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SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL 2017

20-31 OCTOBER

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Welcome
to the world’s finest feast of traditional storytelling.

Open Word – Open World marks the 70th anniversary of Edinburgh as a Festival City, with twelve days of storytelling events in Edinburgh and across Scotland. SISF goes global, demonstrating how the traditional art of storytelling is more vital than ever in connecting people worldwide, across cultures, places and generations.

Hosted by the storytellers of Scotland, artists from across the world gather to guide us through the labyrinths of change and weave new narratives for a re-imagined earth. In Scotland’s Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology, SISF makes an ancient artform vibrant in our human present.

We also host three days of open table discussion around the themes of the Earth Charter at our Global Gathering. These are critical times for our planet and the SISF invites us all to connect through our differences, acknowledging where we are and where we want to go, together. If not now, when?

Performance, workshops, talks and children’s events radiate out from Scotland’s capital offering a plethora of dreamscapes and myths celebrating oral traditions and cultural diversity. The best of Scotland’s storytelling talent merge with invited guests from Thailand, Australia, Iran, India, New Zealand, Sub-Saharan Africa, Singapore, Korea, Pakistan, South America, Eastern and Western Europe, China, Japan, England and Ireland.

Sustainability & Culture

Storytellers across the world bring a creative dimension to our sense of the environment and the living connection between natural ecology and sustainable culture. The SISF is committed to a sustainable future, and to measuring and managing our environmental impacts. Please enjoy our environmental events, use public transport wherever possible, and use our recycling facilities.

The Festival Team
About the programme

Our categories ensure your storytelling experience is exactly what you’re looking for, be it an evening gathering in jovial company soaking up stories, daytime events for the whole family to get involved with or workshop sessions and talks so you can get creative.

Become a Supporter

Festival Supporter, £20
expires on Wed 1 Nov 2017
› Discounts on many SISF events at the Storytelling Centre
› Discounts on Global Gathering on Wed 25, Thu 26 & Fri 27 October
› 10% discount in the Storytelling Centre’s bookshop, during SISF
› 10% discount in the Story Café, during SISF
› Invite to launch party on Fri 20 October
› Contribute to the development of SISF

Storytelling Centre Supporter, £30
expires after 1 year
› Discounts on many Storytelling Centre events, including TradFest & SISF
› 10% discount in the Storytelling Centre’s bookshop
› 10% discount in the Story Café
› Invites to special events
› A quarterly mailing of our What’s On guide (by post if desired)
› Contribute to the work of the Storytelling Centre

Look for the special PASS prices in the listings which look like this - £6

We rely on the generosity of our supporters to help us bring our work to life, share it with the widest possible audience and keep our ticket prices affordable. Our audience is essential in helping us to deliver high quality storytelling, music and dance events.

With your help, we are able to do more and to do it better.

Call our team on +44 (0)131 556 9579 to book your Supporter scheme for the year, or to discuss your Festival Supporter options.
For further enquiries email supporters@scottishstorytellingcentre.com

How to book

Most tickets can be booked by phone, online or in person at the Scottish Storytelling Centre’s Box Office. Some partner venues and regional events have their own booking outlets as listed.

+44 (0) 131 556 9579
www.tracscotland.org

Free events at the National Library of Scotland will be bookable from Wednesday 13 September on nls.uk/events or 0131 623 3734.

All information was correct at time of going to print. We apologise for any inconvenience if details have changed.

How to get here

The Scottish Storytelling Centre’s award-winning building is the hub of the Festival, located 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
› Braille signage throughout
› Licensed Café and Storytelling Book Shop

Scottish Storytelling Centre | 43-45 High Street | EH1 1SR

www.tracscotland.org
Open Word – Open World

The SISF local campaign invites all to explore how stories connect people worldwide – across cultures, languages, generations and places. Using spoken word, visual image or movement and dance, join us wherever you are and help bring our colourful contemporary and traditional culture to life.

We invite you to explore **Stories in Translation** across languages and cultures, to discover the vibrant world of **Travelling Stories** and to play with **Stories across the Senses**. Traverse the ancient world of wonder tales and their global connections; unearth the old stories the Scottish Travellers passed down through the generations as a precious gift for the future and learn new stories that have found their way to Scotland in more recent times on the wings and voices of refugees.

Through the sharing of stories we can celebrate and connect through our differences, acknowledging where we are and where we want to go together, as citizens of the world.

Visit [www.tracscotland.org](http://www.tracscotland.org) or email info@tracscotland.org for further information and resources.

Festival On Tour

Coordinated by regional storytelling teams with the support of the SISF.

Storytellers will visit Orkney, Sutherland, Findhorn, Aberdeen, Argyll, Islay, Bute, Mull, Dundee, Fife, Perthshire, Ayr, Duns, Kilbarchan and Glasgow to meet with local performers and audiences.

See pages 23-29 for details
12 – 22 October

**Bawialnia/Playroom - Polish Design for Kids**
Summerhall, The Lower Church Gallery
Mon – Sun: 11am – 6pm
Free entry | All ages
An immersive experience, allowing children to learn through play and engage in a variety of creative activity in one space. Playing with toys made of wood and other natural materials, imaginatively designed games and handmade objects will allow children to appreciate the beauty and quality that comes with craftsmanship. Reading books in a tent or on upcycled suitcases/sofas, making their own stamps, exploring Polish cuisine or designing their own puppets will make for a truly unforgettable experience. The exhibition combines leading designers for children from Poland with a new commission from Polish artists living in Scotland. Part of Kite and Trumpet: Festival of Polish Art.

Until 12 November

**Enduring Eye: The Antarctic legacy of Sir Ernest Shackleton and Frank Hurley**
National Library of Scotland
Mon – Fri: 10am – 8pm | Sat: 10am – 5pm | Sun: 2 – 5pm
Free entry | All ages
One of the greatest ever photographic records of human survival, Enduring Eye honours the achievements of Sir Ernest Shackleton and the men of the 1914-1917 Endurance expedition. Shackleton's official voyage photographer Frank Hurley saved the fragile photographic negatives, which documented the expedition, under the most extreme circumstances to provide a lasting record of the men of the Endurance and their story. The exhibition showcases Hurley's images, alongside items from the Library’s polar collections. Researched, written and curated for the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) by Meredith Hooper, with Library collection items selected by Paula Williams.

19 – 31 October

**Lost Tales: Walking with Gods - Live**
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Mon – Sat: 10am – 6pm, and before events
Free entry | All ages
Engage and experience aeons old stories in a completely new light. Multidisciplinary artist, writer and creator Travis De Vries’ works live at the Storytelling Centre as artist in residence. Get the chance to see how he produces a series of paintings that borrow and twist the tropes of mythology, graphic novels and traditional storytelling to reimagine the stories of Indigenous Australians. Echoing the studies of Joseph Campbell or the worlds of Neil Gaiman, allow these works to resonate deep in the psyche through our connection to myths and legends; exploring the clash of ideas between ancient, haunting tales and the contemporary western mythologies from Australia.
**Friday 20 October**

**Lost Tales Live**
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
5pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) £5
Adults
Explore the undocumented side of our history through folk tales, urban legends, culture heroes and creatures, exposed in gripping original tales. Spirits, gods and demons from antiquity are dredged up as Travis De Vries journeys into the untold stories of Australia. Drawing from a rich legacy of oral storytelling passed down through his Gamilaroi heritage, enjoy a tapestry of myths with live musical accompaniment and specially commissioned animations that draw from the sacred myths and legends of Australia’s first peoples. In a clash of cultures some things change and others are lost, but the stories live on.

**From Edinburgh’s Pen to the World**
Departs from Mercat Cross, beside St Giles Cathedral
Walking Tour
5pm (1hr 30) | Adult £13, Concession £11, Child £8 | 5+
Edinburgh has inspired writers whose work is known and influence is felt across the globe. Work that includes desert islands, detectives and dissecting tables. Books that altered Scottish identity and world views. Words that shaped the future of economics and religious beliefs. Texts which changed the world. Organised by Mercat Tours.
www.mercattours.com
Please note: The tour visits the Old Town which can involve cobbled streets, slopes and stairs. The guide will always adapt the route to visitor’s needs.

**The Storytelling Machine**
by Pinokio Theatre in Łódź
North Edinburgh Arts
Live Storytelling
5pm (1hr) | £3 (£1.50) | 7+
A scientist accidentally invents a machine which buzzes, creaks and clatters, but most importantly tells stories! On request, the machine has told stories about a boy who lived in a pocket, loud silence and a girl’s journey to space looking for a chocolate planet... but it’s open for new inspirations. The stories which emerge from the mysterious machine are told by the Pinokio Theatre actors, accompanied by music and live sounds. The audience have a genuine influence on the course of events, so every performance is remarkable and original. Presented in Polish and English by Pinokio Theatre in Łódź and part of Kite and Trumpet: Festival of Polish Art.
www.northedinburgharts.co.uk

**Mobile Dreams**
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (1hr 45, with interval) | £7.50 (£6) £5
Adults
A poetic, funny and warm storytelling performance about the everlasting human search for truth and connection, freedom and beauty. In a playful stream of English spiced with their native tongues, three performers share a string of tales mythical and personal, all connected by the language of dreams. With storytellers Markus Luukkonen (Finland), Torgrim Mellum Stene (Norway) and Tom Van Outryve (Belgium).
From Regent Road to Russia:
Globe-trotting around New Calton Burial Ground
Meet at the Regent Road entrance to burial ground
Walking Tour
11am (45mins) | Free (ticketed)
Adults
Come travel the globe in New Calton Burial Ground! Discover stories of how the world came to Edinburgh and of the Scots who made their mark on the world. Hear about the Scots engineer who built the Tsar’s imperial dreams and the poet whose words graced the walls of St Petersburg Palace. On our journey, uncover tales of slavery and freedom, love and loss, and friendship and enmity from travellers who share a common resting ground. The tour will be fun and light-hearted and will leave participants to draw their own conclusions on present international links! Organised by the Friends of New Calton and Edinburgh World Heritage. Reserve tickets: graveyards@ewht.org.uk

Stories from Smokey Brae
St Margaret’s House
Walking Tour
11am (6hrs, each tour lasts 45mins) Free (ticketed) | 8+
Join intrepid storyteller Jan Bee Brown of The Thrive Archive for a journey around the world in 45 minutes! Smokey Brae was once full of steam trains and Jan has discovered a series of stories from well-travelled studio holders that mist across borders and sail through time. The journey departs from the waiting room on the 3rd floor and will travel across 5 floors of the amazing maze of studios at St Margaret’s House. Departure times on the hour (except 1pm), maximum 10 passengers per journey. Please note: the journey will include stairs but there is a lift and folding chairs will be available. The event is part of the Open Doors Weekend. Tickets and programme: www.edinburghpalette.co.uk

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Wee Folk Magic
Scottish Storytelling Centre & Museum of Childhood
Family Event
2pm (2hrs 30) | £5 (£4) | 4+
Enter the enchanted world of fairy tales, full of mystery, malice and magic. With sessions for 4-6 years, 6-8 years and 9+ with accompanying adults, through the afternoon. Unaccompanied adults are also welcome for a special grown-up session. The event features a galaxy of Scotland’s storytellers, steeped in folk and fairy lore with options for participation and listening spells. With storytellers Ailie Finlay, Tom Muir, Beth Cross, Daniel Allison, Robbie Fotheringham, Senga Munro, Sheila Kinninmonth and Sylvia Troon.
City of Stories; City of Dreams
Riddle’s Court
Talk & Walking Tour
2pm (1hr 30) | £6 (£4) | Adults
Storytellers, writers, poets and thinkers throughout history have taken Edinburgh as the inspiration. Join us as we talk about the influence of the Old Town on our story makers and learn about the tales which helped build the world’s first UNESCO City of Literature. After the panel discussion, we’ll be taking to the streets as poet Ken Cockburn leads a walking tour and introduces some of the characters, words and stories built into the local area. Organised by Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature. Tickets: www.cityofliterature.com

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Mayhem and Magic – Stories from Sweden
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) □ Adults

Once described as “a force of nature”, storyteller Jerker Fahlström invites you to a glittering world of the Viking Age gods and heroes. With his brilliant ingenuity, tales are woven together with pictures of the age – the clothes, weapons and life styles of the North.

365 Days, Stories, Tunes
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (1hr 10) | £7.50 (£6) □ Adults

Throughout 2013, James Robertson wrote a daily story, each exactly 365 words long. In 2016-17, Aidan O’Rourke wrote a daily tune in response to the stories, collaborating on some of them with harmonium player Kit Downes. Together, the trio present a calendar of words and music for a magical journey into imagination.

Open Hearth
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
8pm (2hrs) | £9 (£7.50) □ Adults

Storytellers and musicians gather round the hearth for a relaxed traditional session of stories from home and abroad, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow with pictures in the fire. Hosted by Festival Director Donald Smith, with James Robertson, Tom Muir, Aidan O’Rourke and Kit Downes. The perfect way to end your day.

Sunday 22 October

The Enchanted Garden: Storytelling amongst the Trees
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Family Event
1pm (3hrs) | Free, drop-in | All ages
Join storytellers at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and treat yourself to a relaxed afternoon of stories for all the family. Meet at the Botanic Cottage and find the cosy spots where stories are shared or let storytellers take you on story journeys into the beautiful surroundings, where nature glows with warm autumn colours.

Mixing the Magic: Polish Folktales
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Workshop
1pm (1hr 10) | £5 | 5+
Storyteller and folklorist Michał Malinowski hosts this rich introduction to Polish oral tradition. Showcasing the vivid and interactive telling style, spectators can discover a rich brew of Polish tales and folklore, traversing local legends, animal fables, religious tales, fairy tales and ghost stories. Part of Kite and Trumpet: Festival of Polish Art.
Undersea and Overland – Stories from Korea
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
3pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) £5
Adults
Storyteller Seung-Ah Kim collected a treasure of Korean folk tales from her grandmother and has brought them to Scotland to share. Join her in an enchanted afternoon of traditional stories from the Far East.

St Magnus of Orkney – 900 Years
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
3.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) £5
Adults
Storyteller Tom Muir tells the great Orkney saga of Magnus, the earl who made peace, and paid with his life, nine hundred years ago. Since then the legend of Magnus has gone round the world and the Cathedral of Magnus in Kirkwall is a pledge of peace from northern past to global future.

Through the Forest – Stories from Thailand
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) £5
Adults
Originally from the region of Isan, in northeast Thailand, storyteller Wajuppa Tossa will guide you through a rich forest of Thai myths and legends, where you can pick up some words of Lao – the local language – along the way.

Under Ancient Skies – Stories from Iran
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) £5
Adults
Your evening will be lit by hundreds of dazzling stars as ancient Persian stories unfold under the fine craftsmanship of master storyteller Nosratollah Goodarzi and bilingual support storyteller Elnaz Sabet, accompanied by traditional music.

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Live Storytelling
8pm (2hrs) | £9 (£7.50) £6
Adults
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Monday 23 October

**Education Day**

**Storytelling in Schools: Beyond Performance**
Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Workshop**
10.30am (2hrs) | £12 (£10) | Adults

The Village Storytelling Centre has an excellent track record of delivering projects in school settings, from whole school projects to working with a single class over several weeks or delivering programmes to targeted groups of children and their parents. This practical workshop will explore the various ways that storytelling can support learning in a school context, going beyond performance to concrete examples of interactive techniques that can be delivered over time. We will also consider how, as storytellers, we can work alongside other education professionals to support pupils to raise their attainment, aspirations and confidence. With storyteller Joanne Marr.

**Gifting Every Child**
National Library of Scotland

**Workshop**
1.30pm (2hrs) | £12 (£10) | Adults

What is the role of culture in contemporary education from the early years? This session explores some Scottish and international approaches. With presentations from Scotland, New Zealand and Singapore, it explores creative use of local and migrant cultural resources. The event includes an introduction to the National Library of Scotland’s Wee Windaes project by Alice Heywood, Learning & Outreach Officer, and to the Gifting Every Child project by TRACS. With Bea Ferguson, Kamini Ramachandran, Joe Harawira, Wajuppa Tossa and Stina Fagertun.

**Tales for Sale**
National Library of Scotland

**Live Storytelling**
11am (1hr) | Free (ticketed) | 6+ and adults

Edinburgh’s renowned duo Macastory set up their stall to deal in tales of adventure, true crime, derring-do and love. Raiding the cellars of the National Library of Scotland, Ron and Fergus offer the pick of chapbooks, broadsides and scandal sheets – LIVE. Re-live an age when people queued to buy the latest tale before its ink was even dry.

**Dancing with Trees**
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

**Live Storytelling**
2pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed) | 12+

Storytellers Alette Willis and Allison Galbraith guide you through the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, sharing stories from their recently published collection of Eco-tales. An outside event, visiting some of the beautiful botanical niches. If weather is bad, the session will take place in the historical Botanic Cottage.

Reserve tickets:
www.thebotanics.eventbrite.co.uk
Tuesday 24 October

Scotland meets India: An Auld Acquaintance
National Library of Scotland
Live Storytelling
2pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed) | Adults
Join Deepa Kiran from India and Marion Kenny from Scotland for a spellbinding performance of music and stories, celebrating the long-standing friendship between the two countries and to mark the UK-India Year of Culture 2017.

Istria Inspires – Stories from Croatia
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
2.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) | Adults
The heritage and landscapes of this beautiful country in the North East of the Mediterranean Sea are brought to life by the young storytellers of the Istra Inspirit group. Be transported by their stories and get to know more about the region of Istria.

The Truth & the Three Rings
Italian Cultural Institute Edinburgh
Workshop
6pm (2hrs) | Free | Adults
What is the truth and can someone pretend to hold it exclusively? While religious tensions increase, traditional stories from the Arabic, Christian and Jewish religions highlight the connections between the three main monotheisms. With Giovanna Conforto and Enrico Bertoni. www.iicedimburgo.esteri.it

Precious Legacies: Remembering the Ancestors
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
8pm (2hrs) | £9 (£7.50) | Adults
Margaret Bennett, Ruth Kirkpatrick, David Campbell and Jess Smith celebrate their rich inheritance from iconic mentors and forebears. By honouring the past, we give to the future. A night to remember.
When Education Becomes Possible: Stories of Life & Learning

University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy Centre
Conference
11.30am (4hrs 30) | Free, drop-in Adults

Imagine what happens when we are cut off from education through conflict, natural disaster or disadvantaged circumstances. How does your education begin again and what difference does it make to individuals and communities, schools and universities? These are the big questions we’re immersing ourselves in through story, life experiences and pictorial exhibits.

Where Snakes Can Sing – Stories from Poland

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6)

Adults

Enjoy an afternoon with storyteller Małgorzata Litwinowicz and be transported to the magical world of traditional Polish stories and songs, where trees can talk and snakes can sing. Your tea time has never been so enthralling!

Scotland meets Pakistan: Islands to Cities

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6)

Adults

A collaboration between Pakistani singer Sara Kazmi and Scotland based musician Sarah Hayes flows into an exchange between Pakistani poet Shazea Quraishi and Scottish storyteller Ian Stephen. Enjoy a unique journey in music, song, story and poetry from the Isle of Lewis to Lahore.

Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
8pm (2hrs) | £9 (£7.50)

Adults

Storytellers and musicians gather round the hearth for a relaxed traditional session of stories from home and abroad. Hosted by Ian Stephen, with Pakistan’s Shazea Quraishi and Sara Kazmi, storyteller Peter Chand and music by Sarah Hayes. The perfect way to end your day.
Global Gathering – ‘If Not Now, When?’
Dovecot Studios
International Conference & Workshops
10.30am (6hrs) | £16 (£14)
Adults
What is the role of storytellers in the twenty-first century and how can we realise the principles and goals of The Earth Charter Initiative?
Over three days we take to heart the three questions asked by Immanuel Kant: What can I know? What should I do? What may I hope?

People of the North – Stories from Russia
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Film Screening
2.30pm (1hr 40) | £7.50 (£6)
Adults
Northern Russia is a rich tapestry of cultural diversity and ethnic traditions. Marina Yuzhaninova, Director of the Northern Travelling Film Festival, introduces two classic films by Andrei Golovnev evoking the landscape, culture and storytelling of the remote north. Presented in association with The Consul General of the Russian Federation in Scotland.

World of the Bear
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6)
Adults
The kinship of bears and humans has been running through world mythology since the Ice Age. The seven stars of Ursa Major symbolise the North, begetting stories of hunters, sages and blood brothers which have spellbound listeners for 50,000 years. Join storytellers Mio Shapley and Linda Williamson for a night in Star Land.

Healing the Soul - Stories from Peru
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6)
Adults
The myths and legends of the Peruvian landscape come again to Scotland through the captivating, heart-warming storytelling of Wayqui (Brother) César Villegas Astete and the bilingual support of storyteller Laura Escuela from the Canary Islands.

Open Hearth
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
8pm (2hrs) | £9 (£7.50)
Adults
Enjoy a traditional story session hosted by storytellers from the European Storytelling and Peace Council. Gather round the hearth to hear stories of bridge builders across the world. The perfect way to end your day.
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The Gathering will be supported by Stories in Place, a digital resource for mapping and celebrating narratives of place and local identity across the globe. Each day will have keynote stories, talks, discussions and workshops, culminating in plenary celebration on Friday 27 October.

Day 3 - Storytelling for Hope
The third and final day of the gathering will focus on the themes of Creative Learning; Myths, Metaphors and Dreams; Imagining, Sharing and Telling; Celebration and Joy. With contributions from Grian Cutanda, Ana Maria Lines, Jean Edmiston, Wayqui César Villegas Astete, Giovanna Conforto, George Macpherson, Travis De Vries, and the Be United project.

Tales from the New World
National Library of Scotland
Live Storytelling
2pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed) | Adults
Join storyteller Mara Menzies as she shares her experiences and new-found stories gathered from extraordinary characters at festivals across Cuba, Utah and California. Tales from the indigenous peoples, stories that have sailed across oceans and stories created as the settlers arrived. A rich selection of tales that will sweep you across the waters to a new world of adventure, heroism, exploration and magic.

October 1943 – The Rescue
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
2.30pm (1hr 45, with interval) £7.50 (£6) | Adults
One of the most successful actions against Nazi Germany’s extermination of Jewish people took place in Denmark in October 1943. More than 7000 Danish Jews were sailed to safety in Sweden – hidden in fishing boats and small ships. As a result, 98.5% of the Danish Jews survived World War II. With life-affirming Jewish music, Klezmerduo tells the story of Danish Jews, on their escape to Sweden, and the story of the many Danes who had the will and courage to help their fellow citizens, in the hour of greatest danger. With Ann-Mai-Britt Fjord and Henrik Bredholt.

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Tongue Tied & Twisted – Indian Tales; Contemporary Twist
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
5.30pm (1hr 45, with interval) £7.50 (£6) | Adults
Indian storytelling for the 21st century combines the talents of UK music producer PKCtheFirst with international storyteller Peter Chand. Experience two distinctive artists bring a fresh UK twist on traditional tales collected from South Asian elders, celebrating the art of live storytelling while fusing a unique blend of Urban Hip Hop and classical South Asian sounds for a unique audience experience which bridges cultures and generations.
A Cabaret of Pestilence
Surgeons’ Hall Museums
Multi-artform
7pm (1hr 10) | £9 (£6.50) | 12+
This multi-disciplinary showcase is the culmination of the Heritage Lottery Funded project **Soutra: Surgery & Superstition**. The project is inspired by local history related to Soutra, the Scottish medieval monastic hospital, early surgery, medieval communities and superstition in Scotland.

**Tickets and information:**
www.museum.rcsed.ac.uk

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**Festival Guid Crack - When Worlds Collide**
The Fig Tree Bistro
Club Event
7.30pm (2hrs 30) | By donation (£5)

**Adults**
Join Edinburgh’s renowned storytelling club. The veil between the worlds grows thin at Samhuinn and Beltane, dawn and dusk. As Halloween approaches we invite you to share your stories of the strange and wonderful things that happen when two worlds come together. Hosted by storyteller **Daniel Allison**.

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Spooky Lauriston
Lauriston Castle
Family Event
10am (3hrs) | £7 | All ages
Have a ghoulishly terrifying time at Lauriston’s annual Halloween event. Experience a variety of gruesome activities over 3 hours, and remember to wear your most terrifying costume. N.B: this is not a drop-in session but a structured session lasting the full duration. Tickets: Usher Hall - 0131 228 1155

Guisers Galore
Scottish Storytelling Centre & Museum of Edinburgh
Family Event
1.30pm (2hrs 30) | £5 (£4) | 5+
What’s Guising? Come along and learn a song, a poem and a dance for real Halloween guising, then follow the Old Town Guisers parade or prepare for guising in your local area. Rehearsals at Scottish Storytelling Centre then performances at Museum of Edinburgh at 3pm & 3.30pm. Bring your own costume or mask. Not suitable for children under 5. All children must be accompanied.

Weaving Stories from the World
Nomads Tent
Live Storytelling
2.30pm (1hr 30) | £6 | Adults
Join storytellers and musicians Deepa Kiran from India and Marion Kenny from Scotland in the sumptuous surroundings of the Nomads Tent as they share spellbinding myths and legends celebrating the ancient art of weaving. Tickets: 0131 662 1612 www.nomadstent.co.uk/events

Champions Tale – A South African Story
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Dance & Story performance
3pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) €5
Adults
An invigorating show with performance art, dance and interactive discussion. It tells the story of one young man growing up in rural South Africa – a story of secrecy, lies, confusion and hope. Journey with Tinkler to the heart of a South African township and connect with his personal story; learn what dance means to him and his community. Champions Tale allows the lines between audiences and performers to become blurred and real learning to occur. Discover South African joys, traditions and social norms, and experience the dreams of a new generation of young South Africans. Co-produced by BE United and The Champions.

From Edinburgh’s Pen to the World
Departs from Mercat Cross, besides St Giles Cathedral
Walking Tour
5pm (1hr 30) | Adult £13, Concession £11, Child £8 | 5+
Edinburgh has inspired writers whose work is known and influence is felt across the globe. Work that includes desert islands, detectives
and dissecting tables. Books that altered Scottish identity and world views. Words that shaped the future of economics and religious beliefs. Texts which changed the world. Organised by Mercat Tours.
www.mercattours.com

Please note: The tour visits the Old Town which can involve cobbled streets, slopes and stairs. The guide will always adapt the route to visitor’s needs.

Reflecting Fridas
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
5pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6)
Adults
The life and work of the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo inspires this show, created and performed by Brazilian storyteller Ana Maria Lines. Frida’s soul echoes in many of us. Frida’s diversities, love, injuries and suffering were the subject for her work. A unique life, an exceptional woman.

The Secret Lives of Baba Segi’s Wives - Stories from Africa
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6)
Adults 16+
Inspired by Nigerian writer Lola Shoneyin’s novel, The Secret Lives of Baba Segi’s Wives is an endearing and powerful tale of deception, betrayal, love and friendship. It chronicles the life of Baba Segi, the ultimate patriarch, as he tries to unravel the mystery behind his fourth wife’s infertility. Through his quest, we explore the burdens that society places on women and the cunning ways these women escape from the confines of poverty and patriarchy. Be ready to laugh, cry and connect with five amazing characters, all performed by storyteller Maimouna Jallow.

A Cabaret of Pestilence
Surgeons’ Hall Museums
Multi-artform
7pm (1hr 10) | £9 (£6.50) | 12+
This multi-disciplinary showcase is the culmination of the Heritage Lottery Funded project Soutra: Surgery & Superstition. The project is inspired by local history related to Soutra, the Scottish medieval monastic hospital, early surgery, medieval communities and superstition in Scotland. Tickets and information: www.museum.rcsed.ac.uk

Open Hearth
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
8pm (2hrs) | £9 (£7.50) | Adults
Storytellers and musicians gather round the hearth for a relaxed traditional session of stories from home and abroad, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow with pictures in the fire. Hosted by storyteller Michael Kerins, with guest storytellers Maimouna Jallow from Gambia-Kenya and Ana Maria Lines from Brazil. The perfect way to end your day.
Sunday 29 October

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Tickets: Usher Hall – 0131 228 1155

Family Samhuinn
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Family Event
12pm (3hrs) | £2 | 3-12 years
In the Celtic calendar, the traditional festival of Samhuinn is a time when the veil between the land of the living and the departed is thinnest. Enjoy an afternoon of stories, drama games and songs, making Samhuinn memorable and celebrating with us.

Rainbow on Leith
Leith Community Croft, St James Church Hall and Trinity House
Family Event
1.30pm (2hrs 30) | Free
All ages
Explore the past and present of Leith’s diverse, vibrant culture with food, stories, music and dance. From seasonal celebration on the community croft at the west end of Leith to visiting Leith’s historic seagoing HQ on the Kirkgate... so much to discover and enjoy.

Journey to the West – Stories from China
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6)
Adults
Storyteller Ma Wei has undertaken a long Journey to the West to share stories from one of the masterpieces of Chinese literature. Together with Scotland based Chinese storyteller and bilingual support Fong Liu, they will introduce you to Monkey and other characters. Ma Wei is the present-day successor of the Yangzhou PinHua – storytelling in the Yangzhou dialect.

Moon Shadow - Stories from Singapore & Malaysia
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6)
Adults
Originally from Malaysia and now in Singapore, storyteller Kamini Ramachandran takes your imagination to special places with her enchanting telling. Follow her magic weave as jungle spirits are evoked and the supernatural is revealed under the unearthly light of the moon.
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**Monday 30 October**

**To Absent Friends**
**Suppers of Storytelling and Remembrance**
Scottish Storytelling Centre
**Workshop**
2pm (2hrs 30) | £8 (£6)
Adults
People who have died remain a part of our lives – their stories are our stories, yet many Scottish traditions relating to the expression of loss and remembrance have faded over time. The supper approach is a modern take on a timeless concept, getting together over food to remember people who have died. The suppers are an excuse to tell stories, to celebrate and to reminisce, because people live on in the memories and stories we share. Led by the founders of the **To Absent Friends Festival** and in partnership with SISF, this participative workshop will explore the **To Absent Friends Supper** as a means of recreating an evocative opportunity for remembrance in the Scottish tradition.

As a follow-up to the workshop, attendees have the option of booking in advance for the following event:

**Tuesday 31 October**

**The Devil and the Clutch of Fools**
**A spontaneous Marathon of Halloween Storytelling**
Scottish Storytelling Centre
**Live Storytelling**
10am (12hrs) | Free
Children up to 10 (10am-12pm), Young Adults 11-16 (12pm – 2pm), Adults (2pm onwards to late)
You know who you are… this event is a culmination of our global storytelling festival for you to join in with a story of your telling, whoever you are! Young or old, grimy or beautiful, we all go into Halloween with a certain sense of foreboding. It is a time when the veil between light and dark invites the unholy to be blessed and the innocent to be drowned. This marathon storytelling event brings storytellers from different nations together with local people in a storytelling extravaganza, to face off against the demons of Halloween. All the stories will be woven and cobbled together under a spell of Machiavellian wit into a single story lasting 12 hours for this very first and one-time only event. Come along if you dare. Hosted by storyteller **Alexander Mackenzie**.

www.tracscotland.org
Ossian Supper
Scottish Storytelling Centre
Storytelling Supper
7pm (2hrs 30) | £25
Adults
Discover Ossian – Scotland’s other, ancient Bard – along with traditions of Fionn Mac Cúil and his warrior band. This unique event combines feasting, comradeship, poetry, story and song to honour the Bard with the kind of evening Ossian himself would enjoy. Our hosts for this Celtic Feasting, interspersed with Ossian lore, include storyteller George Macpherson and Ruaridh Mackintosh who initiated the Ossian Supper, with further contributions by Hamish Moore, Bob Mitchell, Beverley Bryant and Jill McPherson. The perfect way to end the Storytelling Festival, on Samhuinn Night.

Samhuinn Fire Festival
Edinburgh Old Town | Site-Specific
9pm (3hrs)
Free (donations welcome)
Adults and children 10+
The Beltane Fire Society celebrates the Celtic New Year by marking the end of summer and welcoming the onset of winter with a stunning torch lit procession featuring acrobatics, fireworks, beautiful costumes and breathtaking performances.
www.beltane.org
Festival

On Tour

Guest storytellers meet with local performers and audiences, offering a fantastic opportunity to experience in-situ storytelling across the country, highlighting the close links stories have with local tradition, landscape and history.
Thursday 27 September – Sunday 29 October

Perthshire

The Enchanted Forest 2017 - Oir an Uisge
Faskally Wood, Pitlochry
Set amidst the stunning autumn woodland of Forestry Commission Scotland’s Faskally Wood in Highland Perthshire, The Enchanted Forest is Scotland’s premier sound and light event with storytelling sessions each night. Scots Gaelic for “Edge of the Water”, this year’s show name Oir an Uisge has taken its inspiration from the magnificent Loch Dunmore, at the heart of Faskally Wood.

On Thursday 26 October guest storyteller from Poland Małgorzata Litwinowicz will share traditional stories and ballads with resident storytellers Claire Hewitt and Lindsey Gibb. Enjoy a cosy night of stories from home and abroad in the Yurt!
For tickets and information please visit www.enchantedforest.org.uk

Friday 20 & Saturday 21 October

Glasgow

Champions Tale – South African dance & dialogue showcase
The Space, 257 London Road, Glasgow, G40 1PE
7pm (1hr 20) | Adults | £10
An invigorating show with performance art, dance and interactive discussion. It tells the story of one young man growing up in rural South Africa - a story of secrecy, lies, confusion and hope. Journey with Tinkler to the heart of a South African township and connect with his personal story; learn what dance means to him and his community. Champions Tale allows the lines between audiences and performers to become blurred and real learning to occur. Discover South African joys, traditions and social norms, and experience the dreams of a new generation of young South Africans. Co-produced by BE United and The Champions.
Tickets: championstale.bpt.me
More information: www.be-united.org.uk
www.thespacescotland.org

Sunday 22 October

Durness

The Ghost Tale Evening
The Whale Tale, 17C Craft Village, Balnakeil, Durness, Lairg IV27 4PT
Live Storytelling
7pm | £10 (inc. food & drink) | 6+
Enjoy an evening of folktales, ghost stories and amazing food with storyteller Diana Bertoldi in the beautiful setting of Scotland’s North Coast.
www.halloweenfestival.net/ghost-tale

Monday 23 October

Isle of Islay

Healing the Soul – Stories from Peru
Ramsay Hall, Port Ellen, Isle of Islay, PA42 7BY
Live Storytelling
7pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
The myths and legends of the Peruvian landscapes are brought back to Scotland through the captivating and moving storytelling of Wayqui (Brother) César Villegas Astete, with bilingual support by storyteller Laura Escuela.
Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01369 708 664.
Healing the Soul – Stories from Peru
Campbeltown Library, Aqualibrium, Kinloch Park, Kinloch Road, PA28 6EG
Live Storytelling
7pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
The myths and legends of the Peruvian landscapes are brought back to Scotland through the captivating and moving storytelling of Wayqui (Brother) César Villegas Astete, with bilingual support by storyteller Laura Escuela.
Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01586 555 435.

From South Asia to Dundee
HM Frigate Unicorn, South Victoria Dock Road, Victoria Dock, Dundee, DD1 3BP
Live Storytelling
7pm (2hrs) | £5
At this special event, Thai myths and legends flourish by the River Tay. Originally from North-East Thailand, storyteller Wajuppa Tossa will join Blether Tay-gither storytellers for a night of tales from home and abroad.
Tickets: sheila@blethertaygither.org or 01334 474 836.

Weaving Stories from Norway & India
Helensburgh Library, West King Street, G84 8EB
Live Storytelling
7pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
Enjoy a cozy evening of stories and journey from the Tropics to the Arctic Circle. Stina Fagertun from Norway and Deepa Kiran from India will keep your imagination well entertained.
Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01436 658 833.

Open Word – Open World at Glasgow Libraries
Maryhill Library, 1508 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 9AD,
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (1hr) Free
Working with Glasgow Libraries, Glasgow born storyteller Michael Kerins stretches old word games into new and hilarious fun for all, including activities with a Halloween theme.
Information on 0141 276 0715.

Open Word – Open World will explore global issues through the power of storytelling and song, including specially commissioned performances from local schools. Children will create new writing based on words that they have identified and amended to make other words by the addition of a single letter. Enjoy a relaxing hour of inspiring fun with master storyteller Michael Kerins. Michael’s captivating style will make you laugh, think and maybe shiver or shed a tear. SKYPE links with Pennsylvania (USA), Moscow (Russia), Perm (Russia), The Hague (Holland), Stockholm (Sweden) and Shenzhen (China).
For tickets and information please visit: openwordopenworld.wixsite.com/index

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Wednesday 25 October

Fife

From South Asia & Africa to Fife
The Friary, Queen Street, Inverkeithing, KY11 1NU
Live Storytelling
7.45pm (1hr 45) | Free (ticketed)
Kenya’s Maimouna Jallow and Singapore’s Kamini Ramachandran meet in Scotland to share stories with local storytellers from Kingdom Tales and Burgh Blethers. The magical surrounding of the Friary is the best setting for a multicultural night of stories. Donations Welcome.
Tickets: kate.storyteller@hotmail.co.uk

Findhorn

Reflecting Fridas
Moray Art Centre, The Park, Findhorn, IV36 3TA
Live Storytelling
7.30pm (1hr 45) | £10 (£8), £6 for under 16
The life and work of the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo are the inspiration for this show, created and performed by Brazilian storyteller Ana Maria Lines. Frida’s soul echoes in many of us. Frida’s diversities, love, injuries and suffering were the subject for her work. A unique life, an exceptional woman.
Tickets and information: www.universalhall.co.uk

Isle of Bute

Under Ancient Skies - Stories from Iran
Rothesay Library, Moat Centre, Stuart Street, Isle of Bute, PA20 0BX
Live Storytelling
7pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
Your evening will be lit by hundreds of dazzling stars as ancient Persian stories unfold under the fine craftsmanship of master storyteller Nosratollah Goodarzi, with bilingual support storyteller Elnaz Sabet. Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01700 503 266.

Lochgilphead

Healing the Soul - Stories from Peru
Lochgilphead Library, Manse Brae, PA31 8QZ
Live Storytelling
7pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
The myths and legends of the Peruvian landscapes are brought back to Scotland through the captivating and moving storytelling of Wayqui (Brother) César Villegas Astete, with bilingual support by storyteller Laura Escuela.
Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01546 602 072.
Oban

**Weaving Stories from Norway & India**
Oban Library,
77 Albany Street, PA34 4AL

**Live Storytelling**
7pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
Enjoy a cozy evening of stories and journey from the Tropics to the Arctic Circle. Guest storytellers Stina Fagertun from Norway and Deepa Kiran from India will keep your imagination well entertained. Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01631 571 444.

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**Thursday 26 October**

**Aberdeen**

**Scotland meets Pakistan: Trading Story & Song**
Linklater Room, King’s College, University of Aberdeen, AB24 3FX

**Live Storytelling**
6.30pm (1hr 15) | Free | Adults
A continuing collaboration between Pakistani singer Sara Kazmi and Scotland based musician Sarah Hayes joins an exchange of stories and poems between Pakistani poet Shazea Quraishi and Scottish storyteller Ian Stephen. Enjoy a lively journey in music, song, story and poetry from the Isle of Lewis to Lahore.
Further information: elphinstone@abdn.ac.uk

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**Isle of Mull**

**Weaving Stories from Norway & India**
Tobermory Library, Tobermory High School, Isle of Mull, PA75 6PX

**Live Storytelling**
7pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
Enjoy a cozy evening of stories and journey from the Tropics to the Arctic Circle. Guest storytellers Stina Fagertun from Norway and Deepa Kiran from India will keep your imagination well entertained. Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01688 301 919.

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**Orkney**

**Orkney Storytelling Festival**
Now in its 8th consecutive year, the Orkney Storytelling Festival will welcome guest storytellers Hjorleifur Stefansson from Iceland, Jerker Fahlström from Sweden and Ruth Kirkpatrick from Scotland. They will be sharing tales from near and far under the Festival’s broad theme of St Magnus and his legacy, as Orkney commemorates 900 years since his death. The packed programme includes a trip to the tiny island of Egilsay, as well as hosting author, TV presenter and lecturer Nick Mayhew-Smith who will give a talk on the importance of saints and their stories to Medieval Orkney. Plus open mic sessions, including the ever-popular event at Betty’s Reading Room, and a children’s workshop on storytelling and storymaking.
Further information: www.orkneystorytellingfestival.co.uk

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**Glasgow**

**Open Word – Open World at Glasgow Libraries**
Possilpark Library, 127 Allander Street, Glasgow, G22 5JJ,

**Live Storytelling**
6.30pm (1hr) | Free
Working with Glasgow Libraries, Possilpark born storyteller Michael Kerins returns to the library of his childhood for old word games and activities with a Halloween theme. New and hilarious fun for all.
Information on 0141 276 0928.

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**Dunoon**

**Under Ancient Skies – Stories from Iran**
Dunoon Library,
248 Argyll Street, PA23 7LT

**Live Storytelling**
7.30pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)
Your evening will be lit by hundreds of dazzling stars as ancient Persian stories unfold under the fine craftsmanship of master storyteller Nosratollah Goodarzi, with bilingual support storyteller Elnaz Sabet. Pre-booking required – please contact the library to reserve a seat: 01369 708 682.

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**Friday 27 & Saturday 28 October**

**Portskerra International Storytelling Festival**

Coming from Kisvárda – in the North-Eastern corner of Hungary - storyteller **Maja Bumberák** will tell tales and sing songs from her community to build a bridge to the Far North Coast of Scotland. Storyteller **Alexandria Patience** and musician **Donald McNeill** along with other local storytellers and musicians, will add to this rich mix. If you are heading North, get in touch and join in with the traditional old school Story Ceilidh.

**Friday 27 October**

**Glasgow**

**Sangs an’ Clatter: Journey to the West - Stories from China**

The Glad Café, 1006a Pollokshaws Road, Shawlands, Glasgow, G41 2HG

**Live Storytelling**

8pm (1hr) | £6.50 | Adults

Storyteller **Ma Wei** has undertaken a long *Journey to the West* to share stories from one of the masterpieces of Chinese literature. Together with Scotland based Chinese storyteller and bilingual support **Fong Liu**, they will introduce you to Monkey and other characters. Ma Wei is the present-day successor of the Yangzhou PinHua - storytelling in the Yangzhou dialect. Hosted by **The Village Storytelling Centre.** Book online: sisf-journey tothewest.eventbrite.co.uk

**Kilbarchan**

**Spinning Yarns Around the World**

Kilbarchan Performing Arts Centre, 8 Steeple Square, Kilbarchan, PA10 2JD

**Live Storytelling**

7.30pm (2hrs) | £6 | Adults

Travel around the world without leaving the little handloom weaving village of Kilbarchan, with a trio of talented tale weavers. Immerse yourself in the magic of Maori tales from New Zealand - “The Land of the Long White Cloud” - with storyteller **Joe Harawira**. Experience a wealth of world tales from multi-award winning **Michael Kerins** and host, Kilbarchan’s own **Anne Pitcher**. Don’t miss this spellbinding storytelling journey, beautifully complimented by **Alissa Murray** on the harp.

This is a BYOB event, tickets available at the door & bookable by contacting annepitcherstoryteller@hotmail.co.uk or 07708 059 770. Disabled access by portable ramp.

**Perthshire**

**Folk and Fairy Tales from Poland**

Community Library, Aberfeldy

**Family Event**

10am (2hrs) | Free | All ages

Enjoy a morning in the company of storyteller **Małgorzata Litwinowicz** and be transported to the magical world of traditional Polish stories and songs, where trees can talk and snakes can sing.

Further information: Claire Hewitt – 07500 118 047 or clairesach@btinternet.com

**A Feast of Folk and Fairy Tales from Eastern Europe**

Birks Cinema, Aberfeldy

**Film & Live Storytelling**

5.30pm (3hrs 30) | By donation (except entry to film)

Enjoy a film followed by a feast of Scottish and Eastern European traditions, with Poland’s **Małgorzata Litwinowicz** and local storyteller **Claire Hewitt**.

Further information: Claire Hewitt – 07500 118 047 or clairesach@btinternet.com
Saturday 28 October

Ayr

Storytrail and activities
Belleisle Park, Ayr, KA7 4DU
Family event
2pm (2hrs) | Free
Enjoy a fun afternoon of stories and much more with storyteller Rosie Mapplebeck. For more information email Belleisle. Rangers@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or phone 07980 931 130.
Part of TamFest
www.tamfest.co.uk

Journey to the West - Stories from China
Belleisle Park, Ayr, KA7 4DU
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (1hr) | Free (ticketed)
Adults & Older children
Storyteller Ma Wei has undertaken a long Journey to the West to share stories from one of the masterpieces of Chinese literature. Together with Scotland based Chinese storyteller and bilingual support Fong Liu, they will introduce you to Monkey and other characters. Ma Wei is the present-day successor of the Yangzhou PinHua - storytelling in the Yangzhou dialect. For more information and booking: email Belleisle.Rangers@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or phone 07980 931 130.
Part of TamFest
www.tamfest.co.uk

Monday 30 October

Glasgow

October 1943 – The Rescue
Newton Mearns Hebrew Congregation Communal Hall
14 Larchfield Ct, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, G77 5PL
Live Storytelling
7pm (1hr 45, with interval refreshments)
Suggested donation £10 (£5)
One of the most successful actions against Nazi Germany’s extermination of Jewish people took place in Denmark in October 1943. More than 7000 Danish Jews were sailed to safety in Sweden – hidden in fishing boats and small ships. As a result, 98.5% of the Danish Jews survived World War II. With life-affirming Jewish music, Klezmerduo tells the story of Danish Jews, on their escape to Sweden, and the story of the many Danes, who had the will and courage to help their fellow citizens, in the hour of greatest danger. With Ann-Mai-Britt Fjord and Henrik Bredholt.
www.scojec.org/events.html or contact Joanne on events@scojec.org or 07724 549 817.

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Guest Storytellers

3Troubadours
Markus Luukkonen (Finland), Tom Van Outryve (Belgium), Torgrim Mellum Stene (Norway) formed in Ghent, Belgium. Mobile Dreams is their first show which they have been touring throughout Europe and the UK.

Amina Blackwood
Founder of Ntukuma, The Storytelling Foundation of Jamaica and Ananse SoundSplash, Amina is widely acknowledged for her contribution to storytelling in the Caribbean.

Ana Maria Lines
A journalist and storyteller with a captivating style, international reputation and vast repertoire, Ana created and co-hosts the Stafford Knot Storytelling Club.

BE United & The Champions
BE United is a creative arts charity that inspires people to believe they can, and create greater understanding and trust between cultures. The Champions are a 16-24 year old performing arts group sharing messages of hope, unity and humanity through dance, African music and theatre.

Deepa Kiran
Founder of Story Arts India, Deepa is a professional storyteller and educator engaged with employing story-arts as a pedagogical intervention.

Elnaz Sabet Hassan Pur
Elnaz is a teacher and storyteller who loves her job teaching English at the Iran Language Institute. Kind but hardworking, she has performed at the International Storytelling Festival Iran.

Fong Liu
Fong is a professional Chinese singer and storyteller with 25 years’ experience who mixes Chinese traditions and western drama elements.

Georgiana Keable
Georgiana loves stories that explore how people and nature are connected. Each year, she takes 1000 teenagers along the Norwegian Pilgrim Paths.

Giovanna Conforto
Giovanna is the creative director of the Italian Storytelling Center and founding member of SPIA (Stories in Place International Association).

Istra Inspirit
This award-winning Croatian group revive traditional stories at authentic historical sites, inspiring the audience to relate to their history and heritage.

Jerker Fahlström
Jerker has many years’ experience in stage, film, radio and television, last impressing Scottish audiences at the Scottish International Storytelling Festival in 2008 with his Swedish Viking legends.

Joe Harawira
Joe is arguably the most experienced and travelled Māori storyteller in the world today and a founding member of TRWOT - Te Reo Wainene o Tua (The Sweet Story of Yester-year).

Kamini Ramachandran
Kamini is director of MoonShadow Stories, The Storytelling Centre Ltd, StoryFest: International Storytelling Festival Singapore and the Young Storytellers Mentorship Programme.

Klezmerduo
Ann-Mai-Britt Fjord and Henrik Bredholt are considered amongst the finest Danish interpreters of klezmer music (life-affirming Jewish folk music from Eastern Europe).

Laura Escuela
Hailing from Tenerife, Laura is a teacher, educational psychologist and musician who specialises in children’s literature.

Liz Weir
Liz travels internationally, sharing tales with all ages and abilities. Hailing from Northern Ireland and having experienced The Troubles, she believes storytelling is crucial for conflict resolution.

Ma Wei
Ma Wei is the current successor of Yangzhou PinHua – storytelling in the Yangzhou dialect – as well as vice chairman of Jiangsu Province Youth Artists Association in China.
Maimouna Jallow
Nairobi-based Maimouna uses traditional African storytelling to explore contemporary tales of modernity and identity, co-founding multi-media arts organisation, Positively African.

Maja Bumberáč
Maja is a storyteller based in Budapest who shares folktales and songs from Hungary and the world over.

Malcolm Green
Malcolm’s particular thrill is creating stories from natural cycles, weaving together with personal experience and myth. His latest show, Gone Cuckoo, explores research on cuckoo migration.

Małgorzata Litwinowicz
Gosia has been an artistic director of the renowned Warsaw International Storytelling Festival since 2006. Her favourite tales are Polish and Lithuanian traditional stories and ballads.

Michał Malinowski
Michał is a storyteller, writer, folklorist, visual artist and Director of The Storyteller Museum in Poland. He has been a chief contributor in the revival of Polish storytelling.

Nosratollah Goodarzi
A kind and energetic Master storyteller, Nosratollah has been reading Shahnameh (The Epic of the Persian Kings) for 40 years and he knows it all by heart.

Peter Chand
One of Europe’s most renowned storytellers, constantly in demand for his tales of wit and wisdom. Peter loves to collect Punjabi folk tales to translate into English.

Pinokio Theatre in Łódź
Pinokio encourages youngsters to take their first steps into the fascinating world of culture and art. They also organise the Teatralina Karuzela International Festival.

Seung-Ah Kim
Seung-Ah is a storyteller and ambassador of Korean culture. She founded Arirang Storytelling in her grandmother’s memory, who was her storytelling inspiration.

Stina Fagertun
Based in Tromsø, Stina has been a cultural ambassador for more than 30 years who has collected ancient, unique fairy tales from the Coastal Sami, Kven and Arctic storytelling tradition.

Wajuppa Tossa
Founder and director of Thailand’s International Storytelling Festival (2013-2016), Wajuppa is now a consultant for the organisation and performs at international storytelling festivals worldwide.

Wayqui César Villegas Astete
Founder of School of Words in Peru, Wayqui has performed at international Festivals across 18 countries, sharing old stories with a pinch of current times.

Shazea Quraishi
Shazea is a Pakistani-born Canadian poet, playwright and translator based in London, with poems published in the UK and US.

Travis De Vries
Travis is a multidisciplinary artist, writer and creator with dual Indigenous and Dutch heritage. His work retells the stories of Australia’s First Peoples, blending traditional with digital.
Venue details

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robert@palliativecarescotland.org.uk  
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**Dovecot Studios**  
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0131 550 3660 | www.dovecotstudios.com

**Italian Cultural Institute Edinburgh**  
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iicedimburgo@esteri.it  
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www.leith-community-crops-in-pots.org

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George IV Bridge, EH1 1EW  
www.nls.uk/events | 0131 623 3734  
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**New Calton Burial Ground**  
27 Waterloo Place, EH3 3BQ  
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TRACS is currently based at the Scottish Storytelling Centre.

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