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This Spring / Summer sees another considered and varied line up from The Tolbooth and Albert Halls, I'm thrilled to be joining this brilliantly talented and enthusiastic team as we kick off another top notch season of entertainment here in Stirling.

Some highlights from The Albert Halls this time around will be rousing performance's from Tidelines and Blazin' Fiddles, with the latter promising a musically intoxicating evening for all. We will also welcome comedy great Stewart Francis with his Into the Punset tour, plus exceptionally colourful offerings from both the NYOS Symphony Orchestra, and Stirling Orchestra.

The Tolbooth, once again delivers what we hope you will agree, is another not to be missed programme, featuring some of the best of the Scottish music scene with Elephant Sessions and Kyle Falconer. We'll also welcome Finnish folk favourites Frigg, and Canadian Folk group Còig, plus the return of Strange Behaviours Summer Party, and our much loved Summer Ceilidhs.

The Arts Development Team have again curated some fantastic classes for those of all ages, and I would encourage you to join us in learning a new skill this summer.

I look forward to hopefully meeting you at some of our events this year.

Tara McLoughlin
Senior Cultural Programmer



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Young Scot reward points are available – See information on page 28 for details, And look out for discounted performances with Young Scot logo.

TOLBOOTH PARKING
The Old Town Jail Car Park, in St John Street, will be opened for the use of Tolbooth customers one hour before performances and re-opened for half an hour afterwards only. There will be no access out with these times. The Tolbooth is located in a residential area so your cooperation on use of the car parking facility is very much appreciated.



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Scottish Voices & the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

Sat 4 May, 7pm **£10 /£5 concessions/students**

Including instrumental music to celebrate James MacMillan's 60th birthday. The Conference concert will be given by the Scottish Voices Ensemble with pianist Anne Robertson, organist Kevin Bowyer, harpist Sharron Griffiths, and obligato instrumentalists, and by performers from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Repertoire will include new pieces for voices and instruments by Scottish composers and instrumental works by James Macmillan.



Songwriters In the Round: Michael Logen, Elaine Lennon, James Edwyn

Tue 7 May, 8pm **£12** + 6% booking fee

2019 Celtic Connections 'Danny Kyle Stage Winner' Elaine Lennon will be joined by Nashville-based Grammy-Winning songwriter Michael Logen and lead singer of Glasgow sextet 'James Edwyn & the Borrowed Band', James Edwyn. This intimate 'Songwriters Round' experience will allow you to enjoy performances of songs by those who wrote them as well as interpretations of songs that have inspired them. Be prepared to laugh and (possibly) cry as they bare heart and soul sharing stories behind their own original songs.



Ron Block & Tony Furtardo

Wed 8 May, 8pm **£12/£10**

One of the biggest names on the American roots music scene, Nashville veteran Ron Block has 14 Grammy Awards to his name and is well known as a long time member of bluegrass supergroup Alison Krauss & Union Station. Banjo ace Ron is also a superb guitarist and talented songwriter. With influences ranging from blues to folk, and with deep roots in bluegrass, Ron has performed and recorded with scores of renowned musicians including Dolly Parton, Vince Gill, Sierra Hull and Kate Rusby.

Tony Furtado is a stunning live performer who's been hailed as a genius on banjo and slide guitar. Also a soulful singer and talented songwriter not to mention a charismatic live performer.



City Music Live Monthly Under 18s Live Music Nights

Thu 16 May & Fri 28 Jun, Doors 7.30pm **£4 ages 12-18**

Organised and run with a team of under 18's musicians, gig-goers, photographers and music enthusiasts, the CML monthly nights are designed to be a fun monthly gig night for under 18's. Whether it's your first gig or your 100th, whether you are a band or a solo artist, whether you play original music or covers, we'd love to hear from you – come play!

For more info on the dates above, see the City Music Live facebook page [facebook.com/citymusiclive](https://www.facebook.com/citymusiclive) / Instagram page [instagram.com/citymusiclive](https://www.instagram.com/citymusiclive) or get in touch via citymusiclive@gmail.com

We're also keen to hear from young musicians/music enthusiasts to join the team organising the events. If you're in the know about the under 18s musicians/band scene in your school and local area, or if you're interested in learning about live sound engineering or running events, get in touch!

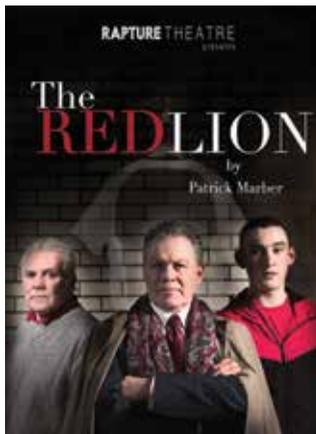


Frigg

Fri 17 May, 8pm **£16/£14**

The leading act of the Nordic fiddle scene, Frigg features the premier talents of a generation of Finnish folk musicians. Renowned the world over, the group draws influence from their homeland alongside those from their extensive travels – joyfully fusing Nordic and bluegrass flavours to create their own signature; Nordgrass. Tight interplay between four violins, with mandolin, cittern, guitar and contrabass, is spiced with a sparkling, high-energy stage show – presenting an outstanding display of richly exultant virtuosity on all fronts.

A smash at many of the world's major folk festivals – including the Cambridge Folk Festival, Rainforest World Music Festival, Celtic Connections and WOMADelaide. Their most recent album, Frost on Fiddles (2017) has added to their bursting mantle of accolades – including their third Songlines Top of the World selection. – **Nordic musical mastery, with beautifully scenic detours**



Rapture Theatre: The Red Lion

Sat 18 May, 8pm £14/£12

Rapture Theatre, In Association with The Palace Theatre in Kilmarnock, Presents, The Red Lion by Patrick Marber. The Red Lion FC is a non-league side who have dreams of the big time. However, their manager, Kidd, will stop at nothing to realise his own ambitions of money and fame. So when a talented young player, Jordan, turns up for a trial, Kidd sees his golden opportunity. But Yates, the kit-man and club legend, has other ideas. A battle of wills ensues between Yates and Kidd over the future of Jordan and the future of the football club.

Emmerdale and Brookside actor John McArdle will lead an all-star cast in what promises to be a funny, touching and unmissable night at the theatre.

Post show talk with the director and stars of the show plus a few extras from behind the scenes local clubs.



James Yorkston + Support from Randolph's Leap

Fri 24 May, 8pm £14/£12

Following the release of his new album 'The Route to the Harmonium' in February, James has shared new song 'My Mouth Ain't No Bible' – one of three thrilling spoken-word pieces on the record. It thrums insistently, military snares punching away, Yorkston's delivery interplaying as two competing voices, one of himself, the other a lost musician friend, "a spare hand, a hired hand, a deck hand" who was unable to prevent self-destruction.

'The Route to the Harmonium' (or, 'the search for peace') is intensely personal; it's the sound of home, of undisturbed craftsmanship. Listen closely and you can imagine him putting it together. Overlaying vocal and guitar tracks, adding further with dulcitanes, harmoniums and autoharps, with nyckelharpa, the distinctive Swedish stringed instrument given to him by a friend. And friends and family, past and present swim all over his songs. Remembering them, and those you've shared life with, those who leave and those who remain, is the strongest thread running through these affecting, extraordinary songs. This is Yorkston's world and could be nowhere else in music.



OFF THE KERB PRODUCTIONS & BEYOND PRESENTS

Phill Jupitus - SASSY KNACK

Sat 25 May, Doors 7.30pm £16 + booking fee

Age recommendation 14+, swearing & adult content

Join stand-up comedian, poet, improviser, and TV stalwart Phill Jupitus for over an hour of tales, laughs and diversions. Watch in delight and/or horror as this experienced funny man drags laughs out of the chaos of his own life. Since last touring Scotland, Phill Jupitus has upped sticks and moved there. In this new show SASSY KNACK, Phill shares yarns and thoughts from his time North of Hadrian's Wall. Adult themes and situations but delivered childishly.

'... a true comic talent' Manchester Evening News
'A talented focused wordsmith' Fest



Elephant Sessions

Thu 30 May, 8pm £15/£13

'The versatility of Elephant Sessions is its strength. Passionate about their culture and their origins, these Scots are using their instruments like weapons to destroy clichés... We love them' Rolling Stone Magazine

'Absolutely superb...' Chris Hawkins (BBC Radio 6)

Elephant Sessions, who hail from the Highlands of Scotland have exploded onto the indie folk scene with unparalleled effect. The release of their album 'All We Have is Now' in 2017, was followed by live appearances at some of the world's most notable festivals. Audiences crowd surfed their way through the summer and marquee floors broke under the weight of bouncing fans.

2018 has seen awards in abundance. Opening the year as winners of album of the year at the BBC Scotland Trad awards, they went on to be finalists as Best Group at the BBC Radio 2 awards.

'What Makes You' out April 12th, New Album coming May 10th.



DF CONCERTS PRESENTS... KYLE FALCONER

Kyle Falconer

Sat 1 Jun, 8pm £16 Age recommendation 14+ under 16s must be accompanied by an adult

Frontman of The View brings his solo project to the Tolbooth as part of his 'Praying for an Avalanche' May/June tour, following on from 2018's debut album 'No Thank You'.



Còig

Sat 8 Jun, 8pm £12 / £10

With the release of the new album Rove, Nova Scotia's powerhouse Còig has cemented its status as one of today's most exciting new North American Celtic groups. With a combined total of over 30 group and solo awards and nominations, the four members of the band are already recognized as major stars of the Celtic world. Rove is the group's third album, after 2014's award-winning Five, and 2015 seasonal favourite Carols. Còig is like no other, thanks to the unique mix of four different talents. Fiddler Chrissy Crowley has touches of world and contemporary music. Pianist Jason Roach has a jazz degree, Darren McMullen (guitar, banjo, mandolin, etc.) and fiddler Rachel Davis is the most Cape Breton trad, but with folk flavours as well. The best in trad music, in a non-traditional way. That's Còig.



Norrie McCulloch

Sat 15 Jun, 8pm £10

Stirling based songwriter Norrie McCulloch returns to The Tolbooth with his brand of 'Americana with a Scottish Twang' – a unique blend of indie, country & folk influences that has gained 4 and 5 star reviews and regular airplay from BBC radio throughout his recorded output. Since his debut album release in 2014 McCulloch has played shows throughout Scotland, England, USA and Europe and has performed at festivals including Belladrum, Festival 2018, SummerTyne, Southern Fried and Glasgow Americana. With a new album due out this summer and a bunch of live dates around the UK, this is a chance to catch McCulloch performing songs from the new album in the unique atmosphere of his home town. **'Sublime'** Maverick Magazine



Catrin Finch & Seckou Keita

Wed 19 Jun, 8pm £18 / £17

Multi award-winning duo Welsh harpist Catrin Finch and Senegalese kora player Seckou Keita create a uniquely spellbinding and mesmerising experience that has been filling concert halls across the UK, Europe and beyond.

5* review performances from both the Guardian and The London Evening Standard and prompted Songlines Magazine's Tim Cumming to de-scribe them as "the most popular world music act of the decade". SOAR takes wing on the flight of the osprey, the magnificent raptor persecuted to extinction in Wales during the 17th century, which has recently returned home after a 400-year absence. The osprey makes its annual 3000-mile migration from the estuaries of West Wales, where Catrin grew up, to Seckou's homeland in Senegal, West Africa – an amazing natural connection which hit a resonance with the two artists.

'an emotional demonstration of how two virtuoso musicians triumphantly bring different cultures together'
Robin Denselow, The Guardian

'You could listen to this 1,000 times and still find something new' David Hutcheon, Mojo August Edition



Plockton School Of Traditional Music

Thu 20 Jun, 8pm £6

The Tolbooth is pleased to welcome back the students of Sgoil Chiuil Na Gàidhealtachd for the final night of their annual tour. These tours give the students a great opportunity to get out and share their music. The concert will feature the 16 students in various combinations, including them playing all together in a powerful finale. The Centre teaches accordion, clàrsach, fiddle, pipes, piano, guitar, drums, whistle, flute, and Scots and Gaelic song, and most of these will feature in the programme. All of the youngsters are multi-talented and they play a wide variety of vocal and instrumental music, both traditional and contemporary. The tour is made possible by the Friends of Plockton Music School, a charitable trust providing support for the Centre.



Strange Behaviours Summer Party

Sat 29 Jun, at the Tolbooth & throughout June
in Various Venues

The Strange Behaviours boutique festival of indie, alternative and progressive sounds returns for another summertime get-together. Forever shape-shifting and messing with the festival format, this year's event is formed of a number of satellite shows around Stirling city centre in June, popping up in familiar venues and buildings before congregating at the Tolbooth for a big multi-stage finale. Keep your eyes on facebook.com/strangebehavioursstirling for line-up and venue announcements.



Comedy Sneak Peek – 1 Night Only

Hilarious All Star Edinburgh Fringe Preview

Tolbooth Attic

Fri 12 Jul, 7.30pm £10 Age restriction: strictly 16+

IT'S BACK! The hilarious fringe sneak peek from MZA comedians. A night of comedy with a difference – headline comedians trying out their brand new material – off notes & off adrenaline!! Expect nerves, a bit of chaos and a lot of laughs... but don't expect a slick, finished comedy show. This work in progress previews and it sells out every year - so book early!

Contains adult humour and some rude (but hilarious) jokes. Strictly 16+ and those not easily offended. Please note these shows won't be polished, but sure as heck will be funny.

* Different line-ups each night, Line-ups may be subject to change

Craig Hill Infectious and wicked – Scotland's favourite killed comedian!

Micky Bartlett Ireland's fastest rising comedy star who has toured with Patrick Kiety & Tommy Tiernan

Mark Nelson Award-winning Scottish comedian & star of BBC's hit show 'The Good, the Bad & the Unexpected' who is renowned for his dark sense of humour & has over 130 million online views.



Gary Innes

Fri 26 Jul, 8pm £16/£14

Highland born accordionist and MG Alba Scots Trad Awards 'Instrumentalist of the Year' winner, Gary Innes has been performing and composing music for over 16 years. Born in the village of Spean Bridge in the North of Scotland, Gary is one of the founding members of award-winning Scottish super-group Mànran. Gary returns to The Tolbooth this July with his band, following the release of his album IMMINEENT in Feb 2019.



Summer Ceilidhs

Wed 17 Jul & 7 Aug, 7.30pm £10/£8 for groups of 4+

Come and enjoy a great night out in great company, with a ceilidh led by the International Ceilidh Collective featuring some of Scotland's finest traditional musicians. The band will lead you through the best known Scottish dances.

For all levels and ages – a 'caller' will talk you through the steps – just bring your dancing shoes.



Feis Fhoirt, Fèis Phaislig and Fèis Rois

Sat 3 Aug, 7.30pm £7/£4

A triple bill of traditional music performed by some of the most talented young players from across Scotland. The Ceilidh Trail is an initiative offering young trad musicians the opportunity to play and tour during the summer. This night brings together the our own local Fèis Fhoirt along with Fèis Phàislig and Feis Rois Ceilidh Trails.



Forth Valley Glee Choir Challenge Final

Thu 2 May, 6pm **£9/£5**

Having battled through their qualifying heats, the top school Glee choirs in the Forth Valley area come together to find out who will go forward to the National final. A fantastic night of fun, entertainment and excitement lies ahead before one school carries off the Glee crown.



Musicals and More - Concert for Christian Aid

Fri 3 May, 7.30pm **£10**

Brightons Praise Group (a choir formed in 1994), Gargunnoch Songsters (formed in 1999) and Perthshire Brass are joining forces to raise money for Christian Aid. The choirs are both conducted by Elaine Finlay and accompanied by Don Finlay (no relation). The conductor has a link with Perthshire Brass who have kindly agreed to take part in this charity concert. The band is conducted by George Annan. They have just celebrated their 40th anniversary and regularly visit Perth's twin towns in Germany (Asschaffenburg) and Poland (Bydgoszcz). The choirs will combine to sing a selection of classic songs and the band will play their chosen selection of music.



Carol McGee – An Evening of Spirit Communication

Sat 4 May, 7.30pm **£15/£20 for VIP /£10 concession for pensioners**

VOTED ONE OF THE WORLDS TOP 5 PSYCHICS. Scotland's favourite psychic Carol McGee is in Stirling again with her brand new exciting most jaw-dropping show yet. Funny, entertaining, sometimes heart breaking, often controversial ...Having toured in Australia, Cyprus, Ireland, Germany and the UK. Carol says "Every night when I'm on stage working amazing things happen and it's a privilege to be able to pass on messages of love and comfort from spirit to the people I share my gift with." This is a fantastic and unique evening out not to be missed. Tears and laughter are always on the cards with Carol's unique sense of humour.



Yoga Workshop – Alexandria Crow From The Inside Out

Sat 11 May & Sun 12 May **£45 per session – Lesser Hall**

Ever wondered how your individual anatomy impacts on your yoga practice? Do you wonder why some yoga poses just don't feel right for you? Alex Crow, from Columbus Ohio, is coming to Scotland for the first time to run a series of Yoga workshops in Stirling. Alex is an internationally respected yoga teacher and anatomy expert. Spend a weekend learning about the practice of yoga by looking at the inner workings of yogic philosophy, body, and mind so that the practice becomes personal effective and wise. Suitable for all levels!

Saturday 10am–1pm: The Deepest Layers – Nervous system, skeletal range, basic biomechanics

Saturday 2pm–5pm: Feet, Legs, Knees, Hips and Spine

Sunday 10am–1pm: Wrists, Elbows and Shoulders

Sunday 2pm–5pm: Shoulders and Spine

To book visit:

yogaphysics.com/yp/events/stirling-scotland-yoga-tree



Stirling Orchestra

Sat 18 May, 7.30pm **£10 adult, £8 conc, £5 student** (with ID), **£2 child**

Bring all the family for an afternoon of music.

Rachmaninov – Piano Concert No.3

Respighi – Pines of Rome

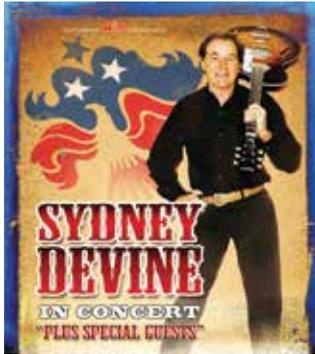
John Maxwell Geddes - Soundposts



Strathcarron Singers

Sun 19 May, 7.30pm **£12** Tickets available from Albert Halls & Choir Members

Gala Concert – In aid of Strathcarron Hospice. Strathcarron Singers under Musical Director Matthew Brown are delighted to present their annual Gala concert with all proceeds going to the hospice. Special guests – The Band of The Royal British Legion Scotland and Queen Victoria School Dunblane. Come along – enjoy some great music and support a wonderful local charity.



Sydney Devine

Fri 24 May, 7.30pm £24/£23 /£22/£21

Scottish Country Legend Sydney Devine by popular demand hits the road again in 2019 for his Farewell Tour (Part 1). For fifty years Scottish country and western singer Sydney Devine has been entertaining audiences through television and on stage. Sydney has sold 15 million albums worldwide which many of today's pop stars would love to sell.

The show will feature great favourites like Maggie, Tiny Bubbles, The Answer to Everything and lots lots more. The one and only Sydney Devine sings the great old country standards in his inimitable fashion, slide guitars, bluesy beat, and yodelling tones.



LIVE NATION PRESENTS

Stewart Francis: Into the Punset

Wed 29 May, 8pm £21 Age restriction: strictly 16+

The star of 'Mock the Week', 'Live at the Apollo' and 'Crackerjack' embarks on a brand-new show, in this, his last tour EVER!!! See him before he heads off... INTO THE PUNSET.

'One of the funniest comedians in the world'
Craig Ferguson, CBS' Late Late Show



NYCOS Stirling Choir Summer Concert

Tue 4 Jun, 7pm £8/£5 under 26s

Join NYCOS Stirling Choir as they take to the Albert Hall stage to present music prepared over their latest term in a wonderful summer concert. The singers, aged 8–18 years, will be led by Choir Director, Anne Murphy, as they showcase an exciting and varied repertoire. NYCOS Stirling Choir has enjoyed significant highlights in recent years, having sung annual festive carol concerts in Stirling Castle at the invitation of Historic Scotland since 2010. The choir also recently performed alongside NYCOS Falkirk and Renfrewshire Choirs, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, Drake Music Scotland and Children's Classic Concerts in a special Halloween concert in Glasgow Royal Concert Hall. Led by enthusiastic and expert staff, NYCOS Stirling Choir provides great singing experiences that are both fun and develop musical skills. Taking part also provides an opportunity to make new friends, boost confidence and build social skills. The emphasis is on singing for fun, and on establishing good pitching and a good ear using the Kodály method. Choirs meet on a weekly basis where small groups take part in musicianship games and a full singing session.



Les Musicals

Wed 5 Jun, 7.30pm £24/£56.50

Jonathan Ansell (G4 Frontman) and Jai McDowall (Britain's Got Talent - Winner) have joined forces to create a dramatic spine-tingling concert. This vocally dynamic evening showcases even more smash-hit songs from the greatest musicals of all time, brought to you by two of the world's finest voices. Come and immerse yourself into the world of Musical Theatre with classics from Les Miserables, Phantom Of The Opera, Blood Brothers, Wicked, Jesus Christ Superstar, The Greatest Showman, Miss Saigon, Chess, We Will Rock You and many more... After sell-out shows in 2018, this is certainly a concert not to be missed in its second exciting year.

Production statement: Rhydian Roberts will not be performing in the 2019 'Les Musicals' tour but wishes Jonathan and Jai all the best with the shows second year on the road.



Tidelines

Fri 7 Jun, 8pm Doors 7.30pm **£15** + 6% booking fee
Age restriction: 14+, under 16s with an adult

“One of the standout performances at Belladrum 2018, a real highlight of the festival” Belladrum Festival

In the Summer of 2016, four men in their twenties, all from different corners of the Highlands, crossed paths in the vibrant Glasgow music scene. Drawing from a myriad of influences, spanning from their native Gaelic culture to classic American song writers, they soon penned a host of original songs and some dynamic bagpipe sets. Within no time, the unique folk/pop sound of Tide Lines was born. Growing a significant fan base entirely organically, with a clutch of digital singles followed by an album and an EP, they have since racked up well over 3 million track streams on Spotify, and almost 800,000 views on their YouTube videos. Their debut album, *Dreams We Never Lost*, has sold over 10,000 copies and demand has grown further with the launch of their latest EP in October 2018. 2019 will see Tide Lines set out to build upon this success with an even more extensive touring schedule throughout Britain and Europe - and the exciting prospect of a second album in the pipeline.



Heart of Scotland Choir - Night Fever

Fri 21 Jun, 7.30pm **£12** +6% booking fee

Come and show your support for lots of great local talent by joining Forth Valley's funkiest choir and their awesome band in their favourite venue for a fun-filled family evening, jam-packed with loads of fantastic hits. From traditional to musical theatre to modern rock, pop and soul, there's something for everyone and a great night out is guaranteed!



Walk Right Back

Sat 22 Jun, 7.30pm **£22.50**

After a phenomenal sell out tour in 2018, Walk Right Back is...BACK! From the Producers of *That'll be the Day*, the show tells the story of the most successful duo of all time - The Everly Brothers. Featuring hits such as *Bye Bye Love*, *All I Have To Do Is Dream* and *Cathy's Clown*. This unique concert-based musical entwines the wonderful, sad yet glorious story of The Everly Brothers around those trademark "harmonies from heaven." Follow the brothers rise to fame, through their decade-long feud to the glorious reunion that gave them back to the world, and back to each other.



LA Performing Arts

Fri 28 & Sat 29 Jun, 7pm

LA Performing Arts is based in The Alhambra Theatre in Stirling Arcade and offer classes for children and adults in ballet, pointe, jazz, lyrical, tap acro, musical theatre, cheer, contemporary and hip hop/commercial. The teaching staff are fully trained and have danced professionally worldwide in the industry. They have an annual show in The Albert Hall Stirling and compete in festivals and competitions with exceptional results. New pupils welcomed throughout the year to join our hard working and friendly school in the heart of Stirling. **Tickets available from:** 07446 121992



National Youth Brass Band of Scotland

Sat 27 Jul, 7.30pm

Tickets available from: sbbasecretary@gmail.com

The National Youth Brass Band of Scotland was formed in 1958 to enhance the musical experience for young brass and percussion players in Scotland. NYBBS has been fortunate to have been supported by a number of significant conductors who have been responsible for the organisation's musical development which has had a profound and influential effect on young players and banding in Scotland. We welcome this year our newly appointed Musical Director, Ian Porthouse, who has gained an international reputation as a conductor at the highest level in the brass band world. Ian brings to NYBBS a new energy and enthusiasm for both modern and contemporary.



NYOS Symphony Orchestra

Fri 9 Aug, 7.30pm £17/£12 concession /£6 under 26

'NYOS Symphony Orchestra yet again proved itself to be an orchestra capable of reaching the highest peaks of musical excellence.' The Scotsman

An exceptionally colourful programme awaits our students and audiences in August. The concert opens with Grażyna Bacewicz's Overture, a six-minute, orchestral tour-de-force that will showcase all sections of the orchestra in preparation for their larger roles in one of the summits of twentieth-century orchestral music, Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra. We welcome another exceptional soloist, the First Concertmaster of the Berlin Philharmonic, Daishin Kashimoto to join us through the drama, brilliance and turmoil of Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No.1. Award-winning Australian-British conductor, Jessica Cottis will direct the orchestra for this wonderful concert.

Jessica Cottis – Conductor

Daishin Kashimoto – Violin

Programme – Grażyna Bacewicz Overture

Dmitri Shostakovich – Violin Concerto No.1 in A minor

Béla Bartók – Concerto for Orchestra



Blazin' Fiddles with Emily Smith

Thu 22 Aug, 7.30pm £22.50/£20.50

Scotland's most celebrated fiddle band Blazin' Fiddles will join together with the twice voted 'Scots Singer of the Year' Emily Smith for a special one-off Scottish tour. Each member of Blazin' Fiddles draws the distinct flavour of music from their part of the Highlands and Islands. Blending solo and ensemble sets, ages with the occasional insightful tale, they come together in a fiery blend to excite your senses. From remote village halls to the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall, fiddlers Jenna Reid, Bruce MacGregor, Rua Macmillan and Kristan Harvey are joined by Anna Massie on guitar/fiddle and Angus Lyon on piano to deliver a musically intoxicating evening for all. Emily Smith as a solo singer has released seven albums, most recently 'Songs For Christmas' from which her song 'Find Hope' was play listed on BBC Radio 2. During her career Emily has been named BBC Radio Scotland's Young Traditional Musician of the Year, twice voted 'Scots Singer of the Year' Trad Music Awards and nominee for two BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

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YMI TRAD WORKSHOPS

Back in 2013 the Monday night YMI Trad Workshops developed a partnership with a traditional music group based at the Musikschule der Bundesstadt in Bonn, Germany. Young musicians from Stirling and Bonn have since organised exchange trips in the two cities, celebrating music from Scotland.

Marking the 250th birthday of German composer Beethoven in 2020, the two bands will visit each other's cities once again, this time to celebrate Beethoven's arrangements of Irish, Welsh and Scottish folk songs. We are excited to be welcoming Sabrina Palm and her band to Stirling in July to perform alongside the YMI Senior Trad Bands Rogue Feather and Forth Street, before the bands perform together in Bonn in July 2020.

Outreach Music Workshops

Our travelling songwriting workshop The Rural Music Project has been out at Cowie Youth Group this year, meeting a fresh batch of budding musicians. Some great lyricists and musicians have emerged, and we look forward to producing more great original music over the coming months. Likewise with The City Music Project outreach, which goes out to a host of schools on Wednesdays. It's been great to see the huge amount of talent at Bannockburn High, where groups have been working on instrument skills and composition.

Music Plus. Our partnership with the Scottish Music Centre's music mentoring programme Music Plus has been busy over the first months of 2019. Aimed at pairing up young people aged 14-19 with a professional in their field of interest, young people from across Stirling have been accessing 1-to-1 tuition on home studio recording and music production, songwriting, live sound engineering, composing for film and much more. If you have an interest in a particular area of the music world and would like some help getting ahead, check out musicplus.org.uk for more information.

Tolbooth live sessions

April sees the start of filming on a mini-series of new live session videos in the Tolbooth recording studio. Each video will capture in high visual and audio resolution a different emerging band or artist that found their voice and learned their craft at some of the Tolbooth's music workshops, and have since gone on to growing fanbases and national acclaim. The videos celebrating our connection with some of the best new music in Scotland will go live later this year – keep an eye on our YouTube channel and social media platforms.

YOUNG SCOT

Even better - there will be Young Scot Rewards opportunities at the Tolbooth, including working with our sound/lighting engineers and a free studio recording session. More information will be on both the Young Scot website www.young.scot/stirling and culturestirling.org/Young people must have a Young Scot Rewards account to participate in collecting points and redeeming reward opportunities. Please note these rewards are also only available for Stirling Young Scot Card Holders. To register for Young Scot rewards and start collecting your points today check out www.young.scot/rewards

For more information please contact The Youth Participation Team, Skills and Youth Employment on 01786 233560 or email skillsandyouthemployment@stirling.gov.uk

ADULTS

KNITTING & CROCHET BEE

Tue 7 May – 25 Jun, 5-7pm

£1 per session, includes refreshments. An informal gathering for chatting, swapping patterns, techniques and tips. All levels welcome, no booking required.

FIDDLE (INTERMEDIATE LEVEL)

Wed 24 Apr - 12 Jun, 7-8:30pm

£50/£42 for 8 sessions

For fiddlers with some repertoire, who can play at a reasonable pace in several keys. As well as looking at popular session tunes, focus will be on developing tone, fluency of notes, along with more intricate bowing techniques and ornamentation. Not for fiddlers at the early stage of learning to play. **TUTOR: JO MILLER**



CERAMICS – IN THE COWANE CENTRE

Beginner: Tue 23 Apr – 18 Jun, 7-9pm (no class 14 May) **Intermediate: Wed 24 Apr – 19 Jun, 7-9pm** (no class 15 May) **£60/£50 for 8 sessions** includes materials & firings. Demonstration and tuition for mixed levels in a wide range of hand-built ceramic techniques including use of glazes, but not potters' wheel.

TUTOR: JOHN MAGUIRE

ART / PAINTING

Wed 24 Apr – 19 Jun (no class 15 May)

Fri 26 Apr – 21 Jun (no class 17 May)

10am-3pm, with 1 hour for lunch

£112/£96 for 8 sessions

A chance for artists with some experience or beginners to challenge their definition of painting in a supportive social environment. Participants to bring their own materials.

TUTOR: PETER RUSSELL

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE



TRADITIONAL MUSIC WORKSHOPS

Monday Nights from: 6 May

Age 9-18, FREE

An opportunity to play traditional music for the first time or to develop and improve playing and performance skills. No music grades or previous experience of traditional music is needed.

5.30-6.15pm Traddies (absolute beginners 0-12 months experience) whistle, guitar and violin (fiddle) - can loan instrument if needed

Folkus (improvers 1-2.5 years' experience) whistle, guitar and violin (fiddle) own instrument needed

6.20-7.15pm The Session (intermediate 2-8 years' experience) for all traditional music instruments

7.15-8.15pm Trad Band (advanced by invitation)

TUTORS: LORI WATSON, INNES WATSON & OTHERS



STIRLING YOUTH JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Monday Nights from:

6 May - 24 Jun

Age 9-18, FREE

Sessions look at improvisation, various jazz styles and performance in a fun and friendly atmosphere. No music grades or previous experience of jazz needed. Both groups open to any brass, wind, string, percussion instrument.

5-6pm Access Ensemble (improvers to intermediate 1-4 years' experience)

6-7.15pm Stirling Youth Jazz Ensemble (intermediate to advanced 4 years' plus experience)

TUTORS: LAURA MACDONALD & KEVIN MACKENZIE

PUMP UP THE JAM

Wed 24 Apr – 12 Jun

Age 11+, 4.45-7.15pm FREE

The Tolbooth's long-running songwriting and band workshop, open to any young musician with a good grasp of the basics on an instrument/voice. Four brand new bands are formed each block and are led by professional musician mentors. The bands study the craft of songwriting and write/rehearse their own original songs to record in the Tolbooth Recording Studio before performing in the Auditorium in a full live show for family and friends.

LED BY DAVIE SCOTT

YOUTH GUITAR

Fri 26 Apr – 21 Jun (not 7 Jun)

Age 11-17yrs 6-6.45pm, £40

Improve guitar skills and learn favourite songs as part of fun, small groups based on age and ability. Open to beginners and intermediates.

TUTOR: ALAN CARBERRY

CITY MUSIC PROJECT

Fri 26 Apr – 14 Jun

Age 11+ 7-9pm, FREE

Our Friday night music club is open to all, designed to improve your instrument skills, get you writing and performing with others, learning cover versions and socialising. We also run one-off workshops on different aspects of the music world like live sound, home studio recording and more.

FIDDLE, CLARSACH, GUITAR, ACCORDION & WHISTLE

Sat 27 Apr – 22 Jun

Popular trad music classes run by Fèis Fhoirt for all levels, for times and fees, and to book please contact John MacNeil:

feisfhoirt@aol.com / TEL: 07770 930295

ART – IN THE COWANE CENTRE

Sat 27 Apr – 15 Jun

Age 6-10yrs 9.45-11am

Age 11-15yrs 11.30-12.45pm

£36 for 8 sessions (inclusive of materials)

Explore painting, printing and drawing – learn about colour, design and composition and have fun creating your own works of art.

TUTOR: LORI ANDERSON

CERAMICS – IN THE COWANE CENTRE

Sat 27 Apr – 15 Jun

Age 11-15yrs 9.45-11am

Age 7-10yrs 11.30-12.45pm

£38 for 8 sessions (inclusive of materials)

Learn different hand-building techniques using clay and colour glazes to make your own original objects to be fired in the kiln (not using potters' wheel).

TUTOR: JOHN MAGUIRE

Tolbooth Summer Workshops

The Tolbooth will be running an exciting mix of arts activities for children and young people during the summer holidays. Details on Facebook or culturestirling.org



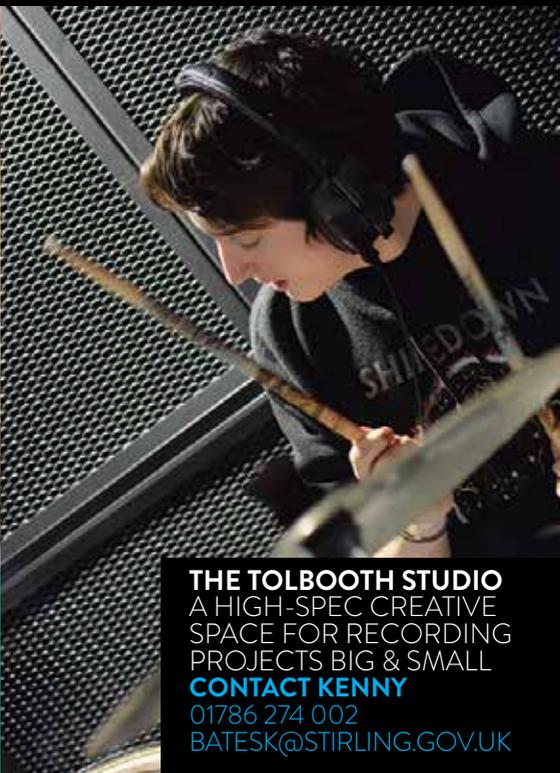
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COMING SOON

Rachel Sermanni
Friday 13th September



Tina Turner Experience
Friday 18th October



Josie Duncan & Pablo Lafuente
Thursday 26th September



Forbidden Nights
Friday 25th October



Fat Suit
Saturday 28th September



Absolute Elvis
Thursday 7th November



Turin Brakes
Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd November



Ardal O'Hanlon
Thursday 14th November



AT A GLANCE

MAY

■ FORTH VALLEY GLEE CHOIR
CHALLENGE FINAL
THU 2 MAY, 6PM

■ MUSICALS AND MORE -
CONCERT FOR CHRISTIAN
AID **FRI 3 MAY, 7.30PM**

■ CAROL MCGEE
- AN EVENING OF SPIRIT
COMMUNICATION
SAT 4 MAY, 7.30PM

■ SCOTTISH VOICES AND THE
ROYAL CONSERVATOIRE OF
SCOTLAND **SAT 4 MAY, 7PM**

■ SONGWRITERS IN THE
ROUND: MICHAEL LOGEN,
ELAINE LENNON, JAMES
EDWYN **TUE 7 MAY, 8PM**

■ RON BLOCK & TONY
FURTARDO **WED 8 MAY, 8PM**

■ YOGA WORKSHOP - FROM
THE INSIDE OUT **SAT 11 MAY
& SUN 12 MAY**

■ CITY MUSIC LIVE **THU 16
MAY & 28 JUN, 7.30PM**

■ FRIGG **FRI 17 MAY, 8PM**

■ RAPTURE THEATRE: THE
RED LION **SAT 18 MAY, 8PM**

■ STIRLING ORCHESTRA **SAT
18 MAY, 7.30PM**

■ STRATHCARRON SINGERS
SUN 19 MAY, 7.30PM

■ JAMES YORKSTON +
SUPPORT FROM RANDOLPH'S
LEAP **FRI 24 MAY, 8PM**

■ SYDNEY DEVINE
FRI 24 MAY, 7.30PM

■ PHILL JUPITUS - SASSY
KNACK **25 MAY, DOORS
7.30PM**

■ STEWART FRANCIS:
INTO THE PUNSET
WED 29 MAY, 8PM

■ ELEPHANT SESSIONS
THU 30 MAY, 8PM

JUNE

■ KYLE FALCONER
SAT 1 JUN, 8PM

■ NYCOS **TUE 4 JUN, 7PM**

■ LES MUSICALS
WED 5 JUN, 7.30PM

■ TIDELINES
FRI 7 JUN, 7.30PM

■ CÒIG
SAT 8 JUN, 8PM

■ NORRIE MCCULLOCH
SAT 15 JUN, 8PM

■ CATRIN FINCH AND
SECKOU KIETA
WED 19 JUN, 8PM

■ PLOCKTON SCHOOL OF
TRADITIONAL MUSIC
THU 20 JUN 8PM

■ HEART OF SCOTLAND
CHOIR - NIGHT FEVER
FRI 21 JUN, 7.30PM

■ WALK RIGHT BACK
SAT 22 JUN, 7.30PM

■ CITY MUSIC LIVE **THU 16
MAY & FRI 28 JUN, 7.30PM**

■ LA PERFORMING ARTS
FRI 28 / SAT 29 JUN, 7PM

■ STRANGE BEHAVIOURS
SUMMER PARTY **THU 29 JUN**

JULY

■ COMEDY NIGHT TOLBOOTH
ATTIC **FRI 12 JUL, 7.30PM**

■ GARY INNES
FRI 26 JUL, 8PM

■ NATIONAL YOUTH BRASS
BAND OF SCOTLAND
SAT 27 JUL, 7.30PM

■ SUMMER CEILIDHS
17 JUL & 7 AUG, 7.30PM

AUGUST

■ FEIS FHOIRT, FÈIS
PHATSLIG AND FEIS ROIS
SAT 3 AUG, 7.30PM

■ NYOS SYMPHONY
ORHCESTRA **FRI 9 AUG,
7.30PM**

■ SUMMER CEILIDH
17 JUL & 7 AUG, 7.30PM

■ BLAZIN FIDDLES
THU 22 AUG, 7.30PM

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