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• Attend a local Branch event
• See the finalists of the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year in this year’s TMSA Young Trad Tours and buy a current or past Tour CD
• List your event or folk club on our website
• Become a member to continue our work for another 50 years of promoting, preserving and presenting all the music and song traditions of Scotland

More details at www.tmsa.org.uk
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harpfestival.co.uk
Merchiston Castle School
Welcome to the TMSA Event Calendar in our 50th anniversary year!

The publication is designed to help you find traditional music and song around Scotland in 2016, whether you are here for a few days or longer.

Along with events we have a section giving details of groups and venues which provide opportunities to take part in and/or learn about traditional music & song year around. This 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

If you’re not a TMSA member yet, you can find details of how to join and avail yourself of numerous benefits!

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

Fiona Campbell
National Convener

Please take a moment to fill out our online survey which will help the TMSA improve this publication and our other services at www.tmsa.org.uk. Plus you could WIN A PRIZE in our quarterly draw!

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28/03 – 01/04/2016
- Òrain Ghàidhlig le Christine Primrose
  Gaelic song with Christine Primrose
- Dannsa Ceum le Sophie Stephenson
  Step dancing with Sophie Stephenson
- Fidheall le Gabe McVarish
  Fiddle with Gabe McVarish
- Gàidhlig 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9
  Gaelic 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9

04–08/04/2016
- Gàidhlig 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10
  Gaelic levels 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10
- Cúrsa ùrachaidh do luchd-labhairt na Gàidhlig le Ailig ‘Bhaltois‘ Dòmhnallach
  Refresher course for Gaelic speakers with Alec ‘Valtos’ MacDonald
- Beartas cainnt le Iain Urchadan
  Beartas cainnt with John Urquhart

Tha Sabhal Mòr Ostaig san Eilean Sgitheanach a’ tabhann cothrom ionnsachaidh air leth agus roghainn farsaing de chùrsaichean goirid tro shaor-làithean na Càisg is an t-Samhraidh. Airson liosta sìne, nach tadhall sibh air an lèirach-lìn agus thigibh a chèilidh oirn ann ann 2016!

Cúrsaichean Samhraidh fosgailte an-dràsta!

Summer Courses also open for booking now!
PIPPET A MAJORS’ WHEEL OF FORTUNE COMPETITION

13 February Danderhall Miners Club, 88 Edmonstone Road, Danderhall EH22 1QU
See some of the world’s top pipers - including Chris Armstrong and Brian Lamond - compete in an informal and relaxed environment where musical expression and entertainment come to the fore. Starts at 12 noon.
Tel. 07941 679 015
paulwhite2@blueyonder.co.uk

SINGERS GATHERING 2016

20 February Queen Margaret Hall, Linlithgow, EH49 7JA
A full day of workshops and evening concert for community singing groups and individual singers, with informal group performance opportunities. 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

20 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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March onwards Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, G2 3DB
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Tel. 0141 270 8213
shortcourses@rcs.ac.uk
www.rcs.ac.uk/shortcourses
EDINBURGH’S FESTIVAL OF IRELAND
9 - 13 March Various Venues in Edinburgh
Join in our St Patrick’s season celebration in Edinburgh! Includes “A Celtic Crossover” concert on 12 March at the Queen’s Hall with Tannahill Weavers, Cathal McConnell with guests, Siamsoir Irish dancers and a musicians’ session. Also in Festival: talks, dance displays and lots more. Check website for the growing programme!
Tel. 0785 528 5207
office@edinburghsfestivalofireland.org
www.edinburghsfestivalofireland.org

THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA
12 March Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen, AB24 5NR
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)
secretary@sfo.org.uk
www.sfo.org.uk

ABERDEEN COMPETITION AND CEILIDH DAY
19 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 new storytelling competitions. Evening Ceilidh session.
Tel. 01224 314 795
shirley.watt795@btinternet.com
www.tmsa.org.uk - Aberdeen Branch page

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL HARP FESTIVAL
1 - 6 April Merchiston Castle School, Colinton Road, Edinburgh EH13 0PU
An international line-up of top musicians will join the cream of Scottish players when the Edinburgh International Harp Festival celebrates the instrument at this magical series of events.
Tel. 0131 554 0212
office@harpfestival.co.uk
www.harpfestival.co.uk

DISTIL SHOWCASE
8 April Stirling Tollbooth
Distil, first established in 2002, allows Traditional musicians to work with experienced practitioners from other music genres, resulting in 10 new commissions each year, which are presented at the Distil Showcase in collaboration with Mr McFall’s Chamber. 8.00pm.
info@handsupfortrad.co.uk
www.distil.org.uk
NORTHERN STREAMS 2016

22 - 23 April Grassmarket Centre, Edinburgh EH1 2QA

Festival celebrating Scottish and Scandinavian music, song and dance through concert, workshops and sessions, with performers from Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Scotland. Organised by the TMSA Edinburgh & Lothians Branch.

Tel. 07951 918 366
etlmsha@yahoo.co.uk
www.eltmsa.org.uk | www.northernstreams.org

GLENFARG FOLK FEAST 2016

8 - 10 April Backstage at the Green Hotel, Kinross, KY13 8AS
Friendly festival in its 38th year with an exciting line-up including Dougie MacLean, The Emily Smith Duo, Shona Donaldson and Paul Anderson, Maurice Dickson, Roberto and the Tickety2, Winter Wilson and The Farg Folk. Also a children’s concert featuring Artie Trezise, welcoming ceilidh with the Orwell Ceilidh Band, an original song competition, the world championship puff-a-box competition, sessions and singarounds.

Tel. 01577 830 370 | 07834 474 799
info@glenfargfolkclub.com
www.glenfargfolkclub.com

TMSA 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

16 - 17 April The Lemon Tree, Aberdeen
Saturday night concert with headline acts Siobhan Miller and Paul Anderson, and supporting acts from Aberdeen Branch TMSA. Sunday afternoon workshops with Siobhan Miller and Paul Anderson, followed by open session for all, to round off the weekend

Tel. 01224 314 795
shirley.watt795@btinternet.com
www.tmsa.org.uk

TRADFEST

27 April - 8 May Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1SR and other venues

Tradition goes live in Edinburgh, showcased in an extraordinarily full and varied 12 days and nights of Traditional Arts and Culture in Scotland’s capital. Rooted in the past and resonating in the present, enjoy music, song, storytelling, dance, drama, crafts, film, seasonal customs, and environmental arts delivered by a galaxy of local and international talent.

Tel. 0131 556 9579 | 0131 652 3272
lindsay@scottishstorytellingcentre.com
www.tracscotland.org/festivals
GIRVAN FOLK FESTIVAL
29 April - 1 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. 01560 321 102 margaretmacrae@btinternet.com www.girvanfolkfestival.co.uk

MONIAIVE FOLK FESTIVAL
6 - 8 May Moniaive, Dumfries and Galloway
Come and celebrate our 15th year with a weekend of great concerts, dancing, workshops, sessions, singarounds and piping competitions all held in the unique village setting of this Creative Place Award winner. Tel. 01387 820 241 alan@snademill.co.uk www.moniaivefolkfestival.co.uk

FIFESING 2016: THE FIFE TRADITIONAL SINGING FESTIVAL
13 - 15 May Various Venues around Falkland, 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 at sessions and singarounds. Tel. 01337 830 773 connect@springthyme.co.uk www.springthyme.co.uk/fifesing

STRICHEN FESTIVAL - BUCHAN HERITAGE SOCIETY
20 - 22 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 with Robbie Shepherd at 6.30. Free Ceilidh at 9.00pm Sat. Farewell Ceilidh Sunday afternoon 2.00pm. Tel. 01779 821 301 | 01771 637 344 info@buchanheritagesociety.co.uk www.buchanheritagesociety.co.uk

ORKNEY FOLK FESTIVAL
26 - 29 May Based in Stromness, with events taking place in many other parishes and some outer Orkney isles
Now in its 34th year, the Orkney Folk Festival is widely regarded as one of the finest in the UK, where Orkney’s thriving local folk scene welcomes artists 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
KNOCKENGORROCH WORLD CEILIDH 2016

26 - 29 May  Knockengorroch Farm, Carsphairn, Castle Douglas
Family-friendly world/roots/traditional 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@knockengorroch.org.uk
www.knockengorroch.org.uk

7TH HAAL FOLK FESTIVAL -
FOLK AT THE SALMON BOTHY

3 - 5 June  Town Hall and other venues in Portsoy
Concerts, workshops, competitions, sessions and loads of
opportunity to sing! Tom Spiers, Arthur Watson, Maggie Spiers, Scott
Gardiner, Bill Gray, Martin Simpson, Andy Cutting and Nancy Kerr,
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Johnston, Danny Couper, and more to be confirmed.
Tel. 01261 842 571 | 07968 872 217
bobphilips25@live.co.uk
www.bothyfolk.org

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2016

THE MUSICIANS COURSE
31ST JULY - 7TH AUGUST 2016

The focus will be on the accordion, fiddle,
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keithfestival@gmail.com
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THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA

18 June, 7.30pm Usher Hall, Edinburgh, EH1 2EA
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. 0131 228 1155 (Box Office)
secretary@sfo.org.uk
www.sfo.org.uk

LOANHEAD MUSIC FESTIVAL

10 - 12 June  Various venues, Loanhead
Now in its 16th year, features pub sessions, concert, open mic event, workshops, craft fair, plus the ever-popular Song-writing and Recycled Instrument competitions. Flat central campsite.
Tel. 07092 876 798
admin@loanheadfest.co.uk
www.loanheadfest.co.uk

CùRSAICHEAN GOIRID AN T-SAMHRAIDH / SUMMER SHORT COURSES

27 June - 26 August  Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Sleat, Isle of Skye
Why not consider a short course experience at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig for summer? With weekly events, ceilidhs, evening activities and concerts each week, the College is a vibrant and busy place during summer, set in the beautiful Sleat peninsula. Visit the website for the full list of short courses.
Tel. 01471 888 240
cg@smo.uhi.ac.uk
www.smo.uhi.ac.uk

FALKLAND TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

1 - 3 July  Falkland, Fife
Join us in beautiful Falkland in the heart of Fife for a mid-summer weekend of traditional music and song with concerts, ceilidh dances, talks, workshops and competitions.
Tel. 01337 840 450
Falklandtradfest@outlook.com
www.falklandtradfest.org.uk
CEÒLAS UIBHIST

3 - 8 July Daliburgh School, Daliburgh, South Uist
Summer school offering Gaelic, Song, 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

TINTO SUMMER SCHOOL

Various dates in July Wiston Lodge, Biggar
Residential music schools for young people.
4 - 9 July: Tinto Summer School 1, 12-18 years old.
18 - 20 July: Tinto Tasters 1, beginners.
21 - 23 July: Tinto Tasters 2, beginners.
Tel. 07775 854 572
info@handsupfortrad.co.uk
www.tintosummerschool.com

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5 July - 26 August ‘SEALL at Sabhal Mòr’, Skye, IV44 8RQ
All the big names and bands in traditional, Gaelic and visiting music, in the Scots Trad Awards’ ‘Venue of the Year’ on Skye, and other community spaces. With ceilidhs, sessions, and some jazz, theatre, exhibitions and cafés.
Tel. 01471 844 207
info@seall.co.uk
www.skyefestival.scot

NEWTON STEWART & MINNIGAFF TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

7 - 9 July Newton Stewart, Dumfries & Galloway
Concerts, workshops, pipe band, song writing competitions, family friendly song and tune sessions in the heart of the Galloway Hills.
www.tradmusic.com
[TradMusicFestival]

28TH STONEHAVEN FOLK FESTIVAL

7 - 10 July Stonehaven Town Hall (AB39 2BU) and various venues around the town
Celebrating its 28th 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. 07811 455 279 | 01569 765 063
charlie_west@hotmail.com
www.stonehavenfolkfestival.co.uk
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SUMMER SCHOOL
17 July - 14 August St. Andrews
Come and join us in beautiful St Andrews one of our weeks (or more) of the RSCDS Summer School. Each week is a self-contained session, offering Scottish Country Dancing as well as courses for Musicians (week 3), Young Dancers (week 3), and plenty of evening social dancing.
Tel. 0131 225 3854
info@rscds.org
www.rscds.org

LINLITHGOW SCOTCH HOP
13 July - 10 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

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)
- National Certificate (NC) Celtic Studies

Both are 1-year full-time courses and include a residential cultural visit to Sabhal Mòr Ostaig in Skye to develop Gaelic language skills.

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: office@newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk
THE TRADITIONAL SINGING WEEKEND AT CULLERLIE
22 - 24 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.co.uk
www.abdn.ac.uk/elphinstone

SING OR SINK
30 July, 1-5pm 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. £12/£9. Limited numbers so book early!
Tel. 07740 782 404
asc.gc@sky.com
www.tmsa.org.uk - Glasgow Branch page

SPEYFEST
29 - 31 July Playing Fields, East Street, Fochabers, Moray
Three days of the best in traditional and contemporary Celtic music, Speyfest hosts a variety of events including concerts and stomps, a craft fair and an ecumenical Celtic Kirk service.
Tel. 07875 212 382
info@speyfest.com
www.speyfest.com

SHETLAND FIDDLE FRENZY
31 July - 7 August Mareel, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0WQ
Learn the secrets of Shetland fiddle from experienced tutors, explore the thriving musical traditions of the islands and enjoy Frenzy Fringe events and Evening Concerts all week.
Tel. 01595 743 843 (info) | 01595 743 555 (bookings)
fiddle.frenzy@shetlandarts.org
www.shetlandarts.org/fiddlefrenzy

PIPING LIVE! GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL PIPING FESTIVAL
8 - 14 August The National Piping Centre and various Glasgow City Centre venues
A week long piping festival in the heart of Glasgow. Exciting, challenging, traditional, contemporary and very much alive. Discover the best in piping talent with concerts, workshops, street performances and more!
Tel. 0141 353 0220
contact@pipinglive.co.uk
www.pipinglive.co.uk
MULL OF KINTYRE MUSIC FESTIVAL

17 - 21 August Victoria Hall, Kinloch Road and Heritage Centre, Witchburn Road, Campbeltown, PA28 6JU
The best in Scottish and Irish traditional and contemporary music featuring concerts, ceilidhs, pub sessions, open-air events, children’s entertainment, parades, cultural and heritage tours.
Tel. 01586 552 034 | 01586 552 056
mokfest@hotmail.co.uk
www.mokfest.com

INNERLEITHEN MUSIC FESTIVAL

19 - 21 August Innerleithen, Scottish Borders
Great concerts featuring national and local stars, plus workshops, sessions and other events. Lovely location in Border Hills near Edinburgh. 2016 guests include outstanding west coast band Mànran.
Tel. 0774 068 1879
imfpUBLICITY@aol.com
www.innerleithenmusicfestival.org

LAGRVS VIKING FESTIVAL

27 August - 4 September The Promenade, Largs, KA30 8NE
Living history 13th Century Viking Village, Owl Magic and Scottish Food and Craft Markets. Aerobatic displays, street performers and on-stage entertainment at weekends. Battle re-enactment, burning of Viking longship and fireworks display on Saturday 3 September.
Tel. 01475 672 410 | 07803 750 859
lindaandray@hotmail.co.uk
www.largsvikingfestival.com

ACOUSTIC MUSIC CENTRE @ ST BRIDE’S

12 - 28 August St Bride’s Centre, 10 Orwell Terrace, Edinburgh EH11 2DZ
Acoustic Music Centre @ St Bride’s 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@stoneyport.demon.co.uk
www.acousticmusiccentre.co.uk

49th MARYMASS FOLK FESTIVAL

17 - 21 August Vineburgh Community Centre, Irvine KA12 0PS and various other venues
Small, friendly folk festival nearing its 50th anniversary. Saturday night concert in Volunteer Rooms.
Tel. 01294 551 047
JoycelFC@aol.com
www.irvinefolkclub.org.uk

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• Being a point of contact for many individuals and organisations seeking advice and information
• Providing opportunities for participation for people of all ages and abilities through projects such as our National Sessions Programmes and local Branches running festivals, ceilidhs, concerts, competitions and workshops - passing on the tradition from one generation to the next.

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