

# Scottish Storytelling Centre

July-September 2018

## What's on Programme

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

Families are welcome! Highchairs & baby changing facilities are available.

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

## Box Office

Phone: 0131 556 9579

Online: [www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk](http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk)

Email: [reception@scottishstorytellingcentre.com](mailto:reception@scottishstorytellingcentre.com)

In Person: Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm | Sun (Jul & Aug only)

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

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

**TRACS** (Traditional Arts & Culture Scotland SC043009) is the national network for traditional arts currently based at the Scottish Storytelling Centre. [www.tracscotland.org](http://www.tracscotland.org)

## **SUPPORT US! BECOME A STORYTELLING CENTRE SUPPORTER FOR ONLY £30 PER YEAR**

Benefits include:

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

Please call 0131 556 9579 or email [supporters@scottishstorytellingcentre.com](mailto:supporters@scottishstorytellingcentre.com) for further information. Ticket discounts are subject to availability, T&Cs apply.

Storytelling Centre Supporter Prices are listed as (SCS)

Thu 28 Jun | 8pm (2hrs) £10 (£8) (£7.50 SCS)

## **DOWALLY 'SOMEWHERE' ALBUM LAUNCH**

Dowally's brand new album tells a tale of music from wild, rolling places. An exciting, energetic trio whose expression and style has been described as 'something special - one of the big surprises of the year' (FolkWorld). Accordion (Phil Alexander, Moishe's Bagel), guitar (Dan Abrahams, The Foo Birds, Bonzai Quartet) and fiddle (Rachel Walker, Wayward Jane) leap, dive and soar to create tunes and songs which are rooted in folk, but which speak of influences from jazz, Klezmer and the classical world. Guest, Graham Coe (The Jellyman's Daughter) on cello, adds an undefinable twist and the arrangements are such that each instrument shines through.

Fri 29 Jun | 7.30pm (2hrs 30) | £10 (£8) (£7.50 SCS)

## **GLOBAL FOLK: ETHNO ENGLAND WORLD MUSIC ENSEMBLE**

A one-night-only chance to see the ephemeral Ethno England band - a global folk fusion band formed through an intensive week of musical exchange. Traditional music and dance from over 25 countries covering 4 continents, performed by emerging young musicians from around the world.

Tue 3 Jul | 10am & 11.30am (40mins) £5 per child | 2-5yrs

### **TINY TALES: RHYMETIME JOURNEY**

Join Eric Brennan and a host of fluffy creatures on a fun filled trip to meet lots of favourite nursery rhyme characters. Interactive songs and rhymes guaranteed to make you smile.

Thu 5 Jul | 7pm (2hrs) | £7 (£5) (£4.50 SCS) | Adults 8+

### **NIGHT OF THE SWAN: TANABATA CEILIDH**

Miagete Goran, the swan of heaven, is soaring down the Milky Way through our summer nights. She tells the most famous story of love in the stars, celebrated every July in Eastern Asia when the weaving princess (Vega) and her cowherd husband (Altair) consummate their marriage – on the bridge of the swan’s tail (Deneb) crossing the Silvery River – only one night of the year! Gather together with Mio Shapley, Joseph Kennedy and Linda Williamson for a magical ceilidh of shared story, music and star-crossed love!

Fri 6 Jul | 7.30pm (2hrs) | £8 (£6) (£5.50 SCS)

### **STORIES ON THE WAY**

Come along and listen to stories for the Earth. Our wonderful apprentice storytellers present tales of the environment, from a feminist perspective to climate change. Come and be enchanted.

Sun 8 - Sun 22 Jul

## **EXHIBITION: MY CITY**

A project by Imagineate and Multi-Cultural Family Base bringing together artists Victoria Beesley, Yvonne Buskie and Arran Howie with refugee families in Edinburgh. Over a series of workshops, they will use visual arts, puppetry and drama to explore stories and traditions from the cities that have been their home. They will design a new city inspired by the different places they have lived and create characters to live there. This exhibition will feature artwork by the families to share with the city of Edinburgh. With thanks to Big Lottery Funding.

Thu 12 Jul | 7pm (2hrs) | £5 (£4.50 SCS) | 14+

## **CAFÉ VOICES: OUR BEAUTIFUL WOODLANDS**

Step into the rich, green, growing landscape of Scots pine, birch, oak, aspen and juniper with storyteller Grace Banks. Discover and enjoy nature tales where ancient wisdom speaks clearly to those who listen to the trees. With an open-floor section for storytellers to tell their own tales.

2pm (1hr) | £8 (£6) (£5.50 SCS) | 12+

## **TRADITIONAL TALES**

Wed 11 - Fri 13 Jul (with Beverley Casebow & Anne Hunter)

Wed 18 - Fri 20 Jul (with Joshua Bryant & Daiva Ivanauskaite)

Wed 25 - Fri 27 Jul (with Beverley Bryant)

A summer season of traditional tales from Scotland and further afield. Hear the truths, myths and legends of folklore, past and present. Authentic entertainment and insight, all in one hour! For details on each session, please check our website.

Sat 30 Jun, 21 Jul, 29 Sep | 8pm (2hrs) | £12 (£10) (£9.50 SCS)

## **MEN WITH COCONUTS & FRIENDS**

The award-winning musical improv comedy troupe are joined by new and established improvisers and sketch comedians as they present two hours of off-the-cuff scenes and original sketch comedy. 'One of the best improv shows I've seen. Skilful and hysterical.' (Jo Caulfield) Winner: Spirit of the Fringe Award (Prague Fringe 2016).

Fri 27 Jul | 7.30pm (2hrs) | £6 (£5.50 SCS)

## **REAL TALK: STORYTELLING FOR WELLBEING**

An evening of storytelling, connection and honesty, creating a safe space to speak about one of our most beautiful assets, our minds! Attendees are offered an opportunity to gain insight and understanding into the individual experiences of the speakers. Supported by the Mental Health Foundation, Sense of Belonging Arts Programme.

Fri 27 Jul | 7.30pm (2hrs 30) By donation (suggest £5/£4) | Adults

## **GUID CRACK STORYTELLING SESSION**

Magical nature stories in celebration of wild spaces and their heart stirring beauty. Explore forests where dreams dwell and share tales on this summer evening's journey, with storyteller Jane Mather. Edinburgh's monthly storytelling night, held upstairs in The Waverley Bar, St. Mary's Street. Accompanied young adults aged 12+ are welcome.

Sat 28 Jul | 2pm (1hr) | £5 (£4.50 SCS) | 14+

## **MAGIC, MUSIC & MYSTERY FROM THE SCOTTISH BORDERS AND BEYOND**

Joan Morrison shares mysterious and magical stories from the Scottish Borders, including the strange and spellbinding tale of Thomas the Rhymer. Hear traditional Borders tunes on the fiddle played by Karen Barber, with Joan accompanying on her beautiful old concertina. Come along on a wee visit to the Land that Time Forgot...

Sat 28 Jul - Mon 27 Aug

## **EXHIBITION: EDINBURGH URBAN SKETCHERS**

The Edinburgh Urban Sketchers group is part of a global network of people who meet together to sketch, both home and abroad. This exhibition showcases sketches created on location in Edinburgh by local members and aims to promote urban sketching as a positive means of engaging with our environment.

## **THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2018**

The world's largest arts festival is upon us again and the Centre has the usual packed programme of top class events for children and adults. Check online or call us for special preview prices, family tickets, accessible performances and 241 offers.

Tickets can be purchased through the Centre's Box Office: 0131 556 9579 | [scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk](http://scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk) or through the Fringe Box Office: 0131 226 0000 | [edfringe.com](http://edfringe.com)

2 - 15 (not 8) | 11am (45mins) £9 (£7) (£28) (£6.50 SCS) | 8+

### **WAVES**

*Alice Mary Cooper in association with Independent Arts*

Projects Combining storytelling, movement and splashes of humour, Waves is about having the courage, desire and determination to swim against the tide of expectation. An extraordinary tale of a life fully lived. 'Captivating' \*\*\*\* (List). 'A joy' \*\*\*\* (Herald).

2 - 19 (not 8, 15) | 12.30pm (50mins) £9 (£7) (£28) (£6.50 SCS) | 5+

## **EATEN**

*Mamoru Iriguchi*

What if your food started talking back? Lionel the lion has just eaten a human. Now Lionel hears 'hello' from his stomach! A strange friendship between eater and eaten starts to grow. \*\*\*\* (Herald). \*\*\*\* (Times).

2 - 19 (not 15) | 2.30pm (55mins) £10 (£8) (£32) (£7.50 SCS) | 8+

## **THE TIME MACHINE**

*The Scientific Romance Theatre Company*

Combining exquisite puppetry, scintillating melodrama and a luxurious soundscape, this fast paced adaptation is suitable for enquiring minds aged 8+. Will the hour fly by or will it seem like an eternity? Dare to discover the truth!

22 - 26 | 12.30pm (1hr 10) £10 (£8) (£32) (£7.50 SCS) | 8+

## **IS THIS A DAGGER? THE STORY OF MACBETH**

*Andy Cannon with Red Bridge Arts*

By the pricking of my thumb, something wicked this way comes. Andy Cannon tells Shakespeare's classic. 'First class theatre for everyone over eight' (Herald). 'Compelling' \*\*\*\*\* (Stage).

20 - 27 | 2.30pm (1hr 5) £12 (£10) (£40) (£9.50 SCS) | 7+

## **THE MAN WHO PLANTED TREES**

*Puppet State Theatre Company*

'Laughs, heartbreak, war, regeneration, scented breezes, sparkling wit and the best dog puppet ever. Perfect for children and grown-ups' (Guardian). Internationally acclaimed adaptation of Giono's classic environmental tale. An enduring Fringe favourite returns! \*\*\*\*\* (Scotsman).

18, 19, 24 - 26 | 11am (1hr) £10 (£8) (£32) (£7.50 SCS) | 8+

## **OLD BOY**

*Glas(s) Performance*

From the producers of Junction 25 comes a brand new show about male family relationships, legacy and the unique bond between real-life grandfathers and grandsons. Part of Made in Scotland 2018. 'Utterly lifeaffirming' \*\*\*\* (Herald).

[www.madeinscotlandshowcase.com](http://www.madeinscotlandshowcase.com)

2 - 27 (not 13, 20) | 4.30pm (1hr) £12 (£10) (£40) (£9.50 SCS)  
| 8+

## **MAIRI CAMPBELL: AULD LANG SYNE**

Greengold Projects and Authentic Artist Collective The story of Mairi's adventures with Scotland's most famous song. An exhilarating and original sequel to Pulse, 'visionary musicianship... distinctive virtuosity' (Herald), blending live music, animation and movement. Co-devised and directed by Kath Burlinson. [www.madeinscotlandshowcase.com](http://www.madeinscotlandshowcase.com)

1 - 11 | 6.30pm (1hr) | 14+ £13 (£11) (£10.50 SCS)

## **THE MOIRA MONOLOGUES**

*Bissett/Kyle Productions*

Biting comic creation Moira Bell, hardest woman in Falkirk and alter-ego of writer/performer Alan Bissett, returns to the Fringe after a storming tour of Scotland. 'Moira Bell's a legend. A hilarious but subtly smart work' \*\*\*\* (Skinny).

1 - 11 | 8pm (1hr) | 14+ £13 (£11) (£10.50 SCS)

## **MORE MOIRA MONOLOGUES**

*Bissett/Kyle Productions*

She's back! Alan Bissett's straight-talking single mum Moira Bell returns, in this awardwinning sequel to the much-loved original Monologues. Moira's a gran, but still telling hilarious hometruths about dating, Brexit, her estranged sister and her ex, Billy. \*\*\*\*\* (BroadwayBaby.com)\*\*\*\*\* (TheNational.scot).

12 - 27 (not 20) | 6.30pm (1hr) | 14+ £12 (£10) (£9.50 SCS)

## **TWA**

*Annie George and Flore Gardner*

Powerful theatrical storytelling with digital and live drawing, by award-winning writer Annie George and visual artist Flore Gardner. Weaving together memoir and myth in contrasting stories about silenced women, exploring how the creative act becomes an act of resistance.

12 - 27 | 8pm (1hr) | 14+ £12 (£10) (£9.50 SCS)

## **HAMISH HENDERSON: ON THE RADICAL ROAD**

*Theatre Objektiv*

Evocative, innovative, shape-shifting drama, sculpted from the poetry and songs of Hamish Henderson (1919-2002). A vital, new perspective on this revolutionary European intellect and father of Scottish folk revival presented in dynamic, dramatic fusion.

1 - 27 (not 13, 14, 21, 22) 9.30pm (1hr) | 14+ £12 (£10)  
(£9.50 SCS)

## **LOUD POETS: THE FANTASTICAL GAME SHOW SPECTACULAR**

*Loud Poets*

For the last four years, the award-winning Loud Poets have brought you their fist thumping, pint-drinking, side-tickling, heart-wrenching poetry. Now the spoken word revolution finally has what it needs... The Fantastical Game Show Spectacular!

13, 14, 21, 22 (9.30pm) & 20 (4.30pm) | 1hr | 16+ £10 (£8)  
(£7.50 SCS)

## **THIS SCRIPT AND OTHER DRAFTS**

*Jenny Lindsay*

Come and join award-winning spoken word poet Jenny Lindsay for an evening of new work exploring sexual politics, gender, feminism and more. A purposefully work in-progress show. Can she rewrite this script? Can you?

2 - 27 (not 13, 20) | 5pm (1hr) | 16+ £10 (£8) (£7.50 SCS)

## **THE LAIRD'S BIG BREXIT**

*Netherbow Actors Co*

Scotland's landowners were in retreat, but the worm has turned... blue. A new political force is launched and it's not Ruth Davidson. Join Gussie McCraig for this outrageous briefing. Christopher Craig premieres a Donald Smith script.

17-19, 24, 25 | 1pm (50mins) | 14+ £9 (£7) (£28) (£6.50 SCS)

## **GIE'S PEACE**

*Morna Burdon*

Inspirational stories about women who have walked for peace, rebelled against war and sometimes risked everything. And about their loved ones too... Songs of hope, sadness, humour and defiance. Sell-out show 2017 (Bonnie Fechtters). 'Deeply moving' \*\*\*\* (BroadwayBaby.com).

2 - 12 | 3pm (1hr) | 8+ £9 (£7) (£28) (£6.50 SCS)

## **WITCHES, WEE FOLK & WATERY BEASTIES**

*Dougie Mackay*

There's more to Scotland than meets the eye. Dougie Mackay evokes its gnarly soul as clans, fishermen and fools meet faeries, kelpies and giants in a wonderful ceilidh of classic tales and local legends.

22 - 26 | 3pm (1hr) | 16+ £9 (£7) (£6.50 SCS)

## **WALK THE OARS**

*Svend-Erik Engh*

Viking tales and Nordic myths with Danish storyteller Svend-Erik Engh and Scottish poet/musician MacGillivray. Enter a Viking longship full of story and poetry, with tales of meetings between Vikings and Scots men and women.

2 - 12 | 7.30pm (55mins) | 12+ £10 (£8) (£32) (£7.50 SCS)

## **A TRILOGY OF HORRORS**

*TumbleDry Theatre*

Three classic horror stories from three great writers Dickens' haunting *The Signal Man*, Shelley's tragic *The Mortal Immortal* and Poe's chilling *The Tell-Tale Heart*. 'Masters of storytelling' ([TheWeeReview.com](http://TheWeeReview.com)).

22 - 26 | 7.30pm (1hr 15) | 12+ £10 (£8) (£7.50 SCS)

## **UNCANNY THINGS**

*Beira*

The stories and songs of old Scotland are tough, beautiful, haunting and, sometimes, richly humorous. With one storyteller, one singer and two Scottish harps, Beira - Alison Bell and Heather Yule - go deep into the tradition and find magic, mystery and murder.

15 - 19 | 7.30pm (1hr 45) | 14+ £10 (£8) (£7.50 SCS)

## **HENNA**

*Peter and Gorg Chand*

A wily old matchmaker on the eve of a wedding. Ancient traditions and an anxious young bride-to be... Join British Punjabi storytellers Peter and Gorg Chand with stunning traditional Indian stories full of love, despair, betrayal and humour.

8, 16 (9.30am & 10.30am), 17 (10.30am) | 45mins | 16+ £10 (£8) (£7.50 SCS)

## **MINDFUL DISCO**

*Zen Gwen*

Rise and shine with Mindful Disco! A guided event combining dance and mindfulness. Boogie to uplifting tunes, move your body in wisdom and start your day off in fabulous style. With Zen Gwen and Sheena Byrne.

Fri 31 Aug | 7.30pm (2hrs 30) By donation (suggest £5/£4) | Adults

## **GUID CRACK STORYTELLING SESSION**

A field is never just a field when a story is seeped into its soil. **Tim Porteus** leads an evening of stories which are entwined with place. Edinburgh's monthly storytelling night, held upstairs in The Waverley Bar, St. Mary's Street. Accompanied young adults aged 12+ are welcome.

Sat 1 Sep – Sat 6 Oct

## **EXHIBITION: MORTALITY TALES**

If life and death were two characters in a range of different stories, how would they interact? And what is the boundary between them? In this exhibition Cordula Marks Venters and Kirsty Venters Marks present different stories told in a variety of illustrative visual works and with accompanying poetry. Each image tells its own story – some of these are well-known tales or mythologies but told from a non-traditional perspective; some are lesser-known legends, and a few are brand new stories.

Thu 6 Sep | 6.30pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)

## **A NEW ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE INCORPORATED TRADES OF EDINBURGH**

Join us in the Storytelling Court to hear from Charles Bradbury and Henry Fotheringham as they present their treasure-chest of knowledge about every Trade. The book is beautifully illustrated and highlights many historical events which have been of great importance in the lives of the craftsmen of Edinburgh, including the Battle of Flodden, the signing of the National Covenant, the Union of the Crowns, the Jacobite Uprisings and the Industrial Revolution.

Sat 8 Sep | 45mins | £5 (£4.50 SCS)

## **IT'S IN THE BAG**

This award-winning duo delight in taking children's imaginations on a storytelling adventure, with rhymes, songs, drama, creative games and puppets bringing the story to life. See related workshop on pg 30

**Teddy Bears Picnic** | 10am | (0-2yrs)

Bring your favourite teddy and journey into the woods with Sam & Rosie for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. What delights will the teddies have in store for us? A wonderful interactive session for little ones, with puppets, props and lots of well-known nursery rhymes throughout.

**Superheroes** | 11.15am | (3-6yrs)

Sam & Rosie are Superheroes in a magical kingdom, a beautiful place where the animals can speak, there's a good fairy and everyone lives happily ... until Snake-boy decides to spoil their fun. Will Bug-boy & Cat-girl save the day? Only with your help! An interactive story with puppets, props, songs and adventure throughout.

Tue 11 Sep | 10am & 11.30am (40mins) | £5 per child 2-5yrs

### **TINY TALES: INTO THE GARDEN**

Come into the garden with storyteller Claire McNicol and meet characters old and new, from Mary the contrary gardener to her pals Wiggly Woo the Worm and Cecil the caterpillar. Event will be held outside, weather dependent.

Thu 13 Sep | 7pm (2hrs) | £5 (£4.50 SCS)

### **CAFÉ VOICES: TALES OF MYSTERY, MAGIC, MISCHIEF AND MAYHEM**

Host storyteller, Jackie Carothers, invites you to escape the humdrum of everyday life, give your imagination free rein, and join her for an evening of stories that will intrigue, enchant, twist and turn, and keep everyone guessing until the very last word. The Centre's monthly storytelling session,

with an open floor section for audience members to contribute their own stories or songs, all in the relaxed surroundings of the Storytelling Court.

Sat 15 Sep | 11am (45mins) | £5 per child | 3-6yrs

## **LAPIN IS HUNGRY - THE BILINGUAL PICTURE BOOK FOR ALL!**

Lapin has been delighting families since 2008 and the French rabbit now has a picture book! Join Tania and her puppets for a bilingual mini-show, the reading of the story and some Lapin style dancing to celebrate. Accessible to non-French speakers. With an opportunity to get your book signed at the end.

Tue 18 Sep | 2pm (2hrs) | Free

## **CAFÉ CEILIDH: CHANGING SEASONS**

Join friends from the Scots Music Group for an afternoon session of traditional songs, music, poems and stories. Held in the relaxed setting of the Storytelling Court. All welcome to listen or bring a tune for a turn!

Tue 18 Sep | 7.30pm (2hrs) | £10 (£8) (£7.50 SCS)

## **ROBERT SERVICE - POET OF THE YUKON**

Storytellers David Campbell, Barbara McLean and cellist/singer Wendy Weatherby celebrate the 60th anniversary of the death of poet and writer Robert W. Service. From his early life in Scotland to his meteoric rise to riches and fame with his stirring verses of the outback, goldrush characters and wild adventurers, including the iconic Shooting of Dan McGrew and The Cremation of Sam Magee.

Fri 21 Sep | 7.30pm (2hrs 30) | £8 (£6) (£5.50 SCS)

## **LOUD POETS: TO INFINITY AND BEYOND**

Loud Poets bring you their monthly showcase of the UK's top spoken word talent. This is make some noise, fist-thumping, pint drinking, side-tickling, heart-wrenching poetry. This is poetry for the masses. 'There's a humour; poignancy and most of all a confidence which serves to inspire.' (Scotsman).

Tue 25 Sep | 7.30pm (2hrs) | £12 (£10) (£9.50 SCS)

## **RECONSTRUCTED: JONI MITCHELL**

The Reconstructed series continues by celebrating the songs of Joni Mitchell, who has beguiled, bewitched and enchanted generations of artists and audiences alike. This evening brings together singers, Jess Abrams, Sophie Bancroft, Claire Daly and Becc Sanderson who each take the audience through a journey of the music of Joni Mitchell, via jazz and folk adaptations.

Fri 28 Sep | 7.30pm (2hrs 30) By donation (suggest £5/£4) | Adults

## **GUID CRACK STORYTELLING SESSION**

Dogs play a big part in most people's lives, they can be man's best friend, but could they also be a curse? A terrier or a terror? A ghost or a messenger? Edinburgh's monthly storytelling night continues at The Waverley Bar, St. Mary's Street. Accompanied young adults aged 12+ are welcome. With guest storyteller Jess Smith.

Sat 29 Sep | 10am-6pm | Free (ticketed)

## **DOORS OPEN DAY: JOHN KNOX HOUSE**

Dating back to 1470, John Knox House is one of Scotland's greatest cultural treasures and is associated with the most dramatic events in Scotland's turbulent history. Located in The Netherbow, the house was the home of James Mossman, goldsmith to Mary, Queen of Scots, and became known as the final residence of John Knox, the Protestant reformer. 30 tickets will be available per half-hour, with limited tickets available in advance.

## **Workshops & Development Days**

### **Living Culture & Traditions**

Presented by TRACS (Traditional Arts & Culture Scotland)

Rediscover imagination's power to enliven, educate & transform. A feast of participatory culture for anyone involved in arts, education & community work.

#### **TO BOOK WORKSHOP PLACES AT THE STORYTELLING CENTRE**

Phone: 0131 556 9579

Online: [www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk](http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk)

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

We require five working days' notice of cancellation to guarantee a refund. You will receive an email reminder of your booking & a full programme in the week preceding the workshop.

#### **PLANNING ON ATTENDING MORE THAN ONE WORKSHOP?**

For discounted rates on workshops become a member of the Traditional Music Forum, the Scottish Storytelling Forum or the Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland. For details visit [www.tracscotland.org](http://www.tracscotland.org)

Wed 1 - Fri 3 Aug

## **CELTIC SUMMER SCHOOL**

Get to grips with what really makes Scotland Scottish at the TRACS Summer School. Book in for day sessions or the whole three-day experience. Led by Donald Smith, Summer School tutors this year include David Francis, Stan Reeves, Bria Mason, Duncan Sneddon, Erin Farley and Fred Freeman.

Wed 1 Aug | 11am (5hrs inc. lunch break) £18 (£15 Forum Members)

### **SCOTLAND: SEASONS, CUSTOMS, DRAMA & DANCE**

Explore Scotland's relationship with its rich natural environment and how that has been, and continues to be, expressed through culture.

Thu 2 Aug | 11am (5hrs inc. lunch break) £18 (£15 Forum Members)

### **SCOTLAND: LANDSCAPES, ROUTES & RELIGION**

Beginning with landscape as a focus for the sacred, this day explores pre-history to the Early Christian and Celtic era, and through to the present day. The constant factor is journeying through the landscape and articulating the routes and special places.

Fri 3 Aug | 11am (5hrs inc. lunch break) £18 (£15 Forum Members)

## **SCOTLAND: MUSIC, STORIES, POETRY & SONG**

Scotland's arts tap into its cultural riches in terms of both content, styles and creative methods. This is a ceilidh of a day with multi-faceted jewels but also vivid overviews.

**From 6-10 Aug, TRACS collaborates with the University of Edinburgh Summer School, led by storytellers Janis Mackay and Donald Smith: [www.festivalofopenlearning.ed.ac.uk](http://www.festivalofopenlearning.ed.ac.uk)**

Fri 10 Aug | 10.30am (2hrs) | £18 (£15 Forum Members) | Development

## **SINGING & VOCAL POLYPHONIES FROM NORTH EAST BRAZIL with Renata Rosa**

A deeply expressive Brazilian singer songwriter nominated for Songlines Best Artist Award 2018, Renata delves into polyphonic harmonies and unearths musical influences from many sources: European, African, Arab and indigenous Brazilian. The workshop will provide a broad introduction to traditional singing styles from North East Brazil, addressing the pulse of voice and body, the energy and reverberations of singing, vocal effects and polyphonies.

Sat 8 Sep | 2pm (2 hrs) | £15 (£12 Forum Members)

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## **STORYTELLING SKILLS WITH YOUNGER AUDIENCES**

Stories are for everyone, but how do we engage young children in our stories? Join professional storytellers **Lorna Shields** and **Kirsty Thomson** of 'It's in the bag', as they share the secrets of their success with 0-7-year olds. This practical session will help develop your storytelling skills with a focus on voice, puppets, props, rhyme, song & improvisation. Suitable for parents, storytellers, early years practitioners and anyone who spends time with younger children. Bring your inner child and a short story (2-4mins).

Sat 22 Sep | 10.30am (6hrs) £24 (£18 Forum Members) |

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## **STARTING WITH STORIES 1**

A hands-on, practical introduction to live storytelling and the associated skills. Storyteller and educator **Jackie Ross** leads this participatory session for anyone curious about discovering and developing their own storytelling talent. Let out your inner storyteller and learn to craft your skills.

Sat 29 Sep | 10.30am (6hrs) | £24 (£18 Forum Members) |  
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## **STARTING WITH STORIES 2**

A hands-on introduction to live storytelling and the associated skills, with leading storyteller and trainer **Grace Banks**. This participative session takes you a step further in developing your own storytelling talent in various contexts and situations. Let out your inner storyteller at work and in play while learning to hone your skills.

## **John Knox House - Step Inside History**

Opening Hours: Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm | Sun (Jul & Aug only)

Last entry: 5.30pm

Admission: £5 Adult | £4 Concession | £1 Children 7+ | Under 7s free

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

'Beautiful historic medieval beauty' (TripAdvisor)

Enter this ornate 15th century building and discover the conflicts of the Royal Mile's oldest house. Walk in the footsteps of the famous inhabitants and hear the drama of Scotland's Reformation unfold in every room. Look out for the tricks and traps to fool intruders, hunt for the devil hiding in The Oak Room ceiling and try your hand at our portrait puzzles that have stumped many visitors in the past...

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