

FESTIVAL OF DREAMS



SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL 2016

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21-31 OCTOBER

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Welcome

to the world's finest feast of traditional storytelling.

Festival of Dreams will explore our ability to dream something different into existence, acknowledging the power of storytelling to lift you out of time and place with the liberating power of imagination. Great stories well told have the ability to evoke indelible images in the mind of the listener...

The best of Scotland's storytelling talent will merge with invited guests from Spain, Central and South America, offering a plethora of dreamscapes and myths in an eleven-day celebration of live storytelling, oral traditions and cultural diversity.

Sustainability and Culture

Storytellers across the world bring a creative dimension to our sense of the environment and the living connection between natural ecology and sustainable culture. SISF is committed to a sustainable future, and to measuring and managing our environmental impacts. Please enjoy our eco-friendly events, use public transport wherever possible, and use our recycling facilities.



The Festival Team



David Campbell

The Scottish International Storytelling Festival is organised by **TRACS (Traditional Arts and Culture Scotland)** which brings together the Storytelling, Traditional Music and Traditional Dance Forums of Scotland from its base at the Scottish Storytelling Centre. The Festival is supported through **Scottish Government's Edinburgh Festivals Expo Fund, Creative Scotland, City of Edinburgh Council, and Festivals Edinburgh**. Special thanks to the **Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo**.

Special thanks to our national and international partners: Dario Fo Festival, Spanish Consulate General, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, National Library of Scotland, National Galleries of Scotland, Royal Observatory Edinburgh, Edinburgh Museums & Galleries, Mercat Tours, Beltane Fire Society, Leith Community Crops in Pots,

Lochend Secret Garden, Dr Neil's Garden Trust, Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature, Burgh Blatherers, Circus Cafe, Dig It! 2017, Scotland's Urban Past, Transition Network, Eco-Schools Scotland and Lateral North. **Special thanks to our regional partners:** Orkney Storytelling Festival, Portskerra International Storytelling Festival,



Elphinstone Institute, Argyll and Bute Council, Resonate Arts House, The Village Storytelling Centre, Bletcher Tay-Gither, Eyemouth Primary School Festival, Kingdom Crack, Burgh Blatherers, Inverness Storytelling Festival, TamFest, Sensing Place project, PAMIS and Tayberry Tales.

About the programme

We've **categorised** our events to ensure your storytelling experience is **exactly what you're looking for**, be it an evening gathering in jovial company soaking up stories, daytime events for the whole family to get involved with or workshop sessions so you can get creative.

How to book

Tickets for all events at the **Scottish Storytelling Centre** (plus paid events at the **NLS**) can be booked by phone, online or in person through the Centre's Box Office. All other partner venues have their own booking outlets. See the back cover for details. For regional event details, see individual listings.

The Festival box office is open from **Mon 5 Sep, 10am - 6pm.**

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www.tracscotland.org/festivals

Free events at the National Library of Scotland will be bookable from **Thu 15 Sep** on www.nls.uk/events or +44 (0) 131 623 3734.

Become a Festival Supporter

Enjoy an array of benefits by choosing one of our Supporting schemes.

Festival Supporter, £20

expires on Tue 1 Nov 2016

- › Discounts on many Scottish International Storytelling Festival events at the Storytelling Centre
- › 10% discount in the Storytelling Centre's bookshop, during SISF 2016 dates
- › 10% discount in the Story Café, during SISF 2016 dates
- › Invite to launch party on Fri 21 Oct
- › Contributing to the development of the SISF

Storytelling Centre Supporter, £30

expires after 1 year

- › Discounts on many Storytelling Centre events, including TradFest and Scottish International Storytelling Festival events
- › 10% discount in the Storytelling Centre's bookshop
- › 10% discount in the Story Café
- › Invites to special events, also including SISF 2016 launch party on Fri 21 October
- › A quarterly mailing of our What's On guide (by post if desired)
- › Contributing to the development and work of the SSC

Look for the supporter prices in the listings which look like this - £5

We rely on the generosity of our supporters and funders to help us bring our work to life, share it with the widest possible audience and keep our ticket prices affordable. Our audience is essential in helping us to deliver high quality storytelling, music and dance events. With your help, we are able to do more and to do it better.

To book your Supporter scheme call our team on **+44 (0) 131 556 9579**

For further enquiries email supporters@scottishstorytellingcentre.com

How to get here

The Scottish Storytelling Centre's award-winning building is the hub of the Festival, located half way down Edinburgh's Royal Mile, within easy walking distance of Princes Street and Waverley train station. There is no parking directly outside the Centre, but Lothian bus number 35 stops outside our door, and there's a taxi rank just up the road.

- › Fully accessible to wheelchair users
- › Hearing loop
- › Braille signage throughout
- › Licensed Café and Storytelling Book Shop

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Scottish Storytelling Centre | 43-45 High Street | EH1 1SR



Festival Local

From Thu 1 September to
Wed 30 November 2016

Dare to Dream

The **Scottish International Storytelling Festival** invites everyone to join in the collective act of dreaming a better future.

What are the stories that are yet to be told? Our local grassroots schools and communities campaign invites the public to **Dare to Dream**: to dream the stories of the past and the future. Building on last year's campaign - **Dig Where You Stand** - we also invite you to discover the stories of your own local place.

Every place, every community, every person has a story to tell. The kind of stories we tell shape our lives and our worlds, both real and imaginary. Sometimes stories can help us to think about our worlds in new ways. All of us together can expand what's possible by telling, listening to and inventing new stories.

Join us!

Share your stories, dreams and creations online using the hashtag

#DareToDream

and help us create a crowd-sourced vision for the future.



Ian Stephen



Maclastroy session



To register your event, access local resources and for more information contact:

www.daretodream.scot



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Festival Exhibitions

Until Sun 3 April 2017

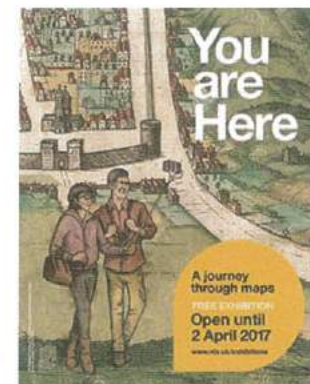
You Are Here: A Journey through Maps

National Library of Scotland

Mon - Fri: 10am - 8pm | Sat: 10am - 5pm | Sun: 2 - 5pm

Free entry | All ages

Maps are everywhere proclaiming YOU ARE HERE - on our phones, in our cars and pockets, on walls, bus stops and advertisements. This exhibition challenges our acceptance of maps, by posing questions about how they are made and how we understand them. Drawn from the Library's collection of more than two million maps and atlases, the exhibition zooms out from the Library to the whole world. The display includes one of the finest plans of Edinburgh and the first map of Scotland, as well as utilitarian railways, fishing and schoolroom maps.



Thu 6 - Sun 30 October

Dario Fo: Artist, activist, inspiration

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Mon - Sat, 10am - 6pm, and before events

Free entry | All ages

An exhibition of Dario Fo's paintings, including works featured in his latest book, *New Tricks of the Trade*. Playwright, actor, comedian, singer, theatre director, stage designer, songwriter, painter and political campaigner, Dario Fo is arguably the most widely performed living playwright in world theatre. Recipient of the 1997 Nobel Prize in Literature, his plays, including *Can't Pay? Won't Pay!*, *The Virtuous Burglar*, *Mistero Buffo*, *Trumpets & Raspberries* and *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*, have been translated into 30 languages. His work as a visual artist is less well known outside Italy and has never been seen in the UK. It shares many of the qualities of his writing - fantasy, radicalism and provocation combined with a love of storytelling and deep awareness of history. Explore Dario Fo's 70 year career as theatre-maker and political activist, and see the story of a hugely influential and important figure in European theatre.



We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of Dario Fo in providing the artwork to visualise SIFS 2016.

The exhibition is also at the **Italian Cultural Institute** and the **Royal Lyceum Theatre**, with performances, talks and workshops. Funded by **Creative Scotland** and supported by the **Italian Cultural Institute**.

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Eleven

Opening Weekend



Daniel Allison

Friday 21 October

Festival Key Note: Cervantes the Storyteller

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Talks & Lectures
5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) **£5**
Adults

Dr Ted Bergman presents a talk dedicated to the most influential work of literature from the Hispanic world. To commemorate the 400th anniversary of Miguel de Cervantes' death, enjoy an introduction to the renowned dreamer and storyteller, *The Ingenious Gentleman Don Quixote of La Mancha*.

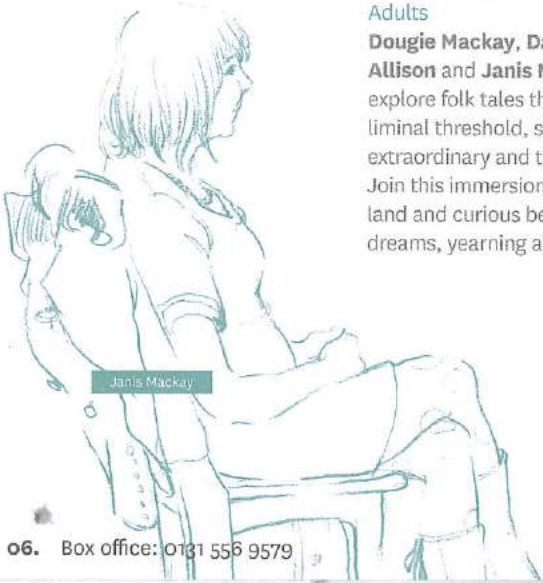
Dreams and Nightmares

Departs from Mercat Cross, besides St Giles Cathedral
Walking Tour
6pm (1hr 30) | £13
Auld Reekie, the Athens of the North. Our city and our people weave two tales. Edinburgh has seen centuries of ambition and glory alongside riot and ruin. We'll show you closes and courtyards to share tales where dreams were made, and nightmares unfolded. Organised by **Mercat Tours**.

Once our Valleys were Ringing

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) **£5**
Adults

Dougie Mackay, Daniel Allison and Janis Mackay explore folk tales that cross the liminal threshold, spanning the extraordinary and the everyday. Join this immersion where people, land and curious beings merge in dreams, yearning and possibility.



Janis Mackay

Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
8pm (1hr 45) | £9 (£7.50) **£6**
Adults

Join storytellers and musicians in a relaxed traditional session round the hearth, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow with pictures in the fire. Hosted by Festival Director, **Donald Smith** with **Janis Mackay** and **Mairi McFadyen**. The perfect way to end your first Festival day.

Saturday 22 October

This is Where Dreams are Made

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Workshop
10.30am (6hrs) | £15 (£12) **£11**
Adults

Playing with words, sounds, movement and story, this workshop for adults takes inspiration from traditional tales, exploring the links and resonances in our own lives. **InterPlay** leader **Mairi Campbell** shares her skills as musician and improviser, while **David Campbell** draws on his practice as a storyteller, tradition bearer and mischievous elf... All you need is what you already have. Fill in the gaps with fun!

Snug as a Bug?

Leith Community Craft
Family Event
11am (1hr) | Free | All ages
Storyteller **Rosie Mapplebeck** lives in a nature garden where she makes new homes for tiny creatures. Share stories of her animal, bird and bee friends and make a beastie bed-box, in Leith's renowned crofting garden, on the west side of the Links.

The Faerie Folk of Lochend's Secret Garden

Lochend Secret Garden
Family Event
11.30am (1hr) | Free | All ages
Join storyteller **Jane Mather** for a morning of tales, discovery and hidden surprises. Family event, all welcome. *Limited access for wheelchairs in case of wet weather.*

Dare to Dream Day

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Family Event
2pm (2hrs) | Free (ticketed) | 6+
Through storytelling, the liberating power of imagination is open to everyone, big or small! Imagine you live in the best possible future. What stories would you tell to the world today, from the future of your dreams? Come along to our **Dare to Dream Day** and help us dream a better future together.

Book of the Howlat

National Library of Scotland
Family Event
2pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed) | 6+
Hear the story of the young owl who longs to change his feathers, told by Scots Scriever **Hamish MacDonald**, and then create your own art work inspired by the birds in the tale, with artist and illustrator **Kate Leiper**. Reserve tickets: www.nls.uk/events



Ruben Corbett

Plant Power & Folk Stories

Dr Neil's Garden
Family Event
2.30pm (1hr) | Free | All ages
Enjoy storytelling and the folklore of plant medicine in this very secret and special garden in Duddingston Village at the bottom of Arthur's Seat. A folktale tour of Dr Neil's beautiful garden, wild meadow, Physic Garden, Loch and tower with storyteller and folklorist, **Allison Galbraith**. Outdoor event on hilly terrain, suitable for all the family.

Bedtime Stories

Museum of Childhood
Family Event
3pm & 4pm (1hr) | Free, drop-in
Children 3 - 8
In the cosy atmosphere of the Museum of Childhood's *Bedtime Stories* exhibition, hear wondrous tales of dreams and adventures from storyteller **Ailie Finlay**, colourfully illuminated by a Victorian magic lantern show. You can also see and touch the museum's magic lanterns and view slides never displayed before! *No need to book, but space is limited so arrive early to avoid disappointment.*

World of Dreams

Circus Cafe
Live Storytelling
3.30pm (1hr 30) | £7 (£5) | All ages
Dream stories capture imaginations all over the world. Join Edinburgh's **Burgh Blatherers** on a trip through sleeping and waking, near and far. With **Bob Mitchell, Beverley Bryant, Joshua Bryant, Jill McPherson, Jared Kropp Thiery, Dorothy Melville, Phyllis Davison, Ruairidh McIntosh, Beverley Casebow** and **Lynsey Wright**. Tickets: www.facebook.com/theburghblatherers

Festival Key Note: Simón Bolívar - The Liberator

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Talks & Lectures
3.30pm (50 mins) | £7.50 (£6) **£5**
Adults
Matthew Brown gives fresh insight into the controversial father of South American independence and democracy. This is one of the continent's defining stories - but what exactly is its significance for all the countries that still acknowledge Bolívar as "the Liberator"?

Stories from Mexico and Panama

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) **£5**

Adults

With his double cultural background, storyteller **Rubén Corbett** treats you to stories from both Central American countries. Venture into pivotal places in world geography which have spawned huge imaginative energies. Bilingual support by storyteller **Laura Escuela**.

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Canongate Stars & Stories

Departs from Scottish Storytelling Centre

Walking Tour

6pm (2hrs)

Free, sign-up on the day | Adults
Celebrate 500 years of the Canongate's incredible literary history with the launch of **Canongate Stars & Stories**, a trail which shines a light on the books that have shaped Scotland from the heart of Auld Reekie. Weave your way down the Canongate and discover the books, words and ideas upon which this City of Literature has been built. Organised by **Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature Trust**, with storytellers **Donald Smith** and **Ken Cockburn**.

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Reflecting Fridas

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) **£5**

Adults

The life and work of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo inspires this event, created and performed by Brazilian storyteller **Ana Maria Lines**. In the artist's words, "I paint myself because I am so often alone and because I am the subject I know best." What is the power of Kahlo's art in her own life, and what did she have to overcome to enrich our collective dreaming?



Donald Smith

Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

8pm (1hr 45) | £9 (£7.50) **£6**

Adults

Join storytellers and musicians from Scotland and abroad in a relaxed traditional session round the hearth, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow with pictures in the fire. Hosted by storyteller **Michael Kerins**, with Jamaican guest **Amina Blackwood** and Cuban guest **Beatriz Quintana**. The perfect way to end your day.

Sunday 23 October

Autumn Dream: Storytelling Day at the Garden

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Family Event

1pm (3hrs) | Free | All ages

Storytellers will animate Edinburgh's Botanic Garden for a relaxed afternoon of stories for all the family. Meet at the Storytelling Yurts, where they will take you on story journeys into the beautiful surroundings. Nature, gardens and dreams will meet, enriched by late autumn colours.

Stories in Bottles

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

3pm (1hr 30) | £7.50 (£6) **£5** | 6+

For the beachcomber, a castaway bottle signals the start of adventure and romance, but what are the tales of the people who put precious messages or objects into bottles and tossed them to the mercy of the sea? Find out from storyteller **Alexandria Patience** with live music by **Donald McNeill**.

Eduardo Galeano: Rescuing the Kidnapped Memory of Latin America

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Talks & Lectures

5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) **£5**

Adults

Alastair Hulbert celebrates in words, images and music the great Uruguayan, Eduardo Galeano, who died last year. "I am a writer," Galeano explains in his wonderful trilogy, *Memory of Fire*, "who would like to contribute to the

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Liliana Bonel

rescue of the kidnapped memory of Latin America, that despised and beloved land. I would like to talk to her, share her secrets, ask her of what difficult clays she was born, from what acts of love and violation she comes."

Stories from Argentina

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) **£5**

Adults

Storyteller **Liliana Bonel** transports you to the Southern hemisphere, where the vast lands of Argentina still hold a hidden treasure of legends and folk tales, with which Scotland and Wales are especially connected. Bilingual support by storyteller **Laura Escuela**.

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Adults

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Festival Week



Mia Shapley

Monday 24 October

Education Day

Seeing Where You Are: A Journey through Mapping

National Library of Scotland
Workshop
11am (2hrs) | £15 (£12) | Adults
A workshop exploring possibilities for using mapping resources in imaginative ways for educators and creative practitioners, inspired by the Library's current exhibition. Led by Library staff, in partnership with storyteller/author **Lari Don** and artist/educator **Amanda Gizzi**.

Connect through Storytelling Education

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Workshop
2pm (2hrs 30) | £15 (£12) | Adults
A fantastic opportunity for educators and storytellers to explore the role of storytelling across all aspects of the school curriculum, as well as for lifelong learning. Led by guest storytellers **Beatriz Quintana**, **Wayqui César Villegas Astete**, **Mauricio Patiño Acevedo**, **Amina Blackwood** and **Betty Mindlin**. Bilingual support by **Laura Escuela**.

The Story of a Nicaraguan Family

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Talks & Lectures
5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) | Adults
Rosa of the Wild Grass is a true story which spans the last fifty years of the life of the small republic of Nicaragua. The book's author, **Fiona Macintosh**, unravels a fascinating and deeply moving personal and family chronicle, which she has devoted herself to bringing to life.

Stories from Jamaica

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) | Adults
Storyteller **Amina Blackwood** introduces you to the richness of Jamaican oral traditions in an evening that promises to be filled with all the vibrant energy expressed in Caribbean tales. Crick? Crack!

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Tuesday 25 October

Connect through Storytelling: Community

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Workshop
2pm (2hrs 30) | £15 (£12) | Adults
Join **Drut'syla Shonaleigh** to explore Jewish storytelling traditions as a way of connecting to community. This *Connect through Storytelling* series is for all those interested in developing storytelling approaches within their own art, professional practice and lives.

A Journey through Maps

National Library of Scotland
Live Storytelling
2pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed) | Adults
An afternoon of readings and stories on the theme of maps, mapping, journeys and travel, to complement the Library's current exhibition, with exhibition curator **Paula Williams** and storyteller **Marion Kenny**. Reserve tickets: www.nls.uk/events

The Women who Made the Mountains Sing

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) | Adults
A unique, multilingual storytelling creation between Finnish Rune singer and storyteller, **Anna-Maria Toivonen** and Highland Perthshire storyteller, **Claire Hewitt**. Step with them into the Land of the Long Ago Women, where they will weave for you an ancient Finnish tale *The Maiden who Rose from the Sea*.

The Alan Bruford Lecture

'The Space Between is Where the Maysie Lives': Presence, Imagination and Experience in the Traditional Ballad
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Talks & Lectures
6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) | Adults
Dr Mairi McFadyen invites us to reflect on the magic and power of stories in song. Words and music, singer and listener, past and present fuse together in the "ballad experience", sending shivers up the spine and unlocking layers of imagination, memory and meaning. Mairi will draw on her



Marion Kenny

research with Travellers and ballad singers, featuring archive material from the **School of Scottish Studies Archives**. Lecture held in memory of Alan Bruford, folklore scholar and archivist.

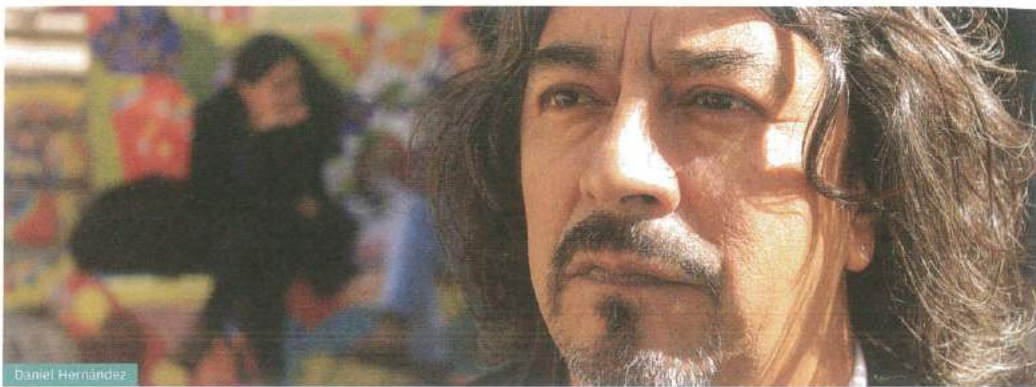
Open Hearth

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Live Storytelling
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Wednesday 26 October

Community Gardens

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Talks & Lectures
11am (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed) | Adults
Edinburgh's history saw physic gardens playing an important role in people's health and wellbeing. In recent years, Edinburgh has seen the broader development of community gardens. Can we draw a connection between the past and the present? Do community gardens play a role in the contemporary understanding of health and environment? Talk and discussion at the Botanic Cottage with **Jane Mather**, **Claudia Pottier** and **Evie Murray**. Reserve tickets: www.thebotanics.eventbrite.co.uk



Daniel Hernández

Connect through Storytelling: Living

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Workshop
2pm (2hrs 30) | £15 (£12) £11
Adults

Join Colombian-Chilean storyteller **Daniel Hernández** to explore the parallels between the art of living and the art of telling stories. In this workshop, he will take you through his three step process: learning the essence of telling stories to others, living your own stories and telling stories with heart. This *Connect through Storytelling* series is for all those interested in developing storytelling approaches within their own art, professional practice and lives.

Stories in the Skies

National Library of Scotland
Live Storytelling
2.30pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed)
Adults

An afternoon of stories and poems as part of the Festival's star-gazing strand. Dream the magic of the heavens with the participation of **Joanna Geyer-Kordesch**, **Donald Smith** and **Janis Mackay**. Reserve tickets: www.nls.uk/events

In the Green Heart

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) £5
Adults

"In the green heart of a fallen oak I found this story." An original folktale inspired by the work of sculptor Tim Stead and the beauty of Scotland's woodlands. Storyteller **Jean Edmiston** shares stories of magical gardens and misty forests, full of dreams and enchantment.

Star Tales

Royal Observatory Edinburgh
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
8+

Shining from a distant time when man looked to the heavens for guidance and truth, star stories from tribal people reveal the moral imperative for life on earth. For modern astronomers, light received from distant corners of the cosmos tells its own tale about the origins of our Universe and our place within it. A session devoted to the observable facts and mysterious fictions of star lore, with storyteller **Linda Williamson**, harpist **Mio Shapley** and staff from the **Royal Observatory Edinburgh**. See Festival website to reserve tickets on Eventbrite.

Diario da Floresta - The Forest Diary

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) £5
Adults

Brazilian anthropologist **Betty Mindlin** has worked with and on behalf of indigenous people in Brazil for many years. Together with Brazilian storyteller **Ana Maria Lines**, she shares some of the myths and traditions of the Suruí Paiter people from Rondônia in western Brazil, while insisting on indigenous rights with regard to land claims, healthcare and education.

Dream Feast

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
8pm (2hrs) | £11 (£9) £8 | Adults

Enter the Garden of Dreams, make yourself comfortable and enjoy a night of tasty stories with the enchanting **Shonaleigh**. Multi-cultural buffet included, along with a multi-option menu of ever flowing tales, accompanied with music by **Mohammed Nafea**, **Marion Kenny** and **Douglas Hudson**.

Thursday 27 October

Sensing Place - Sharing Event

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Talk & Lectures
11am (1hr) | Free (ticketed) | Adults
What stories are important to you? **Sensing Place** harnesses the power of storytelling and archive film to explore new ways to get involved in creative work that has its roots in where you live. Over the summer, communities across East Ayrshire, Dumfries & Galloway and the Scottish Borders have been working with a storyteller, a filmmaker and a curator to create new site-specific works in partnership with local festivals and promoters. Join **Andrew Ormston** and **Shona Thomson** as they share the story of this innovative arts project. Project blog: sensingplace.eu. Supported by the National Lottery through Creative Scotland, and part of BFI's Britain on Film programme.

Connect through Storytelling: Voice

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Workshop
2pm (2hrs 30) | £15 (£12) £11
Adults

Ever wished your voice sounded better, richer, or more expressive? Join storyteller and voice teacher **Giles Abbott** to learn how to connect to your natural voice quickly and simply, hearing yourself as you have never done before. This *Connect through Storytelling* series is for all those interested in developing storytelling approaches within their own art, professional practice and lives.

Second Sight: Seeing in Highland Tradition

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Talks & Lectures
5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) £5
Adults

Storyteller and tradition bearer **George Macpherson** of Glendale in Skye explores the phenomena of super-sensory "seeing" in the Gaelic traditions of the Highlands and Islands. Are they connected with older Druidic beliefs and if so, how has it been expressed in more recent times? George's new book, *The Old Grey Magician*, digs into related unique material surviving in oral culture.

From Borges to Bugs

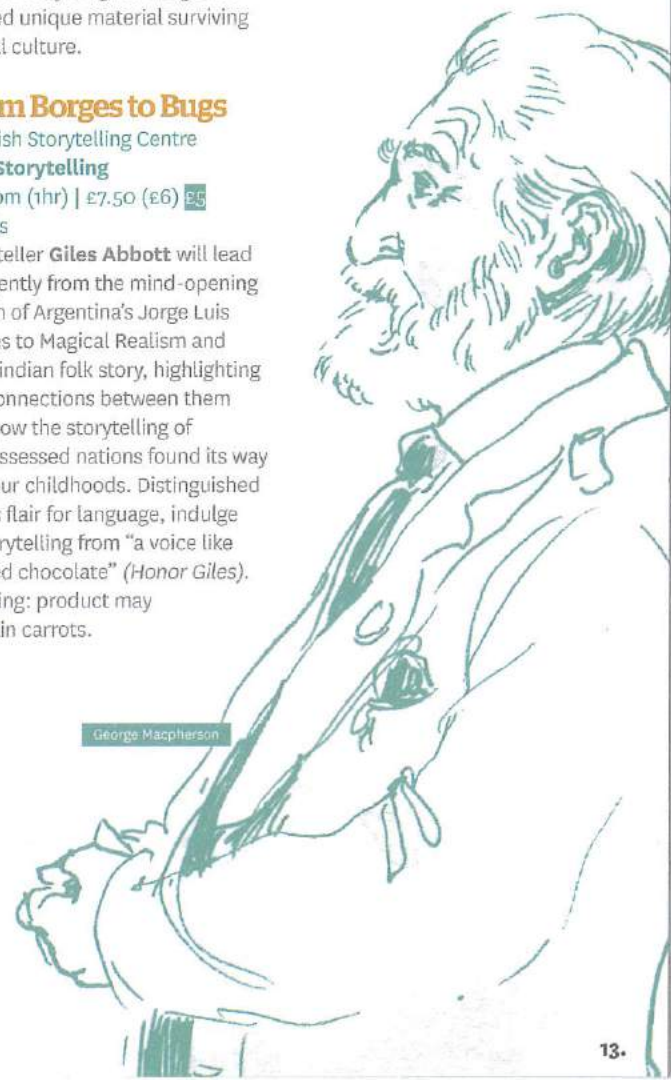
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Storyteller **Giles Abbott** will lead you gently from the mind-opening fiction of Argentina's Jorge Luis Borges to Magical Realism and Amerindian folk story, highlighting the connections between them and how the storytelling of dispossessed nations found its way into our childhoods. Distinguished by his flair for language, indulge in storytelling from "a voice like melted chocolate" (*Honor Giles*). Warning: product may contain carrots.

Open Hearth

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George Macpherson



Mara Menzies

Friday
28 October

Connect through Storytelling: Heart of the Tale

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Workshop

2pm (2hrs 30) | £15 (£12) £17
Adults

The theme of connection runs through all great stories and is the gift at the heart of the tale. Storytellers **Steve Killick** and **Alette Willis** lead a series of exercises that deepen your connections with the stories you tell, the people you tell them to and your own storytelling journey. This *Connect through Storytelling* series is for all those interested in developing storytelling approaches within their own art, professional practice and lives.

From the Scottish Borders to South America

National Library of Scotland
Live Storytelling

2pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
Adults

An afternoon exploring the story of George Anderson, one of the many Borders shepherds who sought a new life in South America during the 19th century. His story will be woven with traditional tales and ballads from the old country, plus stories from the new world. With storytellers **Mary Kenny**, **Daniel Hernández** and curator **Andrew Martin**. Reserve tickets: www.nls.uk/events



Wayqui César Villegas Astete

A Human Love Story

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling

2pm (2hrs) | £7.50 (£6) £5
Adults

By sharing stories we allow ourselves to become vulnerable, enabling connection and nurturing empathy with others. In that compassion lies the heart of true community. Over the last three years **Matt Hopwood** has walked more than 1500 miles through England, connecting and sharing love stories with people he meets on pathways, corners, in pubs, in prisons, at the opera, in chapels and in homes. He continues his pilgrimage, walking from Berwick to Callanish, stopping by the Festival to share his gatherings of emotive and powerful human experiences.

Tales of Don Roberto

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling

5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) £5
Adults

Writer **Jamie Jauncey** grew up with stories from the extraordinary life of his great-grand-uncle, Robert Cunninghame Graham, politician, author, horseman and adventurer. But who was "Don Roberto" really, and what was it like to have such a figure as part of the family backdrop? Experience afresh one of Scotland's most gallant adventurers in art, life and politics.

Stories from Peru

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling

6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) £5
Adults

Be prepared for an intimate evening where ancient Peruvian tales and legends are brought to life through the enchanting storyteller **Wayqui (Brother) César Villegas Astete**. No landscape has done more to generate myths and folklore. Bilingual support by storyteller **Laura Escuela**.

Guid Crack at Hallowe'en

Circus Cafe
Club Event

7.30pm (2hrs 30) | By donation (£5)
Adults

Edinburgh's renowned storytelling club holds its open Friday night session for Hallowe'en, with guest storyteller **Mara Menzies**. Expect scares and frightful tales, but lots of humour too.

Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling

8pm (1hr 45) | £9 (£7.50) £6
Adults

Join storytellers and musicians from Scotland and abroad in a relaxed traditional session round the hearth, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow with pictures in the fire. Hosted by storyteller **George Macpherson**, with Peruvian guest storyteller **Wayqui César Villegas Astete** and **Heather Yule**. Bilingual support by storyteller **Laura Escuela**. The perfect way to end your day.

Festival Diary

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1pm	Autumn Dream: Storytelling Day at the Garden	RBGE	09
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5pm	Eduardo Galeano: Rescuing the Kidnapped Memory of Latin America	SSC	09
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8pm	Open Hearth	SSC	10
Tue 25 Oct			
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2pm	A Journey through Maps	NLS	11
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Wed 26 Oct			
11am	Community Gardens	RBGE	11
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6.30pm	Ghostly Tales for Telling	NLS	20
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Venue Key

SSC
Scottish Storytelling Centre
NLS
National Library of Scotland
RBGE
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

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www.tracscotland.org/festivals

Finale Weekend



Saturday 29 October

A Spooky Time in the Museum

Museum of Childhood

Family Event

10.30am & 1.30pm (2hrs)

Free, drop-in | All ages

It's time for the skeletons to rattle their bones, but can you make them glow? Draw and paint a skeleton to glow in the dark and scare the other ghouls and ghosts away!

Family Samhuinn

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Family Event

12pm (3hrs) | Free | All ages

In the Celtic calendar, the traditional festival of Samhuinn is a time when the veil between the land of the living and the departed is thinnest. Enjoy a day of crafting, face painting, dancing, drumming and other fun activities, plus stories from our mesmerising costumed storytellers. The day will have a spooky theme and everyone is invited to come in their scariest costumes, but the event will be suitable for families of all ages – we promise not to give your grown-ups too many nightmares, kids! Make Samhuinn memorable and celebrate with us.

Don Quixote de la Mancha!

When Dreams become Stories

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

3pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) **£5** | 6+

A bilingual storytelling show based on *Don Quixote de la Mancha* and filled with humour and live music. The irrepressible **David & Monna** will guide you into Miguel de Cervantes' classic tale, inviting you to awaken the dreamer that everyone has within, through the love and joy of reading and storytelling.

Stories from Chile

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) **£5**

Adults

Enjoy an afternoon in the company of Colombian-Chilean storyteller **Daniel Hernández** and let your imagination roam through the varied landscape and cultures of Chile, which stretches from the Antarctic region to the tropics.

Dreams and Nightmares

Departs from Mercat Cross,

besides St Giles Cathedral

Walking Tour

6pm (1hr 30) | £13

Auld Reekie, the Athens of the North. Our city and our people weave two tales. Edinburgh has

seen centuries of ambition and glory alongside riot and ruin. We'll show you closes and courtyards to share tales where dreams were made, and nightmares unfolded. Organised by Mercat Tours.

Stories from Colombia

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) **£5**

Adults

Colombia is a tropical land that smells of coffee and blossoms with stories. But it is also a country with ancient roots and a distinct storytelling imagination. Enjoy listening to its voices with storyteller **Mauricio Patiño Acevedo**.

Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

8pm (1hr 45) | £9 (£7.50) **£6**

Adults

Join storytellers and musicians from Scotland and abroad in a relaxed traditional session round the hearth, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow with pictures in the fire. Hosted by storyteller **Ian Stephen**, with Colombian-Chilean guest **Daniel Hernández**, Colombian guest **Mauricio Patiño Acevedo** and music by Chilean guest **Carlos Arredondo**. The perfect way to end your day.



Sunday 30 October

Halloween at the Castle

Lauriston Castle

Family Event

10am (3hrs) | £6 | All ages

Enjoy an afternoon of treats and fun in the old creepy Castle at this ever-popular Halloween event. Full costumes encouraged and watch out for our ghosts and ghouls! *Note: These sessions are structured and not drop in.* Booking via the Usher Hall on 0131 228 1155.

Clown: From Shadow to Light

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Workshop

12pm (2hrs) | £15 (£12) **£11** | Adults

Join **David & Monna**, the Festival's Cervantes storytellers, to awaken your inner clown. A little death of "what we think we are" allows a rebirth in the depths of our being, in search of our own light, vulnerability and innocence.

The Sound of Stuff

Scottish National Gallery

of Modern Art, MOD1

Family Event

2pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed) | 2-4

3pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed) | 5+

Explore the secret life of materials through words and senses with **Kate Temple** and the **Zoom Club**. Participate in a promenade through the gallery and create your own sounds, words and stories using materials inspired by the work of Karla Black and Kishio Suga. The event is in partnership with **Puppet Animation Scotland**. Reserve tickets via Eventbrite, see www.nationalgalleries.org

Guisers Galore

Scottish Storytelling Centre

& Tron Kirk

Live Storytelling

2.30pm (2hrs) | Free | 5+

What's Guising? Come along and learn a song, a poem and a dance for real Halloween guising, then follow the **Old Town Guisers** parade or prepare for guising in your local area. Rehearsals at the Storytelling Centre every half hour from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Bring your own costume or mask. Not suitable for children under 5. All children must be accompanied.

Dream Maps and Creation Stories

National Library of Scotland

Live Storytelling

2.30pm (2hrs) | Free (ticketed)

Adults

Did you know that Shakespearean actors used to navigate a play by the stars? Ever wondered how different cultures explain how the stars were created? Explore memory and myth in this family-friendly story workshop led by **Jan Bee Brown**. Walk through the map exhibition, *You Are Here* and then create your own dream map. Reserve tickets: www.nls.uk/events

Stories from Cuba

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

3pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) **£5**

Adults

Experience Cuba in a time of change and transition as storyteller **Beatriz Quintana** awakens your imagination and takes you on a special journey to the world of Cuban stories, unfolding their rhythms and their colourful beauty.

Macbeth - Playing Scottish

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) **ES**
Adults

As darkness descends, join one of Scotland's finest storytellers for an oral rendition of William Shakespeare's darkest tragedy, in honour of **Shakespeare400** - commemorating 400 years since the Bard's death. Macbeth tells of the damaging effects of political ambition on those who seek power for its own sake, and the perils of dabbling in witchcraft. Storyteller **Marion Kenny** is joined by her brother **John Kenny**, an internationally acclaimed musician playing an ancient Celtic hunting horn, the Deskford Carnyx, which is guaranteed to raise the spirit - or the hackles.

Dreams and Nightmares

Departs from Mercat Cross, besides St Giles Cathedral

Walking Tour

6pm (1hr 30) | £13

Auld Reekie, the Athens of the North. Our city and our people weave two tales. Edinburgh has seen centuries of ambition and glory alongside riot and ruin. We'll show you closes and courtyards to share tales where dreams were made, and nightmares unfolded.

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Stories from the shadows: Chile

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) **ES**
Adults

Storytellers **Daniel Serridge**, **Lauren Bianchi** and **Dougie Mackay** take you into the dark and disturbing world of Chilean folklore. Sitting off the coast of Chile lies the Chiloé Archipelago, a mysterious place rich in myths to chill your bones. Featuring shadow puppetry and song, this evening will prove to be the perfect Hallowe'en warm up, if you dare!

Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

8pm (1hr 45) | £9 (£7.50) **ES**
Adults

Join storytellers and musicians from Scotland and abroad in a relaxed traditional session round the hearth, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow with pictures in the fire. Hosted by storyteller **Jess Smith**, with **Amina Blackwood** from Jamaica, **Mauricio Patifio Acevedo** from Colombia, **Mara Menzies** and **David Francis**. The perfect way to end your day.

Monday 31 October

Once Upon a Hallowe'en

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Family Event

2pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed) | 7+
Primary school pupils share tales of their own creation, with storyteller **Tim Porteus** who has nurtured their storytelling imaginations. Enjoy the talents of some of Scotland's youngest storytellers.

Ghostly Tales for Telling

National Library of Scotland

Live Storytelling

6.30pm (2hrs) | £7 (£6)
Adults

It is two hundred years since a rainy, lonely ghost story challenge on Lake Geneva, where Frankenstein's monster breathed for the first time! Six winning tales from the Mary Shelley anniversary competition are told live by some of Scotland's most accomplished storytellers. Chill the blood before venturing out for the Samhainn Fires. With storytellers **Michael Williams**, **Claire Druett**, **Daniel Allison**, **Ian Stephen**, **Fiona Herbert** and **Tim Porteus**. Session will be BSL interpreted.

Samhainn Fire Festival

Edinburgh Old Town

Site-Specific

9pm (3hrs)
Free (donations welcome)
10+

The **Beltane Fire Society** celebrates the Celtic New Year by marking the end of summer and welcoming the onset of winter with a stunning torch lit procession featuring acrobatics, fireworks, beautiful costumes and breath-taking performances.
www.beltane.org

Festival On Tour

Coordinated by regional storytelling teams with the support of the SISF. Guest storytellers meet with local performers and audiences, offering a fantastic opportunity to experience in-situ storytelling across the country and highlighting the close links stories have with local tradition, landscape and history.



Tim Porteus

Friday 21 – Monday 31 October

Sensing Place: Archive Films & Stories

What stories are important to you about the place you live? Three communities in East Ayrshire, Dumfries & Galloway and the Scottish Borders have been working with storyteller **Jean Edmiston**, filmmaker **Anne-Marie Copestake** and **Lydia Beilby** (*Screen Bandita*) to share their stories using found archive film. Three special live film events will be screened in places unique to their locations. Supported by the National Lottery through Creative Scotland, and part of BFI's Britain on Film programme. www.sensingplace.eu



Amina Blackwood

Friday 21 October

Eymouth Primary School Festival

Eymouth PS is the only primary school in Scotland with its own designated storytelling festival. This third edition will host children from the Highway Nursery, Seashells Nursery, Eymouth PS Nursery and Holy Trinity and St. Mary's PS from Berwick-upon-Tweed. The storytellers this year will be **Macastory**, **Donald Nelson**, **Margaret Christison**, **Robert Howat**, **Marjorie Leithead** and international storytellers **Mauricio Patiño Acevedo** from Colombia and **Daniel Hernández** from Chile. **Dawne McFarlane** from Canada, an old friend, might also make an appearance. *Note: Event is not open to members of the public.*

Monday 24 October

Alloa

An Evening with Stirling's Happy Hangman

Resonate Arts House, Unit A3 & A4, North Castle Street, Alloa, FK10 1EU
Live Storytelling
7pm (1hr) | £5
Join **David Kinnaid**, author and performer of the **Stirling Ghost Walk**, for an evening of storytelling. David's walk is one of Scotland's top tourist attractions, and Trip Advisor's number 1 tour in Stirling. The evening at Resonate promises to be a thrilling and haunting night of entertainment and storytelling. Tickets: 01259 928 014.

Tuesday 25 October

Alloa

Stories from Chile and Colombia

Resonate Arts House, Unit A3 & A4, North Castle Street, Alloa, FK10 1EU
Live Storytelling
7pm (1hr) | £5
Enjoy an evening in the company of Colombian-Chilean storyteller **Daniel Hernández** and treat yourself with stories from these beautiful South American countries. Tickets: 01259 928 014.

Dundee

Stories from Mexico and Peru

The Frigate Unicorn, Victoria Dock, Dundee, DD1 3BP
Live Storytelling
7pm (2hrs) | £5
Treat yourself with a special storytelling night where guest storytellers **Rubén Corbett** from Mexico and **Wayqui César Villegas Astete** from Peru will transport you to the colourful world of Latin America. Bilingual support by storyteller **Laura Escuela**. Tickets: sheila@blethertaygither.org or 01334 474 836.

Helensburgh

Stories from Colombia

Helensburgh Library, West King Street, Helensburgh, G84 8EB
Live Storytelling
7.30pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
Colombia is a tropical land that smells of coffee and blossoms with stories. Enjoy listening to its voices with storyteller **Mauricio Patiño Acevedo**. Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01436 658 833.

Wednesday 26 – Friday 28 October

Glasgow

Dare to Dream at Glasgow Libraries

Live Storytelling
SKYPE Story concerts & Sing-a-long
Dare to Dream will explore global issues through the

power of storytelling and song, including specially commissioned performances from local school children. Enjoy a relaxing hour of inspiring fun with master storyteller **Michael Kerins**. Michael's captivating style and fun will make you laugh, think and maybe shiver or shed a tear. Creative writing, singing and dreaming programme. SKYPE links with Pennsylvania (USA), Moscow (Russia), Perm (Russia), Stockholm (Sweden) and Shenzhen (China). Free, pre-booking required:
Wed 26 – 10.30am (1hr)
Hillhead Library: 348 Byres Rd, G12 8AP, Tel: 0141 276 1617

Thu 27 & Fri 28 – 9.30am & 11am (1hr 15)
Easterhouse Library: Platform, The Bridge, 1000 Westerhouse Rd, G34 9JW, Tel: 0141 276 9712.

Wednesday 26 October

Fife

Stories from Peru

The Friary, Queen Street, Inverkeithing, KY11 1NU
Live Storytelling
7.30pm (2hrs)
Free (ticketed)
Enjoy an evening of stories in the atmospheric surroundings of the historic Friary, with special guests **Wayqui César Villegas Astete** from Peru in collaboration with **Laura Escuela** from Tenerife, joining local storytellers from **Kingdom Tales** and **Burgh Blethers**. Donations Welcome. Tickets: aileen.carr@live.co.uk

Isle of Bute

Islands' Night: Stories from Jamaica and Cuba

Rothesay Library
Moat Centre, Stuart Street, Rothesay, Isle of Bute, PA20 0BX
Live Storytelling
7pm (2hrs) | Free (ticketed)
The energetic rhythms of Caribbean stories are brought to the Isle of Bute for a colourful night in the company of Jamaican storyteller **Amina Blackwood** and Cuban storyteller **Beatriz Quintana**. Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01700 503 266.

Lochgilthead

Stories from Colombia

Lochgilthead Library, Manse Brae, Lochgilthead, PA31 8QZ
Live Storytelling
7.30pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
Colombia is a tropical land that smells of coffee and blossoms with stories. Enjoy listening to its voices with storyteller **Mauricio Patiño Acevedo**.

Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01546 602 072.

Perthshire

Hamish Henderson in Song & Story

Birks Cinema, Aberfeldy
Live storytelling
7pm (3hrs 30)
Free (except entry to film)
An evening celebrating the great Scottish folklorist, with **Essie Stewart** and a gathering of Highland Perthshire musicians and storytellers. The event will also include the screening of the film *Hamish*, directed by Robbie Fraser. Further info: [Claire Hewitt – storyteller@clairehewitt.co.uk](mailto:Claire.Hewitt@clairehewitt.co.uk) or 07500 118 047

Thursday 27 – Sunday 30 October

Orkney Storytelling Festival

Enjoy a verbal feast of wonder, tales and myths that will take you on journeys to faraway places where the supernatural dwells. This year's storytellers are renowned for their ability to suspend reality and act as your guide to worlds of fantasy. First time visits to Orkney from **Fran O'Boyle** – who brings tales of Saxons, Vikings and the Celts – and **Ana Maria Lines**, who serves up storytelling steeped in the mythical world of the Amazonian rainforest. **David Campbell** is also a special guest, bringing his delightful Celtic myths and wonder tales, plus local tale weavers **Fran Flett Hollinrake**, **Tom Muir** and **Erin Farley** spread tales amidst open mic sessions encouraging everyone to share a story. orkneystorytellingfestival.co.uk

Thursday 27 – Sunday 30 October

Portskerra International Storytelling Festival

The Portskerra International Storytelling Festival is spreading its wings again and will be dreaming its way around the North Coast, with events in Portskerra, Melvich, Lyth, Achvarasdal and Thurso. Come and enjoy traditional stories from the area and around,

within this fantastic setting, plus an old-school-style ceilidh with story, song, music and dance. Our international guest storyteller bringing summer warmth is **Rubén Corbett** from Mexico. www.portskerrastorytellingfestival.weebly.com

Thursday 27 October

Aberdeen

Diario da Floresta – The Forest Diary

Linklater Room, King's College,
University of Aberdeen, AB24 3FX

Live Storytelling

6.30pm (1hr 15) | Free | Adults
Brazilian anthropologist **Betty Mindlin** has worked with and on behalf of indigenous people in Brazil for many years. Join us as she shares some of the myths and traditions of the Suruí Paiter people from Rondônia in western Brazil, while insisting on indigenous rights with regard to land claims, healthcare, and education. Further information: elphinstone@abdn.ac.uk

Campbeltown

Stories from Colombia

Campbeltown Library,
Aqualibrium, Kinloch Park,
Kinloch Road, PA28 6EG

Live Storytelling

7.30pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
Colombia is a tropical land that smells of coffee and blossoms with stories. Enjoy listening to its voices with storyteller **Mauricio Patiño Acevedo**. Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01586 555 435.

Dunoon

Islands' Night: Stories from Jamaica and Cuba

Dunoon Library, 248 Argyll Street,
PA23 7LT

Live Storytelling

7.30pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
The energetic rhythms of Caribbean stories are brought to Argyll for a colourful night in the company of Jamaican storyteller **Amina Blackwood** and Cuban storyteller **Beatriz Quintana**. Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01369 708 682.

Glasgow

Sangs an' Clatter: The Catfish Bites Me (me pica el bagre)

Blackfriars Bar, Bell Street,
Glasgow, G1 1LG

Live Storytelling

8pm (2hrs) | £5
Glasgow's only peripatetic storytelling night, *Sangs an' Clatter* returns to the SISF for an evening of South American stories and songs. "The Catfish Bites Me" is a phrase used to describe that rumble in your belly when you're very, very hungry, so come and join us for stories and songs of the adventures we have when led by our gut. Featuring special guest storytellers, Argentinian **Liliana Bonel** and Colombian-Chilean **Daniel Hernández**, together with our usual Village Storytellers. Bilingual support by storyteller **Laura Escuela**. Tickets: info@villagestorytelling.org.uk or 0141 882 3025.

Perthshire

The Maiden who Rose from the Waves

Corbenic Camphill Community,
Trochry, Nr Dunkeld, PH8 0DY

Live Storytelling

2.30pm (2hrs)
Free (donations welcome)
Journey to the Land of the Long Age Women, where an ancient Finnish tale of wonder will be weaved, with Finnish Rune singer/storyteller **Anna-Maria Toivonen** and Highland Perthshire based storyteller **Claire Hewitt**. For information: [Claire Hewitt – storyteller@clairehewitt.co.uk](mailto:Claire.Hewitt@clairehewitt.co.uk) or 07500 118 047.

Friday 28 – Sunday 30 October

Ayr

TamFest

Ayr Town Centre

TamFest is Ayr's spooktacular Halloween celebration with a Tam o' Shanter twist. So join the ghosts, ghouls and goblins for some frighteningly good family fun. It's scary how much there is to do to raise the spirits. A haunted house, stage performances, market stalls, a family zone and haunted tours mean the hardest decision you'll have to make is witch events to enjoy. Visit www.tamfest.co.uk to find out what the devil's going on.

Friday 28 October

Alloa

Meet the Author Doug Johnstone

Speirs Centre, 29 Primrose St,
Alloa FK10 1JJ
Live Storytelling
7pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed)
Enjoy an evening in the company of the best-selling Scottish author **Doug Johnstone**, whose contemporary thrillers explore ordinary people thrust into extraordinary circumstances. Tickets can be booked in advance from any Library/CAP or by calling 01259 452 262.

Dundee

Sensory Story sharing

Dalhousie Building, Drama Studio,
Room 1S01, University of Dundee,
Old Hawkhill, DD1 5EN

Live Storytelling

11am (2hrs)
Free (donations welcome)
Come find out about Sensory storytelling and hear some traditional stories adapted for People with Multiple Learning Disabilities, with hosts **PAMIS** and **Tayberry Tales**. For information: www.pamis.org.uk or 07500 118 047.

The Maiden who Rose from the Waves

The Chaplaincy Centre,
University of Dundee, Cross Row,
Dundee, DD1 4HN

Live Storytelling

7pm (2hrs 30)
Free (donations welcome)
Journey to the Land of the Long Age Women, where an ancient Finnish tale of wonder will be

weaved, with Finnish Rune singer/storyteller **Anna-Maria Toivonen** and Highland Perthshire based storyteller **Claire Hewitt**. Organised by **PAMIS**. For information: [Claire Hewitt – storyteller@clairehewitt.co.uk](mailto:Claire.Hewitt@clairehewitt.co.uk) or 07500 118 047.

Oban

Islands' Night: Stories from Jamaica and Cuba

Oban Library, 77 Albany Street,
PA34 4AL

Live Storytelling

7pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
The energetic rhythms of Caribbean stories are brought to Argyll for a colourful night in the company of Jamaican storyteller **Amina Blackwood** and Cuban storyteller **Beatriz Quintana**. Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01631 571 444.

Thursday 10 – Sunday 20 November

Inverness Storytelling Festival

Building on the success of last year, **Inverness Storytelling Festival** is back by popular demand. Expanding to encompass 10 days of story related events including Hearthsides sessions, performance, children activities, workshops and storytelling for development. **Dougie Mackay**, **George Macpherson**, **Bob Pegg**, **Daniel Serridge** and **Michael Williams** will be joined by a myriad of other tellers and musicians from near and far, with grassroots community events also being supported. www.daretodream.scot

About Guest Storytellers

Amina Blackwood

Founder of Ntukuma, The Storytelling Foundation of Jamaica and Ananse SoundSplash, the annual Storytelling Festival in Jamaica, Amina is widely acknowledged for her contribution to storytelling in the Caribbean. Her deep, rich, dramatic voice brings stories from the heads of her ancestors, connecting ancient wit and wisdom with modern needs.

Ana Maria Lines

A journalist and storyteller with a captivating style, international reputation and a vast repertoire, Ana created and co-hosts the Stafford Knot Storytelling Club. She has performed in Festivals in the UK, Italy, Cuba, Spain and Mexico, enchanting adults and children alike, with folk tales and myths from Brazil a speciality.

Anna-Maria Toivonen

Since 2011, Anna-Maria has combined her storytelling with her knowledge of music therapy and pedagogy, specialising in traditional rune songs and ballads. Her performances at Festivals, schools and within communities blend tale and tune, combining the two traditions for a richer experience.

Beatriz Quintana

Winner of various storytelling prizes for both individual and collective performances, including the Juan Candela Prize in 2003 and CIINOE's Iberoamericano Prize in 2004, Beatriz co-ordinates the Primavera de Cuentos (Spring Stories) Festival, is a member of the International Storytelling Network and has recently participated in various Colombian Storytelling Festivals.

Betty Mindlin

Internationally acknowledged for her defence of the indigenous cause, Betty is intently preserving the myths of native Brazil. Her books, including the award-winning *Moqueca de maridos (Barbecued Husbands)*, have already become classics of contemporary anthropology, featuring a collection of oral literature from five indigenous tribes of the Brazilian Amazon.

César El Wayqui Villegas Astete

For sixteen years, César has performed in international Festivals across 18 countries, sharing old stories with a pinch of current times. In Peru, he founded The School of Words and is Director of Todas Las Palabras, Todas. He leads the Wasi Cultural Association and applies storytelling as a management tool in various institutions.

Daniel Hernández

With a Performing Arts Degree (Superior Academy of Arts Bogotá) and a Cultural Management Diploma (University of Chile), Daniel loves to use storytelling as a fun and educational activity, but also as a therapeutic tool. With appearances in Festivals worldwide since 1987, he's been developing and diffusing Chilean storytelling far and wide.

David & Monma

This Spanish duo have been performing together for 8 years, merging clowning, music and physical theatre techniques with traditional storytelling. They've created their own, unique and personal style by emphasising imagination, aiming to make people smile and get carried away in the feeling and magic of live stories.

Laura Escuela

Hailing from Tenerife, Laura is a teacher, educational psychologist and musician who specialises in children's literature. Since 2007, she has been telling stories across Festivals, schools, libraries and theatres for any and all audiences, as well as developing programs to encourage reading in children.

Liliana Bonel

The Storyteller of Banfield comes from Buenos Aires, Argentina with a degree in Speech Therapy. As a Professor of vocal technique and oratory, she hosts seminars worldwide, showcasing the power of narration. Liliana is a founding member of the Circle of Storytellers and co-directs the International Festival Te doy mi Palabra.

Mauricio Patiño Acevedo

Graduating from the University of Antioquia, Mauricio uses storytelling in the office as a Communicator for the Colombian Ministry of Culture, as well as onstage where he loves experimental approaches to telling, incorporating music, showmanship and laughter. He enjoys using local literature in his work, as well as African oral traditions.

Rubén Corbett

Born in Panama City, Rubén has been storytelling since 1995 and is the Deputy Director of the International Forum of Oral Narration FINO Mexico. He has participated in some of the most important performing arts Festivals in Latin America and delivers extensive workshops in unusual orality and anecdotes.



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