



5th - 8th September 2024

The second

Kirkcudbright Fringe Festival

50+ acts & performers

20 venues

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Emily Kirkpatrick
S3
Kirkcudbright Academy



Kirkcudbright

Welcome to Kirkcudbright Fringe Festival – an exciting mix of music, visual arts, performance, comedy, walks and talks. In this second year, we have expanded from three to four days. There are even more fantastic events and amazing participants including local, national and UK talent.

A big thank you to everyone for their enthusiasm and support in making this possible; our sponsors, venues, our partnerships with Kirkcudbright Galleries and Academy, Fringe volunteers – and Kirkcudbright itself.

Our front cover is by Emily Kirkpatrick (above). Emily was in S3 when she painted this striking work as part of Kirkcudbright Rotary Young Artist Competition 2024.

We hope you enjoy your Festival, and welcome your suggestions and recommendations for next year.

Gerry Hassan & Chris Walker, Co-founders

Getting Here

By road

Kirkcudbright lies 25 miles beyond (west of) Dumfries on the coast, south of the A75. We are a popular destination from Ireland, being only 50 miles from the ferry terminals at Cairnryan. Just 3 hours from Manchester or Leeds and 2 hours from Glasgow or Edinburgh.

By air

Airports at Edinburgh, Glasgow and Prestwick, all within a 2-hour drive, provide scheduled international flights.

By other public transport

Buses are Kirkcudbright's only available form of public transport, but services available are reasonably frequent.

Booking Information

Physical tickets are available from 1st July 2024 at:

Kirkcudbright Galleries
St Mary Street
Kirkcudbright
DG6 4AA

Samphire Gallery
149 King Street
Castle Douglas
DG7 1DX

Tickets are also available online at:
kbtfringe.co.uk

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Thursday 5th September 2024

Opening Night



A look back to
2023!



8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Cochran Hall

£12

**The National Theatre of
Scotland: June**

JUNE CARTER CASH: THE
WOMAN, HER MUSIC AND
ME: NATIONAL THEATRE OF
SCOTLAND AND GRID IRON
THEATRE COMPANY

The story of one of country
music's most iconic voices:
June Carter Cash.

In this raw yet uplifting show,
Charlene Boyd gets to grips
with a life less ordinary,
featuring a live band, iconic
songs, three chords and the
truth.

**[NATIONAL
THEATRE
OF SCOTLAND]**

**GRID
IRON**
theatre company

*Many of the photos
(left) were taken
by Joe Stassi,
official Fringe
photographer, 2023.*

Friday 6th September 2024



10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Kirkcudbright Galleries
Free event

A Photographic History of Kirkcudbright

Dylan Lombard is 20 years old and lives in Shawlands, Glasgow.

He was diagnosed as deaf aged three, as autistic at seven and as having MDP, an extremely rare syndrome (with only 13 known cases in the world) aged 10.

A selection of Dylan's photos from in and around Kirkcudbright during his residency in April and May of this year are on display.

The exhibition runs to the 13th October.



10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Ochre Gallery & Studio
Free event

Richard Brinley's Rock Poster Exhibition

A journey into the history of rock and roll – when dinosaurs of the musical form still roamed the earth and a revolution began!

This fascinating collection of original 1970s and 1980s punk and rock posters curated by artist and gallery owner Richard Brinley are available to view – and to buy.

The exhibition runs Friday and Saturday.



11:00 AM – 12:15 PM
Station House Cookery School
£10

Thinking Green about the Future

Amidst environmental crisis and growing instability many feel powerless – unsure of how to challenge bad decisions and how to live a good life that doesn't cause more damage.

So, how can we best talk and act in the face of eco-crisis, climate change and the impact of humanity on the planet?

Hear seasoned writer and thinker Alastair McIntosh in conversation with Green campaigner Laura Moodie.



2:00 PM – 3:15 PM
Masonic Arms
£10

The World at 15mph, 20,000 miles of global bike adventures

What happens if you decide to cycle round the world? What challenges does it involve, what journeys does it entail, and how does such a momentous experience change you?

Naomi Johnson followed her dream, finding a new way of understanding herself and the world – and ultimately finding love. Naomi Johnson will be in conversation with cycling advocate Danny Alderslowe.



4:00 PM – 5:15 PM
Greyfriars Church
£10

An Audience with James Robertson

James Robertson, one of Scotland's most respected authors, is the creator of an array of books and other cultural creations.

In this session James and acclaimed local writer Karen Campbell discuss the power of words and ideas – and the role of writers in political and social engagement.



5:30 PM – 6:45 PM
Kirkcudbright Galleries
£10

Political leadership: From Dictators to UK Prime Ministers

Good leadership and government have never been more needed, but politicians and politics have never been viewed more cynically.

What makes a good leader? And what happens when leaders go bad? Iain Dale (editor of books on UK Prime Ministers, US Presidents and many others) will debate this vital subject with Gerry Hassan and Rosie Ilett – two local contributors to Iain's recent volume on Dictators.



6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Broughton House
£10 adults £5 children
under 12

Brandon Barrett – Magic & Comedy Show

Join local, emerging talent Brandon Barrett with a mesmerising act that combines comedy and magic.

Brandon is a young performer going places, so catch him while you can at the Fringe!

A must see magic and comedy show for all the family.



8:00 PM – 9:30 PM
Kirkcudbright Parish Church
£12

Scottish Ensemble

Immerse yourself in the moment as Scottish Ensemble take you on a guided listening journey exploring music that might be familiar or, possibly, new to you, including works by Brahms, Beethoven, Edmund Finnis, Caroline Shaw and Dobrinka Tabakova.

**scottish
ensemble**



9:30 PM – 10:30 PM
The Selkirk Arms Hotel
£15

Fem de la Femme 18+

An adult-only evening with all-female foursome Fem De La Femme; come and meet some of the funniest women from North-West England present a smorgasbord of jokes, laughter and spoken word reflecting on modern life and its absurdities.

And all in the best possible taste!



10:45 PM – 12:00 AM
The Selkirk Arms Hotel
£15

Alan Bissett: The Moira Monologues continued 18+

Moir is the inspired creation of writer, playwright and performer Alan Bissett.

Alan draws on his Falkirk upbringing and imagination to channel school cleaner Moira as she muses on her struggles and triumphs, bending the ear of best pal Babs.

This evening's performance consists of More Moira and Moira in Lockdown. A comic take on life described by The Scotsman as 'an absolute classic of Scottish working-class comedy.'

For over 18s.

Saturday 7th September 2024



10:00 AM – 11:15 AM
Kirkcudbright Galleries
£10

The Galloway Levellers

This year sees the tricentenary of the Galloway Levellers' revolt. Local historian John Leopold honours this important story.



10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Kirkcudbright Parish Hall
Free event

Kirkcudbright Horticultural Show

Annual show of flowers, plants and vegetables.



11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
EcoArt

A donation on the day

EcoArt Repair Shop

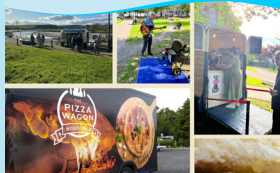
Bring items along to Eco-Art's Repair Shop & let our friendly repairers give new life to old things.



11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
The Garret
£8

Young Poetry Voices: The next generation

A generation of rising voices with new perspectives, hosted by local talent and poet Lydia McMillan.



11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Soaperie Garden

Free event

Street Food & Bar

A selection of food & drinks.



12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Harbour Square Stage
Free event

Live at the Harbour Square

12noon: Waves Blues Band
1pm: Dumfries Community Choir
2pm: RHELM
3pm: Alexander & the Greeks
3.45pm: Benji
4.30pm: Balkan Lasses
5pm: The Razorbills



12:30 PM – 1:45 PM
Kirkcudbright Parish Church
£10

The 2024 General Election and after - with John Curtice

The UK election marked the end of one of the most remarkable post-war parliaments. The UK left the EU, experienced a pandemic and difficult economic circumstance, against the backdrop of war in Europe.

With a July election and new government in office can it address the huge challenges the UK faces? What does the election result mean and how will politics evolve?

Hear well-known broadcaster and academic, John Curtice, in conversation with commentator Iain Dale.



2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
St Cuthbert's Kirkyard
Free event

Kirkyard Trail Saturday

The site of the original kirch of St Cuthbert, possibly built sometime in the period 750 – 850, which gave the present town of Kirkcudbright its name, and the site of the most southerly Viking burials in Scotland.

Meet at the kirkyard gate, on the edge of town, on the road to Gelston

Pre-booking is not required.

Walks are guided by volunteers from Kirkcudbright History Society and are free.



2:30 PM – 3:45 PM
Kirkcudbright Parish
Church

£12

A journey through the ruins: A guide with John Grace

Public life is filled with mayhem which would be comic were it not for the fact it comes with serious consequences. Sometimes satire and poking fun is the best response, and 'The Guardian' writer John Grace is fast becoming a national treasure.

The man who called Theresa May 'Maybot' aims to make us laugh rather than cry about the state of the UK as he entertains you in conversation with Joyce McMillan.

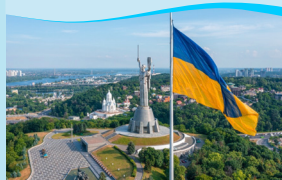


4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Planetarium

£8

Galapagos Island Journeys

A year on a remote set of desert islands, a story worth hearing with June Nelson.



5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Feast

£10

From Scotland to Ukraine

Hear Scottish journalist Jen Stout's discuss her new book 'Night Train to Odesa' that describes visiting Ukraine at the start of the Russian invasion, the human stories and human cost.



6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Broughton House
£10

A history of British Comedy in film, TV and radio

British comedy, acclaimed the world over, has been through many golden eras. David Stubbs' book 'Different Times: A History of British Comedy' provides a rich and informed overview – from Charlie Chaplin to Ealing, and Monty Python to Ricky Gervais.

Come and hear what makes us laugh (and why) with selected highlights from David's favourite comedy moments.



7:30 PM – 8:45 PM
Kirkcudbright Parish
Church

£15

A conversation with Neal Ascherson

Neal Ascherson has been one of the most influential writers and observers of Scotland, the UK and Europe since the 1960s – using his astute eye to describe the changes he has seen, where we are collectively, and how the future might evolve.

Join him as he reflects on the above and more with commentator Joyce McMillan.



8:30 PM – 11:00 PM
Parish Hall
£15

Viva Elvis, Viva Kirkcudbright

Who can resist Elvis? Dance the night away with the King of Rock and Roll!



11:00 PM – 1:00 AM
Masonic Arms
£10

Late night at the Fringe

A mix of music, comedy and chat with a late license until 1am.

Sunday 8th September 2024



10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Harbour Square

Free event

Car boot sale

Come and find a bargain in the square!



10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Soaparie Garden

Free event

Street Food & Bar

A selection of fast food, soft and alcoholic drinks, arts and crafts stalls along with Fringe Merchandise.



10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

The Garret

£10

Seafarers, Seabirds and nature writing

Stephen Rutt, writer and naturalist, is gaining increasing accolades for his books on nature and the environment.

Living in Dumfries and Galloway, he has become fascinated and respectful of the rich ecology and wildlife in the region that influences his thinking and writing as he describes in this event.



11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Harbour Square
Information Centre

Free event

Kirkcubright Town Walk I

A guided tour of the historic centre of the medieval port and burgh, granted a royal charter in 1455.

The route is a walk through time, from the medieval period to the present day, and introduces many colourful characters and surprising events from the town's past.

For safety reasons, places on the town walk must be pre-booked online. Walks are guided by volunteers from Kirkcubright History Society.



11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Kirkcubright Galleries

£10

When Beatlemania shook Scotland & the World

The Beatles and Beatlemania changed pop culture and the world. But what was it like in those bewildering years of change – 1963 and 1964?

Ken McNab, one of the foremost Beatleologists in the world and author of numerous books on the band, talks about what it was like then and why it still matters. In conversation with Alan McClure.



12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Harbour Square Stage

Free event

Live at The Harbour Square

Great live bands from all over Dumfries and Galloway coming together to play for fun, for the love of music and the thrill of playing live. Please call by and support them.

12.00noon: Fraser Clark
1.00pm: Gang of Three
2.00pm: Way Up
3.00pm: Kissing The Flint
4.15pm: Wyrdy Women
5.15pm: Darren Wilde – indoors on The Steamie Stage



12:30 PM – 1:45 PM
Kirkcudbright Parish
Church

£12

George Orwell: My father, the man, his writing and influence

George Orwell is inarguably the defining writer of the 20th century.

The man who gave us 'Animal Farm', 1984, such terms as 'Big Brother' and 'Newspeak' and predicted much of what we face everyday.

Richard Blair, Orwell's only child, gives candid insights into what he was like as a man and a father, in conversation with Doug Gay.



2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Harbour Square
Information Centre
Free event

Kirkcudbright Town Walk II

See earlier listing for details.



2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
St Cuthbert's Kirkyard
Free event

Kirkyard Trail Saturday

See Saturday's listing for details.



2:30 PM – 3:45 PM
Kirkcudbright Parish
Church
£12

Change has come to the UK: The rise of the 'we' society with Will Hutton

The UK has undergone huge change. But what kind of change and can it succeed in rising to the challenges the UK faces?

Join Will Hutton, author of the acclaimed 'The State We're In' and his new book 'This Time No Mistakes' as he surveys the landscape of Britain, its new government, and argues that the public, our politics and politicians can do much better than this.



3:00 PM – 4:15 PM
Feast
£10

A history of women's football in Scotland

Until 1974 women's football was banned in Scotland, repressing young women and girls who wanted to play the beautiful game.

This is explored in Julie McNeill's new book, and embodied by the legendary Rose Reilly. Born in Ayrshire, Rose was desperate to play football; to do this she left Scotland – eventually leading the Italian women's team to World Cup victory!

Join Julie and Rose and reflect on this history.



4:30 PM – 5:45 PM
Kirkcudbright Galleries
£10

The wild, nature and living in 'Remote' communities

The allure of the wild pastoral and living in challenging times for humans and the planet are the themes of Kapka Kassabova's latest book 'Anima'.

This and her previous book 'Elixir' explore what it is to be human and to live together with animals and nature in 'remote' communities.

Bulgarian-born Kapka is in conversation with Doug Gay.



5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Selkirk Arms Wee Bar
£10

A slice of Elvis

Join comedian Mike McAlpine on his fretful, compulsive and hilarious escapades as Elvis tribute artist Mikelvis!

Mike is a well-travelled journeyman on the international tribute circuit with 30 years experience.

A wealth of passion for the King of Rock'n'Roll but none of the physical likeness provide Mike with plenty opportunity to observe from the festival sidelines and bring you, the viewer, his scathing, heartfelt and comical conclusions.

Let's rock'n'roll!



6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Station House Cookery School
£10

Birdwatching in Dumfries and Galloway

James Champion has been birding in Galloway since he was knee-high and knows many of the places and sites that make this region a magnet for birds.

James comes from a family with a rich history in studying nature and wildlife across the world – from Guatemala to Panama and India.



6:15 PM – 7:30 PM
Greyfriars Church
£10

The Future of Art and Culture in Dumfries and Galloway and Scotland

The power of arts and culture is recognised the world over; no more so than in D&G and across Scotland. Yet what is the state of arts and culture in the region and nationally?

Join our panelists James Robertson, Kapka Kassabova, Jessica Chaney & Cate Ross in discussion with Joyce McMillan.

In association with D&G Arts Festival.

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7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Dark Art Distillery
£25

Meet the Founder & the Gin distiller : Dark Art Gin and more 18+

Dark Art Gin Distillery have been a unique part of Kirkcudbright since 2021 – winning attention, awards and the love of gin aficionados.

Experience a heady mix of history, facts about distilling, and enjoy some fine craic and local gins.



8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Kirkcudbright Parish Hall
£15 Under 18 £5

Michaelmas Ceilidh

Join parents and pupils of Kirkcudbright Academy for a Michaelmas Ceilidh.

The Candlemas Ball has been a fixture on the school's social calendar since the 19th century.

This Michaelmas version is a farewell to this year's Fringe and Summer Festivities and a welcome to the new school year.

Our Sponsors

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the remarkable sponsors who have generously supported the inaugural Kirkcudbright Fringe.

Your unwavering commitment and dedication have played a pivotal role in shaping the event. Your invaluable contribution has enabled us to bring a vibrant arts and music scene to Kirkcudbright, hopefully captivating audiences with memorable performances and unforgettable experiences.

Thank you.

Chris & Gerry



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