

# OPEN WORD- OPEN WORLD

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



Joe Harawira

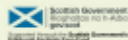


Kamini Ramachandran



Jerker Fahlström

The Scottish International Storytelling Festival is organised by **TRACS (Traditional Arts & Culture Scotland)** which brings together the **Traditional Music Forum**, the **Scottish Storytelling Forum** and the **Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland** from its base at the **Scottish Storytelling Centre**. Supported through Scottish Government's Edinburgh Festivals Expo Fund, Creative Scotland, City of Edinburgh Council, Festivals Edinburgh, Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017, Norwegian Consulate General, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Creative New Zealand Toi Aotearoa, Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts and K-Storytelling World Tour Project.



Norwegian Honorary  
Consulate General  
Edinburgh



Norwegian Ministry  
of Foreign Affairs



# 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.

## 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](http://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.

## 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](mailto:supporters@scottishstorytellingcentre.com)

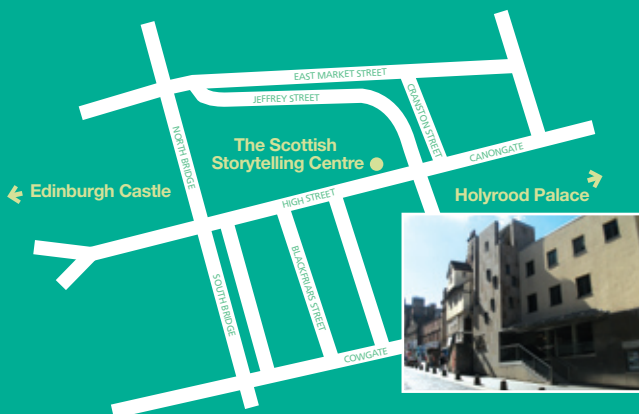
## How to get here

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

[www.tracscotland.org](http://www.tracscotland.org)

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



# Festival Local

## 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](mailto: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**



Allison Galbraith



Family Samhuinn



Wajuppa Tossa



# Festival Exhibitions

## 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.



# Opening Weekend



## 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  
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includes desert islands, detectives  
and dissecting tables. Books that  
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world. Organised by **Mercat Tours**.  
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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  
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Theatre actors, accompanied  
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and part of **Kite and Trumpet:  
Festival of Polish Art**.

[www.northedinburgharts.co.uk](http://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), **Torggrim 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](mailto: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



Ailie Finlay

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](http://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](http://www.cityofliterature.com)

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## Mayhem and Magic - Stories from Sweden

Scottish Storytelling Centre

### Live Storytelling

5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) €5  
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) €5  
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) €6  
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.



Deepa Kiran

## 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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# Festival Week



## 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](http://www.thebotanics.eventbrite.co.uk)

## Aotearoa – Stories from New Zealand

Scottish Storytelling Centre

### Live Storytelling

5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) €5

Adults

Experience the rich traditions of New Zealand's Land of Cloud and Dawn, with Māori storyteller **Joe Harawira**. The first nation peoples of Aotearoa are a dynamic part of the nation's contemporary culture and education.

## Northern Lights – Stories from Norway

Scottish Storytelling Centre

### Live Storytelling

6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) €5

Adults

Enjoy a cosy evening with storyteller **Stina Fagertun**. With her Norwegian, Kven and Coastal Sami ancestry she will share fairy tales and legends from the edge of the Arctic Circle. Northern Lights have never been so colourful!

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## 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) €5

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.

### Scotland meets Hungary: Romany & Travellers

Scottish Storytelling Centre

#### Live Storytelling

5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) €5

Adults

**Jess Smith** and **Maja Bumberák** explore connections between Europe's nomadic peoples. Often described as "gypsies", these distinct groups are known for their rich oral cultures and the harsh prejudice they experience to the present day.

## 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 Bertonì**.  
[www.iicedimburgo.esteri.it](http://www.iicedimburgo.esteri.it)

## The Alan Bruford Lecture

### A Night in the Fairy Brugh:

#### Music & Dance through the Lens of Gaelic Storytelling

Scottish Storytelling Centre

#### Talks & Lectures

6.30pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) €5 | Adults

While Gaelic music and dance practices are rich and reasonably well-documented, few writers on these subjects have proceeded from the culture's own vantage point. **Dr Uilleam Lamb** considers what we can learn about the Gaels' traditional music and dance through their intergenerational tales, drawing together sundry threads from Dr Alan Bruford's substantial contribution to Scottish Ethnology, providing a refreshing angle to a famous facet of Gaelic culture.

## Precious Legacies: Remembering the Ancestors

Scottish Storytelling Centre

#### Live Storytelling


8pm (2hrs) | £9 (£7.50) €6 | 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.

## 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?*

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 1 – Storytelling for Nature

The first day of the gathering will focus on the themes of *Living Creatively with Nature*; Sustainability; Ecology and Culture; Mapping, Connecting and Guiding. With contributions from **Joe Harawira**, **Mirian Vilela** of the **Earth Charter**, **Malcolm Green**, **Alette Willis**, **Georgiana Keable**, **Bernard Anson**, and storyteller **Alexander Mackenzie**.

## 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.

## The Missing Lynx

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

### Live Storytelling


2pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)  
All ages

Wolves, bears and lynx once roamed the hills and forests of Scotland. Is it time for them to return? Join storyteller **Daniel Allison** and musician **Lally O’Keeffe** to explore the hot topic of rewilding and hear stories told about the debated animals by cultures from all around the world. **Reserve tickets:** [www.thebotanics.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.thebotanics.eventbrite.co.uk)

## Tales of the Quebec Wetlands

Scottish Storytelling Centre

### Film Screening

2.30pm (1hr 20) | £7.50 (£6)  Adults


200-year-old Scottish-French Canadian legends and Mohawk first nation oral traditions are revealed for the first time in this storytelling feature film. The rich history and ecological bounty of the Lake St Francis National Wildlife Area is an internationally protected site known

by biologists as the “Everglades of the North”. Eight storytellers, from Dundee to Quebec, give their accounts... but are they true or false? Directed by **André Desrochers**.

## 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?*

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 2 - Storytelling for Peace and Justice

The second day of the gathering will focus on the themes of *Conflict Resolution*; Citizenship Awareness, Education and Action; Equalities; Health and Wellbeing; Migration and Asylum. With contributions from **Amina Blackwood**, **Wajuppa Tossa**, **Maimouna Jallow**, **Liz Weir** and **Peter Chand**.

## The Natural Storyteller

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

**Live Storytelling**

2pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)

All ages

*The Natural Storyteller* inspires children and adults to tell tales from Norway and many other lands. Let book author and storyteller **Georgiana Keable** guide you through fairy tales from the forest and true tales of sea, earth and sky. Shared at bedtime or around the campfire under the stars, these tales inspire wonder and service for Mother Earth.

Reserve tickets: [www.thebotanics.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.thebotanics.eventbrite.co.uk).

## 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



Linda Williamson

**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 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**.

## From Edinburgh's Pen to the World

Departs from Mercat Cross, besides St Giles Cathedral

### Walking Tour

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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.





Mara Menzies

## A Cabaret of Pestilence

Surgeons' Hall Museums

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**Tickets and information:**

[www.museum.rcsed.ac.uk](http://www.museum.rcsed.ac.uk)

## 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.**

## Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Live Storytelling**

8pm (2hrs) | £9 (£7.50) **£6**

**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 **Mara Menzies**, with Global Gathering storytellers **Wayqui César Villegas Astete** and **Laura Escuela** from Peru and Spain, **Liz Weir** from Northern Ireland and **Wajuppa Tossa** from Thailand. The perfect way to end your day.

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## Venue Key

**SSC** Scottish Storytelling Centre

**NLS** National Library of Scotland

**RBGE** Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

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[www.tracscotland.org](http://www.tracscotland.org)

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# Finale Weekend



## Saturday 28 October

### 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

### Spinning a Yarn

Dovecot Studios

#### Live Storytelling

11am (1hr) | Free (ticketed) | All ages

Storyteller **Jan Bee Brown** will be sharing stories from around the world inspired by the *Daughters of Penelope* exhibition, with a spinning demonstration by the Broughton Spinners. From sewing nettle shirts for seven swans to an eight legged spidery curse passed down the generations, come and hear Jan weave her stories of sleeping princesses and tricky tricksters, then join in and make a spider diagram to help you tell your own spooky stories just in time for Halloween! Hearing loop

available. Also part of **Luminate Festival**. Reserve tickets: [www.dovecotstudios.com/programme](http://www.dovecotstudios.com/programme)

### 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](http://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**.

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## Reflecting Fridas

Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Live Storytelling**

5pm (1hr) | £7.50 (£6) €5

**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) €5

**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+

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**Tickets and information:**

[www.museum.rcsed.ac.uk](http://www.museum.rcsed.ac.uk)

## Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre

**Live Storytelling**

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## 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.



Fong Liu

## Journey to the West - Stories from China

Scottish Storytelling Centre

### Live Storytelling

5pm (50mins) | £7.50 (£6) €5

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) €5

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) €5

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 7 November**

### To Absent Friends: Community Supper

Broughton St Mary's Church Hall  
**Storytelling Supper**

7pm (3hrs) | £5 | Adults

Invite some people you'd like to spend the evening with, book a table, and raise a toast To Absent Friends. Over a simple three course meal share stories of people who have died. Chat away informally, or structure your evening around your

own pre-prepared contributions of poetry, stories, songs or photographs. Dedicate your meal to one person, or to the memory of many. The evening will be interspersed with entertainment from local artists, reflecting on loss through music, poetry and storytelling. **Tickets and information:** [www.toabsentfriends.org.uk](http://www.toabsentfriends.org.uk)

## 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**.



George Macpherson

## 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 Cùil 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](http://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](http://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](http://championstale.bpt.me)  
More information:  
[www.be-united.org.uk](http://www.be-united.org.uk)  
[www.thespacescotland.org](http://www.thespacescotland.org)

# Friday 20 October

## Duns

### Duns Primary School Storytelling Festival

**Duns Primary School** is taking over the reins for the 4th edition of the Primary School Storytelling Festival in the Scottish Borders.

Guest storytellers **Stina Fagertun** from Norway and **Jerker Fahlström** from Sweden will share stories with Scottish storytellers and musicians, for a special morning of stories from home and abroad. Please note: the event is not open to members of the public.

# 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](http://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.



**Tuesday**  
**24 October**

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## **Campbeltown**

### **Healing the Soul – Stories from Peru**

Campbeltown Library,  
Aqualbrium, 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.

## **Dundee**

### **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](mailto:sheila@blethertaygither.org)  
or 01334 474 836.



## **Glasgow**

### **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.

## **Helensburgh**

### **Weaving Stories from Norway & India**

Helensburgh Library,  
West King Street, G84 8EB

#### **Live Storytelling**

7pm (1hr 30) | Free (ticketed)

Enjoy a cosy 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.

## **Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 October**

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## **Glasgow**

### **Open Word – Open World at Glasgow Libraries**

Partick Library, Easterhouse Library  
& Hillhead Library

#### **Live Storytelling**

Free, pre-booking required  
SKYPE Story concerts, Sing-a-long  
& New writing projects

**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](https://openwordopenworld.wixsite.com/index)

## 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](mailto: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.universalthall.co.uk](http://www.universalthall.co.uk)



Mai Wei

## Isle of Bute

### Under Ancient Skies - Stories from Iran

Rothsay 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 cosy 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.

## Thursday 26 – Sunday 29 October

## 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.

[www.orkneystorytellingfestival.co.uk](http://www.orkneystorytellingfestival.co.uk)

[www.tracscotland.org](http://www.tracscotland.org)

## 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](mailto:elphinstone@abdn.ac.uk)

## 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

craftmanship 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.

## 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.

## 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 cosy 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.



# Friday 27 & Saturday 28 October

## Portskerra International Storytelling Festival

Coming from Kiszvárd – 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. Maja is coming to Scotland as part of the annual **European Storytelling and Peace Council** meeting.  
[www.portskerrastorytellingfestival.weebly.com](http://www.portskerrastorytellingfestival.weebly.com)

## 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-journeytothewest.eventbrite.co.uk](http://sisf-journeytothewest.eventbrite.co.uk)

### Inverness

#### Trading Tales of the Natural World

Gellions Bar, 17 Bridge St, Inverness, IV1 1HD

##### Live Storytelling

7.30pm (2hrs) | £6 | Adults

Enjoy wonder tales of the natural world from Norway, Scotland and beyond with guest storyteller **Georgiana Keable** and Scottish storyteller **Dougie Mackay**. The event is part of the **Inverness Storytelling Festival**, where Georgiana will also present her show, *The Natural Storyteller*. For information and tickets email [deep.roots.community@gmail.com](mailto:deep.roots.community@gmail.com)

### Kilbarchan

#### Spinning Yarns Around the World

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

##### Live Storytelling

7.30pm (2hrs) | £7 (£4) | 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.tamfest.co.uk)



Maja Bumberák

## 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](http://www.scojec.org/events.html)  
or contact Joanne on [events@scojec.org](mailto:events@scojec.org)  
or 07724 549 817.





# Guest Storytellers

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## 3Troubadours

**Markus Luukkonen** (Finland), **Tom Van Outryve** (Belgium), **Torgim 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 Bumberák

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.

### Shazeea Quraishi

Shazeea 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.



3Troubadours



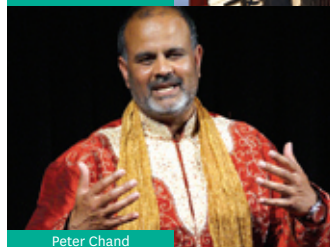
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Peter Chand



Shazeea Quraishi

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please visit our online directory at [www.tracscotland.org](http://www.tracscotland.org)

# Venue details

## Broughton St Mary's Church Hall

12 Bellevue Crescent, EH3 6NE  
robert@palliativecarescotland.org.uk  
0131 272 2735 (ask for Robert)  
www.toabsentfriends.org.uk

## Dovecot Studios

10 Infirmary Street, EH1 1LT  
events@dovecotstudios.com  
0131 550 3660 | www.dovecotstudios.com

## Italian Cultural Institute Edinburgh

82 Nicolson Street, EH8 9EW  
iicedimburgo@esteri.it | 0131 668 2232  
www.iicedimburgo.esteri.it

## Lauriston Castle

2a Cramond Road South, EH4 5QD  
0131 336 2060  
www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk

## Leith Community Croft

John's Place (entrance opposite  
Mackenzie School of English), EH6 7EL  
evie@cropsinpots.org | 09721 829 120  
www.leith-community-crops-in-pots.org

## Mercat Tours Ltd.

Mercat House, 28 Blair Street, EH1 1QR  
Please note: tour begins at the Mercat  
Cross at Parliament Square next to St  
Giles Kirk | info@mercattours.com  
0131 225 5445 | www.mercattours.com

## Museum of Childhood

42 High Street, EH1 1TG | 0131 556 2879  
www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk

## Museum of Edinburgh

Huntly House, 142 Canongate,  
EH8 8DD | 0131 529 4143  
www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk

## National Library of Scotland

George IV Bridge, EH1 1EW  
www.nls.uk/events | 0131 623 3734  
(bookings from 13 Sept) | www.nls.uk

## New Caltoun Burial Ground

27 Waterloo Place, EH1 3BQ  
graveyards@ewht.org.uk  
0131 220 7720 | www.ewht.org.uk

## Nomads Tent

21-23 St Leonards Lane, EH8 9SH  
info@nomadstent.co.uk  
0131 662 1612 | www.nomadstent.co.uk

## North Edinburgh Arts

15a Pennywell Court, EH4 4TZ  
admin@northedinburgharts.co.uk  
0131 315 2151 | northedinburgharts.co.uk

## Riddle's Court

322 Lawnmarket, EH1 2PG  
events@shbt.org.uk  
0131 220 1232 | www.riddlescourt.org.uk

## Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Entrances: East Gate on Inverleith Row,  
West Gate & John Hope Gateway on  
Arboretum Place, EH3 5LR  
events@rbge.org.uk  
0131 248 2909 | www.rbge.org.uk

## St. James Church Hall

11a John's Place, Leith, EH6 7EL  
www.stjamesleith.org

## St. Margaret's House

151 London Road, EH7 6AE  
Wheelchair access via Restalrig Road  
South | info@edinburghpalette.co.uk  
0131 661 1924  
www.edinburghpalette.co.uk

## Summerhall

The Lower Church Gallery  
Hope Park Terrace, EH8 9LY  
info@summerhall.co.uk  
0131 560 1580 | www.summerhall.co.uk

## Surgeons' Hall Museums

Nicolson Street, EH8 9DW  
museum@rcsed.ac.uk | 0131 527 1711  
www.museum.rcsed.ac.uk

## The Fig Tree Bistro

8 St Mary's Street, EH1 1SU

## Trinity House

99 Kirkgate, EH6 6BJ  
www.historicenvironment.scot

## University of Edinburgh

Chaplaincy Centre  
1 Bristo Square, EH8 9AL  
Chaplaincy.Administrator@ed.ac.uk  
0131 650 2595 | www.ed.ac.uk/chaplaincy

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(SCO42867), the Scottish Storytelling Forum  
(SCO20891) and the Traditional Dance  
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