

EVENT

2023

Traditional music events & activity across Scotland

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Information about events/activity is correct at time of going to print, however details may occasionally change. We recommend you always check event websites before making plans to attend.

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GREETINGS FROM THE TMSA

Welcome to the annual TMSA Event Calendar—designed to help you find traditional music and song around Scotland in 2023. It complements the many more activities across Scotland which are added to our website—www.tmsa.scot—and social media (**@TMSAScotland*) throughout the year.

After a two-year hiatus caused by Covid-19, we're very pleased to be producing our annual calendar again. It's our fullest calendar ever, proving that the traditional scene in Scotland is thriving, and we're excited for the year of music ahead!

We thank the events and organisations without whom there would be no calendar. Please support traditional music by attending the events and using the services listed here.

We would also like to thank the families of Jock Hunter and Alex Green. Their legacies, along with the funders below, have helped bring the 2023 calendar to fruition.

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



Fiona Campbell
TMSA 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.

We'd love to get your feedback on how this Event Calendar helps people find events and activity in Scotland. Fill in our online survey at www.tmsa.scot/the-event-calendar or scan the QR code to the right. We'll put your name into our prize draw as a thank you!













SPRING

SHETLAND ARTS' FIERY SESSIONS

31 January, The Garrison Theatre, Lerwick, ZE10HD Tel. 01595 745 500 | www.shetlandarts.org

SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA—PERTH CONCERT

4 February, Perth Concert Hall, Perth PH15HZ secretary@sfo.org.uk | www.sfo.org.uk

THE MUCKLE SING

11 February, Queen Margaret Hall, Linlithgow, EH497JA A day led by Jo Miller 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. 0795 191 8366 | www.eltmsa.org.uk

2 WORKSHOPS

12 February, St Margaret's Hall, Aberdeen, AB251EA 'Playing for Dancing' and 'Beginner Ceilidh Dancing'—workshops organised by SC&T Youth, TMSA Aberdeen Branch & North East Scotland Performing Arts. 2pm-3:30pm. office@scottishculture.org | www.scottishculture.org

SC&T TASTER SESSION & CEILIDH

19 February, 2.30pm St Margaret's Hall, Aberdeen AB251EA Family-friendly taster session, then session and ceilidh, organised by SC&T Youth in partnership with TMSA Aberdeen Branch & North East Scotland Performing Arts. office@scottishculture.org | www.scottishculture.org

RSCDS WINTER SCHOOL

19–24 February, Atholl Palace Hotel, Pitlochry, PH165LX info@rscds.org | www.rscds.org/events

THE WORLD'S ROOM IN ABERDEEN

24 February, Airyhall Community Centre, Aberdeen AB158AD Based on the traditional singing programme originally established in Edinburgh, TMSA Aberdeen Branch bring the World's Room to Aberdeen—featuring guest singer Shona Donaldson. Starts at 8.30pm.

Tel. 01224 314 795 | www.tmsa.scot/aberdeen-branch

INVERNESS MUSIC FESTIVAL

24-26 February & 4-6 March, Inverness Methodist Church,

Huntley St, Inverness IV35HS invernessmusicfestival@gmail.com

www.invernessmusicfestival.org

EDINBURGH MUSIC COMPETITION FESTIVAL

28 February–12 March, various locations, Edinburgh email@ecfest.org.uk | **www.ecfest.org**

FLUTEFLING FLUTE & WHISTLE WEEKEND

March, exact date & location TBC (Edinburgh) gordon@flutefling.scot | www.flutefling.scot

NAAFCO ANNUAL ACCORDION & FIDDLE FESTIVAL

4 March, Grangemouth Town Hall, Falkirk, FK38AN www.naafcfestival.co.uk

SC&T SPRING SING

4 March, King's Pavilion, University of Aberdeen, AB243FX office@scottishculture.org | www.scottishculture.org

PERFORM IN PERTH

6–18 March, various locations, Perth

Tel. 0784 974 5000 | www.perthshire-music-festival.org.uk

THE SCOTTISH SCHOOLS PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

12 March, William McIlvanney Campus, Kilmarnock, KA37DF Tel. 0131 510 8384 | **www.thechampionships.org.uk**

THE 18TH NIEL GOW FESTIVAL

17–19 March, various locations, Dunkeld & Birnam Tel. 01350 727 674 | www.nielgowfestival.co.uk

ABERDEEN COMPETITIONS & CEILIDH DAY

18 March, 2 locations in Aberdeen

Traditional music, singing, songwriting, tune writing and storytelling competitions in the Boys' Brigade Hall, 7 Crimon Place, 10am–5pm. Session in Holburn West Church Hall, 7.30pm. Organised by TMSA Aberdeen Branch. Tel. 01224 314 795 | www.tmsa.scot/aberdeen-branch

HAWICH REIVERS FESTIVAL

24–26 March, various locations in Hawick, Scottish Borders info@hawickreivers.com | **www.hawickreivers.com**

RSCDS CENTENARY BALL

25 March, Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh, EH22LR info@rscds.org | www.rscds.org/events

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SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA— ABERDEEN CONCERT

2 April, Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen, AB245NR secretary@sfo.org.uk | www.sfo.org.uk

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL HARP FESTIVAL

7-11 April, George Watson's College, Edinburgh EH105EG

Showcasing an eclectic array of harp talent from across the globe, renowned musicians come together to entertain, inspire and educate through a magical series of concerts, courses, workshops, sessions and more, celebrating the versatility of the harp.

office@harpfestival.co.uk | www.harpfestival.co.uk

RSCDS SPRING FLING

14–16 April, Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh, EH76AE info@rscds.org | www.rscds.org/events

MULL MUSIC FESTIVAL

20–23 April, various locations, Tobermory, Isle of Mull Tel. 01688 302 350 | www.facebook.com/mullmusicfestival

GLENFARG FOLK FEAST DAY

22 April, Glenfarg Village Hall, Glenfarg, PH29NU

The line up for the evening concert is Kenny Speirs, Shona Donaldson and Paul Anderson, and Choras. Featuring a morning Sing-around, the world-famous Puffa-Box Championship and the Original Song Competition in the afternoon. www.facebook.com/GlenfargFolkFeast. Tel. 0738 834 6833 | www.glenfargfolkclub.com

NORTHERN STREAMS

27–30 April, various locations, Edinburgh & Dundee
Annual festival celebrating Nordic and Scottish music,
song and dance. Featuring performers from Finland and
Denmark as well as some closer to home. Concerts,
workshops plus a sharing session and ceilidh on the final
day. In partnership with the North Atlantic Song Convention.
Tel. 0792 253 3915 | www.northernstreams.org

SHETLAND FOLK FESTIVAL

27–30 April, various locations in ShetlandTel. 01595 694 757 | www.shetlandfolkfestival.com

GIRVAN TRADITIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL

28–30 April, various locations in Girvan, South Ayrshire Tel. 0737 702 7742 | www.girvanfolkfestival.org.uk

NORTH ATLANTIC SONG CONVENTION

28-30 April, Scottish Storytelling Centre, Edinburgh EH11SR www.northatlanticsong.com

EDINBURGH TRADFEST

28 April-8 May, various locations, Edinburgh

A programme brimming with highlights from some of the best trad and folk musicians from Scotland and around the world. The festival kicks off at the Assembly Rooms with a performance from US legend Rhiannon Giddens. Also included are storytelling and family events at the Scottish Storytelling Centre.

www.edinburghtradfest.com

THE WORLD'S ROOM IN ABERDEEN

5 May, Airyhall Community Centre, Aberdeen AB158AD Based on the traditional singing programme originally established in Edinburgh, TMSA Aberdeen Branch bring the World's Room to Aberdeen—featuring guest singer Joe Aitken. Starts at 8.30pm.

Tel. 01224 314 795 | www.tmsa.scot/aberdeen-branch

YOUNG PERFORMERS CONCERT

7 May, Phoenix Centre, Newton Dee, Aberdeen, AB159DX Organised by SC&T Youth Project in partnership with TMSA Aberdeen Branch. Begins 2pm.

office@scottishculture.org | www.scottishculture.org

SKYE LIVE

11–13 May, Am Meall (The Lump), Portree, Isle of Skye www.facebook.com/SkyeLiveFest | www.skyelive.co.uk

FIFESING 2023: THE FIFE TRADITIONAL SINGING FESTIVAL

12–14 May, various locations in Falkland & Freuchie, Fife Back once again with a live gathering! 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 | www.springthyme.co.uk/fifesing

STRICHEN FESTIVAL

19-20 May, Ritchie Hall, Strichen, Aberdeenshire, AB436TY

Pre-festival dance on Friday with the 'Garioch Blend'. Saturday: all-day competitions for traditional song, music, story and verse. Prize winners' concert at 6.30pm.

Ceilidh at 9pm.

info@buchanheritagesociety.co.uk

www.buchanheritagesociety.co.uk

KNOCKENGORROCH 2023

25–28 May, Knockengorroch Farm, Carsphairn, Castle Douglas, Dumfries and Galloway, DG73TJ

Family-friendly music festival in its own glen in the stunning Galloway Hills of Scotland's South West. 2023's line up includes The Langan Band, Old Blind Dogs, Sheelanagig and Cut Capers with five stages featuring a range of musical genres plus workshops, open mic, sessions, kids' tent, and more!

Tel. 01644 460 662 | www.knockengorroch.org.uk

ORKNEY FOLK FESTIVAL

25–28 May, based in Stromness, with events taking place in many other parishes and some outer Orkney isles

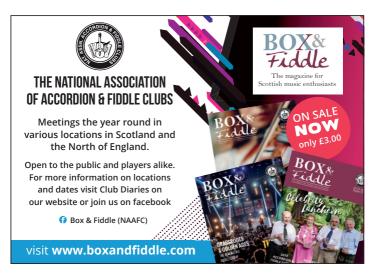
This year celebrating its 40th anniversary, Orkney Folk Festival is widely regarded as one of the finest in the UK, where Orkney's thriving local folk scene welcomes artistes from around the world. The weekend offers concerts, ceilidhs, clubs, sessions, workshops and family concerts, and is ticketed by event—catering for all budgets. info@orkneyfolkfestival.com | www.orkneyfolkfestival.com

FÈIS ÌLE—THE ISLAY FESTIVAL

26 May-4 June, various locations, Isle of Islay info@feisile.co.uk | **www.feisile.co.uk**

THE GATHERING FESTIVAL

27 May, Northern Meeting Park, Inverness, IV35NSTel. 0333 301 0101 | www.skiddle.com/festivals/thegathering



SUMMER

OBAN INTERNATIONAL SHANTY FESTIVAL

23-25 June, location TBC (Oban)

A weekend of rip-roaring songs and music of the sea courtesy of great musicians from France, the Netherlands, Ireland, England and Scotland performing amidst the spectacular scenery of the Western Highlands.

Tel. 0779 286 1144 | www.obanshanty.org.uk

FOLK AT THE SALMON BOTHY—13TH HAAL

2–4 June, The Salmon Bothy, Links Road, Portsoy, AB452SS A weekend of concerts, singarounds, tunes, sessions, storytelling, competitions and tributes to Jimmy McBeath and Davy Steele. Featuring Karine Polwart; The Sands Family; Beth Malcolm and many, many more—visit the website for a full list of performers.

Tel. 0796 887 2217 | www.bothyfolk.org

ARRAN FOLK FESTIVAL

9–11 June, various locations, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA278DL admin@arranfolkfestival.co.uk | **www.arranfolkfestival.co.uk**

KEITH FESTIVAL

9-11 June, various locations, Keith, Moray

TMSA Keith Branch's annual traditional music festival with ceilidhs, concerts, competitions and informal sessions.

Tel. 01542 882 638 | www.keithfestival.com

SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA— EDINBURGH CONCERT

10 June, Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh, EH12EA secretary@sfo.org.uk | **www.sfo.org.uk**

KILLIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

16–18 June, McLaren Hall, Killin, FK218UW Tel. 0771 713 0333 | www.killinmusicfest.com

SOLAS FESTIVAL

16–18 June, Errol Park, Errol, Perthshire, PH27RA Tel. 0141 628 7179 | www.solasfestival.co.uk

SC&T FAMILY-FRIENDLY TASTER SESSION

18 June, exact location TBC (Aberdeen)

Organised by SC&T Youth Project & TMSA Aberdeen Branch. youth@scottishculture.org | www.scottishculture.org

FÈIS AN EILEIN (THE SKYE FESTIVAL)

July, exact dates TBC, various locations around Skye, Lochalsh & Raasay

Tel. 01471 844 207 | www.seall.co.uk

UNDER CANVAS FESTIVAL

5 July-26 August, Eden Court, Inverness, IV35SA Tel. 01463 234 234 | www.eden-court.co.uk

CEÒLAS SUMMER SCHOOL

2–7 July, Cnoc Soilleir, Daliburgh, Isle of South Uist, HS85SS
The Summer School will see participants gathering from across the globe to attend a week of tuition in Gaelic language, song, music and dance from world class musicians and artistes, along with an array of live and online concerts showcasing our language and culture.
Tel. 01851 770 711 | www.ceolas.co.uk

TINTO SUMMER SCHOOL

3–8 July, Wiston, near Biggar, South Lanarkshire info@handsupfortrad.co.uk | www.tintosummerschool.com

DUNEDIN INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

7–9 July, various locations in Edinburgh & Stirling Castle
Biennial festival featuring a mix of free outdoor traditional
dance and music performances in Edinburgh and Stirling
Castle, as well as a ticketed indoor concert, with visiting
European groups including from Belgium and Spain
alongside Scottish-based dance groups.
www.dunedindancers.org.uk

NEWTON STEWART & MINNIGAFF TRADITIONAL MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL

7-9 July, The Vault Arts Centre, 40 Victoria Street, Newton Stewart, Dumfries & Galloway, DG86BT
Tel. 0797 035 9557 | www.tradmusic.com

STONEHAVEN FOLK FESTIVAL

7–9 July, various locations, Stonehaven AB392BU

Come and celebrate the 33rd Stonehaven Folk Festival! Concerts, Sessions, Workshops, World Paper'n'Comb Championships, Aqua Ceilidh and more. Guests include Nuala Kennedy, Blazin' Fiddles, Trip, The Jeremiah's and the Melrose Quartet.

Tel. 0781 145 5279 | www.stonehavenfolkfestival.co.uk

TIREE MUSIC FESTIVAL

7-9 July, Crossapol, Isle of Tiree office@tireemusicfestival.co.uk | www.tireemusicfestival.co.uk

SC&T YOUTH CAMP

10-14 July, University of Aberdeen, AB243FX

A free 5 day Scottish Traditional music camp suitable for 6–8 year-olds and 9–17 year-olds with tuition from Scotland's finest tutors in a range of instruments and abilities. youth@scottishculture.org | www.scottishculture.org

HEBCELT FESTIVAL

12–15 July, Lews Castle Green in Stornoway, Isle of Lewis office@hebceltfest.com | www.hebceltfest.com

RSCDS SUMMER SCHOOL

16 July–13 August, University Hall, St Andrews, Fife info@rscds.org | www.rscds.org/events

SPEYFEST

21–23 July, Tented Village, Playing Fields, East Street, Fochabers, IV327EX

info@speyfest.com | www.speyfest.com

THE TRADITIONAL SINGING WEEKEND AT CULLERLIE

21–23 July, Cullerlie Farm Park, Echt, Aberdeenshire, AB326XL

A celebration bringing together outstanding traditional singers from the UK and Ireland. Listen to and join in unaccompanied traditional singing. Informal, friendly, noncompetitive—equally for the less experienced as for old hands. Concerts with guest singers, singarounds, workshops, craft demos and a talk.

Tel. 01224 645 486

www.abdn.ac.uk/elphinstone/public-engagement/cullerlie.php

BUTEFEST

28–30 July, Ettrick Bay, Isle of Bute butefest@gmail.com | **www.butefest.co.uk**

SING OR SINK

29 July, Forth & Clyde canal cruise from The Stables bar restaurant near Kirkintilloch

Join TMSA Glasgow Branch on their annual traditional music and song naval outing. Canal cruise from Kirkintilloch to Auchenstarrie marina and back, leaving at midday. BYOB and food. £12 tickets—limited numbers so book early! Email Graham at asc.qc@sky.com.

Tel. 0774 078 2404 | www.tmsa.scot/glasgow-branch

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SHETLAND ARTS' FOLK FRENZY SUMMER SCHOOL

6-11 August, Mareel, Lerwick, ZE10WQ

A week of workshops, concerts, sessions and masterclasses on Lerwick's historic waterfront, Folk Frenzy '23 will be curated by renowned Shetland fiddler Kevin Henderson. Kevin and his team of brilliant tutors will lead participants through an intensive, immersive week culminating in a celebratory concert.

Tel. 01595 745 500 | www.shetlandarts.org

EDINBURGH CEILIDHS

6–25 August most evenings, 9 Queen St, Edinburgh, EH21JQ Tel. 0131 339 5374 | www.edinburghceilidhs.net

THE ACOUSTIC MUSIC CENTRE AT UCC

7–27 August, Ukrainian Community Centre, 14 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh EH75AB

jb@stoneyport.uk | www.amc1982.com

MULL OF KINTYRE MUSIC FESTIVAL

9–13 August, various locations, Campbeltown, Argyll & Bute The best in Scottish and Irish traditional and contemporary music featuring concerts, ceilidhs, pub sessions, open-air events, children's entertainment, parades, whisky, cultural and heritage tours.

Tel. 01586 552 034 | www.mokfest.com

FRESH AYR FOLK FEST

11–13 August, Rozelle Park, Monument Road, Ayr, KA74NQ hello@freshayrfolkfest.com | www.freshayrfolkfest.com

PIPING LIVE!

12–20 August, various locations, Glasgow Tel. 0141 353 0220 | www.pipinglive.co.uk

WORLD PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

18-19 August, Glasgow Green

Tel. 0141 221 5414 | www.rspba.org

INNERLEITHEN MUSIC FESTIVAL

18-20 August, Innerleithen, Scottish Borders www.innerleithenmusicfestival.org

THE WORLD'S ROOM IN ABERDEEN

25 August, Airyhall Community Centre, Aberdeen, AB158AD Based on the traditional singing programme established in Edinburgh, TMSA Aberdeen Branch bring the World's Room to Aberdeen. Featuring guest singer Ellie Beaton. 8.30pm.

Tel. 01224 314 795 | www.tmsa.scot/aberdeen-branch

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- Taster Sessions
- SC&T Youth Group
- Summer Youth Camp
- Performances
- Workshops and Masterclasses









AUTUMN

GLASGOW SHANTY FESTIVAL

September, exact date TBC, aboard the Tall Ship Glenlee, Govan, Glasgow, G38RS

Organised by TMSA Glasgow Branch

Tel. 0779 286 1144 | www.tmsa.scot/glasgow-branch

SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA— GLASGOW CONCERT

September/October, exact date and location TBC secretary@sfo.org.uk | www.sfo.org.uk

KELSO FOLK FESTIVAL

1–3 September, various locations, Kelso, Scottish Borders A weekend of live concerts featuring award-wining bands and artists, combined with sessions, workshops and open mics offering a showcase for local talent.

kelsoflmc@gmail.com | www.kelsofolkfest.org

KIRRIEMUIR FESTIVAL

1–3 September, various locations, Kirriemuir, Angus One of Scotland's longest running traditional music festivals. A splendid weekend of ceilidhs, concerts and competitions with a lively session scene. Organised by TMSA Angus Branch.

Tel. 01575 540 261 | www.kirriefestival.org

PORTPATRICK FOLK FESTIVAL

1–3 September, various locations, Portpatrick, Dumfries & Galloway

www.facebook.com/portpatrickfolkfest

www.portpatrickfolkfestival.org

BLAS FESTIVAL

1–9 September, various locations across the HighlandsBringing high quality traditional music events with a strong
Gaelic language flavour to venues small and large across the Highlands.

Tel. 01478 613 355 | www.blas.scot

LARGS VIKING FESTIVAL

2–10 September, the Promenade, Largs, North Ayrshire Tel. 0783 545 4534 | www.largsvikingfestival.co.uk

ARDERSIER INTERNATIONAL FOLK CLUB WEEKEND FESTIVAL

8–10 September, Ardersier War Memorial Hall, IV27SU info@ardersierfolkclub.org.uk

www.ardersierfolkclub.org.uk

LINLITHGOW FOLK FESTIVAL

9–10 September, Burgh Halls, Linlithgow, EH497AH contact@linlithgowfolk.com | www.linlithgowfolk.com

CEÒL CHOLASA FESTIVAL

14-17 September, Isle of Colonsay, PA617YW

Tel. 0798 432 9520

www.ceolcholasa.co.uk

FIDDLER OF STRATHSPEY FESTIVAL

15–17 September, various locations in Grantown on Spey fiddlerofstrathspey@qmail.com

www.fiddlerofstrathspey.co.uk

TARBERT MUSIC FESTIVAL

15-17 September, various locations, Tarbert

Tel. 01880 739 138 | www.tarbertfestivals.co.uk

DUNBAR MUSIC FESTIVAL

22–24 September, various locations, Dunbar, East Lothian dunbar.music.fest@gmail.com | **www.dunbarmusicfestival.co.uk**

JURA MUSIC FESTIVAL

22–24 September, various locations in Craighouse, Jura Tel. 01496 820 362 | www.jurafestival.com

WEE FIFE FOLK FESTIVAL

October (exact date TBC), provisional location: The Studio at Carnegie Hall, East Port, Dunfermline KY127JA Evening concert and other events tba. Featuring Johnston & Gordon and other performers. Check website for updates. www.dunfermlinefolkclub.co.uk

SHETLAND ACCORDION & FIDDLE FESTIVAL

5-8 October, various locations, Shetland

www.facebook.com/shetlandaccordionandfiddle

www.shetlandaccordionandfiddle.com

COOKNEY DORIC CONCERT

7 October, Cookney Village Hall, Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire AB393SA

TMSA Aberdeen Branch celebrates North East cultural heritage with a doric concert featuring many fine exponents of the Doric tradition. Begins 7.30pm.

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Tel. 01224 314 795 | www.tmsa.scot/aberdeen-branch

ROYAL NATIONAL MÒD

13-21 October, various locations, Paisley

Scotland's premier festival celebrating Gaelic linguistic and cultural heritage, and providing opportunities for people of all ages to perform across a range of competitive disciplines including Gaelic music and song, highland dancing, instrumental, drama, sport, and literature.

Tel. 01851 703 487 | www.ancomunn.co.uk

FETTERNEAR DORIC CONCERT

15 October, Fetternear Hall, Inverurie AB515JX

TMSA Aberdeen Branch celebrates North East cultural heritage with a second doric concert featuring many fine exponents of the Doric tradition. Begins 2pm.

Tel. 01224 314 795 | www.tmsa.scot/aberdeen-branch

BLAZIN' IN BEAULY RESIDENTIAL CLASSES

16–20 October, Phipps Hall, Station Rd, Beauly, IV47EH www.blazininbeauly.com

SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

17–29 October, Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High St, Edinburgh, EH11SR

info@tracscotland.org | www.sisf.org.uk

AUTUMN TRAD

20–22 October, The Vault Arts Centre, 40 Victoria Street, Newton Stewart, Dumfries & Galloway, DG86BT Tel. 01671 404 924 | www.tradmusic.com

PERTH ACCORDION & FIDDLE FESTIVAL

28 October, various locations, Perth

Tel. 0741 173 8810 | www.perthaccordionfestival.co.uk

FLUTEFLING FLUTE & WHISTLE WEEKEND

November, exact date & location TBC (Aberdeen) gordon@flutefling.scot | **www.flutefling.scot**

DENHOLM FOLK FESTIVAL

2–5 November, various locations, Denholm, Scottish Borders www.facebook.com/denholmfolk | www.denholmfolkfest.co.uk



We can list events or groups at any time on the TMSA website: www.tmsa.scot email: office@tmsa.scot or tel: +44 (0) 7922 533 915

THE WORLD'S ROOM IN ABERDEEN

3 November, Airyhall Community Centre, Aberdeen, AB158AD Based on the traditional singing programme originally established in Edinburgh, TMSA Aberdeen Branch bring the World's Room to Aberdeen—featuring guest singers Dougie Mackenzie and Brian Miller. Starts at 8.30pm.

Tel. 01224 314 795 | www.tmsa.scot/aberdeen-branch

RSCDS AUTUMN GATHERING

3–5 November, Kelvin Hall, 1445 Argyle St., Glasgow, G38AW info@rscds.org | www.rscds.org/events

SHADES OF AMBER

3–5 November, Cardney Estate, Dunkeld, Perthshire, PH80EY admin@butterstone.com | www.perthshireamber.com

THE CARRYING STREAM FESTIVAL

10–12 November, location TBC, Edinburgh Tel. 0796 813 1737 | www.efc1973.com

SCOTS FIDDLE FESTIVAL

17–19 November, The Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH89TL
Held over three days, this exciting, fiddle-fuelled weekend
includes concerts, recitals, adult and youth workshops, talks,
stalls, sessions, festival clubs and ceilidhs. A weekend not
to miss! Check out the website for details, as well as the
legacy festival tune book and CD available for purchase.
info@scotsfiddlefestival.com | www.scotsfiddlefestival.com

FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS

17–25 November, various locations around Skye, Lochalsh & Raasay

Tel. 01471 844 207 | www.seall.co.uk

ABERDEEN STRATHSPEY & REEL SOCIETY'S FIDDLERS' RALLY

18 November, Tivoli Theatre, Aberdeen, AB116NB secretary@aberdeenstrathspey.org.uk www.aberdeenstrathspey.org.uk

ST ANDREW'S DAY CEILIDH

26 November, Garlogie Hall, Westhill, AB326SA

TMSA Aberdeen Branch's annual St Andrew's Day celebration, featuring many fine singers, raconteurs and music.

Tel. 01224 314 795 | www.tmsa.scot/aberdeen-branch

WINTER

TMSA AGM

2 December, Dundee and online, venue TBC

The Annual General Meeting of the Traditional Music and Song Association of Scotland (TMSA). Please check the website for details. Become a member and have your say! Tel. 0792 253 3915 | www.tmsa.scot

THE SCOTS TRAD MUSIC AWARDS

2 December, Caird Hall, Dundee, DD13BB www.projects.handsupfortrad.scot/scotstradmusicawards

THE LAND, THE LIGHT, THE LOCALS 2023-24 29 December-2 January, Denholm Village Hall, Denholm,

Scottish Borders kennyspeirs53@hotmail.com

www.scotborders-folk.org.uk/the-land-the-light-the-locals

SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA— HOGMANAY CONCERT

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