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— ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND —

EVENT CALENDAR 2019

Traditional music events
& activity across Scotland



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Convener's Welcome

Welcome to the annual TMSA Event Calendar - designed to help you find traditional music and song around Scotland in 2019, whether you are here for a few days or longer.

It complements the many more events, folk clubs and sessions across Scotland which are added to our website as we go through the year so please check them out at:

www.tmsa.org.uk.

We thank those event organisers and advertisers without whom we would not be able to produce the Calendar, particularly our new entrants. Please support them by attending the events and using their services, plus let them know where you heard about them!

We would also like to thank the families of Jock Hunter and Alex Green whose legacies have helped us bring this edition to fruition, along with funding from Tasgadh Traditional Arts Small Grants – administered by Feisean nan Gaidheal with funding from Creative Scotland.

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

Fiona Campbell

National Convener

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



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

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

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SABHAL
MÒR OSTAIG

A' CHÀISG - EASTER

01 - 05/04/19

- Gaelic 1, 3, 5, 7
- Gaelic Song / Christine Primrose
- Piano Accompaniment / Ingrid Henderson
- Fiddle - West Coast Style / Iain Macfarlane
- Gaelic Conversation / Joy Dunlop

08 - 12/04/19

- Gaelic 2, 4, 6, 8
- Flute & Whistle / Hamish Napier
- Step-dance / Nic Gareiss
- Learning to play Accordion with John Somerville
- Gaelic in the Landscape with Roddy MacLean
- Guitar / Ross Martin



EASTER & SUMMER SHORT COURSES 2019

SAMHRADH - SUMMER

01 - 05/07/19

- Gaelic 1 & 2
- Fiddle / Ewen Henderson
- Button Box / Fergie MacDonald & Robert Nairn
- Piano Accordion / Addie Harper
- Gaelic Songs of Lewis / Christine Primrose
- Còmhraidh is Caint / Ailig Dòmhnallach
- Gaelic for Irish Speakers
- Gaelic Conversation / Muriel Fisher

08 - 12/07/19

- Piping & Drumming Under 21s / Iain MacFadyen & Andrew MacPherson
- Creative Sound Production / Hector MacInnes

15 - 19/07/19

- Learning through living culture in Flodigarry

20 - 26/07/19

- Fiddle / Alasdair Fraser
- Cello / Natalie Haas

22 - 26/07/19

- Exploring Skye (Gaelic for Beginners) with Muriel Fisher

29/07 - 02/08/19

- Clàrsach / Ingrid Henderson & Deirdre Graham
- Gaeilge for Gaelic Speakers / R. Gorman
- Gaelic for Irish Speakers (Advanced)
- The Supernatural in Gaelic Song & Story with Margaret Stewart

05 - 09/08/19

- Gaelic Conversation / Muriel Fisher
- Music in the Fiddle / Charlie McKerron
- Gaelic Folklore / Màiri-Sine Campbell
- Ukulele / Finlay Allison
- Tenor Banjo / Conor Markey

12 - 16/08/19

- Argyll Gaelic Song / Joy Dunlop
- Digital Photography / Cailean MacLean
- Trad Music Ensemble / Innes Watson

19 - 23/08/19

- Gaelic for Irish Speakers (Beginners)
- Gaelic Conversation / Joy Dunlop
- Adam Sutherland School of Fiddle
- Learning through Living Culture

Tha cùrsaichean a bharrachd air an làrach-lìn againn a leithid na cùrsaichean Gàidhlig Irean 1-10.
A full list of courses is available on our website including Gaelic Levels 1-10.



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Spring

FLUTEFLING WORKSHOPS

January - April

Edinburgh - Tribe Porty, EH15 2AJ

Glasgow - Lesser Hall, Partick Burgh Hall, G11 5LN

Monthly traditional flutes & whistles mixed ability workshops in Edinburgh and Glasgow. Tunes, techniques & friendly support, suitable for Boehm & simple system flutes, soprano & low whistles in D. See website for focus of each workshop, times and dates plus details of our Flute Weekends.

Tel. 0131 669 9385

www.flutefling.co.uk



THE MUCKLE SING 2019

9 February Queen Margaret Hall, Linlithgow, EH49 7JA

A day led by Jennifer Sterling for community singing groups and individual singers - with two workshop sessions, Performance Platform and short informal tutor concert. All welcome - from beginner to experienced - no need to be able to read music. Organised by the TMSA Edinburgh & Lothians Branch.

Tel. 07951 918 366

eltmsa@yahoo.co.uk

www.eltmsa.org.uk



THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA

23 February, 7.30pm Perth Concert Hall, PH1 5HZ

The SFO plays original arrangements of traditional Scottish fiddle music, plus more recent orchestral compositions. Concerts usually involve around 100 performers including pipers, dancers and singers.

Tel. 01738 621 031 (Box Office)

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INTER-VARSITY FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL

1 - 3 March Various venues in central Edinburgh

The UK's longest running folk dance festival returns to Edinburgh! With top bands playing Scottish and English Ceilidhs, European Balfolks and American Contras, and numerous workshops, this festival is definitely a must!

ivdfedinburgh2019@gmail.com

<http://ivfdf2019.org.uk>



(indoor)





EDINBURGH HIGHLAND REEL AND STRATHSPEY SOCIETY

2 March The Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, EH8 9JG

The orchestra, under the baton of Yla Steven BEM, is sure to entertain you and get your feet tapping with a variety of marches, strathspeys, jigs, reels and slow airs.

Tel. 0131 668 2019

ehrss.secretary@gmail.com

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KIRRIEMUIR FESTIVAL SPRING CONCERT

9 March Old Parish Kirk Hall, Kirriemuir

Ever-popular night of entertainment with Festival performers from previous years. Hosted by Joe Aitken and helps raise funds for Kirrie Festival 2019.

Tel. 01575 573292 (tickets)

info@kirriefestival.org

www.kirriefestival.org

THE NIEL GOW FESTIVAL 2019

15 - 17 March Dunkeld & Birnam

Concerts, Recitals, Workshops & Sessions - a fiddle festival in celebration of the life of 18th Century fiddler Niel Gow.

Tel. 01350 727 674 (box office)

admin@birnamarts.com

www.niel-gow.co.uk



ABERDEEN COMPETITION AND CEILIDH DAY

16 March Boys Brigade Headquarters, Crimon Place, Aberdeen AB10 1RX

Traditional Music and Singing Competitions including competition for Clarsach. Also tune writing and song writing competitions. Plus storytelling competitions.

Evening Ceilidh session.

Tel. 01224 314 795

shirley.watt795@btinternet.com

www.tmsa.org.uk - Aberdeen Branch page



CÙRSAICHEAN GOIRID NA CÀISGE / EASTER SHORT COURSES

1 - 12 April Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Sleat, Isle of Skye

Why not consider a short course experience at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig this Easter? With events such as cèilidhs, evening activities and concerts each week, the College is a vibrant and busy place during spring, set in the beautiful Sleat peninsula. Visit the website for the full list of short courses.

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GROW YOUR OWN MUSIC SESSION

CHECK OUT sessions taking place in Glasgow, Inverness, Paisley, Braemar, Dundee and other locations.

See www.gyoms.com for full details.

Thanks to funding from the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Youth Talent Development Fund, administered by Creative Scotland.

GLENFARG FOLK FEAST 2019

5 - 7 April Backstage at the Green Hotel,

Kinross, KY13 8AS

Siobhan Miller, Fara, Anthony Toner, Les Barker, Ian Walker Band with John Graham and Forgairtherin feature this year, with Gill Bowman and Lomond Ceilidh Band at our welcoming ceilidh/concert. Other highlights include a 'Conversation with Ian McCalman', songwriting workshop with Anthony Toner, an original amusing song competition, Puff-a-Box Championship, sessions and singarounds.

Tel. 01334 478361 | 07900530811

info@glenfargfolkclub.com

www.glenfargfolkclub.com



EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL HARP FESTIVAL

5 - 10 April Merchiston Castle School,

Colinton Road, Edinburgh EH13 0PU

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office@harpfestival.co.uk

www.harpfestival.co.uk



FLUTEFLING FLUTE AND WHISTLE WEEKENDS

26 - 28 April, plus November date in Aberdeen TBC

Bellfield, 16B Bellfield Street, Portobello, EH15 2BP

Open to people playing Boehm system, wooden keyed or unkeyed flutes and whistles and low whistles in D. All abilities welcome. Featuring inspirational traditional flute and whistle workshops, guest musicians, performances and sessions. Tel. 0131 669 9385

www.flutefling.co.uk



NORTHERN STREAMS 2019

26 - 28 April The Pleasance, Edinburgh EH8 9TL

Festival celebrating Scottish and Nordic music, song and dance through concerts/ceilidh, workshops and sessions, with performers and tutors from the Faroe Islands/ Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Scotland. Organised by the TMSA Edinburgh & Lothians Branch.

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www.eltmsa.org.uk

www.northernstreams.org





THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA

27 April, 7.30pm Music Hall, Aberdeen AB10 1QS

The SFO plays original arrangements of traditional Scottish fiddle music, plus more recent orchestral compositions. Concerts usually involve around 100 performers, including pipers, dancers and singers.

Tel. 01224 641 122 (Box Office)

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www.sfo.org.uk



GIRVAN FOLK FESTIVAL

3 - 5 May Various Venues

Girvan Festival welcomes you this year with concerts, competitions, ceilidhs, children's events, workshops and informal sessions. Please check website for more details.

Tel. 0737 702 7742

admin@girvanfolkfestival.org.uk

www.girvanfolkfestival.org.uk



FIFESING 2019: THE FIFE TRADITIONAL SINGING FESTIVAL

10 - 12 May Various venues in Falkland & Freuchie, Fife

A unique opportunity to meet and hear some of the finest exponents of traditional singing to be found today - and to participate in singing sessions and singarounds.

Tel. 01337 830 773

connect@springthyme.co.uk

www.springthyme.co.uk/fifesing



2019 MONIAIVE FOLK FESTIVAL

10 - 12 May Moniaive, Dumfries & Galloway

Our vibrant wee festival will yet again be bringing some of the finest acts on the folky circuit down to the village for a weekend of concerts, sessions, workshops, children's events and good craic.

moniaivefolkfestival@gmail.com

www.moniaivefolkfestival.com



STRICHEN FESTIVAL - BUCHAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

17 - 19 May Ritchie Hall, Strichen, Aberdeenshire, AB43 6TY

Pre-festival Dance on Friday with the 'Garioch Blend'. Saturday all day competitions for traditional song, music, story and verse. Prize winners concert at 6.30. Free Ceilidh at 9.00pm. Farewell Ceilidh Sunday afternoon 2.00pm

Tel. 01779 821 631 (Liz Slaven)

01771 637 344 (Marlene Lowe)

info@buchanheritagesociety.co.uk

www.buchanheritagesociety.co.uk



KNOCKENGORROCH WORLD CEILIDH 2019

23 - 26 May Knockengoroch Farm, Carsphairn, Castle Douglas

Family-friendly world/roots/traditional/dance music festival in the stunning Galloway Hills of Scotland's South West. Five stages feature a range of musical genres plus workshops, open mic, sessions, longhouse, children's tent, hot showers, sauna, camping and more...

Tel. 01644 460 662 | 0771 835 8160

info@knockengoroch.org.uk

www.knockengoroch.org.uk



ORKNEY FOLK FESTIVAL

23 - 26 May Based in Stromness, with events taking place in many other parishes and some outer Orkney isles

Now in its 37th year, the Orkney Folk Festival is widely regarded as one of the finest in the UK, where Orkney's thriving local folk scene welcomes artistes from throughout the world. The weekend is fully indoors, offering concerts, ceilidhs, clubs, talks, sessions, workshops, family concerts, and is ticketed by event - catering for all budgets.

Tel. 01856 851 331 | 07543 013 006

info@orkneyfolkfestival.com

www.orkneyfolkfestival.com



Hands Up for Trad exists to promote Scottish traditional music through education, information and advocacy to artists, participants and audiences across the world. **Our 2019 core programme will include:**

- The Scots Trad Music Awards—7 December, Aberdeen
- The BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year Competition—dates TBC
- The Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame—date TBC
- Distil Showcase—29 March, Stirling
- Tinto Summer School—1–6 July, South Lanarkshire

Further details on all our work can be found on www.handsupfortrad.scot or email us at info@handsupfortrad.co.uk





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How much do you know about the traditional Celtic origins of our country and how that rich culture influences our lives today? The Celtic roots of our country, preserved in the language, song and stories of our forefathers, play a vital role in shaping our national identity. Newbattle Abbey College offers two courses for those interested in learning more about our heritage:

- Access to Higher Education Celtic Studies (SWAP)
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For more information and to apply online, visit:
www.newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk

To speak to someone directly, call the college on:
 0131 663 1921 or email us at:
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Tel. 07968872217

bobphilips25@live.co.uk

www.bothyfolk.org



SCOTTISH CLARSACH COMPETITION

8 June, 2pm Armadale Castle, Sleaford, Isle of Skye

Recital by finalists in the Princess Margaret of the Isles Memorial Prize for Senior Clarsach. For details of how to enter see www.armadalecastle.com ('News' section). Deadline for entries 8 April 2019.

Tel. 01471 844305 | office@armadalecastle.com

www.armadalecastle.com



KEITH FESTIVAL

14 - 16 June Various venues, Keith

Traditional music festival with ceilidhs, concerts, competitions and informal sessions.

Tel. 01542 882 638

keithfestival@gmail.com

www.tmsakeithfestival.blogspot.com



KILLIN MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019

14 - 16 June McLaren Hall, Main Street, Killin, FK21 8UW

A weekend festival packed from start to finish with top-of-their-game artists, supported by a festival fringe featuring sessions, workshops, kids activities, open stage competitions and community events.

office@killinmusicfestival.com

www.killinmusicfestival.com



THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA

15 June, 7.30pm Usher Hall, Edinburgh, EH1 2EA

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Tel. 0131 228 1155 (Box Office)

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CÙRSAICHEAN GOIRID AN T-SAMHRAIDH / SUMMER SHORT COURSES

1 July - 23 August Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Sleat, Isle of Skye

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Tel. 01471 888 240

cg@smo.uhi.ac.uk

www.smo.uhi.ac.uk



FÈIS AN EILEIN (THE SKYE FESTIVAL)

2 July - 20 August SEALL, Sleat, Isle of Skye IV44 8RQ

A two-month-long celebration of world-class performing arts and Island culture in venues around the beautiful Isle of Skye. All the big names and bands in traditional, Gaelic and visiting music plus theatre, dance, comedy, children's shows, cèilidhs, house concerts, exhibitions and cafés.

Tel. 01471 844 207

info@seall.co.uk

www.skyefestival.scot



NEWCASTLETON TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL - 50th ANNIVERSARY

5 - 7 July Newcastleton, Roxburghshire TD9 0QX

Featuring Aileen Carr, 'The Occasionals,' Pete Shephard, The Spiers Family, Norman Stewart and many more. Come sing, play, listen at concerts, workshops and sessions.

www.newcastleton.com



CEÒLAS UIBHIST

7 - 12 July Daliburgh School, Daliburgh, South Uist

Summer school offering Gaelic, Song, Clàrsach, Fiddle, Piping and Step Dance with the best tutors in the Gaelic world. Community festival in the evening with Gaelic as the main language. Everyone speaks English.

Tel. 01878 700 154

info@ceolas.co.uk

www.ceolas.co.uk



31st STONEHAVEN FOLK FESTIVAL

11 - 14 July Stonehaven Town Hall (AB39 2BU) and various venues around the town

Celebrating its 31st year – Friendly weekend of Concerts, Ceilidh, Sessions, Singarounds, Workshops, Family events, Tradition Bearers, Aqua Ceilidh and World Paper'n'comb Championships. Please visit website for latest information on artists and tickets.

Tel. 07931 204329 (tickets)

info@stonehavenfolkfestival.co.uk

www.stonehavenfolkfestival.co.uk





NEWTON STEWART & MINNIGAFF TRADITIONAL MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL

12 - 14 July Newton Stewart, Dumfries & Galloway

6th anniversary of this popular festival in the heart of Galloway; featuring Dougie MacLean - concerts, workshops, tune and song sessions and official Scottish Highland Dancing competitions.

www.tradmusic.com



SHETLAND FOLK FRENZY

14 - 19 July Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0WQ

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Tel. 01595 745500

info@shetlandarts.org

www.shetlandarts.org



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14 - 20 July Edinburgh, Glasgow, Anstruther & Stirling

Biennial festival featuring a mix of free outdoor performances in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Anstruther and Stirling Castle, as well as a ticketed indoor gala concert at Edinburgh's Church Hill Theatre, with invited groups from Estonia and France alongside Scottish based dance groups

www.dunedindancers.org.uk



HEBCELT FESTIVAL

17 - 20 July Stornoway, Isle of Lewis

Multi award winning HebCelt music festival is set against the wild landscape of the Outer Hebridean islands with its rich Gaelic culture and unique landscape. Featuring a world class programme of International artists, the best emerging acts and the cream of Gaeldom's talent.

Tel. 01851 621234

office@hebcelfest.com

www.hebcelfest.com



LINLITHGOW SCOTCH HOP

17 July - 14 August, Wednesday evenings 7:30pm

Linlithgow Palace, West Lothian, EH49 7AL (alternative wet weather venue: Low Port Centre by Linlithgow Station)

Scottish Dancing for ALL in the unique open air Palace courtyard. Lively, friendly and fun with great Scottish Dance Bands. All welcome, all dances called. Tickets at the door include tea and shortbread at the interval. Under 12 years of age free. Organised by Linlithgow Scotch Hop SCIO.

ScotchHopCommittee@gmail.com

www.ScotchHop.org.uk



THE TRADITIONAL SINGING WEEKEND AT CULLERLIE * T

26 - 28 July Cullerlie Farm Park, Echt, Aberdeenshire AB32 6XL

A unique celebration of unaccompanied singing, bringing together outstanding traditional singers from Scotland, England and Ireland. This weekend includes ceilidhs featuring the guest singers, singarounds for everyone, workshops and a talk.

Tel. 01224 645 486

ianrussell@abdn.ac.uk

www.abdn.ac.uk/elphinstone



SING OR SINK T M SA

27 July, 12pm Forth & Clyde Canal Cruise from Bairds Bridge, Applecross St, Glasgow G20 7LU

Join TMSA Glasgow Branch on their annual traditional music and song naval outing. Canal Cruise from Glasgow (Bairds Brae) to Kirkintilloch (Stables) and back, BYOB and food. £10. Limited numbers so book early!

Tel. 07740 782 404 (Graham Charlton)

asc.gc@sky.com

www.tmsa.org.uk - Glasgow Branch page



ACOUSTIC MUSIC CENTRE @ UCC

5 - 25 August Ukrainian Community Centre, 14 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5AB

Acoustic Music Centre @ UCC operates annually during the three weeks of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The majority of performances fall into the very broad description of roots/acoustic/Celtic music.

Tel. 07968 131 737 (info)

jb@stoneypoint.demon.co.uk

<http://amc1982.com>



TORPHICHEN FOLK & ALE FESTIVAL * T

16 - 17 August Torphichen Inn, 7 The Square, Torphichen, Bathgate, EH48 4LY

Two days of magic in the ancient village of Torphichen – high-calibre evening concerts, day-time workshops, performances and sessions in the Burns Bar, craft beers, home-cooked food and friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

Tel. 01506 652 826

info@torphicheninn.net

www.torphicheninn.net



MULL OF KINTYRE MUSIC FESTIVAL * T

21 - 25 August Victoria Hall, Kinloch Road and Heritage Centre, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, PA28 6JU

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Autumn

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Viking Festival of Fire with torch-lit procession, Viking skirmish, burning of symbolic Viking longship and firework display on Saturday 8 September.

Tel. 07835 454534

williamjic0806@outlook.com

www.largsvikingfestival.org



CELTIC CULTURE WITH GAELIC

September 2019 Newbattle Abbey College

(Colaiste Abaid a' Bhatail Nuaidh), Midlothian, EH22 3LL

A 1 year full-time course for students who are interested in studying Celtic culture, Celtic history and heritage, Gaelic and the politics of the Celtic nations. Visit website for short term courses that are also available.

Tel. 0131 663 1921

office@newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk

www.newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk



KIRRIEMUIR FESTIVAL

6 - 8 September Various venues

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www.kirriefestival.org



BLAS FESTIVAL

6 - 14 September TBC Venues across the Highlands

Bringing good quality traditional music events, with a strong Gaelic language flavour, to venues small and large across the Highlands.

Tel. 01478 613 355

blas@feisean.org

www.blas-festival.com



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7 September, 7.30pm Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, G2 3NY

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