and literature. Tel. 01463 709 705 info@ancomunn.co.uk www.ancomunn.co.uk

BUTTON BOXES & MOOTHIES WEEKEND
16 - 18 October The Elphinstone Institute, Aberdeen
A celebration of small free-reed instruments, including mouth organs, concertinas, melodeons, diatonic button accordions and Jew’s harps. The convention features the very best performers from across the British Isles. Workshops, sessions and performances—all welcome, from beginners to experts! Tel. 01224 272 996 buttonboxesandmoothies@gmail.com buttonboxesandmoothies.com
SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL
16 - 31 October Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1SR, and throughout Scotland
Performances, workshops, talks and children’s events from Scottish and international storytellers and musicians. The 2020 festival reflects on the voyages that have shaped Scotland as a nation, exploring the country’s coastal connections and rich cultural heritage during Scotland’s Year of Coasts and Waters, through story and song.
Tel. 0131 556 9579
reception@scottishstorytellingcentre.com
www.sisf.org.uk

‘THE CARRYING STREAM’ SESSION
November Edinburgh (venue, date & time tbc)
TMSA Edinburgh & Lothians Branch’s annual session commemorating Hamish Henderson’s legacy. The session is usually in conjunction with the Traditional Song and Tunes Session, and as part of ‘The Carrying Stream’ Festival organised by the Edinburgh Folk Club.
Tel. 07951 918 366
eltmsa@yahoo.co.uk
www.eltmsa.org.uk

PERTHSHIRE AMBER - THE DOUGIE MACLEAN FESTIVAL
6 - 8 November Various venues including the Festival Hub - ‘Amber Central’ - at The Royal Hotel, Dunkeld
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Tel: 01350 724 261
admin@butterstone.com
www.perthshireamber.com

HAMISH MATTERS FESTIVAL
11 - 15 November Venues in Blairgowrie, Rattray & The Glens
Celebrating the life and works of Blairgowrie born Hamish Henderson, the Festival showcases folk music, poetry, storytelling, Scots & Gaelic language and the traditions of the travelling people through performances, author talks, film screenings, sessions, workshops and more, with a headline event in Blairgowrie Town Hall.
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