

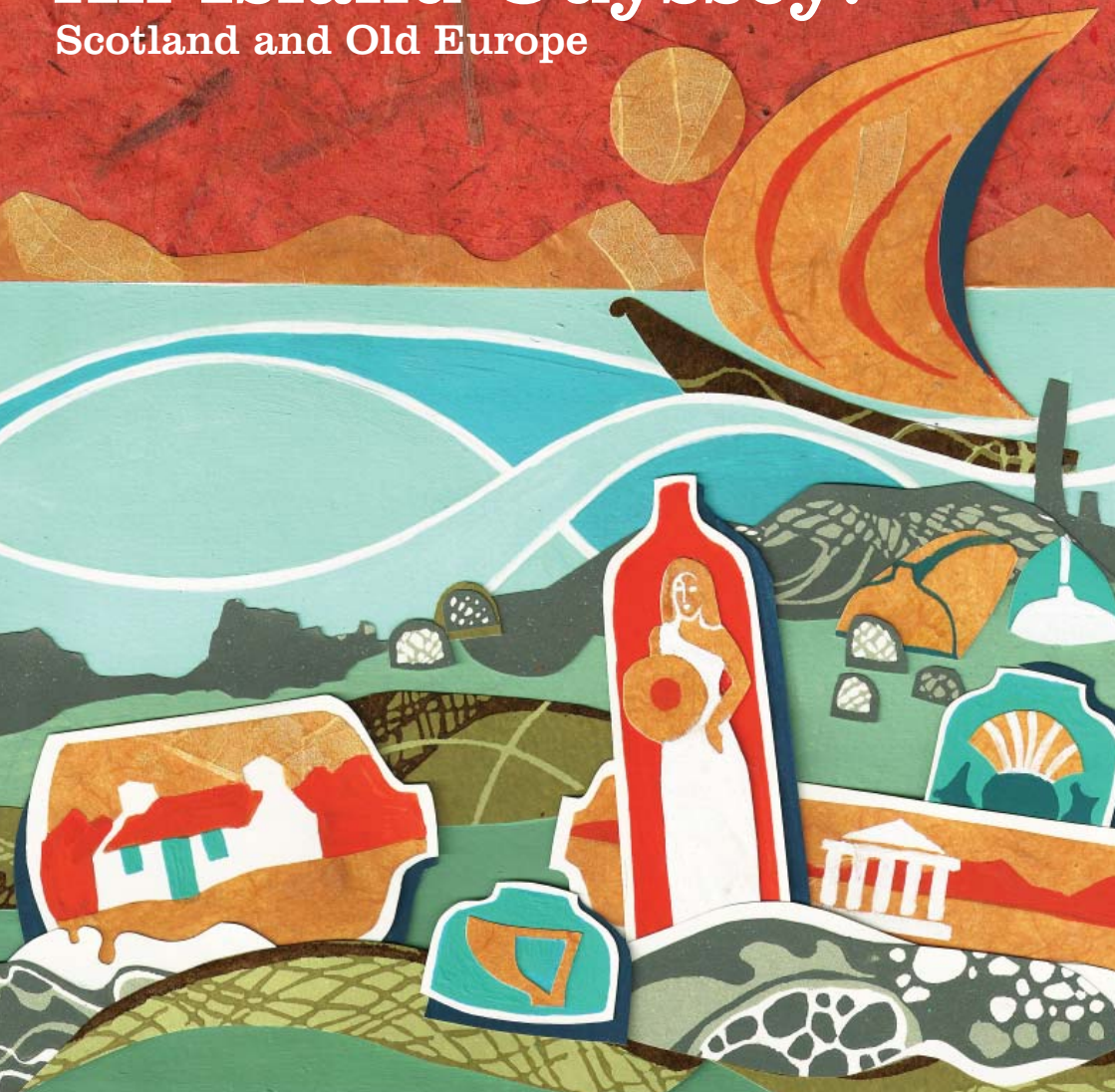
Scottish International

Storytelling Festival 2011



# An Island Odyssey:

Scotland and Old Europe



21 October – 30 October  
Box office: 0131 556 9579

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# Welcome to the Scottish International Storytelling Festival



Welcome to a feast of island culture – Scottish and Mediterranean. There is something about islands that catches our imagination, gives birth to stories, inspires melody and sometimes sets the foot tapping. There is something about islands that reflects our humanity and unites our experiences. So listen now to the shush of the waves, the strings of the harp and the voice of the storyteller as we provide ten days of exhilarating traditional art entertainment. Let slip the moorings and enter a tide of dreams and memories. Join us on the journey.

A richt herty weillcum tae oor brew o islands – Scottish an Mediterranean.

Thon places hae the uncanny knack o makin oor speerits rise an oor thochts bizz wi tales, tunes and dauncin fit. We're aa isalnders at hert, sae harken noo tae the shush of the sea, the birr o strings, and the voice o the tellers an the makars. Louse the tows an drift oan a dwamming tide. Fur ten deys ye kin be traiveller friens oan ae Odyssey o glamourie.

Fàilte don fhèisd seo de chultar nan eilean – an dà chuid Albannach agus Meadhan-thìreach. Tha ruedeigin ann an nàdar nan eilean a ghlacas ar mac-meanmna, a bheir sgeulachdan gu beatha, a spreigeas ceòl agus a ghreasas casan gu dannsadh. Tha rudan anns na h-eileanan far a chì sinn faileas ar daonnachd agus a chuireas ri chèile an nithean

a dh'fhiosraich sinn. Uime sin, èisidh ri luasgadh nan tonn, teudan na clàrsaich agus guth an sgeulaiche fad an deich an latha seo de chèilidh agus ealainean tradaiseanta. Togaibh an acair agus seòlaibh a-mach ann am bruadairean na cuimhne. Thigibh còmhla ruinn air a' bhòidse seo.

## The Festival Team



Sofia Papadia 29/10

## Special thanks to our local and regional partners:

An Lanntair, Stornoway  
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Mull and Iona Storytelling Festival  
National Museums Scotland  
North Edinburgh Arts Centre  
Orkney Storytelling Festival

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh  
St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art  
Scottish Poetry Library  
Shetland Storytellers  
The Tent Gallery  
The Yard Adventure Centre  
Western Isles Council Libraries

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A special thank you to the Italian Institute in Edinburgh who have kindly sponsored the events of visiting performers Enedina Sanna and Enzo Favata. For more information on the institute visit [www.iicedimburgo.esteri.it](http://www.iicedimburgo.esteri.it)

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# About the programme

Each event in our programme is categorised to help you decide which to book. The two main strands are for adults, and take place in Edinburgh and on tour across Scotland, with an emphasis this year on Scotland's islands.

## Live Storytelling

Live evening storytelling performances in the Scottish Storytelling Centre's stunning, intimate theatre space and at The Hub, headquarters of the Edinburgh International Festival. Live Storytelling events feature international guest artists representing their own cultures and traditions, alongside the best of Scotland's storytellers.

## Meet the Storyteller and the Odyssey Instalment

A relaxed and informal taster session providing a wonderful opportunity to get to know our visiting guest storytellers. In each session a guest storyteller shares a little about the culture and traditions of their homeland, and what inspired them to become a storyteller. This is followed by a thrilling retelling of an Odyssey chapter, building up to the Complete Odyssey on Saturday 29 October as part of the Festival's finale weekend.

## The Complete Odyssey

Ten years have passed since the fall of Troy, and the Greek hero Odysseus still has not returned to his kingdom in Ithaca. Homer's epic poem is brought to life throughout the ten day Festival as visiting tellers recite the tale in episodes throughout the week,

concluding with a finale where the whole story and its epic themes of temptation, separation and journey are explored in a grand afternoon and evening of unforgettable storytelling.

## Talk & Lectures

This year's Festival links Scotland with the Mediterranean world, as we look forward to the Olympics. Deepen your knowledge and understanding of the Festival's themes as experts from the arts and academic world share their knowledge about Island traditions and tradition bearers. Part talk, part discussion, often with a chance to question and debate.

## Family Events

Live storytelling events, often involving craft and storymaking activities, especially designed for children and families. Please check each event listing for information on age suitability, or check with the relevant venue.

## Club Event

A special storytelling club evening in the nearby Waverley Bar. Experience a true Scottish storytelling ceilidh! A great way to relax, join in, meet the storytellers and enjoy fine tales plus Guid Crack.



Geoff Mead 30/10



Lawrence Tulloch 22/10

## Training and Development

The Festival is the perfect opportunity to develop your storytelling skills, explore a specific area of storytelling or share ideas, approaches and good practice. Come along to one of our Festival training and CPD events at the Scottish Storytelling Centre and fire your imagination! Advance booking essential.





## Edinburgh Partner Events

An array of family and adult events involving visiting and Scottish storytellers are programmed by the Scottish International Storytelling Festival together with local Festival partners, and interspersed throughout the programme, to complement the main programme and Festival themes.

## Tell-A-Story: Education and Communities Programme

Alongside the public programme, the Festival delivers a popular outreach programme to schools, libraries and community groups. The highlight of this is the national **Tell-a-Story Day on Friday 28th October**. Contact [davide@scottishstorytellingcentre.com](mailto:davide@scottishstorytellingcentre.com) or **0131 652 3272** for more information.

## Become a Scottish Storytelling Network member for just £12 per year

Receive discounts on a range of training and networking events and get regular events and news updates. For more information visit our website [www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk](http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk) or call **0131 556 9579**.

## Festival on Tour: An Island Odyssey

This vital and ever-growing part of the Festival provides audiences across Scotland with the chance to enjoy the riches that our visiting international guests have to share. The Festival on Tour programme is coordinated by regional storytelling teams, with the support of the Storytelling Festival. This year the Festival has

achieved its broadest coverage of Scotland with storytelling events taking place in some of Scotland's beautiful islands, in association with the Year of Scotland's Islands. Festival on Tour events this year take place in Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen, The Cumbræ, Bute, Mull and Iona, Skye, Lewis, Harris, Benbecula, Barra, Orkney, Fair Isle and Shetland. See pages 14-18 for our Island Odyssey Festival on Tour events.



See back cover for a full list of partner venues and booking details.

## How to book

Tickets for all events at the Scottish Storytelling Centre and The Hub, as well as ticketed events at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and Edinburgh Printmakers, can be booked through our box office at the Scottish Storytelling Centre. Festival on Tour events have individual booking details. Please see the back cover for contact details for Festival on Tour events and all other partner venues.

You can **book online** for events at the Storytelling Centre and The Hub at [www.hubtickets.co.uk](http://www.hubtickets.co.uk)

The Festival box office opens on **Monday 5th September 2011**.

**Book by phone** using a credit or debit card on

**+44 (0)131 556 9579**

**Book in person** using cash, cheque, credit or debit card at the Scottish Storytelling Centre (open 10am-6pm, Monday-Saturday) or at The Hub (open 10am-5pm, Monday-Friday)

Tickets for some events are limited, so please book in advance to avoid disappointment. We try our best to make sure event details listed here are correct, but it's always worth checking with our box office or the relevant partner venue.



Davy Cooper 26/10



Liz Lochhead 24/10

## Planning to come to several events?

### See more and save more with the Festival Pass

Covers Edinburgh events at the Scottish Storytelling Centre and The Hub.

There is no better pleasure than the power of the spoken word taking listeners on a journey of the imagination...join us and discover untold stories.

#### Booking your Pass

Passes are available exclusively from the Scottish Storytelling Centre. Book in advance by calling the

Scottish Storytelling Centre on **+44 (0)131 556 9579** with your debit or credit card details. Tickets are subject to availability.

**Pass 1 – 7 Day Pass**  
**£45 (£38 conc) – 25% saving**

**Pass 2 – 3 Day Pass**  
**£25 (£20 conc) – 20% saving**

## How to get here

### Scottish Storytelling Centre 43-45 High Street Edinburgh EH1 1SR

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

- Fully accessible to wheelchair users
- Hearing loop in the theatre
- Braille signage throughout

The Centre is a 4-star visitor attraction which incorporates a shop, selling storytelling books and resources, a licensed Café, serving delicious homemade treats and light meals, a family-friendly exhibition and baby change facilities.

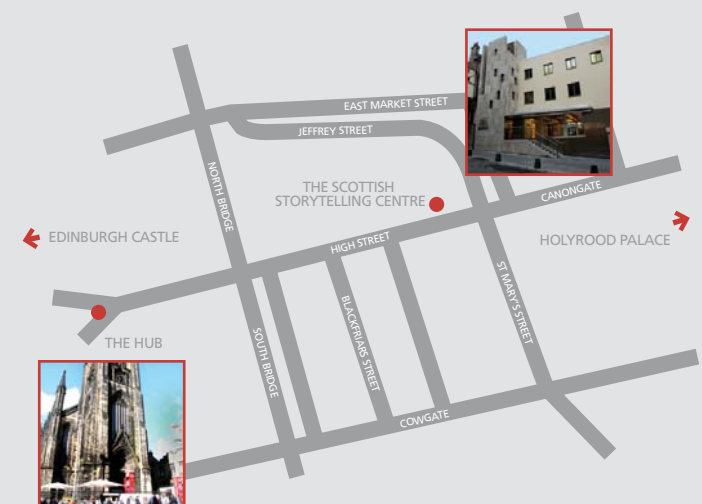
### The Hub Castlehill Edinburgh EH1 2NE

The Hub provides the perfect dramatic backdrop to the atmospheric Festival finale weekend, with The Hub Café and Box Office extended opening hours on Saturday 29 October (2-7pm) and Sunday 30 October (2-7.30pm), plus bar facilities during events.

The Hub is Edinburgh's Festival Centre and is situated at the top

of Edinburgh's Royal Mile at the foot of Castlehill. There is no parking directly outside The Hub, but it is a short walk from the Storytelling Centre.

It is a striking, fully accessible building and one of Edinburgh's most sought-after events and wedding venues, which has played host to over 3 million visitors since its opening in 1999.



# 2011 Festival programme



## Friday 21 October

### A Thousand Island Welcomes

Scottish Storytelling Centre  
**Live Storytelling**

7.30pm (2hrs, inc. interval)  
£10/£8 | Adults

Enter our door of hospitality. Infused by the music of Hamish Moore and Katie Harrigan, storytellers David Campbell, Audrey Parks and Lea Taylor bring you the enchantments dark and bright of our Scottish Islands.

## Saturday 22 October

### Starting with Stories 1

Scottish Storytelling Centre  
**Training and Development**  
10am-1pm

£18/£15 (Network members)  
Adults

An introduction to storytelling and storytelling skills, led by storyteller Eric Brennan. This participative session is for anyone curious about discovering and developing their own storytelling skills. Advance booking essential.

### Playtime of the Gods

The Yard Adventure Centre  
**Edinburgh Partner Event**  
11am-2.45pm

Tickets by donation | Families with primary school aged children with additional support needs  
A day of Olympic proportions with play, puppetry and storytelling with Ailie Finlay and Marie Louise Cochrane at Edinburgh's only purpose built adventure playground for children with additional support needs. Inclusive, interactive sessions will explore adventure, risk and challenge – themes common to the stories of ancient Gods and adventure play!  
30-minute storytelling sessions at 11am, 1pm and 3pm with drop-in puppet making from 12-2.45pm. Ticket allows entry to playground, one storytelling session and drop-in puppet making. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

### Nothing But the... George Mackay Brown

Scottish Poetry Library  
**Edinburgh Partner Event**  
11am (1hr 30mins)

£5/£3 | 14+  
In this relaxed and friendly discussion you won't need any background knowledge, or advanced reading; just book and turn up. You'll simply come fresh to Orcadian poet George Mackay

Brown, take the time to read deeply and let new discoveries emerge as you talk over poems with others.

### Aphrodite's Island: Gods, Goddesses, Heroes and Champions

Scottish Storytelling Centre  
**Family Event**  
2pm (2hrs)  
£5/£3 | 6+

An introduction to Cyprus through its folktales and visual art. Led by Cypriot storyteller Heleni Achilleos and printmaker Hambis Tsangaris. Hear the stories, make your own visuals, and try out your own storytelling skills.

### Sea Stories from 60° North

National Museum of Scotland  
**Edinburgh Partner Event**  
2.30pm (1hr 30mins)  
£6/£5 | Adults

The National Museum of Scotland's new *Facing the Sea* gallery explores Pacific Islanders' relationships with the sea. Orkney and Shetland sea stories, recounted by Lawrence Tulloch and Tom Muir, feature there alongside traditional South Pacific tales. Experience Lawrence and Tom live, and find out more about the gallery with assistant curator Ross Irving.

### Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 1)

Scottish Storytelling Centre  
**Meet the Storyteller**  
5pm (45mins)  
Free but ticketed | All ages  
Meet Cretan storyteller Stella Kassimati, and hear episode one of the Odyssey saga, with accompaniment by Geoff Mead. Odysseus leaves Calypso's island, is shipwrecked, meets the lovely Nausicaa, and begins to tell his tale.

### Island Nights: From Orkney to Crete

Scottish Storytelling Centre  
**Live Storytelling**  
7.30pm (2hrs, inc. interval)  
£10/£8 | Adults  
South and North – two islands of myth, peopled with ancient monuments and rich in folk tale and sea story. Tom Muir, Lise Sinclair, Geoff Mead and Stella Kassimati take you there and back in the space of one enchanted evening.

## Sunday 23 October

### Printing Tales

Edinburgh Printmakers  
**Edinburgh Partner Event**  
1.30-5.30pm  
£18/£16 | 16+

An exploration of visual storytelling inspired by master printmaker Hambis Tsangaris, who shares the tales of his illustrated prints. Be inspired to use stories to create your own linocut and hear myths from the Cypriot island with Heleni Achilleos.

### Tales from the Forest and the Sea

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh  
**Edinburgh Partner Event**  
2pm (45mins)  
£4/£3 | 5+  
Tales of the forest will be woven with tales of the sea in this special collaboration between the Botanic's *Talking Trees* storytellers and harpist Heather Yule. Come and celebrate the 2011 International Year of Forests with Scottish tree tales and selkie ballads in a special session for families.

### Team Olympus: Gods, Goddesses, Heroes and Champions

Scottish Storytelling Centre  
**Family Event**  
2pm (2hrs)  
£5/£3 | 5-11 years  
An afternoon of tales and craft activities from the Mediterranean world, with storyteller Andy Hunter, and storyteller and puppeteer Ailie Finlay. Get ahead of the Olympics with some authentic cultural inspiration!

### Tales from the Forest and the Sea

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh  
**Edinburgh Partner Event**  
4pm (1hr)  
£5/£4 | 12+  
Tales of the forest will be woven with tales of the sea in this special collaboration between the Botanic's *Talking Trees* storytellers and harpist Heather Yule. Come and celebrate the 2011 International Year of Forests with Scottish tree tales and selkie ballads in a special session for adults.



Katie Harrigan 21/10

### Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 2)

Scottish Storytelling Centre  
**Meet the Storyteller**  
5pm (45mins)  
Free but ticketed | All ages  
Meet Francette Orsoni from Corsica, and hear the second Odyssey episode with the seductive Lotos Eaters, and the one-eyed Cyclops. Bi-lingual presentation supported by Linda Williamson.

### Island Nights: From Shetland to Corsica

Scottish Storytelling Centre  
**Live Storytelling**  
7.30pm (2hrs, inc. interval)  
£10/£8 | Adults  
North and South: seagoers, pirates, fishermen, raiders, and strong women. Francette Orsoni with musician Carmin Belgodere from Corsica, and Lawrence Tulloch from Shetland with Lise Sinclair from Fair Isle bring you the stories, music and songs of these rocky sea-girt outposts, rich in culture and good company.



Mara Menzies 25/10

## Forgotten Trees

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

**Edinburgh Partner Event**

6pm (2hrs)

Free but ticketed | Adults

Join Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh's Ian Edwards for a special event to mark the re-publication of his tree tales collection *Tales from the Forest*. Explore the Forgotten Forests exhibition, with stories and live music from 6.30pm. With Sardinian storyteller Enedina Sanna, who'll share some of her repertoire of tales of special and symbolic trees from her island and beyond, accompanied by musician Enzo Favata.



## Liz Lochhead on Retelling Myth

Scottish Poetry Library

**Edinburgh Partner Event**

7pm (1hr 15mins)

£7/£5 | 14+

Liz Lochhead, Scot's Makar as well as playwright, whose plays include *Medea* and *Mary Queen of Scots Got Her Head Chopped Off*, will talk about revisioning myth in this lively session. Refreshments served!

## Island Nights: From Bute to Malta and from the Cumbraes to Cyprus

Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Live Storytelling**

7.30pm (2hrs, inc. interval)

£10/£8 | Adults

Launch the week with a galaxy of island tales from north and south. From the Firth of Clyde, with its contrasting islands, storytellers Ewan McVicar and David Campbell transport you on to Malta and then Cyprus, where storytellers Marlene Mifsud-Chircop and Heleni Achilleos will bathe you in Mediterranean sun and sea.

## Tuesday 25 October

### Magic Carpet: Storytelling Festival Special!

National Museum of Scotland

**Edinburgh Partner Event**

10.30am (40mins)

Free event - just drop in

Pre-school children

The National Museum of Scotland's magic carpet visits a different gallery in the museum every week. For three days during the Festival we're delighted to welcome some guest storytellers – today Mara Menzies entertains your wee ones with tales and treats. Check out the website for more information. [www.nms.ac.uk/families](http://www.nms.ac.uk/families)

### Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 4)

Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Meet the Storyteller**

5pm (45mins)

Free but ticketed | All ages

Meet Irish storyteller Nuala Hayes, and visit Circe's enchanted isle in the fourth Odyssey episode.

### Alan Bruford Memorial Lecture

An indelible imprint on the memory: Celebrating the recorders and the recorded

Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Talks & Lectures**

6pm (60mins)

Free but ticketed | Adults

Hugh Cheape, research professor at the University of the Highlands and Islands at SMO, celebrates 60 years of the School of Scottish Studies, the collecting work of Alan Bruford and the Kist O'

Riches' project, which preserves and shares Scotland's stories for future generations. In association with the School of Scottish Studies Archives of Edinburgh University's Department of Celtic and Scottish Studies.

### Island Nights: From the Hebrides to Ireland

Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Live Storytelling**

7.30pm (2hrs, inc. interval)

£10/£8 | Adults

West and ever further west is the direction of many Celtic voyagings. Are the Outer Hebrides the last barrier of the waves, or Ireland, or somewhere much further out... invisible to the naked eye. Nuala Hayes from Ireland is between Hebridean storytellers Angus Peter Campbell and Ian Stephen for a night of tales to remember.

## Wednesday 26 October

### Magic Carpet: Storytelling Festival Special!

National Museum of Scotland

**Edinburgh Partner Event**

10.30am (40mins)

Free event - just drop in

Pre-school children

The National Museum of Scotland's magic carpet visits a different gallery in the museum every week. Today, join storyteller Ailie Finlay with tales and treats for wee ones. Check out the website for more information.

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### Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 5)

Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Meet the Storyteller**

5pm (45mins)

Free but ticketed | All ages

Meet Cypriot storyteller Heleni Achilleos, and go down into the underworld with our next Odyssey episode.

### Cyprus: An Island Experience

Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Talks & Lectures**

6pm (60mins)

Free but ticketed | Adults

Artist, printmaker and educator; reviver of Cypriot culture, and museum founder, Hambis Tsangaris has lived and experienced the joys and troubles of his native island to the full. Divided between Greek and Turkey since a tragic war, Cyprus is still seeking a peaceful settlement of old quarrels, and the arts have a part to play in that process, as Hambis' illustrated talk shows.

### Island Nights: From Skye to Sardinia

Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Live Storytelling**

7.30pm (2hrs, inc. interval)

£10/£8 | Adults

North and South: two mountainous islands of legend and music meet in this night of entertainment, story and song. Skye storytellers Seoras (George) MacPherson and Cailean MacLean with clarsair Heather Yule, transport you across the winged isle and then over to the Sardinian artistry of Enedina Sanna and musician Enzo Favata, with bi-lingual support from Linda Williamson. This event is supported by the Italian Cultural Institute, and the Regione Autonoma della Sardegna.



Nuala Hayes 25/10

## Thursday 27 October

### Magic Carpet: Storytelling Festival Special!

National Museum of Scotland

**Edinburgh Partner Event**

10.30am (40mins)

Free event - just drop in

Pre-school children

The National Museum of Scotland's magic carpet visits a different gallery in the museum every week. Today, join storyteller Eric Brennan with tales and treats for wee ones. Check out the website for more information. [www.nms.ac.uk/families](http://www.nms.ac.uk/families)

### Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 6)

Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Meet the Storyteller**

5pm (45mins)

Free but ticketed | All ages

Meet Irish-Scottish storyteller Claire McNicol and risk the Sirens, Scylla and Charybdis, and Sun island, in the next Odyssey episode.

## Monday 24 October

### Team Olympus: A Resource for Educators

Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Training and Development**

1-3.30pm

£30/£26 (Network Members)

Adults

Explore and express the world of Greek myth, which lies behind the Olympics. Ailie Finlay and Andy Hunter lead a participative workshop for teachers, artists and educators who wish to tell and interpret these tales through primary and secondary years 1-3. Discover the core shapes and characters of the tales, how to tell concisely, and express them through visuals and drama.

### Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 3)

Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Meet the Storyteller**

5pm (45mins)

Free but ticketed | All ages

Meet Hebridean storyteller Ian Stephen from Lewis and hear his version of Aeolus and the bag of wind, our next Odyssey episode.



## Fame and Fortune: The Olympic Games Ancient and Modern

Scottish Storytelling Centre

### Talks & Lectures

6pm (60mins)

Free but ticketed | Adults

Eleni Theodoraki goes behind the media blitz to reveal the aspirations and ambitions of the Games in their original and contemporary settings. Are Greek values still in play, and if so what are they? Eleni, of Edinburgh Napier University, is a distinguished sport scientist and Lecturer in event management, as well as a member of the Olympics Council. In association with Edinburgh Napier University.

## Long Cuts by J O Morgan

Scottish Poetry Library

### Edinburgh Partner Event

6.30pm (1hr 30mins)

Free, book in advance | Adults

J O Morgan launches *Long Cuts* (CB Editions), the follow on from his award-winning *Natural Mechanical* ('a gem of a poem' – Simon Armitage), and more about the wanderings of Iain Seoras 'Rocky' Rockcliffe. Contact reception@spl.org.uk to book.

## By Coast and Glen, with Scotland's Travelling People

Scottish Storytelling Centre

### Live Storytelling

7.30pm (2hrs, incl. interval)

£10/£8 | Adults

Story and song traversed every part of Scotland in the minds and imaginations of Scotland's indigenous Travellers. For this special evening Jess Smith, Jimmy Williamson and Essie Stewart celebrate that tradition by land and sea, from the far north, through Perthshire to Argyll.

## Friday 28 October

### Starting with Stories 2

Scottish Storytelling Centre

### Training and Development

10am-4pm

£32/£28 (Network members)

Adults

Discover and develop your own storytelling skills and techniques. Look in more depth at how storytelling works, and build your confidence. Designed for anyone who's attended *Starting with Stories 1* and wants to go a step further. This participative workshop will be facilitated by storyteller Ruth Kirkpatrick.

### Tell-a-Story Day

Scottish Storytelling Centre

### Live Storytelling

10am (1hr 30mins)

Free but ticketed | Children in

P3-7 and accompanying adults

Release the natural storyteller in you! Join local primary school pupils and listen to stories, share your own tales and celebrate the magic of oral storytelling with Alan Steel. This event will be broadcast on GLOW and will include a short video on *Tell-a-Story Day* produced by school children in partnership with BBC Scotland Lab.

### Tell-a-Story Day: Imagine...

North Edinburgh Arts Centre

### Edinburgh Partner Event

11am (2hrs)

Free but ticketed | 0-8 years

Take a trip around the world, learn to count in a new language and create your own stories using new storybags, created by National Museums Scotland and

North Edinburgh Arts at a launch inspired by the *Imagine* gallery at the National Museum of Scotland. With storyteller Mara Menzies.

### Mac-a-Story: Champion of Champions

National Museum of Scotland

### Edinburgh Partner Event

2 & 3.30pm (45mins)

Free but ticketed | 6+

Join *Mac-a-Story* for a Mythological Olympic Games featuring high-energy stories of amazing sporting deeds from Viking, Greek and Celtic teams! Get involved in the contest and vote for your Champion of Champions!

### Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 7)

Scottish Storytelling Centre

### Meet the Storyteller

5pm (45mins)

Free but ticketed | All ages

Meet Sardinian storyteller Enedina Sanna, and experience the emotions of Odysseus as he sets foot again on his own island of Ithaca. With bi-lingual support from Linda Williamson.



### Island Nights: From Iona to Ithaca

Scottish Storytelling Centre

### Live Storytelling

7.30pm (2hrs, incl. interval)

£10/£8 | Adults

Journey between the Inner Hebrides of Mull with lovely Iona to the Ionian Islands of Greece and Odysseus' native Ithaca. Scottish storytellers and singers combine with Greek storytellers, musicians and dancers in an island night to remember. Martin MacIntyre, Annmarie MacRury and Jan Sutch Pickard from Scotland

mix it with Greek guests Anna Conomos, Sofia Papadia and Rebecca Vucetic.

### Festival Guid Crack: Follow That

Waverley Bar

### Club Event

9pm (2hrs)

Entry by donation (suggested £3)

Adults 18+

Edinburgh regular storytelling session *Guid Crack* offers its own Festival take. Stories and songs come one after another by free association as storytellers, guests, and regulars 'go with the flow' in traditional style.

## Saturday 29 October

### Dancing the Stories

Scottish Storytelling Centre

### Dance and Music

11am-1pm

£5/£3 | All ages

Enjoy a sun-baked morning of dance and music Mediterranean style with dances from Greece and Cyprus. Watch and/or join in as mood and lungs allow. Led by Sofia Papadia.

### The Odyssey: The Wanderings of Odysseus

The Hub

### Live Storytelling

3pm (2hrs, 30mins incl. interval)

£10/£8 | Adults

Join in a once-in-a-lifetime epic adventure as storytellers and musicians from across Europe, north and south, come together to tell the complete Odyssey with Marion Kenny and Bob Pegg.

In this first part, Odysseus sets out from Troy but between distractions (often female), disasters and enchantments, he ends up in the underworld instead of home in Ithaca. The Hub, home of the Edinburgh International Festival, provides the perfect setting.

### The Odyssey: The Return of Odysseus

The Hub

### Live Storytelling

7pm (2hrs, 30mins incl. interval)

£10/£8 | Adults

Join in an epic once-in-a-lifetime adventure as storytellers and musicians from across Europe, north and south, come together to tell the complete Odyssey.

In this second part, Odysseus body-swerves some of his greatest dangers to land in Ithaca, not as a returning hero but as a shipwrecked beggar. Yet through disguise, cunning and some divine intervention, he comes into his own and is re-united with the extraordinary Penelope. Till that is, the wanderlust stirs again...

## Sunday 30 October

### Coming Home to Story: Storytellers' Networking Event

Scottish Storytelling Centre

### Training and Development

11am-2.30pm

£10 | Adults

This is the Festival's opportunity for storytellers to explore the development of their art and the challenges in their different situations. Input will include an informal launch of Geoff Mead's new book, *Coming Home to Story*, some



Martin MacIntyre 28/10

background to the Festival exhibition, *Clacharan/Stepping Stones*, and a discussion on skills development and transmission of stories in modern Europe, with other contributions from participating storytellers.

### A Circle of Saints

The Hub

### Live Storytelling

3pm (2hrs, 30mins incl. interval)

£6/£4 | Adults

What is it about saints and islands? Religion and boats? Journey between Scotland and the eastern Mediterranean on searoads of the saints, accompanied by music and story. A reflective and sometimes humorous celebration of the spiritual and all too human roots of religion, shared by storytellers and musicians from Europe, north and south.

### Hosting the Spirits

The Hub

### Live Storytelling

7.30pm (2hrs, incl. interval)

£10/£8 | Adults

An eerie finale for Hallowe'en. Celebrate the ancient Celtic Festival of Samhainn with storytellers and musicians from Scotland, Ireland and the Mediterranean world. Journey into myth and magic, on a night when the veil between the worlds wears thin, and spirits walk abroad. The gothic architecture of Edinburgh's Hub begins to flicker in the candlelight...

# Festival Diary

Festival  
on Tour ➔

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10am	Starting with Stories 1	Scottish Storytelling Centre	06
11am	Playtime of the Gods	The Yard Adventure Centre	06
11am	Nothing But the... George Mackay Brown	Scottish Poetry Library	06
2pm	Aphrodite's Island: Gods, Goddesses, Heroes and Champions	Scottish Storytelling Centre	06
2.30pm	Sea Stories from 60° North	National Museum of Scotland	06
5pm	Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 1)	Scottish Storytelling Centre	07
7.30pm	Island Nights: From Orkney to Crete	Scottish Storytelling Centre	07
<b>Sunday 23 October</b>			
1.30pm	Printing Tales	Edinburgh Printmakers	07
2pm	Tales from the Forest and the Sea	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	07
2pm	Team Olympus: Gods, Goddesses, Heroes and Champions	Scottish Storytelling Centre	07
4pm	Tales from the Forest and the Sea	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	07
5pm	Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 2)	Scottish Storytelling Centre	07
7.30pm	Island Nights: From Shetland to Corsica	Scottish Storytelling Centre	07
<b>Monday 24 October</b>			
1pm	Team Olympus: A Resource for Educators	Scottish Storytelling Centre	08
5pm	Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 3)	Scottish Storytelling Centre	08
6pm	Forgotten Trees	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	08
7pm	Liz Lochhead on Retelling Myth	Scottish Poetry Library	08
7.30pm	Island Nights: From Bute to Malta and from the Cumbraes to Cyprus	Scottish Storytelling Centre	08
<b>Tuesday 25 October</b>			
10.30am	Magic Carpet: Storytelling Festival Special!	National Museum of Scotland	08
5pm	Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 4)	Scottish Storytelling Centre	08
6pm	Alan Bruford Memorial Lecture	Scottish Storytelling Centre	08
7.30pm	Island Nights: From the Hebrides to Ireland	Scottish Storytelling Centre	09
<b>Wednesday 26 October</b>			
10.30am	Magic Carpet: Storytelling Festival Special!	National Museum of Scotland	09
5pm	Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 5)	Scottish Storytelling Centre	09
6pm	Cyprus: An Island Experience	Scottish Storytelling Centre	09
7.30pm	Island Nights: From Skye to Sardinia	Scottish Storytelling Centre	09
<b>Thursday 27 October</b>			
10.30am	Magic Carpet: Storytelling Festival Special!	National Museum of Scotland	09
5pm	Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 6)	Scottish Storytelling Centre	09
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7.30pm	By Coast and Glen, with Scotland's Travelling People	Scottish Storytelling Centre	10
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11am	Tell-a-Story Day: Imagine...	North Edinburgh Arts Centre	10
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5pm	Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 7)	Scottish Storytelling Centre	10
7.30pm	Island Nights: From Iona to Ithaca	Scottish Storytelling Centre	10
9pm	Festival Guid Crack: Follow That	Waverly Bar	11
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<b>Sunday 30 October</b>			
11am	Coming Home to Story: Storytellers' Networking Event	Scottish Storytelling Centre	11
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## Bute

### Tuesday 25 October

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## Dundee

### Tuesday 25 October

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## Fair Isle

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## Glasgow

### Tuesday 25 October

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### Friday 28 & Saturday 29 October

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### Friday 28 October

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### Saturday 29 October

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## Shetland

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## Skye

### Thursday 27 October

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# An Island Odyssey: Festival on Tour



## Aberdeen

**Saturday 22  
October**

### An Evening with Nuala Hayes

Queens Cross Church Lounge

#### Live Storytelling

7.30pm (2hrs)

£5 | Adults

Join the Grampian Association of Storytellers for an evening with Irish storyteller Nuala Hayes. Nuala tells folktales, legends and myths connected mainly, but not exclusively with Ireland.

## Bute

**Tuesday 25  
October**

### Heritage Walk: Churches of Rothesay

Meet at Rothesay Visitor Centre  
Walk

11am (2hrs)

Free event - just drop in | All ages

A guided walk to explore the history of the ancient and more modern churches of Rothesay and their importance in the growth of Bute. Be a modern pilgrim to these places of history and beauty.

**Wednesday 26  
October**

### Island Night: From Malta to Bute

Rothesay Library

#### Live Storytelling

7pm (2hrs)

Free but ticketed | Adults

An evening of island stories and songs, north and south, with the multi-talented storyteller and songwriter Ewan McVicar and the Maltese storyteller Marlene Mifsud-Chircop. Islands inspire stories and Bute and Malta are rich in history, scenery, castles and the dreams of holidaymakers past and present.

**Thursday 27  
October**

### Heritage Walk: Rothesay Town Centre

Meet at Rothesay Castle  
Walk

11am & 1pm (1hr)

Free but ticketed | All ages

The tour will begin at Rothesay Castle and will meander through the historic seaside town centre to explore Bute's medieval past, its historic shopfronts and Victorian seaside resort grandeur.



Enzo Favata 25/10

## Dundee

**Tuesday 25  
October**

### Stories and Songs of the Sea

HMS Frigate Unicorn

#### Live storytelling

7pm (2hrs 30mins inc. interval)

£8 | 14+

Join Blether Tay-Gither and their storytelling guest Heleni Achilleos, for an evening of inspiring nautical tales, sea shanties and music of the sea, in the atmospheric Captain's Cabin aboard HMS Frigate Unicorn.

## Fair Isle

**Monday 24 &  
Tuesday 25  
October**

### From Corsica to Fair Isle

Fair Isle

#### Live Storytelling

£6/£4

Adults and children aged 14+

This two evening mini-fest (24 & 25 October) brings together storytellers and musicians from Shetland, Corsica and Fair Isle in a celebration of sea and islands. Local talents Lise Sinclair, Lawrence Tulloch and Davy Cooper join forces with Corsican performers Carmin Belgodere and Francette Orsoni for two evenings of tales, music and sharing.

Also visit the Fair Isle Museum and experience an island environment on the ocean's edge.

Visit [www.fairisle.org.uk](http://www.fairisle.org.uk) for the latest event information.

## Glasgow

**Tuesday 25  
October**

### Italian Connections

St Mungo Museum of Religious  
Life and Art

#### Live Storytelling

7pm (2hrs)

Free | 14+

From Sardinia to Glasgow. An opportunity to enjoy stories and music from Sardinia and the Mediterranean world, linking up with Glasgow's flourishing Italian community and heritage. Hosted by Kati Waitzmann, St Mungo's own Storytelling fellow, with Sardinian guests Enedina Sanna and Enzo Favata. In association with Glasgow Life and the Italian Cultural Institute, and the Regione Autonoma della Sardegna.



Diana Bertoldi 28 & 29/10

provoking tales. Combine the wit and wisdom of a modern day storyteller with Stanley Baxter. Add Diana's passion of her homeland: result – a spaghetti-filled delightful evening. Ticket includes: soup, salad, pasta, Italian bread and Soave's award-winning ice cream. Vegetarian options. BYOB.



## Isle of Cumbrae

**Thursday 27  
October**

### Island Nights: from Cyprus to the Clyde

The College of the Holy Spirit

#### Live Storytelling

7pm (2hrs 30mins)

By donation | Adults

A celebration of island culture from the Mediterranean to the Cumbraes. With stories, songs and some sundrenched images from Aphrodite's island. Saints, heros, goddesses and rogues rub shoulders in an informal evening hosted by David Campbell with Cypriot guests Heleni Achilleos and Hambis Tsangaris.

### Parliamo Glesga? An Italian Job with a Difference

Café Sejuiced

#### Live Storytelling

7pm for 7.30pm (2hrs 30mins)

£17.50, including dinner

Adults

Knock-out Glasgow storyteller Michael Kerins joins forces with his favourite Italian storyteller Diana Bertoldi to bring you funny, amusing and thought





accompanied by storyteller Jan Sutch Pickard. The Iona Community's Adventure Centre at Camas is in a place full of stories – peat-cutting, salmon-fishing, quarrying rock to build light-houses. Suitable for adults who are up to a four-mile walk on rough track. Meet and park at Camas track end, Ardfenaig, on the road to Fionnphort. Come suitably shod.

## Mull and Iona

### Monday 24 - Friday 28 October

#### Mull and Iona Storyfest

##### Live Storytelling

A celebration of Mull's communities and traditions, with visiting storytellers from Greek islands. Events move between the Ross of Mull and Druimfin, with schools visits and activities in between.

Full details on [www.mulltheatre.com](http://www.mulltheatre.com)

### Tuesday 25 October

#### A Story-Walk to Camas

Meet at carpark for Ardmore

##### Live Storytelling

10am (3hrs)

By donation to the NTS (suggested £5) | Adults

A walk (whatever the weather) to Camas. Led by Emily Wilkins, NTS Ranger for Iona, Staffa and Burg,

#### Island Nights: From Ithaca to Iona

Mull Theatre

##### Live Storytelling

7.30pm (2hrs)

£8/£6 | 12+

A journey between Mull and Iona in the Inner Hebrides, to the Ionian Islands of Greece with Odysseus' native Ithaca. Scottish storytellers Jan Sutch Pickard and Martin MacIntyre link with Anna Conomos, musician Rebecca Vucetic and dance artist Sofia Papadia to share island experiences and connections, north to south, east to west.

### Wednesday 26 October

#### Island Nights: From Ithaca to Iona

Creich Community Hall

##### Live Storytelling

7.30pm (2hrs)

By donation (suggested £5)

Adults and children 12+

A journey between Mull and Iona in the Inner Hebrides and the Ionian Islands of Greece with Odysseus' native Ithaca. Storytellers including Martin MacIntyre and Anna Conomos share island tales and connections, with music and dance and Mull home-bakes.

## Orkney

### Thursday 27 - Sunday 30 October

#### Orkney Storytelling Festival

##### Live Storytelling

Experience the unique magic of Orkney through its storytelling traditions and warm hospitality. In this year's programme the north of Norse saga meets the sunny Mediterranean south in a unique crossing of seaways and cultures. The festival reaches out over Mainland Orkney as well as Hoy and the linked South Isles.

See [www.orkneystorytellingfestival.co.uk](http://www.orkneystorytellingfestival.co.uk) for more details.

### Thursday 27 October

#### Island Nights: From Crete to Orkney

The Royal Hotel, Stromness

##### Live Storytelling

8pm (2hrs)

£6/£4 | All ages

Two island cultures meet.

Both populated with ancient monuments and mythology, both rich in folk tackle and yarn spinning. Cretan visitor Stella Kassimati with Geoff Mead and Orkney storytellers Tom Muir and Fran Flett Holinrake sort out your Maes Howe from your Minotaur.



#### Meet the Storytellers

The Royal Hotel, Stromness

##### Live Storytelling

10pm (1hr)

Free | All ages

A chance to meet the storytellers and performers taking part in the Orkney Storytelling Festival, get to know their backgrounds and hear some tales in a relaxed setting.

### Friday 28 October

#### Island Nights: Gods, Gods, Gods

St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall

##### Live Storytelling

8pm (2hrs 30mins)

£6/£4 | Adults

From the Mediterranean to Scandinavia – Stella Kassimati and Geoff Mead bring Greek Gods, while Jerker Fahlström from Sweden and Maritha Nielsen from Norway tell tales of Nordic deities in the historic and spiritual heart of Kirkwall – St Magnus Cathedral!

## Outer Hebrides

### Wednesday 26 - Saturday 29 October

#### Faclan: The Hebridean Book Festival

An Lantair

##### Live Storytelling

This year, as the clocks go back and the nights draw in, Faclan: The Hebridean Book Festival explores the phenomenon and tradition of Second Sight and the supernatural. A galaxy of storytelling talent includes Dolina MacLennan, Margaret Bennett, Sheila Stewart, Calum Ferguson, Norman Maclean, and John MacInnes, as well as Storytellers on Tour in partnership with the Scottish International Storytelling Festival.

Visit [www.faclan.org](http://www.faclan.org) for more details.

### Wednesday 26 October

#### Storytellers on Tour/ Seanchaidhean air Turas

Stornoway Library Café

##### Live Storytelling

7pm (2hrs)

£6/£4 | Adults

A fest of storytelling entertainment and traditions with Nuala Hayes from Ireland and Hebridean storytellers Angus Peter Campbell and Ian Stephen. Enjoy the artistry, the craic, and the music of the stories as they have travelled between languages and islands.

### Thursday 27 October

#### Storytellers on Tour/ Seanchaidhean air Turas

Tarbert Community Library

##### Live Storytelling

6pm (2hrs)

£6/£4 | Adults

A fest of storytelling entertainment and traditions with Nuala Hayes from Ireland and Hebridean storytellers Angus Peter Campbell and Ian Stephen. Enjoy the artistry, the craic, and the music of the stories as they have travelled between languages and islands.

**Friday 28  
October**

**Storytellers on Tour/  
Seanchaidhean air  
Turas**

Lionacleit Community Library  
**Live Storytelling**

7pm (2hrs)

£6/£4 | Adults

A fest of storytelling entertainment and traditions with Nuala Hayes from Ireland and Hebridean storytellers Angus Peter Campbell and Ian Stephen.

Enjoy the artistry, the craic, and the music of the stories as they have travelled between languages and islands.

**Saturday 29  
October**

**Storytellers on Tour/  
Seanchaidhean air  
Turas**

Castlebay Village Hall  
**Live Storytelling**

7pm (2hrs)

£6/£4 | Adults

A fest of storytelling entertainment and traditions with Nuala Hayes from Ireland and Hebridean storytellers Angus Peter Campbell and Ian Stephen.

Enjoy the artistry, the craic, and the music of the stories as they have travelled between languages and islands.



Ian Stephen 28 & 29/10

**Shetland**

**Wednesday 26  
October**

**Island Night: From  
Corsica to Shetland**

The Booth/Da Bod, Hillswick  
Wildlife Sanctuary

**Live Storytelling**

7.30pm (2hrs)

£6/£4 | Adults

Gather round the fire for a night of stories and music from Shetland storytellers Lawrence Tulloch and Davy Cooper with Fair Isle musician Lise Sinclair. Also with special guests from Corisca, storyteller Francette Orsoni and musician Carmin Belgodere. Meet smugglers, pirates and worse from the northern isles to the Mediterranean rockies. All proceeds in aid of Hillswick Sanctuary.

**Skye**

**Thursday 27  
October**

**Island Night: From  
Sardinia to Skye**

The Aros Experience, Portree  
**Live Storytelling**

7.30pm (2hrs, 30mins)

£8/£6 | Adults

A night of story and song from Skye, with Mediterranean guests from mountainous Sardinia. Sit by the fire and join storytellers and musicians including George MacPherson, Cailean MacLean, Enedina Sanna and Enzo Favata, in a boatload of melodies, dreams and laughter.



**The Festival's  
official partner  
this year is the  
Island of Ithaca,  
home of Odysseus.  
The Municipality  
of Ithaki are  
honoured to be  
part of the Festival  
and send this  
message:**

**Archaeologist Sylvia Benton  
uncovered a broken tablet in Ithaki  
with a phrase that was engraved on  
it over 2000 years ago:**

**EYXHN OΔΥΣΣΕΙ**

**Best Wishes from Odysseus.**



# Tell-a-Story Day

part of the Scottish International Storytelling Festival

**Friday 28th October**



**Register  
your event by  
Monday 26th  
September  
2011**

## What's Your Story?

Celebrate **Tell-a-Story Day** and be part of the Scottish International Storytelling Festival! All over Scotland people will be making, sharing and listening to stories in schools, libraries, community centres, churches, hospitals, homes, gardens – and some more unusual venues!

Tell your own tales and encourage your friends, family or community to share local myths and legends,

enchanting fairy tales, scary Halloween stories or treasured family legends... it's up to you!

Organising a **Tell-a-Story Day** event is easy, and our team is always at hand to help you with your planning. On our website you will find tips and advice from our professional storytellers, free resources and tales that you can download, learn and tell on the day.

So what are you waiting for? Start planning your **Tell-a-Story Day** now! Register your event on our website and you will get free posters and stickers as well as a 30% discount on Tales on the Tongue, the Scottish Storytelling Centre's famous collection of traditional tales for all ages.

Register your event by Monday 26th September to make sure our free resources reach you in time.

[www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk](http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk) T. 0131 652 3272



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# Travelling to the Scottish Islands



## Edinburgh - Isle of Cumbrae

### Festival on Tour: Millport

Train: Edinburgh-Glasgow	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/1051">www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/1051</a>
Train: Glasgow-Largs	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/881">www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/881</a>
Ferry: Largs-Cumbrae Slip	<a href="http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/cumbrae.htm">www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/cumbrae.htm</a>
Millport and Isle of Cumbrae	<a href="http://www.millport.org">www.millport.org</a>

## Edinburgh - Isle of Bute

### Festival on Tour: Rothesay

Train: Edinburgh-Glasgow	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/1051">www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/1051</a>
Train: Glasgow-Wemyss Bay	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/881">www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/881</a>
Ferry: Wemyss Bay-Rothesay	<a href="http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/bute.htm">www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/bute.htm</a>
Isle of Bute	<a href="http://www.isle-of-bute.com">www.isle-of-bute.com</a>

## Edinburgh - Isle of Mull

### Festival on Tour: Fionnphort and Druimfin

Train: Edinburgh-Glasgow	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/411">www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/411</a>
Train: Glasgow-Oban	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/581">www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/581</a>
Ferry: Oban-Craignure	<a href="http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/mull.htm">www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/mull.htm</a>
Isle of Mull	<a href="http://www.holidaymull.co.uk/">www.holidaymull.co.uk/</a>

## Edinburgh - Isle of Skye

### Festival on Tour: Portree

Train: Edinburgh-Kyle of Lochalsh	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/531">www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/531</a>
Train: Edinburgh-Glasgow	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/411">www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/411</a>
Train: Glasgow-Mallaig	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/581">www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/581</a>
Ferry: Mallaig-Armadale	<a href="http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/skye.htm">www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/skye.htm</a>
Skye local transport	<a href="http://www.stagecoachbus.com/localdefault.aspx?Tag=Inverness">www.stagecoachbus.com/localdefault.aspx?Tag=Inverness</a>
Isle of Skye	<a href="http://www.skye.co.uk/default.php">www.skye.co.uk/default.php</a>

## Edinburgh - Fair Isle & Shetland

### Festival on Tour: Fair Isle and Hillswick

Airline	<a href="http://www.flybe.com">www.flybe.com</a>
Airline	<a href="http://www.directflight.co.uk/index.html">www.directflight.co.uk/index.html</a>
Fair Isle	<a href="http://www.fairisle.org.uk">www.fairisle.org.uk</a>
Shetland	<a href="http://www.shetland.org">www.shetland.org</a>
Shetland local transport	<a href="http://www.zettrans.org.uk/bus/BusTimetables.asp">www.zettrans.org.uk/bus/BusTimetables.asp</a>

## Edinburgh - Orkney

### Festival on Tour: Stromness

Airline	<a href="http://www.flybe.com">www.flybe.com</a>
Train: Edinburgh-Thurso	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/531">www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/531</a>
Ferry: Scrabster - Stromness	<a href="http://www.northlinkferries.co.uk">www.northlinkferries.co.uk</a>
Orkney local transport	<a href="http://www.stagecoachbus.com/localdefault.aspx?Tag=Inverness">www.stagecoachbus.com/localdefault.aspx?Tag=Inverness</a>
Orkney	<a href="http://www.visitororkney.com/index.asp">www.visitororkney.com/index.asp</a>

## Edinburgh - Outer Hebrides

Airline	<a href="http://www.flybe.com">www.flybe.com</a>
Train	<a href="http://www.scotrail.co.uk">www.scotrail.co.uk</a>
Western Isles local transport	<a href="http://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/travel/busservice/index.asp">www.cne-siar.gov.uk/travel/busservice/index.asp</a>

## Isle of Lewis Festival on Tour: Stornoway

Ferry to Isle of Lewis	<a href="http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/lewis.htm">www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/lewis.htm</a>
Isle of Lewis	<a href="http://www.isle-of-lewis.com">www.isle-of-lewis.com</a>

## Isle of Harris Festival on Tour: Tarbert

Ferry to Isle of Harris	<a href="http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/harris.htm">www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/harris.htm</a>
Isle of Harris	<a href="http://www.explore-harris.com">www.explore-harris.com</a>

## Isle of Benbecula Festival on Tour: Lionacleit

Isle of Benbecula	<a href="http://www.isle-of-benbecula.co.uk/index.htm">www.isle-of-benbecula.co.uk/index.htm</a>
Ferry to Isle of Benbecula	<a href="http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/uist-south.htm">www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/uist-south.htm</a>

## Isle of Barra Festival on Tour: Castlebay

Ferry to Isle of Barra	<a href="http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/barra.htm">www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/barra.htm</a>
Isle of Barra	<a href="http://www.explore-isle-of-barra.co.uk">www.explore-isle-of-barra.co.uk</a>

## Exhibitions

### Wednesday 19 – Friday 25 November

#### Clacharan: Stepping Stones. Scottish Myths & Legends

Scottish Storytelling Centre

#### Exhibition

10am-6pm

Free entry | All ages

The Bernese Arts Council funded Scottish storyteller George MacPherson and Swiss

photographer Anja Tanner to travel around the Isle of Skye for two months, tracing the sites in which George's traditional stories and legends take place. Their collaboration aims to preserve photographic images of these special sites where sometimes, a ruin is still present, and sometimes, only a scrap of cut stone lies covered with thick moss, hardly recognisable. Countless layers of stories and history lie beneath these places, and the combination of photography and audio documents intend to build a bridge between the past and present.

### Thursday 20 – Saturday 29 October

#### Threesomes

The Tent Gallery

#### Exhibition

10am-5pm

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Three new folios by Ian Stephen link voyages to the retelling of stories from the Limfjord in Denmark, St Kilda and the Shiant Islands. A video projection, with work by Christine Morrison and Franz Richter, looks out from the beginning, the middle and the end of a sailing vessel.

# About the artists



**Aileen Finlay** Storyteller and puppeteer Aileen specialises in using multi-sensory storytelling with children with additional support needs, and in the early years.



**Alan Steel** Alan collects and tells traditional tales from Scotland and 'stories of place' from elsewhere, but his core material consists of stories which deal with dilemmas and challenges that people of all ages have to face.



**Andy Hunter** Andy tells stories from around the world as well as from his native Herefordshire. After working in the Social Services for 25 years he turned to storytelling full-time, and started *Storybikes* - a storytelling cycle tour business.



**Angus Peter Campbell** Angus is an award-winning poet, novelist, journalist, broadcaster and actor. Born in South Uist he now lives in the Isle of Skye, with his wife and six children.



**Anna Conomos** Anna started her career as a performance storyteller in the UK in 2001. She has a vast repertoire of Greek stories and has collected new ones from the Ionic Islands this summer.



**Annmarie MacRury** is a traditional Gaelic singer with Barra and Uist connections who now lives in Edinburgh.



**Audrey Parks** Audrey was born in Belfast, but has spent most of her life in Edinburgh. Her repertoire includes many Irish and Scottish folktales, children's stories and stories of faith and love.



**Bob Knight** Bob is an Aberdeen-based Scottish folk singer and songwriter, who often uses Scots.



**Bob Pegg** Bob is a compelling performer who interweaves his storytelling with traditional songs and his own compositions. Bob lives in Strathpeffer in the Highlands and has a special interest in Northern lore.



**Cailean MacLean** Cailean was born and brought up in the Outer Hebrides but now lives in the Isle of Skye. He is a broadcaster, writer, photographer and storyteller.



**Carmin Belgodere** A composer, singer and musician from Corsica, Carmin is particularly interested in traditional music, world music and improvisation.



**Claire McNicol** Claire tells Scottish and Irish stories including Traveller tales, stories of the seal people, the wee folk and the giants.



**David Campbell** Born in Edinburgh in 1935 and brought up in Fraserburgh, two previous careers as a teacher and radio producer prepared David to enter seriously into his third profession of storytelling, under the influence of the Scottish Travellers.



**Davy Cooper** Davy is a Shetland storyteller and author of *Viking Stories*. He is an active member of the Shetland Folklore Development Group and Shetland For Wirds.



**Diana Bertoldi** Born and brought up in the Italian mountains, Diana followed a calling to Scotland. Her repertoire ranges from ancient traditional and wisdom tales to cheerful jokes.



**Eleni Theodoraki** Dr Theodoraki is Reader in Festival and Event Management at Edinburgh Napier University. In March 2010 she was appointed Core Commissioner in the Commission for a Sustainable London 2012.



**Enequina Sanna** Storyteller and director of the cultural association *Archivi del Sud*, in the village of Alghero, Enequina has researched Sardinian folk tales for several years, bringing them back to life.



**Enzo Favata** Enzo is a musician and composer with a background in traditional jazz. For more than 15 years he has researched and explored the sounds of Sardinia's traditional music.



**Eric Brennan** Born and raised in Glasgow, with Scottish and Irish antecedents, storytelling perhaps comes naturally to Eric. He has worked particularly with children in early literacy projects.



**Essie Stewart** Born into a Sutherland Travelling family, Essie is the grand daughter of one of the greatest Gaelic storytellers of them all - Allidh Dall Stewart. She is firmly grounded in Gaelic and Traveller traditions.



**Ewan McVicar** Ewan was born in Inverness in 1941. He has lived in East Africa and the USA, but has stayed half his life in Glasgow, where he co-founded the first Scottish folk club. He is a respected storyteller and singer-songwriter.



**Fran Flett Holinrake** Fran is a storyteller, historian and tourguide who discovered she had Orcadian ancestors and finally moved to the islands in 2004. She organises the Orkney Storytelling Festival.



**Francette Orsoni** Francette is storyteller and director at the cultural association *U fila de memoria* in the village of Vero, Corsica. She regards storytelling as a thread linking the storyteller to the audience.



**Geoff Mead** Geoff regularly performs traditional stories and teaches storytelling in the UK and as far afield as Spain, Canada and Japan. In 2007 he co-founded the *Centre for Narrative Leadership*.



**George MacPherson** Seoras' (George's) stories come from family traditions passed down through many generations. He was born in Greenock in 1933 and brought up in Ardnamurchan. For many years he worked in the West of Scotland before returning to his father's home country in Glendale to commit himself to storytelling and writing.



**Hambis Tsangaris** Born in the now occupied village of Kontea, Hambis witnessed and was personally affected by Cyprus' Turkish invasion in 1974. Cyprus, its traditions and its folk stories, inspire most of his work. He lives in the village of Platanisteia, where he has founded a school of printmaking.



**Hamish Moore** Hamish worked as a vet until 1986 when he retired in order to play music and make bagpipes professionally. He is the musical director of the Ceolas summer school in South Uist.



**Heather Yule** Traditional Scottish folktales and Traveller tales form the basis of Heather's repertoire. A fine musician, her storytelling is often accompanied by magic from the clarsach (Celtic harp).



**Heleni Achilleos** An English teacher in Greece for many years, Heleni has always used stories to illustrate the language she taught. Her dream is going back to Cyprus and telling stories to both Greek and Turkish Cypriots together.



**Hugh Cheape** Hugh is research professor at the University of the Highlands and Islands, at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig. His work today is influenced by the 34 years he spent working for the National Museum of Scotland. Hugh lives on Skye.



**Ian Stephen** Ian is from Stornoway, Isle of Lewis. He is a writer, performer, sailor and storyteller, as well as a volunteer skipper with two charitable boat trusts on Lewis.



**Jan Sutch Pickard** Jan tells stories of Columba to tales of the Clearances, including traditional tales of Mull and Iona where she lives. She is also a published poet.



**Jess Smith** From a Scottish Traveller family, as a child Jess was privileged to sit round camp fires within a circle of stories and song. She has carried these traditions forward into adulthood, as a talented storyteller, singer and writer.



**Jimmy Williamson** Jimmy was born in Fife in 1951. The eldest son of a Travelling family, he is still actively involved in the Travelling culture, still absorbing the stories and traditions in which he was brought up.



**Kati Waitzmann** Kati is a storyteller who particular enjoys sharing old Glasgow stories, traditional tales she learned in Skye and stories from the Grimm's collections.



**Katie Harrigan** is a highly experienced Celtic harp player originally from Ayrshire. She has worked with many Scottish musicians including Ceolbeg and Hamish Moore.



**Lawrence Tulloch** Lawrence tells the stories and traditions of his native Shetland, and in particular, the lore of Yell and the northern islands. His stories range from folktales and sagas to local history and contemporary anecdotes.



**Lea Taylor** Lea brings her storytelling alive with a fun participatory repertoire of stories and songs taken from a wide variety of genres. Originally from the Cotswolds, she settled in Scotland after studying Scottish Ethnology at Edinburgh University.



**Linda Williamson** Originally from the USA, Linda's stories and traditions have been garnered during a long close involvement in Scottish Traveller life and culture.



**Lise Sinclair** Lise is a Shetland poet and musician. She lives in Fair Isle and her work is characterised by a strong feel for the dialect of her native isle.



**Liz Lochhead** Liz is a Scottish poet and playwright. In January 2011 she was named as the second Scots Makar, or national poet.



**Mac-a-Story** Fergus McNicol and Ron Fairweather present energetic, engaging storytelling events for children and families as Mac-a-Story.



**Mara Menzies** Mara is passionate about bringing African stories to life. Her stories range from traditional folklore to tales based on real life historical characters.



**Marie Louise Cochrane** Marie Louise tells stories ranging from Scottish tales to fairy tales and family tales to stories of faith. Her background is in the fields of social work, counselling and church settings.



**Marion Kenny** Marion draws on her wealth of experience as a musician, circus performer, dancer and actress to enhance and compliment her passion for stories, often accompanying them with harps and flutes.



**Marlene Misfud-Chircop** Marlene is a storyteller and wife of the late George Misfud-Chircop, one of Malta's most prominent folklore researchers.



**Martin MacIntyre** A medical doctor, writer and actor, Martin respects the power of oral narrative to forge stronger connections between people and to achieve therapeutic results. He writes and tells in English and Gaelic.



**Michael Kerins** Michael tells 'tall' or fantastic stories blending folktales and contemporary life. His style breathes the humour, cheek and survivor's instinct of folktales through the centuries. Born and brought up in Glasgow, he was inspired by his father's own storytelling.



**Nuala Hayes** Nuala was born in Dublin and trained as an actor before becoming involved with oral storytelling. Her storytelling company, *Two Chairs*, has toured extensively.



**Rebecca Vucetic** Rebecca has traveled extensively throughout the Balkans, and collected songs and dances from Greece and Cyprus. Her familiarity with Byzantine chant and her classical training in medieval music form her unique sound world.



**Ruth Kirkpatrick** Performing with a great mixture of warmth, sensitivity and humour, Ruth firmly believes in the power of storytelling to bring the heart back into relationships and communities. She hails from the North East of Scotland.



**Sofia Papadia** Sofia comes from mainland Greece on her father's side, and from the island of Cyprus on her mother's side. She has over five years experience in teaching Greek traditional dances.



**Stella Kassimati** A storyteller from Amari, Crete, and chair of the International Association *Friends of Amari*, Stella was brought up with the myths and legends of the Greek Gods and Heroes. She specialises in Classical Greek myths and legends, including Cretan and Minoan stories.



**Tom Muir** A storyteller and folklorist, Tom tells traditional stories of Orkney (where he was born and brought up) and the North. He has a great love for local traditions, and his humorous delight in the humanity of the stories is infectious.



# Venue details

## An Lanntair

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## Corrigall Farm Museum

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www.orkneystorytellingfestival.co.uk

## Creich Community Hall

Fionnphort, Isle of Mull PA66  
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## Edinburgh Printmakers

23 Union Street, Edinburgh EH1 3LR  
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## Mull Theatre

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www.mulltheatre.com

## National Museum of Scotland

Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF  
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www.nms.ac.uk/scotland

## North Edinburgh Arts

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0131 247 4435 / j.miller@nms.ac.uk  
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## Queen's Cross Church

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07841 715447 / gas\_story@hotmail.com  
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## Rothesay Castle

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## Rothesay Visitor Centre

Rothesay, Isle of Bute  
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www.buteconnections.co.uk and  
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## Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

John Hope Gateway, Arboretum Place,  
Edinburgh EH3 5NZ  
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## Scottish Poetry Library

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## St Magnus Cathedral

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## St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art

2 Castle Street, Glasgow G4 0RH  
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## Stornoway Library Café

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Lewis HS 2DA  
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## Tarbert Community Library

Sir E. Scott School, Tarbert,  
Isle of Harris, HS3 3BG  
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## The Aros Experience

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