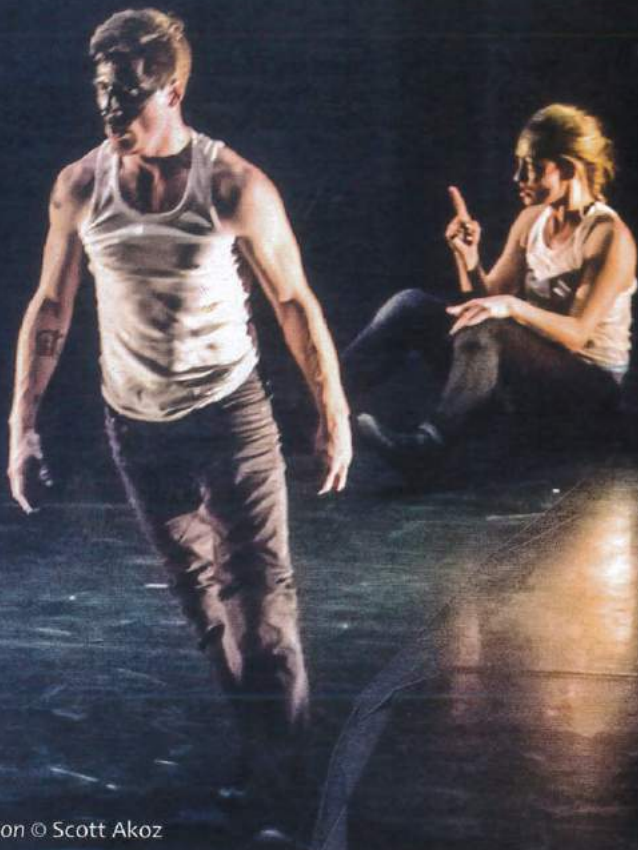


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'The story is told eye to eye, mind to mind and heart to heart'

Scottish Traveller proverb

Visiting the Centre is free, with a small charge for entry to John Knox House. As a four-star attraction, we provide you with a café, a storytelling court, a free exhibition space & bookshop.

 Families are welcome!

Highchairs & baby changing facilities are available. Events with this symbol are particularly suitable for children & families.

 The Centre is accessible

Accessible to wheelchair users, there are audio loops in our performance areas & Braille signage throughout. Please let us know if you'd like any of our publications in a different format or if you need assistance once you're here.

Box Office Phone: 0131 556 9579
Online: www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk
reception@scottishstorytellingcentre.com
In Person: Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm

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

Enquiries For Events: contact Daniel on 0131 652 3273
For Workshops: contact Donald on 0131 652 3271

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

TRACS (Traditional Arts & Culture Scotland SC043009) is the national network for traditional arts as a vital & diverse element of Scottish life, currently based at the Scottish Storytelling Centre. www.tracscotland.org



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- Discounts on many Storytelling Centre events
- 10% discount in our bookshop
- 10% discount in the Story Café
- Invites to special events
- A quarterly mailing of our What's On guide (by post if desired)
- Contributing to the development & work of the SSC

Please call 0131 556 9579 or email reception@scottishstorytellingcentre.com for further information. Ticket discounts are subject to availability, T&Cs apply.

* Storytelling Centre Supporter prices

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STORY CAFÉ



AT THE
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CENTRE

10% off

your bill with your event ticket! Hot food options available pre-show with our Supper Club.

www.comas.org.uk

Sat 1 Oct | 2.30pm (2hrs) | £8 (£6) (*£5.50 SCS)

FLYING WITH SWANS

When three old friends reunite after many years, a ferry trip to see Arran's migrating swans turns out to be the trip of a lifetime. This poignant, often hilarious play by Jack Dickson is a must see! Presented by The Aberfeldy Players. Directed by Gilbert Price. Part of Luminare.

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CAFÉ VOICES: TALES OF WATER & WAVES

"Water gives life to ten thousand things and does not strive"
Tao Te Ching (Lao Tzu)

From ancient wetlands to rolling seas, water connects us to one another wherever we are. As the **Scottish International Storytelling Festival** draws near & a wave of storytellers arrive in Scotland, Alice Fernbank invites you to share in an evening of stories from the water. The Centre's monthly storytelling session, with an open-floor section for storytellers to tell their own tales, in the relaxed surroundings of the Storytelling Court.



Sat 8 Oct | 2pm (2hrs) | £16 | 8-15yrs

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

If you enjoy writing stories, or would like to enjoy it more, come along to an afternoon workshop with prize-winning author Janis Mackay (*Magnus Fin and the Ocean Quest*, *The Accidental Time Traveller*). The group will begin by finding story ideas & then start writing a novel! A fun session is guaranteed & who knows where it might lead.

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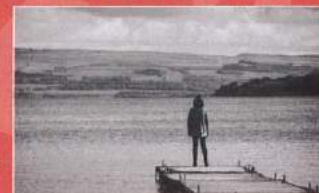
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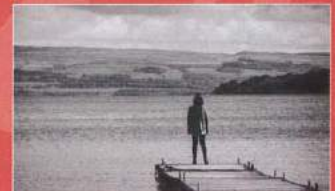
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Festival of Dreams

Friday 21 - Monday 31 October

The best of Scotland's storytelling talent merge with invited guests from Spain, Central & Southern America with dreamscapes celebrating oral traditions & cultural diversity.



• Programme
Online
• Passes
Available

"If you thought that August was the only month that Edinburgh has top quality international festivals, then you would be wrong." (TVBomb)

Fri 28 Oct | 7.30pm (2hrs 30) | By donation (suggest £5/4) | Adults
GUID CRACK: HALLOWE'EN

Expect scares & frightful tales, but lots of humour too, with guest storyteller **Mara Menzies**. Edinburgh's renowned storytelling club holds its open Friday night session for Hallowe'en, as part of the **Scottish International Storytelling Festival**. Currently held in the **Circus Café**, St. Mary's Street.



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Thu 3 Nov | 7pm (1hr 30) | £5 (*£4.50 SCS) | 15+
NAKOM

*Kelly Daniela Norris, Travis Pittman | Ghana/USA 2016
Kusaal with English subtitles*

Follow the story of Iddrisu, a Ghanaian medical student forced to return to his rural home village following the death of his father. Confronted with complicated family dynamics, pressures from the village elders & a failing harvest, Iddrisu has to choose between family obligation & his personal ambition of becoming a doctor in America. **Africa in Motion Film Festival** in partnership with the **Folk Film Gathering**.



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ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON DAY 2016



7-13 NOVEMBER

Thu 10 Nov | 11am (6hrs) | Free
THE APPIN MURDER & OTHER CRIMES

Readings by members & friends of the **Robert Louis Stevenson Club**, focussing on the central crime in *Kidnapped* & Stevenson's handling of crime in *Jekyll & Hyde*, his play *Deacon Brodie* & various short stories.

Sat 12 Nov | 1.30pm (45mins) | £8 (£6) (*£5.50 SCS) | 9+

KIDNAPPED: WHEN KILTS WERE BANNED



This timeless tale by **Robert Louis Stevenson** follows young **Davie Balfour** who, after the death of his parents, leaves home for the first time, only to be double crossed by his devious uncle & find himself kidnapped. With the help of Scottish rebel **Alan Breck Stewart** they try to escape the hands of the British soldiers & finally confront his sly uncle. Discover this essential Scottish story in **Donald Smith's** gutsy,



Celebrating Edinburgh's most famous literary son on the anniversary of his birth. This year, **Edinburgh City of Literature** explores the theme of **Crime** with many events across the city, 7-13 Nov, 2016. Get involved: cityofliterature.com/RLSDay #RLSDay



exhilarating adaptation. Let two actors, a chest & your imagination take you on an exciting, fast moving & adventure-filled story for all the family. Storytelling at its finest. Directed by **Gavin Paul**, starring **Billy Mack & John Winchester**. Please check website for details on schools performances. Supported by the **National Lottery** through **Creative Scotland**.

Sat 12 Nov | 7.30pm (1hr 30) | £6 (*£5.50 SCS)

A ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON FELLOWS SHOWCASE

A night of live literature, poetry & spoken word to celebrate the **RLS Fellowships**. Featuring performances & readings from a selection of the Fellowship awardees; expect a wonderful array of exceptional literary talent! Compered by poet & performer **Jenny Lindsay**.



Carrying Stream Festival 2016

A Celebration of the Life & Legacy of Hamish Henderson

Thu 10 Nov | 7.30pm (2hrs 15) | £10 (£8) (*£7.50 SCS)

THEY SENT A WUMMAN: NANCY NICOLSON AT 75

A celebration of **Nancy Nicolson**, the "cultural crofter" from Caithness. Renowned for her quirky & poignant songwriting & storytelling skills, Nancy was once described as "an instant ceilidh". This celebration to mark her 75th anniversary will feature, among others, Nancy's fellow Caithnessian writer **George Gunn**, singer & multi-instrumentalist **Annie Grace**, jazz pianist **Brian Kellock** & cello player, singer & composer **Wendy Weatherby**. The celebration will be preceded by a book launch of *Nancy's Collected Songs* (Grace Note Publications) from 6pm.

Fri 11 Nov | 7.30pm (2hrs) | £10 (£8) (*£7.50 SCS)

YOU'RE WANTED, LADS: FRONTLINE VOICES FROM WW1

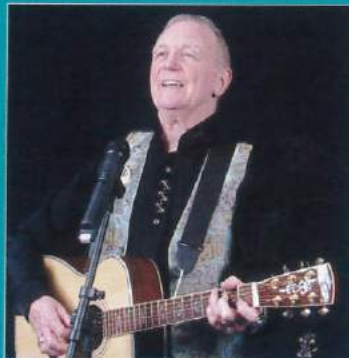
The impact & experience of the war to end wars, from those who were there. Hear from the testimonies of ordinary soldiers from Perthshire & Aberdeenshire, collected over many painstaking years by Jock Duncan. Experience also the poems & tunes of Seaforth Highlander E. Alan Mackintosh. A special marking of Armistice Day for the **Carrying Stream Festival**, in association with **Edinburgh University's School of Scottish Studies Archive**.



Mon 14 Nov | 7.30pm (1hr 30) | £10 (£8) (*£7.50 SCS)

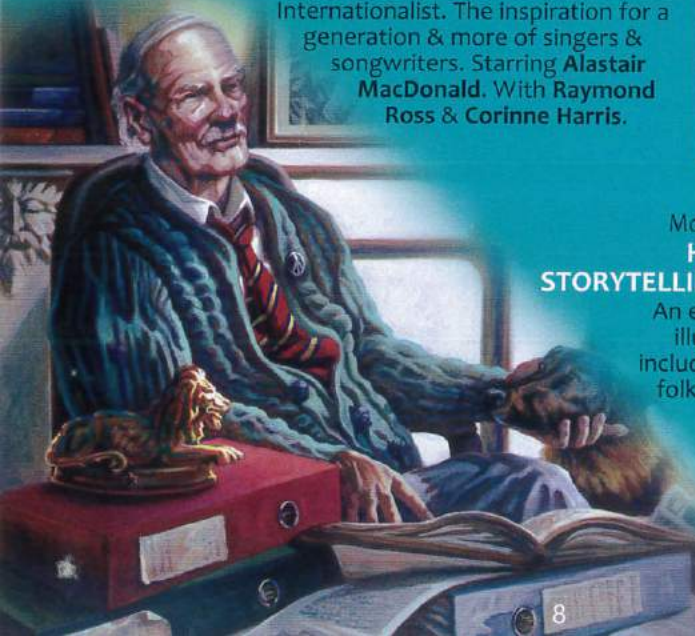
FROM THURSO TO BERWICK: A CELEBRATION OF MORRIS BLYTHMAN

A Rebel Ceilidh Come All Ye celebrating the songs & poetry of **Morris Blythman** (Thurso Berwick), the "Magic Marxist" of the Scottish Folk Revival. Songs Republican & Radical, Nationalist & Internationalist. The inspiration for a generation & more of singers & songwriters. Starring **Alastair MacDonald**. With **Raymond Ross** & **Corinne Harris**.



Mon 7 - Sat 26 Nov | 10am-6pm | Free HAMISH HENDERSON & THE STORYTELLING TRADITION: EXHIBITION

An exhibition of work by the artist & illustrator **Charles Nasmyth**, which includes a large portrait of the poet & folklorist **Hamish Henderson**, who is celebrated each year at the **Carrying Stream Festival**. Images exploring the popular culture & folklore surrounding **Burns** & **McGonagall** will also be on display.



Tue 15 Nov & Tue 13 Dec | 2.30pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed)

A CALENDAR OF MEMORIES

A relaxed session of stories, songs, laughter & reminiscence in the Storytelling Court. Hosted by the **Life Stories** group, who specialise in sharing stories with older people to help rekindle imagination, trigger memories & increase communication.

Tue 15 Nov | 10am & 11.30am (40mins) | £5 per child | 1-3yrs

TINY TALES: BOUNCE & TICKLE

Join in the fun as storyteller **Eric Brennan** presents action rhymes, songs & stories to get you wriggling & giggling. *Please book in advance.*



Wed 16 - Fri 18 Nov | 7.30pm (1hr 30) | £10 (£8) (*£7.50 SCS) | 14+

CRADLE KING/ON STAGE

An intimate audience with Shakespeare's patron, King James. Brainy, dream-haunted, theatre crazy, peace loving... he's the real-life inspiration for *Hamlet* & *Macbeth*, but whose ghost might get him first? **Robin Thomson** shines as the wisest fool in this raw, virtuoso drama from **Donald Smith**. The event will be followed by a short discussion &



tour of **Sandy Andrew Carr's** current exhibition, *On Stage*, which is a wholly Scottish response to **Shakespeare400**. These model artworks offer a dramatic 'on location' experience using the architecture of Old Edinburgh as a theatre set. Event held in *John Knox House*, which is unfortunately not an accessible space for those with mobility issues. Part of **Previously...**

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Scotland's History Festival

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Thu 17 Nov | 7pm (2hrs) | £5 (*£4.50 SCS)

CAFÉ VOICES: GAELIC IN EDINBURGH

Join us during **Edinburgh Gaelic Week** for a bilingual celebration of stories & songs, hosted by **Martin MacIntyre**. For fluent speakers & those who know nothing about Gaelic. The Centre's monthly storytelling session, with an open-floor section for storytellers to tell their own tales, all in the relaxed surroundings of the Storytelling Court.

GUTHAN SA CHAFÉ: GÀIDHLIG ANN AN DÙN ÈIDEANN

Cèilidh dà-chànanach le sgeulachdan agus òrain, mar phàirt de Sheachdain na Gàidhlig ann an Dùn Èideann, còmhla ri **Martainn Mac an t-Saor**. Airson fileantaich agus cuideachd daoine aig nach eil Gàidhlig sam bith. Seisean sgeulachdas mìosal an Ionaid, le cothrom airson sgeulaichean na stòiridhean aca fhèin innse gu còmhfhurtail, ann an Cùirt nan Sgeulachdan.

Fri 18 Nov | 5.30-7pm (workshop) & 7.45-9.15pm (poetry) | Free (ticketed) | 16+

SELF-TRANSFORMATIONS: WRITING FAITH JOURNEYS IN VERSE

Have you taken steps in faith that may have felt difficult to put in words? Write a poem describing your transformation in a workshop led by an experienced poet. People of all faiths welcome, no writing experience required. Stay on to celebrate **Interfaith Week** with an evening of poetry readings. This free event, organised jointly by the **Scottish Poetry Library** & **Dr. Hephzibah Israel, University of Edinburgh**, brings together the power of poetry & narrating your faith story.

Wed 23 Nov | 8pm (2hrs) | £12 (£10) (*£9.50 SCS)

SOUTHERN TENANT FOLK UNION - ALBUM LAUNCH CONCERT

The highly acclaimed folk/bluegrass band launches their seventh album with this special hometown concert. They've appeared on BBC TV's *Andrew Marr Show* plus been praised in *The Herald*, *Independent* & *Guardian*. With an exciting live act worked around a single microphone, this inventive quintet sell out arts centres across Europe.



Fri 25 Nov | 7.30pm (2hrs 30) | By donation (suggest £5/£4)
Adults

GUID CRACK: NAKED STORIES

No, we don't want anyone to leave their clothes at home! But this month we are doing something different & giving the traditional tales a night off. We want you to bring a personal story - a tale of travel, treasure or tender encounter. **Ruth Kirkpatrick** hosts this special night of true tales. Remember, truth can be stranger than fiction... Edinburgh's monthly storytelling night, currently held in the **Circus Café**, St. Mary's Street.



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Winter Warmers

In association with **Scotland's Winter Festivals** we present an inclusive celebration of winter traditions in Scotland, across generations, cultures, traditions & society.

Sat 26 Nov | 10.30am (4hrs) | £5 (*£4.50 SCS)

FOLK DRAMA: PLAY IN A DAY



A series of community-led plays, based around traditional folk drama, featuring the all-star **Netherbow Mummers**. Celebrate inclusive folk traditions by creating & performing a play in a day! A chance for all the family to participate in dance, drama, costume making & music before performing together in front of a live audience. Light refreshments provided.

Sat 26 Nov | 2.30pm (2hrs) | £5 (*£4.50 SCS)

FAMILY CEILIDH



Come with family & friends to dance well-known Scottish dances & sing well-known songs. All the dances will be called & there will be easier circles for the littler ones. A fun introduction to sociable dancing with live music. The Ceilidh will begin with a performance of the *Play in a Day* folk drama!



Tue 29 Nov | 2pm (2hrs) | Free

CAFÉ CEILIDH: ST. ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATION

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

Wed 30 Nov | 7.30pm (2hrs) | £8 (£6) (*£5.50 SCS)

LIGHT IN THE DARK

Stories, music & dance celebrating Scotland's multi-culturalism. As the winter nights draw in, we capture moments of light & beauty in the songs & stories that exist in Scotland today, with a variety of performers contributing to keep us warm through winter.

Wed 30 Nov - Sat 7 Jan | 10am-6pm | Free

100 SMALL WORKS 2016: SCOTTISH STORIES

Space Artworks was set up in 2012 to provide a diverse & creative arts space & to support artists in Scotland living with a disability or long term illness. *Scottish Stories* is the latest annual *100 Small Works Exhibitions*, where members of the community, affiliated groups & projects are asked to create small works on 15x15cm canvases, responding to a theme picked by the gallery.



Thu 1 - Sat 3 Dec | 11am (Fri-Sat) & 2.30pm (Thu-Sat) | £8 (£6) (£24 Family of 4) (*£5.50 SCS) | 4+

THE SECRET LIFE OF SUITCASES



Larry works in an office & he likes it very much. He likes sorting & tidying & generally putting things in order. Everything in its place, a place for everything. But one day, a suitcase suddenly appears at his door. A suitcase with Larry's name on it. And this suitcase has a mission... Join Larry as his world gets turned upside down by a fantastical flying suitcase in this funny & enchanting show. 'Completely delightful' **** (Scotsman). 'A fantastical life changing journey' **** (Herald).



Fri 2 Dec | 7.30pm (2hrs 30) | £6 (*£5.50 SCS)

SÉ BAILE

From VOXedinburgh

Sé Baile is the powerful telling of four women's stories in different mediums. The evening will support the work of Scottish charity **Saheliya**, a mental health & wellbeing organisation for black & minority ethnic women & girls. **VOXedinburgh** is a creative community which promotes artists & artisans, offering those who gather an opportunity to identify their talents & support a cause.



Tue 6 Dec | 7pm (2hrs) £8 (£6) (*£5.50 SCS)

CAMPBELL'S CEILIDH

Inspired sessions of story, song, music & dance bring the true spirit of a Scottish ceilidh, led by **Mairi Campbell** with occasional special guests. A different experience each time with no experience required, bring an instrument or just yourself to enjoy the entertainment. Get involved with lots of trad fun!

Fri 9 Dec | 7.30pm (2hrs) £8 (£6) (*£5.50 SCS)

ART OF THE STORYTELLER

The series continues with **Ruth Kirkpatrick & Ron Fairweather** sharing an evening of their favourite stories. Drawing on their experiences & inspirations from storytelling past & present, they cast a midwinter spell as Christmas approaches. For related workshop see page 19.

Sat 10 Dec | 11am (1hr) £5 per child | All Ages

THE STORY KIST: INCLUSIVE STORYTELLING



Whatever the weather outside, we're going to make our very own wee snowstorm at the Storytelling Centre! Come along for some icy stories, cosy tales & multi-sensory Christmas adventures with storytellers **Marie Louise Cochrane & Ailie Finlay**. Tactile props, games & joining-in for everyone, but particularly suitable for children with additional needs, their friends & families.



STRANGE TOWN revives three favourites from its formidable locker of plays for a festive celebration of theatre. Why not come along & enjoy a taste of the theatre makers of the future?

www.strangetown.org.uk

'Something special happens here, something transformative & important to everyone involved.' (Oliver Quinn, 16)



Fri 9 & Sat 10 Dec | 7pm (1hr) | £8.50 (£5.50) (*£5 SCS) | All Ages

THE DARK HAND OVER ONION STREET

by Sam Siggs

Malevolent forces have a hold over the young inhabitants of Onion Street. Will Christmas ever be the same again? Performed by the Friday 11-14s youth theatre group.

Sat 10 (3pm) & Sun 11 Dec (11.30am) | 1hr £8.50 (£5.50) (*£5 SCS) | All Ages

THE FROG PRINCE

by Tim Primrose

The Prince has been transmogrified into a frog! Everyone knows how to turn a frog into a prince, right? But who'd kiss a frog? Yuck! Performed by the Friday 8-10s youth theatre group.

Fri 9 & Sat 10 Dec | 9pm (1hr) | £8.50 (£5.50) (*£5 SCS) | All Ages

BABES IN THE WOOD

by Duncan Kidd

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure to find... no-good robbers, star-crossed lovers, a tone-deaf girl band, mischievous fairies & a misplaced cow. Performed by the Wednesday 11-14s youth theatre group.



Tue 13 Dec | 10am & 11.30am (40mins) £5 per child | 1-3yrs

TINY TALES: WINTER TAILS



Join the festive fun with **Anne Pitcher's** winter stories for wee ones. Meet all sorts of creatures big & small along with her many puppets, props & songs. All rounded off with a wee Christmas ceilidh dance! Please book in advance.

Thu 15 Dec | 7pm (2hrs) £5 (*£4.50 SCS)

CAFÉ VOICES: MIDWINTER TALES

Join storytellers from the Centre's apprenticeship programme for stories, songs & poems to warm the heart on a cold winter's night. The Centre's monthly storytelling session, with an open-floor section for storytellers to tell their own tales, all in the relaxed surroundings of the Storytelling Court.

Fri 16 Dec | 10am (18mths-3yrs) & 11.15am (4-6yrs)
Sat 17 Dec | 2.30pm (18mths-3yrs) & 3.45pm (4-6yrs)
45mins | £6 per child

STEP INTO CHRISTMAS

Join **Step It Up Dance** for creative Christmas storytelling & dance fun! You & your dancing tot will take the lead as the main character of our story, heading off on an adventure with Rudolph the Reindeer, Joseph the Snowman & Bella the Snow-Angel. Expect to wander along a snowy path, take part in fun-filled activities & experience the magic that Christmas brings.



Sat 17 Dec | 11am (1hr) | £6 per child | 3-5yrs
PUPPET SHOW & STORYMAKING WITH LE PETIT MONDE

Join Lapin & his French speaking puppet friends in their Christmas adventure! The show will be followed by a bilingual storymaking session where children & grown-ups can create their own Lapin story to take home. A fun & lively way to use new or already known French words.



Fri 23 & Sat 24 Dec | 1pm & 3pm (1hr) | £5 (*£4.50 SCS) | 4+

STORIES ROUND THE TREE
Join storyteller & puppeteer **Sylvia Troon** for a magical Christmas afternoon of wintry tales, all gathered round the Centre's Christmas tree.



Fri 30 Dec | 10.30am (4hrs) | £5 (*£4.50 SCS)

FOLK DRAMA: PLAY IN A DAY

A series of community-led plays, based around traditional folk drama, featuring the all-star **Netherbow Mummers**. Celebrate inclusive folk traditions by creating & performing a play in a day! A chance for all the family to participate in dance, drama, costume making & music before performing together in front of a live audience. Light refreshments provided.



Fri 30 Dec | 2.30pm (2hrs) | £5 (*£4.50 SCS)

FAMILY CEILIDH

Come with family & friends to dance well-known Scottish dances & sing well-known songs. All the dances will be called & there will be easier circles for the littler ones. A fun introduction to sociable dancing with live music. The Ceilidh will begin with a performance of the *Play in a Day* folk drama!



In association with Scotland's Winter Festivals

Fri 30 Dec | 7.30pm (2hrs 30) | By donation (suggest £5/£4) | Adults

GUID CRACK: THE DAFT DAYS

'Let mirth abound, let social cheer, invest the dawning of the year...'
(Robert Fergusson, 1772)

Party pieces wanted! Songs, jokes, monologues, cutlery balancing, hand shadows... Inspired by the poet who inspired Robbie Burns, **Andy Cannon** hosts an evening of stories, songs & capers in a contemporary revival of Edinburgh's Daft Days celebrations of yore! Edinburgh's monthly storytelling night, currently held in the **Circus Café**, St. Mary's Street.

Workshops & Development Days

Living Culture & Traditions

Presented by TRACS (Traditional Arts & Culture Scotland)



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TO BOOK WORKSHOP PLACES AT THE STORYTELLING CENTRE

Phone: 0131 556 9579

Online: www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk

In Person: **Mon - Sat, 10am-6pm**

We require five working days' notice of cancellation to guarantee a refund. You will receive an email reminder of your booking & a full programme in the week preceding the workshop. A booking fee of £1 per transaction is charged for online & phone bookings. No booking fee is applied to tickets purchased in person from the Centre's Box Office.

FOR OTHER LOCATIONS PLEASE SEE SPECIFIC BOOKING INFORMATION

PLANNING ON ATTENDING MORE THAN ONE WORKSHOP?

For discounted rates, become a member of the **Traditional Music Forum**, the **Scottish Storytelling Forum** or the **Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland**. See website for details.

Sat 1 Oct | 10.30am (6hrs) | £24 (£18 Forum Members) | Development

BRINGING THE SONG ALIVE

Incorporate movement & drama into singing & performance in this practical workshop for song leaders & singers. Share techniques, stimulate discussion & generate ideas in a supportive environment. Participants should bring a song they wish to 'bring alive' & explore in a group setting. If participants don't have a song, they can join in with session leaders, **Ellie Logan & Penny Stone**.





Fri 7 Oct | 2pm (2hrs 30) | £18 (£15 Forum Members) | Development

WORKING CREATIVELY WITH SMALL GROUPS 1: TALKING, LISTENING & STORYING

What are the skills involved in facilitating small groups? How can creativity & wellbeing support each other? This is the first in a series exploring core participative skills & attitudes, which looks specifically at story sharing. Presented in association with the **Scottish Recovery Network & Scottish Poetry Library's Living Voices**.

Sat 8 Oct | 10.30am (6hrs) | £24 (£18 Forum Members) | Development

BRINGING THE STORY ALIVE

Explore the performance aspect of live storytelling. How do traditional ways of storytelling interact with drama? What are the performance skills available & how can audience participation be encouraged? The day is appropriate for storytellers & performers of all kinds, group leaders & educators. Led by **Andy Canon & Allison Galbraith**, with host **Donald Smith**.

Fri 14 Oct | 2pm (2hrs 30) | £8 (£6 Forum Members) | Development

PLACING THE TALE: GUIDING & STORYTELLING

Join an afternoon of creative networking & resource sharing amongst tour guides & storytellers. Learn how tourism & local culture are natural partners & harvest some ideas & contacts, along with core skills. Hosted by **TRACS Development Team** with **Serenity Scotland Tours**.

Sat 15 Oct | 10.30am (6hrs) | £24 (£18 Forum Members) | Storytelling

STARTING WITH STORIES 1

A hands-on, practical introduction to live storytelling & associated skills. Storyteller & educator **Kate Walker** leads this



participatory session for anyone curious about discovering & developing their own storytelling talent. Let out your inner storyteller & learn to craft your skills.

Fri 28 Oct | 11am (5hrs) | Free (ticketed) Song & Music

GIFTING EVERY CHILD: LOCAL SONGS

Wighton Heritage Centre, Central Library, The Wellgate, Dundee DD1 1DB



LOCAL VOICES



Giftng Every Child is a free online resource that aims to provide every child in Scotland with a core repertoire of traditional songs, tunes, stories & dances. **TRACS** encourages musicians & singers to complement this core using local material. This workshop, led by the **Local Voices** team, **Steve Byrne & Chris Wright**, will show you how to locate, identify & research resources, while workshopping ways of using them creatively with young participants. Supported by the **Scottish Government Youth Music Initiative** for the **Traditional Music Forum**.

Book: www.localvoices.co.uk

Fri 11 Nov | 2pm (2hrs 30) | £15 (£12 Forum Members) | Song

LIFT YOUR VOICE: EXPLORE THE SCOTS SONG TRADITION 1

Bring a song of your own & gain confidence for singing sessions or ceilidhs. Learn how to choose the best song for you & explore phrasing & style with singer/songwriter, **Scott Murray**. Explore aspects of song transmission & performance with ethnologist, **Mairi McFadyen**. Anyone who wants to sing is welcome!

Sat 12 Nov | 12pm (4hrs) | £10 | Development

DARE TO PERFORM: WRITING FOR PERFORMANCE

Join performance poet **Jenny Lindsay** for a creative writing workshop which will explore ways to use personal stories to create imaginative literature for a live audience. This workshop is aimed at budding storytellers & spoken word poets aged 16-25, but all are welcome. Part of the **#DareToDream** Storytelling Festival Campaign 2016.

Sat 12 Nov | 10am (6hrs) | £12 (£10 Forum Members) | Dance

SHARE THIS DANCE! TRADITIONAL DANCE DEVELOPMENT DAY

Room 614, MacRobert Building, 581 King St, Aberdeen AB24 5UA

The annual occasion for the traditional dance community to meet, share, learn & support each other. This year, dancers, teachers & callers will share lesser-known dances from Scotland's social dance tradition, plus a series of open discussions will explore how we can work together to raise the profile of traditional dance & 'make a difference'. Everyone is encouraged to share a dance. Get in touch with **Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland** Coordinator, **Michelle Kelly** (info@tdfs.org) for more details. Day includes TDFS AGM. Lunch & refreshments included. **Book through the Scottish Storytelling Centre**.

Fri 18 Nov | 2pm (2hrs 30) | £15 (£12 Forum Members) | Song

LIFT YOUR VOICE: EXPLORE THE SCOTS SONG TRADITION 2

This follow-up workshop is a chance to share your songs & learn more about creative voices from the tradition. This participative session takes you a step further in developing your own singing style, working in a relaxed, supportive & enjoyable environment. With singer/songwriter **Scott Murray** & ethnologist **Mairi McFadyen**.





Sat 19 Nov | 10.30am (7hrs) | £5
Development Day

FROM HERITAGE TO CREATIVITY WITH SCOTLAND'S URBAN PAST

The Spectrum Centre, 1 Margaret Street,
Inverness IV1 1LS

Inspiration for all, open to all. Learn how community groups working on the story of their places have dreamt up imaginative, creative outcomes - making a greater impact - and how you can do the same! These networking & training opportunities combine **Historic Environment Scotland's Scotland's Urban Past** with the **#DareToDream** Storytelling Festival Campaign 2016. Book: www.scotlandsurbanpast.org.uk

Fri 25 Nov | 11am (5hrs) | Free (ticketed)
Song & Music

GIFTING EVERY CHILD: LOCAL SONGS

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Sun 27 Nov | 12pm (6hrs) | £30 (£25 Forum Members) | Development Day

TRAD TALK EXTRA: MUSIC

The Tolbooth, Stirling

This year's Trad Talk Extra is very much practically focused. With the digital world constantly changing, we'll look at the latest developments & how to use them best, from social media & crowdfunding to websites & podcasts. We'll also look at where we are with key issues for the traditional music world: repertoire, teaching & learning, promotion & performance. Day includes TMF AGM & will feature guest performers. Book through the **Scottish Storytelling Centre**.

Wed 30 Nov | 10am (7hrs) | Free (ticketed)
Development Day

BEMIS & TRACS: ST ANDREWS DAY OPEN CONFERENCE

Enhanced by Diversity - Connected by Humanity

Scotland's history & heritage belongs to all of Scotland's people. Ahead of 2017's Year of *History, Heritage & Archaeology*, this conference explores how we can realise the creative potential of our diverse cultural heritage in local communities & promote a dynamic, inclusive Scottish national identity.

Fri 2 Dec | 2pm (2hrs 30) | £18 (£15 Forum Members) | Development

WORKING CREATIVELY WITH SMALL GROUPS 2: PROMPTS TO MEMORY

What are the skills involved in facilitating small groups? How can creativity & wellbeing support each other? This is the second in a series exploring core participative skills & attitudes, which looks specifically at the role of the senses



& objects in prompting memory & shared experience. Presented in association with the **Scottish Recovery Network** & **Scottish Poetry Library's Living Voices**.

Sat 3 Dec | 10.30am (2hrs 30) | £10 (£8 Forum Members) | Storytelling

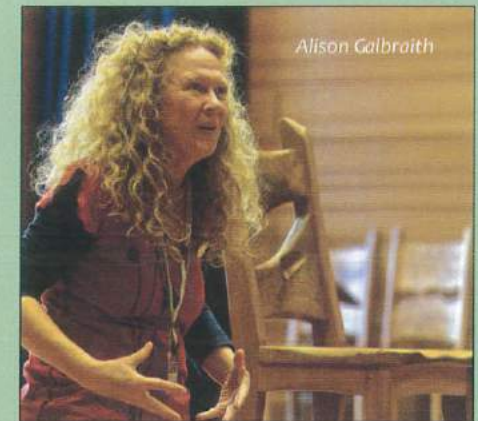
TELL ME A STORY FOR CHRISTMAS

Inspired by Duncan Williamson's renowned repertoire of Christmas & midwinter tales, **Linda Williamson** introduces the best stories for all ages, to encourage families & communities to celebrate the midwinter season through live storytelling! Storytellers, educators, community volunteers & individuals can all learn to get creative with stories this festive season.

Sat 3 Dec | 2pm (2hrs 30 mins) | £10 (£8 Forum Members) | Song & Music

SING A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS

Inspired by the wonderful repertoire of Christmas & midwinter songs, **Ali Burns** offers an afternoon of preparation & encouragement for anyone leading or supporting singing groups & choirs in education or community settings. Set yourself up for an inspiring midwinter of song as Ali gives invaluable insight into context, sources & enjoyment. In association with **Scotland Sings** - see www.sing.scot for workshops across Scotland.



Alison Galbraith

Fri 9 Dec | 4pm (2hrs) | £12 (£10 Forum Members) | Storytelling

ART OF THE STORYTELLER

What are the skills, experiences & inspirations that drive contemporary storytelling? **Ruth Kirkpatrick** & **Ron Fairweather** open a discussion on the arts of oral storytelling for storytellers of all kinds, with sandwiches & tea included. This session is followed by a performance in the *Art of the Storyteller* series at 7.30pm - see page 12.

Book a Local Workshop: Gifting Every Child

Gifting Every Child is a free online resource broadly targeted at 6 to 9 year olds. It provides a core introduction to the traditional arts of Song, Storytelling & Dance, including Scots & Gaelic. *Gifting Every Child* has been curated by storyteller **Bea Ferguson**, singer **Christina Stewart** & dancer **Mats Melin**. The resource includes text, video & audio, encouraging the user to pick & choose which elements are best suited to their situation, with material that can be catered towards different ages to enhance engagement & enjoyment.

Gifting Every Child is a starting point for building up local interest & resources. Everyone will add more material suitable to their own context & needs. We are inviting everyone living in Scotland to tap into our rich creative culture & make it their own. If you would like to book a local introductory session or partner with TRACS in fostering confidence & creativity through the Traditional Arts contact:

Donald Smith
donald@scottishstorytellingcentre.com
or **David Francis**
office@traditionalmusicforum.org

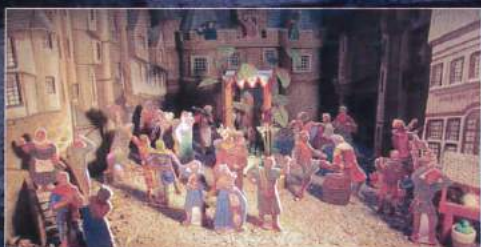
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ON STAGE

at John Knox House

In the atmospheric setting of Edinburgh's finest medieval house, explore ten unique installations. **Sandy Andrew Carr's** exhibition showcases Scotland's dramatic histories 'on location' - using the architecture of Old Edinburgh as a theatre set - with ten intricate theatre set models, ranging from the 1500s *Robin Hood Games*, played on the Royal Mile up to Stewart Conn's *The Burning* performed in 1971 at Edinburgh's **Royal Lyceum Theatre**.

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Large group? Get in touch & arrange a tour for your party 0131 556 9579.

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