Scottish International Storytelling Festival 2011

An Island Odyssey:
Scotland and Old Europe

21 October – 30 October
Box office: 0131 556 9579

www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk
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 drift of the harp and the voice of the storyteller as we provide ten days of exhilarating traditional storytelling. Let slip the days of exhilarating traditional storytelling and the voice of the storyteller as we provide ten days of exhilarating traditional storytelling.

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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 or 0131 652 3272 for more information.

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 Cumbraes, 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.

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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 EH11 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.

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.

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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)

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2011 Festival programme

Friday 21 October

A Thousand Island Welcome
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.

Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 1)
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Meet the Storyteller
5pm (45mins)
Free but ticketed | All ages
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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.

Sunday 23 October

Printing Tales
Edinburgh Printmakers
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 Botanics’ 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.

Lyric Folk Tales
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 Aliie 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 playground! 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.

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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.

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.

Island Nights: From Shetland to Corsica
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7.30pm (2hrs, inc. interval)
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North and South: seagulls, 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.

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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 myths, 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 for younger audiences.

Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 3)
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5pm (45mins)
Free but ticketed  All ages
Meet Irish storyteller Ian Stephen from Lewis and hear his island tales from north and south.

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.

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.

Island Nights: From Bute to Malta and from the Cumbraes to Cyprus
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Meet the Storyteller
10.30am (40mins)
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.

Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 5)
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Thursday 27 October

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 Callean MacLean with clarsair Heather Yule, transport you across the winged isle and then over to the Sardinian artistry of Edeneda 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.
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 1 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.

**Meet the Storyteller (Odyssey 7)**
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Meet the Storyteller
5pm (45mins)
Free but ticketed 1 All ages
Meet Sardinian storyteller Enedina Sanna, and experience the emotions of Odysseus as he sets foot once 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
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 1 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
7pm (2hrs, 30mins inc. interval)
£10/£8 1 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-sweeps 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 1 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 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 inc. interval)
£6/£4 1 Adults
What is it about saints and islands? Religion and boats? Journey between Scotland and the eastern Mediterranean on seaboards 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, inc interval)
£10/£8 1 Adults
An eerie finale for Hallowe’en. Celebrate the ancient Celtic Festival of Samhain 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…
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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
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.

Dundee

Tuesday 25 October

Stories and Songs of the Sea
HMS Frigate Unicorn
Live storytelling
7pm (2hrs 30mins inc. interval)
£8
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.

Glasgow

Tuesday 25 October

Italian Connections
St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art
Live Storytelling
7pm (2hrs)
Free
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 Waltzmann, 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.

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
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.
**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 Drumfin, with schools visits and activities in between.

Full details on www.mulltheatre.com

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**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, 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.

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**Wednesday 26 October**

**Island Nights: From Ithaca to Iona**

**Live Storytelling**

Criegh Community Hall

7.30pm (2hrs)

By donation (suggested £5) | Adults and children 12+

A journey between Mull and Iona in the Inner Hebrides, to the Ionian Islands of Greece with Odysseus’s 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.

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**Thursday 27 October**

**Island Nights: From Crete to Orkney**

**Live Storytelling**

The Royal Hotel, Stromness

8pm (2hrs)

£6/£4 | All ages

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

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**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 for more details.

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**Friday 28 October**

**Island Nights: Gods, Gods, Gods**

**Live Storytelling**

St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall

8pm (2hrs 30mins)

£6/£4 | Adults

From the Mediterranean to the Ionian Islands of Greece with Odysseus’s native Ithaca, storytellers include 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 for more details.

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**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.

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**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.
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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 Corsica, storyteller Francette Orsoni and musician Carmine Belgodere. Meet smugglers, pirates and worse from the northern isles to the Mediterranean rocks. 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.

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.

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**Edinburgh - Isle of Cumbrae**
**Festival on Tour: Millport**
- Train: Edinburgh-Glasgow [www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/1051](http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/1051)
- Train: Glasgow-Largs [www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/881](http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/881)
- Ferry: Largs-Cumbrae Slip [www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/cumbrae.htm](http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/cumbrae.htm)
- Millport and Isle of Cumbrae [www.millport.org](http://www.millport.org)

**Edinburgh - Isle of Bute**
**Festival on Tour: Rothesay**
- Train: Edinburgh-Glasgow [www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/1051](http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/1051)
- Train: Glasgow-Wemyss Bay [www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/881](http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/881)
- Ferry: Wemyss Bay-Rothesay [www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/bute.htm](http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/bute.htm)
- Isle of Bute [www.isle-of-bute.com](http://www.isle-of-bute.com)

**Edinburgh - Isle of Mull**
**Festival on Tour: Fionnphort and Druimfin**
- Train: Edinburgh-Glasgow [www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/411](http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/411)
- Train: Glasgow-Oban [www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/581](http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/581)
- Ferry: Oban-Craignure [www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/mull.htm](http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/mull.htm)
- Isle of Mull [www.holidaymull.co.uk/](http://www.holidaymull.co.uk/)

**Edinburgh - Isle of Skye**
**Festival on Tour: Portree**
- Train: Edinburgh-Kyle of Lochalsh [www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/531](http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/531)
- Train: Edinburgh-Glasgow [www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/411](http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/411)
- Train: Glasgow-Mallaig [www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/581](http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/581)
- Ferry: Mallaig-Armadale [www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/skye.htm](http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/skye.htm)
- Isle of Skye [www.skye.co.uk/default.php](http://www.skye.co.uk/default.php)

**Edinburgh - Fair Isle & Shetland**
**Festival on Tour: Fair Isle and Hillswick**
- Airline [www.flybe.com](http://www.flybe.com)
- Airline [www.directflight.co.uk/index.html](http://www.directflight.co.uk/index.html)
- Fair Isle [www.fairisle.org.uk](http://www.fairisle.org.uk)
- Shetland [www.shetland.org](http://www.shetland.org)

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**Edinburgh - Orkney**
**Festival on Tour: Stromness**
- Airline [www.flybe.com](http://www.flybe.com)
- Train: Edinburgh-Thurso [www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/531](http://www.scotrail.co.uk/timetables-routes/531)
- Train: Scrabster - Stromness [www.northlinkferries.co.uk](http://www.northlinkferries.co.uk)

**Edinburgh - Outer Hebrides**
- Airline [www.flybe.com](http://www.flybe.com)
- Train [www.scotrail.co.uk](http://www.scotrail.co.uk)

**Isle of Lewis**
**Festival on Tour: Stornoway**
- Ferry to Isle of Lewis [www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/lewis.htm](http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/lewis.htm)
- Isle of Lewis [www.isle-of-lewis.com](http://www.isle-of-lewis.com)

**Isle of Harris**
**Festival on Tour: Tarbert**
- Ferry to Isle of Harris [www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/harris.htm](http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/harris.htm)
- Isle of Harris [www.explore-harris.com](http://www.explore-harris.com)

**Isle of Benbecula**
**Festival on Tour: Lionacleit**
- Ferry to Isle of Benbecula [www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/uisit-south.htm](http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/uisit-south.htm)

**Isle of Barra**
**Festival on Tour: Castlebay**
- Ferry to Isle of Barra [www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/barra.htm](http://www.calmac.co.uk/destinations/barra.htm)
- Isle of Barra [www.explore-isle-of-barra.co.uk](http://www.explore-isle-of-barra.co.uk)

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**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
Free entry  All ages
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 comprises 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 Storytikes - 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 artist in the UK in 2001. She has a vast repertoire of Greek traditional tales she learned in childhood, collected new ones from the Ionian islands this summer.

Annamarie Madbury An annamari is a traditional Gaelic singer with Bara and Uist connections who now lives in Edinburgh.

Audrey Parks Audrey was born in Glasgow but her spirit lives on in 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 original compositions. Bob lives in Strathefiller in the Highlands and has a special interest in Northern lore.

Calean MacLean Calean 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.

Carin Belmonte A composer, singer and musician from Corsica, Carin is particularly interested in traditional music, world music and improvisation.

Claire Nicoll 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 Fresserburgh, 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 Wids.

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

Elef Theodoraki Elef is a storyteller, writer and director of the cultural association Archanz di Sud, in the village of Alghero, Sardinia. Elef has researched Sandinian 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 ancestry, storytelling comes naturally to Eric. He has worked particularly with children in early literacy projects.

Erie Stewart Born into a Sutherland Travelling family, Erie 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 McIvor Ewan was born in Isla in 1941. He has travelled widely 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.

Fleit Hollinrake Fleit is a storyteller, historian and tourguide who discovered she had Oscan 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 l’Archipel de memoire 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 George’s (George the Bold) stories come from family traditions passed down through many generations. He was born in Greenwich in 1983 and brought up in Actunmarchan. For many years he worked in the West of Scotland before returning to his home country in Glendal to commit himself to storytelling and writing.

Hambis Tsangaar 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 Plataniesta, 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 Heather Yule, a traditional Scottish folktales and Traveller tales, is a native Skye storyteller in English and Gaelic. She is a fine musician, her storytelling is often accompanied by magic from the clans of the clarsach (Celtic harp).

Heleni Achilleos Heleni is an English teacher in Greece for many years. Heleni has always been interested in folklore and literature. She taught English to foreigners on the Greek and Turkish Cyprus islands.

Hugh Cheape Hugh is research professor at the University of the Highlands and Islands, at Sabhal Mor 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.

Ian Sutch Pickard Ian tells stories of Columba to tales of the Clearances, including traditional tales of Mull and Iona where he lives. He is also a published poet.

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

Jimmy Williamson Jimmy was born in Nis 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 Waltzmann Kati is a storyteller who particularly enjoys sharing old Glasgow stories, traditional tales she learned in Skye and stories from the Grimms’ collections.

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

Lawrence Tulloch Lawrence tells the stories and traditions of his native Shetland, and in particular to forge stronger connections between people and to achieve therapeutic results. He writes and tells in English and Gaelic.

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 garnetted during a long close involvement in Scottish Traveller life and culture.

Lies Sciarra Lee 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 Nicoll and Ron Fairweather present 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.

Martin Madntryte 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 traditional stories blending folklore and contemporary life. His style blends the humour, cheek and wit of the old storytellers’ stories, 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 travelled extensively throughout the Balkans, and collected songs and dances from Greece and Cyprus. Her family’s familiarity with Byzantine chant and her classical training in medieval music form her unique sound world.

Ruth Kirkpatrick Performing with a mixture of warm, 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.

Sophia Papadia Sophia 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 Amaran, 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 Mur 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.