Principal’s Welcome

In 2019 the University has much to celebrate, not least being named as Scottish University of the Year by the Times and Sunday Times, and ranked in the global top 160 by the Times Higher.

Through the superb programme at this year’s May Festival, we hope to give you a flavour of the difference the University is making to the world beyond academia. We will showcase the extraordinary talent of the writers, musicians and performers taking part in the festival.

Since its inception in 2013, the May Festival has sought to open the University to all, allowing visitors to experience our historic campus for themselves but this year we are also delighted to be able to stage events around the city and in areas surrounding the University which play such a crucial role in enabling our success.

The May Festival is made possible through the generous support of our partners and sponsors. I would like to express my sincere thanks to them, and in particular CNOOC International, for its generous donation in support of our Children's and Schools’ programmes.

This year’s May Festival is our biggest yet and we hope that whether you are attending an event for the very first time, or have been with us from the beginning, you enjoy everything this highlight of the North East cultural calendar has to offer.

Professor George Boyne, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, The University of Aberdeen

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DISCOVER
A showcase of some of the cutting edge research currently taking place at the University. Explore the hot topics and real-life issues facing society through this vibrant programme of events featuring talks, debates, workshops and displays led by our very own staff and students.

WORD
Encompassing music, drama, poetry and prose in Doric, English, Polish and Gaelic in one exciting programme. We are delighted to welcome an impressive line-up of writers to the festival, including: Abir Mukherjee, Alan Spence, Bernard MacLaverty, Caroline Criado-Perez and Sara Baume. WORD favourite, distinguished poet and playwright Liz Lochhead will join brilliant saxophonist Steve Kettley for a music and poetry extravaganza.

CULTURE, HISTORY AND HERITAGE
An opportunity to see, learn and hear about other ways of life both past and present. Take the chance to find out more about the historical materials used in songwriting, how tourism shapes Aberdeen or pay a visit to our very own Traveller Encampment to hear more about Traveller traditions and contemporary Traveller living.

MUSIC
There’s a lot on offer in this popular programme of music events. Prepare to be enchanted by the University of Aberdeen Chapel Choir as they perform Rachmaninov, hear our own staff and students playing new music at the Any Enemy event, or visit the Blue Lamp to hear the Aberdeen University Jazz Orchestra perform – and that’s just a few of the highlights.
VISION
Film screenings, dance and art are all part of this year’s programme. Look out for a special edition of the ever-popular **Director’s Cut** event with *Jon S. Baird*, University of Aberdeen graduate and director of Bafta nominated *Stan and Ollie*.

SCIENCE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING
Join us to learn why we are living longer, celebrate the international year of the Periodic Table, and hear about Aberdeen’s first female medical graduates.

SPORT
Our Sport theme includes the latest in technological advances and how they can maximise the coaching of top athletes. Don’t miss the chance to sign up for a free diving lesson in our state-of-the-art **Aquatics Centre** or to get an insight into how burning energy can affect our weight regulation.

ENVIRONMENT
Climate change is affecting us all and this theme offers festival-goers the chance to come and hear about recent research projects including the impact of climate change on soil and the North East fishing industry. Explore the **Cruickshank Botanic Garden** and learn about the importance of growing trees and what that means for carbon capture.

TOURS
A firm favourite – but be quick they book up fast! Guided tours of the beautiful **Cruickshank Botanic Garden**, medieval **King’s College Chapel** and picturesque **Seaton Park** are all on offer this year, as well as the chance to take part in a special one-hour walk around Aberdeen city centre, exploring the Nawkens (Scottish Gypsy/Travellers) in the cityscape of Aberdeen and tackle the perceived invisibility of these people.
### Monday 20 May

- **6.00pm – 7.30pm**
  - Café MED – Live Well with Arthritis
  - Suttie Centre Café, Foresterhill

### Tuesday 21 May

- **8.00pm – 11.00pm**
  - Re-Analogue @ Blue Lamp
  - Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate

### Wednesday 22 May

- **7.00pm – 8.45pm**
  - Café Scientifique – Is Exercise Bad for our Joints?
  - Kino Bar, Belmont Filmhouse

### Thursday 23 May

- **6.00pm – 7.00pm**
  - WORD @ Waterstones: Sara Baume
  - Waterstones, Bon Accord Centre

- **6.00pm – 7.30pm**
  - Confederates, Rhodes & Honor: Obligations to Remove Artificial Artefacts
  - Belmont Filmhouse, Belmont Street

- **7.30pm – 8.30pm**
  - The Role of Plants & Soils in Climate Change
  - Zoology Building, Tillydrone Avenue

### Friday 24 May

- **9.00am – 10.30am**
  - Cruickshank Botanic Garden Tour
  - Meet at: Cruickshank Botanic Garden Courtyard, St Machar Drive

- **9.00am – 5.00pm**
  - Zoology Museum Open Day
  - Zoology Building, Tillydrone Avenue

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Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

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Symmetry in Life, Science and Art
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WORDS &... Music & Dance: Youth Music Collective, Rap & Step-Dance
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**ENVIRONMENT / TOURS**

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**CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE / SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING**

**Zoology Museum Open Day**

9.00am – 5.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In  |  Zoology Building, Tillydrone Avenue, AB24 2TZ

Calling all adventurers! Come and view the largest international collection of zoological specimens in the North of Scotland. The Zoology Museum’s collections are worldwide in scope and cover more than 200 years of biological study at the University. Highlights on display include a stuffed Bengal tiger, great ape skeletons, and whale skeletons.

**DISCOVER**

**Aberdeen (Uni’s) Got Talent 4**

11.00am – 12.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Join us again for a fast-paced showcase where you, the audience get to vote for your favorite presentation from a selection of our best aspiring researchers, each having just 3 minutes to enthuse the public with their PhD research. This is the Aberdeen final of the national 3 Minute Thesis competition, the winner of which will progress to the UK final.

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**SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING**

**Healthy Ageing: What Does it Mean to You?**

11.30am – 1.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  Multimedia Room, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

What is healthy ageing? What is the best way to age? People are living longer and this brings many opportunities and challenges. We are researchers studying how to help people age well. Healthy ageing means different things to different people and in this workshop we will talk in small groups about your views on this important topic. All ages welcome.
DISCOVER/CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE
Behind the Scenes: Creating an Exhibition

12.00pm – 1.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Masters Students taking the ‘Curating an Exhibition’ course have been working on an upcoming summer exhibition about ‘Authenticity’. In this discussion, they reflect on the process of creating the exhibition and offer the audience the chance to comment on the authenticity of objects.

SPORT
Coaching in the 21st Century: Using Technology to Maximize Performance

1.00pm – 2.00pm  |  FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival  |  Seminar Room – Aberdeen Sports Village, Linksfield Road, AB24 5RU
Join Patrick and Hannah Miley for a discussion on recent technological advances in the coaching of swimming. At the start of 2019 the Aquatics Centre in the Aberdeen Sports Village installed the final element of a state-of-the-art analysis system to record and analyse the technique of swimmers. The system brings swim coaching to the forefront of technology but how will this system be utilized by coaches and athletes?

SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING
In Sickness and in Health: A History of Hospitals in Aberdeen

1.00pm – 2.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
The talk looks at the history and development of hospitals in Aberdeen from the founding of the Infirmary at Woolmanhill in the 1730s, and uses the records held by NHS Grampian Archives to explain why hospitals were founded and how their functions reflected the changing healthcare needs of the population. The NHS celebrated its 70th anniversary in July 2018, and the talk will show how things were before the introduction of the act, and the differences and similarities which faced those who look after our health.

MUSIC
A Taste of the UK’s Best Up and Coming Sonic Artists

1.00pm – 2.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  Small Hall, Butchart Building, University Road, AB24 3UT
SERG (Sound Emporium Research Group) invites you to hear selected works from the UK’s emerging pool of sonic art talent. With an opportunity to chat with the composers after the performances, this is an opportunity not to be missed. All ages and inquisitive minds welcome.

DISCOVER/ENVIRONMENT
Climate Change Perspectives

1.00pm – 2.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  Auditorium, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
Two researchers from the School of Biological Sciences, University of Aberdeen, will talk about their work related to climate change. Dr Marta Dondini will talk on “Climate Change and Soils: Impacts and Options” and Dr Tara Marshall will talk on “Climate Change and the North East Fishing Industry”.

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ENVIROMENT / TOURS

Cruickshank Botanic Garden Tour

1.30pm – 3.00pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: Cruickshank Botanic Garden Courtyard, St Machar Drive, AB24 3UU

Join Mark Paterson, Curator of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden, for a tour of the UK’s most northerly botanic garden. The 11 acre property has over 2,500 species grown in picturesque settings, including an arboretum, a sunken garden and a stunning herbaceous border. Please note some locations on this tour are not accessible by wheelchair.

SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING

How to Practice Mindfulness

2.00pm – 3.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Discover how to practice mindfulness with Dr Silvia Wehmeier. The practice of mindfulness encourages and enables us to explore a new relationship with moment-to-moment experiences. This mindfulness session offers an opportunity to explore how mindfulness practice can contribute to our awareness in everyday life.

DISCOVER / CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE

Book Binding Workshop & Talk

2.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/Booking Required via: scc@abdn.ac.uk or 01224 274354
Glucksman Conservation Centre, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

Come to the Special Collections Centre for an afternoon of bookbinding. Learn practical skills from our Book Conservator and make your own mini-notebook in the Glucksman Conservation Centre. Then discover the beautiful rare bindings in the Special Collections with expert guidance from our Rare Books Cataloguer.

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE / MUSIC

Songs from Medieval Aberdeen

2.30pm – 3.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

How can songwriters use historical material in their work? Can historians contribute to the creative process? This project set out to answer these questions by writing songs based on Aberdeen’s UNESCO-recognised medieval town records. Join historian Dr Claire Hawes and musicians Davy Cattanach and Paddy Buchanan to hear the finished songs, learn about medieval Aberdeen, and find out how the two were brought together.

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE

Enlightened Leadership: Anglo-American Leadership Lessons in the 21st Century

3.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Auditorium, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

The RSA, Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, was founded during the Enlightenment and is now present in over 80 countries. RSA Fellowship Councillor Neil McLennan will start the event with an overview of RSA work. Followed by RSA USA Fellow and Head of External Affairs for Facebook, Robert Traynham, who will join the event via video link to discuss ‘Enlightend Leadership: Anglo-American leadership lessons for the 21st century.’

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Friday 24 May

D I S C O V E R / S C I E N C E ,  H E A L T H  &  W E L L B E I N G
Next Time I’m Coming Back as a Man!

3.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Women’s health often relates to particular conditions at different stages in their lives; periods and pain, contraception, pregnancy and childbirth, prolapse and incontinence, and women’s cancers. Why do many women say that next time ‘they will come back as a man?’ Are their problems so bad or are our approaches to women’s health not good enough? We will look at some ‘women’s problems’, current research and how new advances could transform women’s lives.

E N V I R O N M E N T / T O U R S
Carbon Capture: Are Trees Mankind’s Best Friend?

3.30pm – 4.30pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: Cruickshank Botanic Garden Courtyard, St Machar Drive, AB24 3UU

Join student Peter Rydzkowski for an interactive presentation in the grounds of Cruickshank Botanic Garden to explore the purpose, importance and complexity of growing trees as a means of carbon capture. Peter will highlight the origins of human carbon emissions and discuss some solutions and beneficial practices being carried out at an international, national and regional level.

C U LT U R E ,  H I S T O R Y  &  H E R I T A G E
College Voices: The Story of Christ’s College, Aberdeen

4.30pm – 5.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Multimedia Room, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 5.30pm, Multimedia Room

An illustrated talk by the author of College Voices. From the College beginnings in the 1840s to the present day the story is told through the colourful personalities of its Principals and students. The story tells how the College grew and evolved alongside the history not only of Scotland but the world, surviving the impact of two world wars, financial crisis and scandal.

D I S C O V E R / S C I E N C E ,  H E A L T H  &  W E L L B E I N G
Troll Hunting: Investigating and Dealing with Cyberbullying

5.00pm – 6.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Cyberbullying is a concern among young people with as many as 75% of school children experiencing cyberbullying at some stage. This interactive seminar will discuss four types of ‘trolling’ — harassment, flaming, impersonation and stalking. The impact of these ‘trolls’ and methods for dealing with them will also be covered. Come along to find out more and learn to hunt and squash trolls!
Let's Talk About Mouth and Throat Cancer

5.00pm – 6.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

The number of mouth and throat cancers is on the rise in UK and is significantly higher in Scotland compared to England. This is attributed to changes in alcohol and tobacco consumption and human papilloma virus (HPV) infection. In this event, you will hear from experts in the field about the risk factors, detection and treatment of these devastating cancers. You will also be privy to the latest discoveries in cancer research.

From Where Do We See? Craft Skills and Aesthetics in MRI

5.00pm – 6.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required
The Suttie Arts Space, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Foresterhill, AB25 2ZN

Join us for the launch of the publication to accompany Beverley Hood’s commission for Grampian Hospitals Art Trust. Beverley is investigating the work currently being developed by the iDentIFY research project and its link to Mark-1, the world’s first full body MRI scanner. The talk will be led by Dr Silvia Casini, lecturer in Film and Visual Culture at the University of Aberdeen.

An Evening of Poetry with Micheal O’Siadhail

5.00pm – 6.00pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Auditorium, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
Book Signing: 6.00pm, May Tent – King’s Lawn

Micheal O’Siadhail is one of Ireland’s foremost living poets. Having recently received an honorary degree from the University of Aberdeen, he is back to entertain us with a performance from his recent award-winning poem, The Five Quintets. A captivating and dramatic reader, O’Siadhail will share with us poems on the arts, science, economics, politics and philosophy/theology from his new award-winning Dantean meditation on modernity. Following the book signing in the May Tent, please join us for refreshments in the Divinity Library, King’s College Quad.

Botanic Bonanza Presents Pandemonium!

6.15pm – 7.15pm | £3/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Cruickshank Botanic Garden, St Machar Drive, AB24 3UU

Join us for an evening of open-air music in the Cruickshank Botanic Garden. The University’s Steel Pan Orchestra Pandemonium will be there to entertain you with a mixture of Caribbean calypso and soca as well as a few more modern arrangements. Bring along a picnic and enjoy the live music with family and friends. Don’t forget to bring a chair or blanket as well.
**DISCOVER / SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING**

**First, Do No Harm: Addressing Medication-Related Harm in Older Persons**

6.30pm – 7.30pm | FREE / No Booking Required | Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Some routinely-used medications have serious consequences for older adults. One example is anticholinergic drugs, used to treat common conditions such as urinary incontinence and depression. Reducing their use is an important focus. Designing a successful approach requires us to fully understand the problem and explore the views of older adults, carers and healthcare professionals. Join **Professor Phyo Myint** and his team to hear about their research and discuss how best to tackle this important issue.

**MUSIC**

**A Taste of the UK’s Best Up and Coming Sonic Artists**

7.00pm – 8.00pm | FREE / No Booking Required | Small Hall, Butchart Building, University Road, AB24 3UT

SERG (Sound Emporium Research Group) invites you to hear selected works from the UK’s emerging pool of sonic art talent. With an opportunity to chat with the composers after the performances, this is an opportunity not to be missed. All ages and inquisitive minds welcome.

**WORD**

**WORDs &… Women: Caroline Criado-Perez**

7.30pm – 8.30pm | FREE / Booking Required at [www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival) | Auditorium, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Book signing: 8.30pm, James MacKay Hall – King’s College Conference Centre

Feminist campaigner and author of best-selling *Do It Like a Woman... and Change the World*, **Caroline Criado-Perez OBE** talks about her work for women’s rights and launches her new book, *Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men*, in conversation with **Dr Sarah Pedersen**.

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**WORD**

**WORDs &… Ither Wirds: Shane Strachan & Sheena Blackhall**

7.30pm – 8.30pm (Doors Open 7pm) | FREE / No Booking Required | Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, AB25 1BU

Hear readings from two vibrant North East writers. Talented, prolific and much-loved, **Sheena Blackhall** writes poetry, stories and ballads in North East Scots and English. Aberdeen Makar since 2009, she has recently translated *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, Of Mice and Men*, and *Jane Eyre* into Doric. **Shane Strachan** regularly entertains audiences with short stories, his Doric comic novel *Quines at Sea* and drama *The Shelter*, inspired by Aberdeen bus-shelters. Shane’s recent work includes *Nevertheless*, stories about Muriel Spark’s time in Aberdeen’s twin-city Bulawayo, and contributions to LGBTQ anthology *We Were Always Here*. 
VISION

Director’s Cut: Making Movies with Jon S. Baird

7.30pm – 9.00pm | £12 (£10)/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

The director of one of the most acclaimed movies of 2018, Stan & Ollie, is University of Aberdeen graduate Jon S. Baird. In this special edition of the Director’s Cut series, Jon will discuss how growing up in Aberdeenshire contributed to the kinds of stories he became interested in developing as feature films, including his earlier works Cass (2008) and Filth (2014). Jon S. Baird will be interviewed by Professor Alan Marcus.

MUSIC

Sergei Rachmaninov – The All Night Vigil (Vespers)

8.00pm – 9.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

The University of Aberdeen Chapel Choir, conducted by James Aburn, is gaining a reputation for the quality of its work around the world and regularly performs for royalty. This is a unique opportunity to hear them present Rachmaninov’s powerful and deeply moving work composed over 100 years ago, in the spiritually uplifting surroundings of King’s College Chapel.

WORD/MUSIC

WORDS &… Music: Steve Kettley & Savourna Stevenson

8.45pm – 9.45pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, AB25 1BU

Clarsach virtuoso Savourna Stevenson joins forces with old friend and saxophonist Steve Kettley in a new duo showcasing her compositions – a blend of haunting melodies, pulsating rhythms and stirring improvisations. Savourna is known for breaking stylistic barriers while maintaining her Scottish roots and has collaborated with Aly Bain, Eddi Reader and Toumani Diabate.

In association with Interesting Music Promotions

WORD/MUSIC

WORDS &… Tunes: Late SC&T Session

10.00pm – 11.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, AB25 1BU

Join musicians from Scottish Culture & Traditions Association for an informal evening of cracking tunes and songs in the convivial atmosphere of The Blue Lamp. Musicians/singers and non-musicians equally welcome.

Supported by Scottish Culture & Traditions Association
**CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE / TOURS**

**King’s College Chapel Tour**

9.30am – 10.30am  |  FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

Standing at the centre of King’s College, the Chapel serves as a constant reminder of the University’s foundations in 1495. Its architecture recalls the University’s history, including the Chapel’s Crown Tower, one of only two crown towers in Scotland. The revised edition of the book ‘King’s College Chapel’, edited by Jane Geddes and containing several new discoveries, will be available for purchase after the tour, and can be signed by the author if requested.

**DISCOVER / CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Across Time: Transgenerational Transmission of Trauma in the Traveller Community**

10.00am – 11.00am  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

The community o Scottish Travellers is een o the maist disempowered in aa Scotland. Fit wey can we big resilience, tackle inequality, an stop trauma bei pasit fae ae generation tae the neist? This oor, we’ll spik aboot foo community empowerment can stan up tae aul social narratives, encouragin fowk tae maintain their traditions an fa back on them fer strength, promotin equality aawey. At this unco session we’ll laanch a series o workshops run bi Travellers fer Travellers. Hostit bi activist David Donaldson.

The Scottish Traveller community is one of the most disempowered in Scotland. How can we help build cultural resilience, tackle inequality, and stop the transgenerational transmission of trauma? We will explore how community empowerment and resilience can challenge historical and social narratives, encouraging cultural retention and promoting equality. This unique talk, culminating in the launch of a new programme of workshops run by Travellers for Travellers, will be hosted by activist and workshop leader David Donaldson.

**SPORT / TOURS**

**Aberdeen Sports Village Tour**

10.00am – 11.00am  |  FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: Aquatics Centre Reception, Aberdeen Sports Village, Regent Walk

Join us for a tour of our premier sport and exercise facility, which hosts an array of world class sporting facilities both indoor and outdoor that cater for the needs of everyone from recreational exerciser to elite athlete.

**CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Crafts at the Camp**

11.00am – 11.30am  |  FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In  |  Traveller Encampment – King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

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Come and see traditional crafters at work at the Traveller Encampment. Crafts include basket making, penny flower making and clothes peg making.
**MAINT PROGRAMME**

**Saturday 25 May**

**DISCOVER/SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING**

**Tales from the Dark Side: Understanding How the Human Genome Controls Health & Disease**

11.00am – 12.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Eighteen years ago, the huge amount of public funding spent on sequencing the human genome was justified by the promise that “all disease would be cured in 10 years”. This lecture will bring the audience up to date with our progress in fulfilling this promise and why it is taking so long. Predictions of the future direction of genomic research in health and disease will also be explored.

**DISCOVER/CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Behind the Scenes of a Museum**

11.00am – 12.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  New King’s 10, University of Aberdeen

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at the University of Aberdeen’s Museums? **Dr Abeer Eladany** provides an insight into this (usually) secret world.

**CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**Rhetoric, Romance and Reality: A Short History of Scottish Tourism**

11.00am – 12.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Book signing: **12.00pm, May Tent – King’s Lawn**

Tourism is modern Scotland’s biggest earner, but it is by no means a new phenomenon. This presentation looks at its development in Scotland since the eighteenth century, with reference to the influence of the Romantic Movement, the appearance of spas and seaside resorts, the impact of commercialisation, and the twentieth-century rise of genealogical tourism.

**WORD**

**WORDs &… Women: Kate Ashton and Lesley Harrison**

11.00am – 12.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  Multimedia Room, King’s Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Two fine North East poets share their work. Writer and translator **Kate Ashton** lived for 25 years in the Netherlands before returning to Scotland in 2003. She co-ordinates Nairn Book & Arts Festival’s Poetry Platform and has published widely in anthologies and magazines. **Lesley Harrison** lives in Angus and has held writing residencies in Greenland, Iceland and the Svalbard archipelago. Her poetry collections (Blue Pearl, 2017, Disappearance, 2019) explore thinly inhabited places along the Northern coastline and the ways in which we make ourselves at home there.
Saturday 25 May

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE / TOURS

Invisible Women Walking Tour

11.00am – 12.30pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: Mercat Cross, Castlegate, AB11 5HP

Join Aberdeen Women’s Alliance for a fascinating tour to unearth the invisible women, literary and otherwise, of the city’s history, and explore the places associated with them.

Supported by Aberdeen Women’s Alliance

WORD / VISION

WORDs &... Dance: Rap and Step-Dance Live Choreography Workshop

11.00am – 12.30pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Drama Studio – Level 6, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen

Join local rap-artist Jackill, Jennifer Oag and the step-dancers of Feerochie (Aberdeen) and Sound of Dance (Glasgow), who will be coming up with a new percussive step-dance piece to the rhythms of rap before your eyes. Spectators welcome, and any step-dancers are welcome to join in.

WORD / CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE

WORDs &... Ither Wirds: Doric Drop-In with Claire Needler

11.00am – 1.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required
New King’s 11, University of Aberdeen

Div ye spik Doric? Do you wish you did? Are you nae affa sure? Did you grow up speaking North East Scots? And were you encouraged to do so? How do you feel about the language you use? What are your favourite words and phrases? Join Elphinstone Institute researcher Claire Needler for linguistic fun and exploration. Jist come in aboot and help put Doric on the map.

Local Food & Makers Market

11.00am – 4.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-in
Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen

Etsy makers, local artists, designers and craftspeople alongside local food and drink producers present some of the region’s top food, drink, art, design and crafts. Food stalls will entice you with freshly baked breads and pies, artisan drinks, delicious chutneys, tempting cakes and so much more, while local makers such as Big Up the ’Deen and Bramble Graphics will bring design and craft to the table.

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE / MUSIC

Polish & Scottish Traditional Songs

12.00pm – 12.20pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In
May Tent – King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

The Polish-Scottish Song Group, hosted by the Elphinstone Institute, will sing a variety of traditional songs from Poland and Scotland, showcasing through song the vibrant cultural exchange that happens every day across the city of Aberdeen.
CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE
Crafts at the Camp

12.00pm – 12.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | Traveller Encampment – King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Drop in and see traditional crafters at work in the Traveller Encampment. Crafts include basket making, penny flower making, and clothes peg making.

MUSIC/SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING
Science & Song: Aberdeen Edition

12.00pm – 1.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

From James Clerk Maxwell to Ada Lovelace by way of several Nobel Laureates, discover the connections between Aberdeen, the North East and ground breaking science through song and spoken word, presented by George Coghill.

SPORT/TOURS
Aberdeen Sports Village Tour

12.00pm – 1.00pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Meeting Point: Aquatics Centre Reception, Aberdeen Sports Village, Regent Walk

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DISCOVER/CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE
Collections Close Up: Islamic Treasures

12.00pm – 3.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | Lower Ground Floor Seminar Room, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

A unique opportunity to view three highlights from the University’s collections that celebrate Islamic culture. On display will be a fine copy of the Qur’an that belonged to Tipu Sultan; examples of lacquered binding and an early printed copy of the Canon of medicine by Ibn-Sīnā or Avicenna, part of which is now in the Qatar National Museum.

DISCOVER/SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING
Soapbox Science

12.00pm – 3.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

This fun and interactive event brings local women in science to the public to share their research with the help of props. They will cover topics including: cancer, Alzheimer’s, ageing, microbiology, biodiversity, energy and the universe.
CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE / VISION

The Gaelic Pop-Up Café

12.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE / No Booking Required / Drop-In | King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

The Gaelic Pop-Up Café will serve up tasty Gaelic bites for the delectation and delight of Festival visitors, including a light entrée of enticing Gaelic greetings and tailor-made essential festival phrases for mains. A unique way to learn Gaelic and be entertained by our bilingual Gaelic comedy street theatre acts.

Thigibh dhàn Cha faunaidh Gàidhlig far a bheil blasadan spòrsail Gàidhlig daonnan air a’ chairt-bidhe. Gheibhearr blasadan aotrom mar thoiseach-tòiseachaidh dhaibh sìud aig nach eil ach beagan Gàidhlig, is taghadh abairtean spiosrach bhon chòcaire air an ullachadh gu sònraichte airson na Fèise.

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE / SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING

Zoology Museum Open Day

12.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE / No Booking Required / Drop-In | Zoology Building, Tillydrone Avenue, AB24 2TZ

Calling all adventurers! Come and view the largest international collection of zoological specimens in the North of Scotland. The Zoology Museum’s collections are worldwide in scope and cover more than 200 years of biological study at the University. Highlights on display include a stuffed Bengal tiger, great ape skeletons, and whale skeletons.

DISCOVER

Joy, Friendship and Disability: A Conversation with University of Aberdeen Friendship House

12.30pm – 1.30pm | FREE / No Booking Required | Multimedia Room, King’s Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Join us for a discussion with members of the University of Aberdeen Friendship House community. Enjoy an opportunity to ask questions and talk about this new initiative and explore more deeply what friendships and joy look like for people of all differing abilities getting to know each other in the University context and see where this exciting project hopes to go over the coming years.

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE

What Might Have Been? Aberdeen, History & Appearance

12.30pm – 1.30pm | FREE / Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Join Dr Chris Croly to look at some of the key historical decisions that helped shape the appearance of Aberdeen today. From the Links, to Torry and Broad Street this talk will examine historic plans from the 18th and 19th century which never came to pass. If they had they would have resulted in a very different city from the one that we live and work in today.
WORDs &... Writers: Alan Spence

12.30pm – 1.30pm | £3/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 1.30pm, May Tent – King’s Lawn

Edinburgh Makar Alan Spence has long delighted readers and audiences with his short fiction, novels, poetry and plays – including The Magic Flute, Pure Land, Night Boat, Sailmaker and No Nothing. Haiku collections include Glasgow Zen, Morning Glory and Seasons of the Heart. Join Alan to celebrate the re-issue of his celebrated 1977 debut short-story collection Its Colours They Are Fine and hear about his latest work. Alan founded the WORD Festival in 1999 and ran it for 12 years.

SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING

Spot the Risk: Fatigue and Stress in Comic Book Strips

12.30pm – 1.30pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | MR028, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen

Fatigue and stress can negatively affect the performance of workers and can lead to serious incidents. But fear not, there are simple things which can be done to tackle risks and avoid danger. Join us for a game of spot the risk like you have never played before. The Applied Psychology and Human Factors team will guide you through a series of comic book strips featuring both positive and negative scenarios in relation to fatigue and stress in the workplace.

WORD/CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE/VISION

Doric Scots: Past, Present & Future
Film Screening & Discussion

1.00pm – 2.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

North East Scots, fyles kent as ‘Doric’ is een o the weys fowk ken oor airt is unique. Bit fit is this tongue? Far did it come fae an fit is its place the day? Jyne Professor in Linguistics an the Scottish Leid, Robert McColl Millar, poet Jo Gilbert, an Linguistics PhD student Dawn Leslie fer a showin o oor new documentary, producit bi the Elphinstone Institute’s Alistair Heather, follaed bi a blether anent the leid.

North East Scots, often known as ‘Doric’ is one of the features that make our region a unique place. But what is this language? Where did it come from and what is its place today? Join Professor in Linguistics and Scottish Language, Robert McColl Millar, poet Jo Gilbert, and Linguistics PhD candidate Dawn Leslie for a screening of this new documentary, produced by the Elphinstone Institute’s Alistair Heather, followed by a discussion.

Supported by the Elphinstone Institute & Aberdeenshire Council

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE/VISION

Kung Fu Lion & Chinese Dance

1.00pm – 2.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | Outside The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

Yee’s Hung Ga Kung Fu and Redpheonix Dance are sure to delight audiences of all ages with their colourful and energetic performances. You may also be interested in a visit to Substance to Style: The Traditional Arts of East Asia exhibition inside The Sir Duncan Rice Library.
Saturday 25 May

WORD

WORDs &… Słowa: Polish Writing with Jenny Robertson

1.30pm – 2.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Blackwell’s Bookshop, 99 High Street, AB24 3EN
Book signing: 2.30pm, Blackwell’s Bookshop

Join Jenny Robertson to discuss her new biography of Polish feminist and writer Zofia Nałkowska, From Corsets to Communism: The Life and Times of Zofia Nałkowska, and her Polish-based collection of short stories From the Volga to the Clyde. Besides poetry and plays, her work includes Don’t Go to Uncle’s Wedding: Voices from the Warsaw Ghetto, and her engaging children’s book, Wojtek, War Hero Bear, about an orphaned bear cub adopted by Polish soldiers in WWII and brought to Scotland.

Supported by Polish Association, Aberdeen and Polish Consulate Edinburgh

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE

Traveller Tile Trail

2.00pm – 3.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | Traveller Encampment – King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Waak a Traveller trail richt here on campus tae lern mair aboot the history an culture o Scottish Travellers. Traveller histories are aa twined wi trails throu the country kent only tae them. As ye waak oor trail, ye’ll hear unco experiences, stories, an sangs that will gie ye a gwae luik intae the Traveller community, its connections wi the Varsity, an the North East. Pick up a map fae the Encampment an set oot.

Walk a Traveller trail right here on campus to learn more about the history and culture of Scottish Travellers. Scottish Traveller histories are intertwined in trails throughout the country known only to them. As you walk our trail, you’ll hear different experiences, stories or songs that will give you an insight to the Traveller community, its connections with the University’s campus, and the North East in general. Pick up a map from the Encampment and enjoy.

WORD

WORDs &… Writers: Bernard MacLaverty

2.00pm – 3.00pm | £3/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 3.00pm, May Tent – King’s Lawn


Supported by WORD Centre for Creative Writing & Research Institute for Irish & Scottish Studies

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE

The Lives of Asian Things

2.30pm – 3.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Lecture Theatre 1, Meston Building, University of Aberdeen

In this lecture, art historian Professor Craig Clunas discusses the University’s collection of objects from China, Japan and Korea, as part of the exhibition Substance to Style: The Traditional Arts of East Asia. How have these things been viewed, what kinds of lives have they lived between their manufacture and their display today in Aberdeen? What stories of use and of appreciation, of everyday life, of connoisseurship and even of tragedy, do they reveal?
Join **Roddy MacLean**, author of *An Creanaiche*, in conversation about his new novel, *Còig Duilleagan na Seamraig* (*The Five Leaves of Shamrock*), a political novel which moves between the Highlands, Ireland, London and Paris, recalling major political and social upheavals in the British Isles a century ago. Renowned Gaelic singer and *Outlander* star **Gillebride MacMillan** will be in conversation about his third album, *Freumhan Falaichte/Hidden Roots*, performing songs from the album and revealing some of the stories behind the songs.

**Bidh Ruairidh MacIlleathain**, ùghdar *An Creanaiche*, ann an còmhraidh mu dheidhinn nobhail ùr, Còig Duilleagan na Seamraig. ’S e nobhail phoilitigeach a th’ ann, de ghnè nach eil cumanta ann litreachas na Gàidhlig. Bidh **Gillebrìde MacIlleMhaoil**, seinneadair cliùiteach agus cleasaiche anns an t-sreath telebhisean *Outlander*, ann an còmhraidh mu dheidhinn Freumhan Falaichte, an treas clàr aige. Cluinnear òrain bhon chlàr agus cuid de na sgeulachdan air cùlaibh nan òran.

Supported by The Gaelic Books Council/Comhairle nan Leabhraichean

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**Crafts at the Camp**

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**Using Artificial Intelligence to Create Music from Live Painted Drawings**

3.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Local award-winning artist **Kate Steenhauer** draws live on stage in Japanese ink unfolding on a screen through a projector. The live drawing is converted into a sonic performance in real time using an Artificial Intelligence. **Dr Andrew Starkey** will explain the AI “brain” and how it exploits the analogy between art and music composition during the performance. The narrative centres around the question is AI good or bad?

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**What is Community Music?**

3.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Community Music is an emerging field of practice and academic study, however, the role and work of the community musician is frequently misunderstood and often undervalued. This interactive workshop will explore the role and work of the community musician by considering if we should focus on what community music is or what community music does.
SPORT/TOURS
Aberdeen Sports Village Tour

3.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: Aquatics Centre Reception, Aberdeen Sports Village, Regent Walk

Join us for a tour of our premier sport and exercise facility, which hosts an array of world class sporting facilities both indoor and outdoor that cater for the needs of everyone from recreational exerciser to elite athlete.

DISCOVER/SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING
The Brave New World of Gene Editing

3.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen
The gene editing technique known as CRISPR is transforming scientific discovery and will transform medicine. In November 2018, the first CRISPR gene-edited babies were born in China – we will look at why many scientists think this was an outrage and explore what might be done to ensure that future uses of CRISPR on humans are both ethical and effective. The talk will show how CRISPR enables us to alter whole ecosystems, for example by eliminating disease-transmitting insects, such as mosquitoes.

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE/MUSIC
Celebrate Chez Schedel!

3.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | St Mary’s Chapel at St Nicholas Kirk, St Nicholas Street, AB10 1JZ
Join in the celebration with late-mediaeval music, dancing, and party food. It’s 1466 AD in Nuremberg, Germany, and the student Hartmann Schedel has finished University. Now, he’s celebrating his return home with his friends. He’s brought along his big ‘Song Book’, in which he has collected popular tunes from all over Europe.

VISION
Director’s Cut: The Waldheim Waltz with Ruth Beckerman

3.00pm – 5.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Auditorium, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen
Join award-winning Austrian filmmaker Ruth Beckermann for a screening, followed by a Q&A, of her film The Waldheim Waltz (2018; best documentary film at the 2018 Berlin International Film Festival). Beckermann has called it ‘a film about truth and lies or “alternative facts.”’ The film focuses on the international scandal sparked in the late 1980s by former UN Secretary General and Austrian president Kurt Waldheim’s deception about his Nazi past.

Hosted by the VIEW programme of the George Washington Wilson Centre for Visual Culture

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE
The City of Aberdeen and King Robert the Bruce: Celebrating 700 Years of Civic Kingship

3.30pm – 4.30pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Lord Bruce, a lineal descendant of King Robert the Bruce, will explore the relationship which emerged between King Robert and the City of Aberdeen during the Scottish Wars of Independence, and which resulted in one of the most far-reaching examples of civic kingship in Scotland in the medieval period.
Main Programme
Saturday 25 May

Discover/Culture, History & Heritage
PechaKucha: Exploring our Collections

4.00pm – 5.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Room 706 – Level 7, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

An evening of inspired thoughts captured in 6 minutes and 40 seconds. PechaKucha runs in over 500 cities across the world, gathering people together in a relaxed, simple and enjoyable format to share their work, meet and network. All speakers are funded through the Friends of Aberdeen University Library and are undertaking research based on objects or documents from the rich collections of the University of Aberdeen. Don't miss this unique chance to hear about our collections and the research that they are inspiring.

Supported by Friends of the Aberdeen University Library

Word/Culture, History & Heritage
Annual Canna Lecture with Hugh Cheape MBE

4.00pm – 5.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Multimedia Room, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Professor Hugh Cheape MBE of Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the National Centre for Gaelic Language and Culture, and formerly National Museums of Scotland in Edinburgh, delivers this year’s Canna Lecture entitled John Lorne Campbell of Canna: pioneer and polemicist. The lecture will be in English.

Tha an t-Ollamh Ùisdean Cheape MBE à Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, an t-Ionad Nàiseanta airson Cànan is Cultar na Gàidhlig, agus a chleachd a bhith aig Taighgean-tasgaidh Nàiseanta na h-Alba ann an Dun-Èideann, a’ libhrigeadh Òraid Chanaigh na bliadhna fon tiotal ‘Iain Latharna à Canna: túsaire agus deasbair’. Bidh an òraid ann am Beurla.

Supported by The Gaelic Texts Society

Word
WORDs &... Writers: Abir Muckerjee

4.30pm – 5.30pm | £3/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Book signing: 5.30pm, May Tent – King’s Lawn

Abir Mukherjee grew up in Hamilton, in a family rich in the stories and perspectives of Bengal, and is author of the Sam Wyndham series of crime novels (A Rising Man, A Necessary Evil), set in Calcutta under the British Raj. Through the adventures of police detective Captain Wyndham and his sharp-witted Indian Sergeant Surendranath ‘Surrender-Not’ Banerjee, Mukherjee is able to explore the complex relationships between the two cultures he so deeply comprehends. Join him to mark the paperback launch of his latest, eagerly-received novel, Smoke and Ashes, and perhaps hear more about his forthcoming work, Death in the East.

Discover/Science, Health & Wellbeing
Age Related Sarcasm

5.00pm – 6.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Younger and older adults differ in performance on a range of social cognitive skills, with older adults having difficulties in decoding nonverbal cues to emotion and intentions. This presentation, discusses recent research on age-related differences in the production and comprehension of sarcastic statements, and how it is associated with the age-related differences in decoding non-verbal cues, such as picking up affective cues from faces, voices and gestures.
**Saturday 25 May**

**CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE/VISION**

*Enlightenment in a Smart City*

5.00pm – 6.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

*Book signing: 6.00pm, May Tent – King’s Lawn*

This year the RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce) are focusing conversations on the past, present and future of the enlightenment. RSA Fellowship Councilor Neil McLennan will give an overview of RSA work. Following this Professor Murray Pittock FRSE (Pro-Vice Principal, University of Glasgow) will discuss ‘Enlightened Cities’. His new book uses data and models provided by urban innovation and Smart City theory to pinpoint distinctive features that made Enlightenment in the Scottish capital possible.

*Supported by RSA Scotland*

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**MUSIC/SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING**

*Entanglement! An Entropic Tale*

5.00pm – 6.30pm | £3/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Main Hall, Butchart Building, University Road, AB24 3UT

Brought to you by Infinite Opera and based on current concepts from physics, this opera is a cosmic exploration of relationships, life and death, creation and destruction.

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**WORD/CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE**

*Writing Scotland from the Inside: North East Voices*

6.00pm – 7.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Blackwell’s Bookshop, 99 High Street, AB24 3EN

*Book Signing: 7.00pm, Blackwell’s Bookshop*

Humour, wisdom, myth and mystery. Jyne Saltire Award winner, **Eleanor Thom** (The Tin-Kin), **Patsy Whyte** (No Easy Road), and **Bob Knight** (Faery Trails and Traveller Tales) tae hae a jaunt roon the North-East throu prize-winnin writing, touchin on hame, famaily, local legend an story, alang wi a bit o the supernatural.

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**WORD/MUSIC**

*WORDs &… Music: Somethings Old, Somethings New*

Liz Lochhead with Steve Kettley

7.00pm – 8.45pm | £10 (£8)/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Auditorium, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

*Book Signing: 8.45pm, James MacKay Hall – King’s College Conference Centre*

The former National Poet of Scotland in theatrical mode. Out-loud performance poetry and favourites from her comical in-character monologues, with saxophone improvisations ranging from the soulful to the silly. There will be a short interval during the performance.

*In association with Interesting Music Promotions*
New Writing and 10th Anniversary Launch of Causeway Magazine

10.00am – 11.00am | FREE/No Booking Required | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

This year sees the 10th anniversary of literary magazine Causeway/Cabshair, which publishes new work in all the languages of Scotland. This May Festival edition also contains new pieces by some of the well-known writers appearing at WORD events throughout 2019. Join co-editor Adam Kealley, and writers of the University’s Creative Writing PhD programme to celebrate this landmark issue with readings of their work and some highlights from the magazine.

History of Seaton Park Tour

10.00am – 11.30am | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: Seaton Park entrance by St Machar Cathedral, The Chanonry, AB24 1RQ

Join Dr Chris Croly to explore the history of Seaton Park. From prehistoric remains to the Second World War there is a lot to cover in this beautiful corner of Aberdeen.

Clarsach Workshop with Savourna Stevenson

10.00am – 3.00pm | £20 (£12)/Booking Required via: nesclarsach@gmail.com
MR055, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen

Clarsach virtuoso Savourna Stevenson is leading a one-day workshop for mixed-ability harp-players run by Scottish Culture & Traditions Association and The North East Scotland Clarsach Society. Registration ahead of the workshop will start at 9.30am. Concession rate available for N.E.S. Clarsach & SC&T members.

Crafts at the Camp

11.00am – 11.30am | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | Traveller Encampment – King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

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DISCOVER
It’s a Trap! Could Non-Technical Skills Save the Rebel Alliance?

11.00am – 12.00pm  |  FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Multimedia Room, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Non-technical skills such as situation awareness and teamwork are a force for safety, helping workers to manage risks, spot traps and avoid danger. Come along to this Star Wars themed workshop to hear the Applied Psychology and Human Factors team talk about non-technical skills. Learn to identify examples of these skills in a bingo style game using Star Wars movie clips and compete to win the status of Jedi Non-Technical Skills Master!

DISCOVER/SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING
Fantastic Microbes and Where to Find Them

11.00am – 12.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required
Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

At about 3.5 billion years old, bacteria are one of the oldest living organisms on earth. Are you excited to learn why microbes are important? Do you know how superbugs are formed? How can ants kill superbugs? Our gut contains trillions of bacteria. Learn about the myriad ‘beneficial’ bacteria which keep our gut ticking! Did you know that half our body is not our own, as we harbour as many microbes as we have cells?

WORD
WORDs &… War: Remembering the Iolaire with Donald S. Murray and Anne Frater

11.00am – 12.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required
Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen
Book signing: 12.00pm, May Tent – King’s Lawn

To mark the centenary of the tragic loss of the Iolaire within sight of Stornoway Harbour in 1919, join poet Donald S. Murray, whose debut novel While the Women Were Sleeping commemorates these events, Gaelic poet Anne Frater and Lewis piper Martin Macdonald. Poems will be read in Gaelic and English.

DISCOVER/CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE
Chapel Service: What Does it Mean to Have a Friend Like Jesus?

11.00am – 12.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required
King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

Jesus gave us a model for friendship and two thousand years later we are still exploring and trying to learn what it means to live that out. This sermon takes elements from research into joy and disability and experiences from the University of Aberdeen Friendship House to tease out what Jesus might have hoped for us to learn with regard to friendship and care for others who are different from us. The King’s College Chapel Choir will be performing at the service.
CULTURE HISTORY & HERITAGE / TOURS

A Nawken Trail of Aberdeen

11.00am – 12.00pm  |  FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: Marischal College, Broad Street, AB10 1AB

Led by Rhona Ramsay, this special one-hour walk around Aberdeen city centre will explore the Nawkens (Scottish Gypsy/Travellers) in the cityscape of Aberdeen and tackle their perceived invisibility. The trail is based around the lives of Nawkens past and present, including storyteller and son of Aberdeen, Stanley Robertson, who died ten years ago this year. Author Bob Knight will join in along the way; you will be able to buy a signed copy of his book Faery Trails and Traveller Tales at the end.

WORD / CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE

Writing Poetry with Jo Gilbert

11.00am – 12.30pm  |  FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
MR028 – MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen

Join local spoken word artist and writer Jo Gilbert who writes contemporary poetry in both English and Doric as well as poetry for performance and poetry slams. Come along and learn to write the poem you always wanted to.

SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING / SPORT

Energy In, Versus Energy Out For Weight Control: How Much Energy Can You Burn?

11.30am – 12.30pm  |  FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Sports Studio – Aberdeen Sports Village, Linksfield Road, AB24 5RU

This event will be an interactive workshop based around energy balance and body weight regulation. There will be a presentation, interactive activities to estimate your energy expenditure and an active ‘wear it off’ activity where you can take part or cheer others on while they work out how long it would take to ride/walk or run off their favorite foods. All are encouraged to take part regardless of fitness level.

DISCOVER / SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING

Ah! The Element of Surprise

12.00pm – 1.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  New King’s 10, University of Aberdeen

2019 is the International Year of the Periodic Table. Come and listen to members of the University’s chemistry department who will take a light hearted and varied approach to present to you their favourite elements. They will look at the history, discovery, development, uses and importance of the elements, and also discuss why they are their favourites – with some current research thrown in.
Sunday 26 May

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE / VISION

Kelpies Stilt Walkers

12.00pm – 3.00pm | FREE / No Booking Required / Drop-In | King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Scots and Gaelic speaking Kelpie Riders will wield their ancient magic and keep these beautiful but fearsome creatures under child friendly control as they roam the campus. If you’re lucky, you might even snatch a #KelpieSelfie and live to tell the tale.

Tha Féis Obair Dheathain toilichte gu bheil dìthis de na h-Eich-Uisge as fheàrr ann an Alba a’ tighinn a’ chèilidh air am Féis – Feuch #Fèineag a fhaighinn còmhla riutha ach na innis do na h-Eich-Uisge nach eil cead aca clann a ithe.

SPORT

Diving Taster Session

12.15pm – 1.15pm | FREE / Booking Required via: info@aberdeensportsvillage.com or 01224 438900 | Aquatics Centre, Aberdeen Sports Village, Regent Walk, AB24 1SX

With world class diving facilities on offer, our diving taster session offers opportunities for all ages and abilities, to try out diving and develop their skills in an encouraging and motivating environment. This session is open to all children 8 years+ and adults who can swim 10m competently, unaided in deep water.

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE

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WORD / CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE

The Toulmin Prize: A Celebration of North-East Writing

12.30pm – 1.30pm | FREE / No Booking Required | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Here ye’ll fin poetry an story readings, a short appreciation o the North East tongue fae Professor Steve Murdoch o St Andrew’s Varsity. We’ll gie oot the 11th Toulmin Prize fer short story scrievin, caad in honour o the weel-kent scriever, David Toulmin, an the winnin story will be read bi weel-kent makar Sheena Blackhall. Hostit bi Alison Sharman o the Elphinstone Institute an featurin Professor Paul Dukes, a close freen o David Toulmin.

Enjoy poetry and story readings, a short appreciation of North East language from Professor Steve Murdoch of St Andrew’s University. We will award the 11th Toulmin Prize for short story writing, named in honour of the well-known North-East writer, David Toulmin, and the winning story will be read by well-known makar Sheena Blackhall. Hosted by Alison Sharman of the Elphinstone Institute and featuring Professor Paul Dukes, a close friend of David Toulmin.
**Main Programme**

**Sunday 26 May**

**Word**

**WORDS &... Wilderness: Malachy Tallack and Gregory Norminton**

12.30pm – 1.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Book Signing: 1.30pm, May Tent – King’s Lawn

Award-winning novelist, singer-songwriter, editor and essayist, **Malachy Tallack**’s work includes *Sixty Degrees North, Outriders* and *The Un-discovered Islands*. His latest novel, *The Valley at the Centre of the World*, explores love, grief, family, inheritance, tradition and rapid change in a Shetland coastal community. **Gregory Norminton** writes novels, radio plays, aphorisms and ‘rants’: *The Ship of Fools, The Lost Art of Losing* and *The Ghost Who Bled*. His latest, *The Devil’s Highway*, gives the reader three interwoven stories spanning three thousand years — an epic, eco-apocalyptic tale of love, loss, fanaticism, heroism and sacrifice, that questions our whole relation to the natural world and how ‘civilised’ we really are.

**Music**

**Any Enemy**

1.00pm – 2.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Arts Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

A lunchtime concert by this new music ensemble, which includes students and staff from the University’s Music department. Featuring music by various UK composers including Howard Jones, Naomi Pinnock and Amoret Abis.

**Culture History & Heritage / Music**

**Families, Feuds and Folk Song: The Baron o Brackley**

1.00pm – 2.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

Hear the beauty o the aul sangs an foo relevant they are theday, in the gran settin o King’s College Chapel. This sang set bi North East makar **Les Wheeler** tells o the bluidy seventeenth-century feud atween the Gordons an Farquharsons, as teilt in the ballad *The Baron o Brackley*. Featurin North East risin star, **Ellie Beaton**, an a w ird fae Elphinstone Institute Director an ballad specialist, **Thomas A. McKean**, on the North East’s muckle status in world sang history. Conducted bi **Gordon Hay**, wi choir, fiddle, piano, an flute.

We’ll hear the beauty of old traditions and their relevance for today, in sparkling harmonies sung in the grand setting of King’s College Chapel. This song sequence by North East poet **Les Wheeler** tells of the bloody seventeenth-century feud between the Gordons and Farquharsons, described in the ballad *The Baron o Brackley*. Featuring North East rising star, **Ellie Beaton**, and an introduction from Elphinstone Institute Director and ballad specialist **Thomas A. McKean**, on the North East’s crucial place in world song history. Conducted by **Gordon Hay**, with choir, fiddle, piano, and flute.

**Discover / Science, Health & Wellbeing**

**Genetic Information: Fact or Fiction?**

1.00pm – 2.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

One often reads that DNA carries genetic information. This idea emerged at least as early as 1953, with Francis Crick and James Watson’s double helix structure of DNA. But what exactly is genetic information? Is it a real property of genes or is it just a metaphor? The lecture shows how historical and philosophical research can shed light on this question. Find out how humanities research works in practice!
**CULTURE HISTORY & HERITAGE / TOURS**

**History of Seaton Park Tour**

1.00pm – 2.30pm  | FREE/Booking Required at [www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival)
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**CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE**

**How to Fall into Poetry in Less than a Year**

2.00pm – 3.00pm  | FREE/No Booking Required  | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

North East poet an scriever Jo Gilbert spiks aboot an reads a puckle o her poems. Her work is influenced bi her North East identity an shines a licht intil the dark airts o life, giein a vyce tae those fa’s vyces are rarely heard.

Local poet and writer Jo Gilbert talks about her poetic journey so far and reads some of her poetry. Her work is influenced by the North East and shines a light into the dark corners of life and gives a voice to those who are rarely heard.

**WORD**

**WORDS &… Wilderness: Nan Shepherd — from Flaneur to Fiver**

2.00pm – 3.00pm  | FREE/No Booking Required  | Multimedia Room, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Erlend Clouston, Nan’s friend and joint literary executor, takes a sideways look at her life and astonishing posthumous celebrity. The event will see the launch of the new Nan Shepherd Prize for Creative Writing (for writers aged 16–18).

**WORD**

**WORDS &… Music: Turning Stories into Songs Workshop with Claire White**

2.00pm – 4.00pm  | FREE/Booking Required at [www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival)  | MR028 – MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen

Shetland fiddler and singer-songwriter Claire White is adept at turning a wide variety of narratives into haunting and memorable songs, as shown by her latest CD, *Lasses Trust in Providence* (2019), with guitarist Robbie Leask.

Join Claire to find out how the stories that fascinate you can be transformed and set to music.

*Supported by Scottish Culture & Traditions Association, Aberdeen*
MUSIC
Aberdeen University Jazz Orchestra

2.30pm – 4.30pm (Doors Open 2pm) | £5 On The Door/Students & Under 16s FREE/No Booking Required
Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, AB25 1BU

Bring your friends and family along to hear the mighty AUJO perform a varied programme from classic jazz to brand new contemporary big band pieces, paying tribute to jazz legends such as Charles Mingus and Pat Metheny. Don't miss this chance to hear some of Scotland’s finest young instrumentalists and vocalists showcase a huge amount of talent and improvisational skill in this iconic jazz club venue.

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE/TOURS
King’s College Chapel Tour

3.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

Standing at the centre of the King’s College, the Chapel serves as a constant reminder of the University’s foundations in 1495. Its architecture recalls the University’s history, including the Chapel’s Crown Tower, one of only two crown towers in Scotland. The revised edition of King’s College Chapel, edited by Jane Geddes and containing several new discoveries, will be available for purchase after the tour, and can be signed by the author if requested.

DISCOVER/SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING
Pioneering Women – Aberdeen’s First Female Medical Graduates

3.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Regent Lecture Theatre, University of Aberdeen

Claire Repper and Rosannah Jackson, third year medical students, will share their research on the stories of our first female medical graduates and consider how they resonate today. With contributions from Dr Marion White of Aberdeen Medico-Chirurgical Society, Dr Bob Clarke a GP and relative of the second graduate and Sheena Blackhall, well-known local writer, who will read a poem inspired by these pioneering women.

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE
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WORD
WORDs &… Wilderness: Nan Shepherd – The Living Cairngorms

3.30pm – 4.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Multimedia Room, King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Join photographer Anke Addy for an illustrated talk inspired by Nan Shepherd’s The Living Mountain.

The photographic presentation follows the book’s chapters Plateaux, Air & Light, Water, Snow & Ice, Plants, Birds and Mammals, woven together with quotations.
Sunday 26 May

DISCOVER/SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING

Understanding the Self: A Functional Psychology Perspective

3.30pm – 4.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

This talk takes a functional perspective on understanding the self – what is it, what does it do, what is it for? Find out how psychology research has attempted to answer these questions, and what we have learned about how the self-impacts on cognition and behaviour, and how we can benefit from the cognitive biases it elicits. This talk is the Annual Public Lecture for the Leverhulme Project What’s So Special about First-Person Thought?

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE

Voices from the Road

3.30pm – 4.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Fit like is it tae be a young Scottish Traveller theday? Jyne activist David Donaldson tae ow erturn stereotypes bi learning mair fea Travellers themselves. Three young fowk fae the Gypsy Traveller Youth Assembly o Scotland will share insights fae their life in Scotland theday, explorin their ain experiences, their wey o life as weel’s their interactions wi ither Travellers and settled fowk.

What is it like to be a young Scottish Traveller today? Join activist David Donaldson to help challenge stereotypes by learning more from young Travellers themselves. Three young people who are part of the Gypsy Traveller Youth Assembly of Scotland will share insights from their life in Scotland today, exploring their own experiences, their way of life as well as their interactions with other Travellers and with the settled community.

DISCOVER/SCIENCE, HEALTH & WELLBEING

Symmetry in Life, Science and Art

3.30pm – 4.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required | New King’s 10, University of Aberdeen

Symmetry is all around us – in snowflakes, in the prints of Escher, in the algorithms used to encrypt our credit card details on the internet. Professor Ben Martin will explain how mathematics helps us to unlock the secrets of symmetry and solve real-world problems.

WORD

Double Book Launch with John Bolland and Helen Steadman

4.00pm – 5.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Blackwell’s Bookshop, 99 High Street, AB24 3EN

Book signing: 5.00pm, Blackwell’s Bookshop


Helen Steadman follows Widdershins, her gripping account of Scottish Witch-finder John Sharpe in the seventeenth-century Newcastle witch trials, with Sunwise, which traces his erstwhile victim, herbal healer Jane Chandler, as she tries to elude Sharpe in his continuing quest for vengeance.
Rap in Aberdeen: Identity, Representation & Expression

A lively blether wi twa o Aberdeen's maist-respectit rappers aboot the scene an creative life in the toun, wi live rappin. Jackill is a SAMA-nominated rapper fa his performed at mony weel-kent festivals an has recorded wi high-profile artists includin SAY-nominated Best Girl Athlete. Ransom FA's videos hae been seen bi hunners o thousands o fowk on YouTube, leadin tae him performin aa ower the UK an furth as weel.

Join award winning author and film maker, Damien Le Bas, on a journey from Scotland to Kent and many places in between, to explore what it means to be a Romany Gypsy today. The film, Searching for the Travelling People, has been a huge hit at various festivals and its lyrical and keenly researched follow-on book, Stopping Places, has been Radio 4's Book of the Week and winner of the Royal Society of Literature's Jerwood Award.

A Nawken Trail of Aberdeen

Led by Rhona Ramsay, this oor-lang waak o the city centre will tell the story o the Nawkens (Scottish Gypsy/Travellers) in the cityscape o Aberdeen an tackle their perceived invisibility. The trail is based around the lives o Nawkens past an present, includin storyteller an son o Aberdeen, Stanley Robertson, fa died ten year syne.

BOOK ONLINE: www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
WORD/MUSIC

WORDs &... Music: Pete Stollery and Martin Malone

5.30pm – 6.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Electronic music composer Pete Stollery is joined by poet Martin Malone to discuss creating a new work in words and sounds, with help from printmaker, Bryan Angus. Witness the start of an exciting collaboration, learn how the creative process works and contribute to it in this informal exchange of ideas. The final piece will be performed at May Festival 2020.

Supported by WORD Centre for Creative Writing in association with SOUND Festival

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE/MUSIC

Sangs at the Camp

6.00pm – 7.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | Traveller Encampment – King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Come in an jyne in wi stories an sangs as they were meant tae be heard, at the Traveller Encampment. Onybody can jyne in – bring a sang, a story, or jist enjoy the crack.

Come and share stories and songs as they were meant to be heard, at the Traveller Encampment. All are welcome to come and join the singing, storytelling, music, and craic.

WORD/MUSIC

Arrest This Moment: Remembering Michael Marra with James Robertson and Friends

7.30pm – 9.00pm (Doors Open 7pm) | £3 On The Door/No Booking Required | Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, AB25 1BU

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In association with Interesting Music Promotions

WORD/MUSIC

WORDs &... Music & Dance: Youth Music Collective, Rap & Step-Dance

9.00pm – 10.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, AB25 1BU

Performances by musicians from the Youth Music Collective, Scottish Culture & Traditions and Friends. There will also be performances by Step-dancers from Feerochie (Aberdeen) and Sound of Dance (Glasgow), including their newly created Rap-Step piece with rap-artist Jackill.

Sponsored by Scottish Culture & Traditions Association, Aberdeen
**Monday 20 May**

**DISCOVER / SCIENCE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

*Café MED – Live Well with Arthritis*

6.00pm – 7.30pm  |  FREE / No Booking Required  |  Suttie Centre Café, Foresterhill, AB25 2ZD

Nearly one in three people in Scotland live with a condition like osteoarthritis or chronic back pain, which often significantly impacts on quality of life. Come and hear the latest scientific evidence around the best treatments and symptom management.

**Tuesday 21 May**

**WORD**

*Re-Analogue @ Blue Lamp*

8.00pm – 11.00pm (Doors Open 7.30pm)  |  £3 On The Door / No Booking Required  |  Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, AB25 1BU

An evening of Creative Writing, including performers from Aberdeen University Creative Writing Society, Masters students from the Creative Writing programme, and writers from the Creative Writing department, Helen Lynch, Martin Malone and Wayne Price.

Event curated by North East arts collective Re-Analogue

**Wednesday 22 May**

**DISCOVER / SCIENCE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

*Café Scientifique – Is Exercise Bad for our Joints?*

7.00pm – 8.45pm  |  FREE / No Booking Required  |  Kino Bar, Belmont Filmhouse, AB10 1JS

The belief that exercise may harm knee joint structures is still common among people with knee osteoarthritis. Come along to find out what the evidence is for exercise in osteoarthritis.

**Thursday 23 May**

**WORD**

*WORD @ Waterstones: Sara Baume*

6.00pm – 7.00pm  |  £3 / Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival  |  Waterstones, Bon Accord Centre, AB25 1HZ

Join multi-award-winning novelist and short-story writer Sara Baume for readings and discussion. Following her acclaimed debut, Spill Simmer Falter Wither, her latest novel, A Line Made by Walking, explores human frailty and the connections between wilderness, art and individual experience as young artist Frankie searches for meaning and healing in rural Ireland. A book signing will follow.
**WORDs &... Ither Wirds: Shane Strachan & Sheena Blackhall**

**7.30pm – 8.30pm (Doors Open 7pm) | FREE/No Booking Required | Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, AB25 1BU**

Hear readings from two vibrant North East writers. Talented, prolific and much-loved, **Sheena Blackhall** writes poetry, stories and ballads in North East Scots and English. Aberdeen Makar since 2009, she has recently translated *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, *Of Mice and Men*, and *Jane Eyre* into Doric. **Shane Strachan** regularly entertains audiences with short stories, his Doric comic novel *Quines at Sea* and drama *The Shelter*, inspired by Aberdeen bus-shelters. Shane's recent work includes *Nevertheless*, stories about Muriel Spark's time in Aberdeen's twin-city Bulawayo, and contributions to LGBTQ anthology *We Were Always Here*.

**WORDs &... Music: Steve Kettley & Savourna Stevenson**

**8.45pm – 9.45pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, AB25 1BU**

Clarsach virtuoso **Savourna Stevenson** joins forces with old friend and saxophonist **Steve Kettley** in a new duo showcasing her compositions – a blend of haunting melodies, pulsating rhythms and stirring improvisations. Savourna is known for breaking stylistic barriers while maintaining her Scottish roots and has collaborated with Aly Bain, Eddi Reader and Toumani Diabate.

*In association with Interesting Music Promotions*

**WORDs &... Tunes: Late SC&T Session**

**10.00pm – 11.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, AB25 1BU**

Join musicians from Scottish Culture & Traditions Association for an informal evening of cracking tunes and songs in the convivial atmosphere of The Blue Lamp. Musicians/singers and non-musicians equally welcome.

*Supported by Scottish Culture & Traditions Association*
Saturday 25 May

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE / TOURS

Invisible Women Walking Tour

11.00am – 12.30pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  Meeting Point: Mercat Cross, Castlegate, AB11 5HP

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CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE / MUSIC

Celebrate Chez Schedel!

3.00pm – 4.00pm  |  FREE/No Booking Required  |  St Mary’s Chapel at St Nicholas Kirk, St Nicholas Street, AB10 1JZ

Join in the celebration with late-mediaeval music, dancing, and party food. It’s 1466 AD in Nuremberg, Germany, and the student Hartmann Schedel has finished University. Now, he’s celebrating his return home with his friends. He’s brought along his big ‘Song Book’, in which he has collected popular tunes from all over Europe.

Sunday 26 May

MUSIC

Aberdeen University Jazz Orchestra

2.30pm – 4.30pm (Doors Open 2pm)  |  £5 On The Door/Students & Under 16s FREE/No Booking Required  |  Blue Lamp, 121 Gallowgate, AB25 1BU

Bring your friends and family along to hear the mighty AUJO perform a varied programme from classic jazz to brand new contemporary big band pieces, paying tribute to jazz legends such as Charles Mingus and Pat Metheny. Don’t miss this chance to hear some of Scotland’s finest young instrumentalists and vocalists showcase a huge amount of talent and improvisational skill in this iconic jazz club venue.

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A new and exciting initiative, **MayFest Community** will see events take place out in the community.

Powis Community Centre and Tillydrone Church will become official venues during this year’s Festival, hosting several free events for the community to enjoy.

Working in partnership with individuals and committees at both venues, we will see traditional musicians, storytellers, children’s authors, choirs, science operas, dance and local playwrights perform in these locations over the MayFest weekend.

The MayFest Community programme is taking place in an effort to widen access to the Festival as well as underlining a commitment by the University of Aberdeen and the Festival organising committee to fulfil the foundational statement that the University is ‘Open to All.’

We look forward to working with our partners in both communities at Powis and Tillydrone, creating an exciting and accessible series of events for everyone to enjoy!

**Fun Community Based Events**

When: Thursday/Friday 3.00pm – 5.00pm, Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm

Where: Powis Community Centre, 11 Powis Circle, AB24 3YX and Tillydrone Church, Hayton Road, AB24 2RN

- Play some instruments at a fun music workshop
- Hear some Polish & Traditional Scottish songs
- Children’s storytelling and chat to the authors
- Tour round the Cruickshank Botanic Garden and Old Aberdeen
- Be entertained by a unique and interesting science themed Opera
- Drop-In and learn some Doric phrases
- And much more!

See the full programme at [www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival)

And look out for leaflets and posters in the Powis and Tillydrone areas!

Supported by Aberdeen City Council, SC&I, Powis Community Centre and Tillydrone Church
ENVIRONMENT/TOURS

Cruickshank Botanic Garden Tour

Tour Timings: 9.00am - 10.30am, 11.00am – 12.30pm, 1.30pm – 3.00pm  
FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: Cruickshank Botanic Garden Courtyard, St Machar Drive, AB24 3UU

Join Mark Paterson, Curator of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden, for a tour of the UK’s most northerly botanic garden. The 11 acre property has over 2,500 species grown in picturesque settings, including an arboretum, a sunken garden and a stunning herbaceous border. Please note some locations on this tour are not accessible by wheelchair.

ENVIRONMENT/TOURS

Carbon Capture: Are Trees Mankind’s Best Friend?

3.30pm – 4.30pm  
FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: Cruickshank Botanic Garden Courtyard, St Machar Drive, AB24 3UU

Join student Peter Rydzkowski for an interactive presentation in the grounds of Cruickshank Botanic Garden to explore the purpose, importance and complexity of growing trees as a means of carbon capture. Peter will highlight the origins of human carbon emissions and discuss some solutions and beneficial practices being carried out at an international, national and regional level.

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE/TOURS

King’s College Chapel Tour

9.30am – 10.30am  
FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: King’s College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

Standing at the centre of King’s College, the Chapel serves as a constant reminder of the University’s foundations in 1495. Its architecture recalls the University’s history, including the Chapel’s Crown Tower, one of only two crown towers in Scotland. The revised edition of the book ‘King’s College Chapel’, edited by Jane Geddes and containing several new discoveries, will be available for purchase after the tour, and can be signed by the author if requested.

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE/TOURS

Scot Free Tour of Old Aberdeen

Tour Timings: 10.00am – 11.00am, 12.00pm – 1.00pm, 2.00pm – 3.00pm  
FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: Outside King’s Museum, Old Aberdeen Town House, High Street, AB24 3EN

For over five hundred years, Old Aberdeen has been one of the great centres of learning in Scotland. Discover Aberdeen’s most important writers, philosophers, scientists, warriors and inventors on this tour of Old Aberdeen and King’s College campus. Explore the hidden history, secret places and forgotten figures of Old Aberdeen with Scot Free Tours.
Tours

SPORT/TOURS

Aberdeen Sports Village Tour

Tour Timings: 10.00am – 11.00am, 12.00pm – 1.00pm, 3.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: Aquatics Centre Reception, Aberdeen Sports Village, Regent Walk

Join us for a tour of our premier sport and exercise facility, which hosts an array of world class sporting facilities both indoor and outdoor that cater for the needs of everyone from recreational exerciser to elite athlete.

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Sunday 26 May

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE/TOURS

History of Seaton Park Tour

Tour Timings: 10.00am – 11.30am, 1.00pm – 2.30pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: Seaton Park entrance by St Machar Cathedral, The Chanonry, AB24 1RQ

Join Dr Chris Croly to explore the history of Seaton Park. From prehistoric remains to the Second World War there is a lot to cover in this beautiful corner of Aberdeen.

CULTURE, HISTORY & HERITAGE/TOURS

A Nawken Trail of Aberdeen

Tour Timings: 11.00am – 12.00pm, 5.00pm – 6.00pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
Meeting Point: Marischal College, Broad Street, AB10 1AB

Led by Rhona Ramsay, this special one-hour walk around Aberdeen city centre will explore the Nawkins (Scottish Gypsy/Travellers) in the cityscape of Aberdeen and tackle the perceived invisibility of these populations. The trail is based around the lives of Nawkins past and present, including storyteller and son of Aberdeen, Stanley Robertson, who died ten years ago this year. Author Bob Knight will join in along the way; you will be able to buy a signed copy of his book Faery Trails and Traveller Tales at the end.

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**Exhibitions**

**Substance to Style: Traditional Arts of East Asia**
Open Until: **22 August 2019**  |  Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat: 10am – 5pm, Thurs: 10am – 7pm, Sun: 11am – 4pm  |  FREE/Drop-In
The Gallery, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

This contemplative exhibition explores the materials used in art crafted across East Asia and how materials like silk, ivory, bronze and porcelain have been used. The exhibition showcases some of the impressive pieces from the University's collections from China and Japan, alongside loans from the National Museums Scotland and interactive activities for visitors of all ages.

*Organised in partnership with National Museums Scotland. Supported by The National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund.*

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**Explore the History and Culture of Qatar**
Open: **Friday 24, Saturday 25, Sunday 26**  |  11.00am – 4.00pm  |  FREE/Drop-In
May Tent – King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Qatar’s history goes back to nearly four thousand years BC, and recently there has been a concerted effort to promote and celebrate the culture and heritage of the country. This is not simply an exercise in creating tourist attractions, but a heartfelt desire by Qataris to reconnect with their past. Visit the exhibition to find out more about the Qatar National Vision 2030 development plan which aims to, “transform Qatar into an advanced society capable of achieving sustainable development” and providing a high standard of living for all citizens by the year 2030.

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**Images of Research**
Open: **Friday 24, Saturday 25, Sunday 26**  |  11.00am – 4.00pm  |  FREE/Drop-In
James MacKay Hall – King’s College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

A unique display of the breadth and quality of research undertaken by doctoral researchers at the University of Aberdeen and allows those who take part an opportunity to think about their research in a new and visual way.

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**GWW Young Filmmakers Exhibition**
The **George Washington Wilson Centre for Visual Culture** is proud to present an exhibition of short films produced by local teenage filmmakers who, under the guidance of a workshop instructor, each devised, planned, created and edited a short film in only 8 days. Check out the plasma screen on display in the **May Tent** on the King’s Lawn to experience the future of film.

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Substance to Style
TRADITIONAL ARTS OF EAST ASIA

18 March to 22 August 2019
The Gallery, Sir Duncan Rice Library

www.abdn.ac.uk/museums
www.abdn.ac.uk/special-collections
Stalls

Visit these fascinating and interactive stalls in the May Tent on the King’s Lawn throughout the May Fest weekend

Current Research on Chronic Pain

**Friday 24, 10.00am – 4.00pm**
Visit our life-size skeleton highlighting 18-tenderpoint areas for chronic pain, and complete an activity which will simulate common symptoms of fibromyalgia.

Virtual Hospital Ward

**Friday 24 & Saturday 25, 11.00am – 4.00pm**
Experience how we are preparing future doctors for their challenging work in hospitals. Put on a virtual reality headset and test how you would perform in a hospital environment.

Research Awareness NHS Grampian

**Friday 24 & Sunday 26, 10.00am – 4.00pm**
Learn more about why we do medical research and what being a research participant is like.

University of Aberdeen Souvenir Booklet: *The Mindful University*

**Friday 24, Saturday 25 & Sunday 26, 12.00pm – 2.00pm**
Pop in and pick up a copy this beautifully illustrated campus guide which includes a set of mindful colouring exercises for only £3.00, with all profits going to the **Charlie House Big Build** project.

North East Scotland: History, Landscape, Culture and Economy

**Saturday 25 & Sunday 26, 11.00am – 4.00pm**
Join us to learn about the unique history, landscape, culture and economy of North East Scotland.
Children’s Programme

Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 May 2019

Come and join the Mayhem!

The Children’s Programme offers a range of fun and interactive events for all of the family to enjoy.

BOOK ONLINE: www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times. When booking tickets, please book individual tickets for all children and adults attending the event.

The Children’s Programme is supported by a generous donation from CNOOC International
Children’s Programme

Saturday 25 May

Crafts at the Camp
11.00am – 11.30am | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
Traveller Encampment – King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Come and see traditional crafters at work at the Traveller Encampment. Crafts include basket-making, penny flower-making and clothes peg-making.

Thinking Together: Philosophy Workshop
11.00am – 11.45am | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Ages 5+
Room 707 – Level 7, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

It’s never too early to start doing philosophy. What makes me who I am? What’s fair? Is the hole of a doughnut a ‘thing’? If you’ve ever asked yourself these or similar questions, then this event is for you.

Chinese Dance Workshop
11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | All Ages
Room 224 – Level 2, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

Dance is an important part of Chinese culture and the Chopsticks Dance is often seen at festivities and celebrations. All abilities are welcome to this fun and practical workshop to learn a traditional Chinese chopsticks dance. The Confucius Institute and Niu Xiaolin of RedPhoenix Dance regularly demonstrate traditional Chinese dance culture throughout the North East.

Small But Mighty!
11.00am – 12.00pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Ages 8+
Room 706 – Level 7, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

You don’t have to be a grown up (or even a human!) to make a difference, change the course of history or leave the world a better place. American children’s book author Kimberlie Hamilton will lead an interactive storytelling session based on her books Rebel Cats! Brave Tales of Feisty Felines, and Rebel Dogs! Heroic Tails of Trusty Hounds.

May Play!
11.00am – 4.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
Ground Floor Event Space – The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

Come along, for a fun filled day of play inspired by the arts, crafts and traditions of East Asia. Organised by students working with the University’s Museums and Special Collections.

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Calligraphy and Crafts
11.00am – 4.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
Ground Floor Event Space – The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen
Come and try your hand at some fun Chinese arts & crafts such as calligraphy which is the ancient art of Chinese writing. Make a decorative Chinese knot, which are often used for celebrations and considered lucky. Or try paper crafts which are very popular in China, and take home a mini paper lantern.

Pop-Up Planetarium
12.00pm – 12.30pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Ages 5+
Ground Floor – The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen
Take a journey through space and time in this truly interactive and immersive experience. The pop-up planetarium by TechFest and the Astronomical Society, offers an out-of-this-world adventure not to be missed.

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Chinese Stories: The Gruffalo
12.00pm – 1.00pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Ages 0-5
Room 707 – Level 7, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen
Join us for some Chinese music and stories as we learn about the traditional Chinese folk tale that inspired The Gruffalo. You don’t have to be a Chinese speaker to attend this fun and interactive session.

Zoology Museum Open Day
12.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
Zoology Museum – Zoology Building, Tillydrone Avenue
Calling all adventurers! Come and view the largest international collection of zoological specimens in the North of Scotland. Highlights on display include a stuffed Bengal tiger, great ape skeletons, and whale skeletons.

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Festival Face Painter
12.00pm – 4.00pm | £1.50 per child/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
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Enchanting tales for adults and children from some of Scotland’s best storytellers such as Essie Stewart and Bob Knight, told in the friendly setting of the Traveller Encampment. Hear about heroes and villains, Jack the wise fool, magical creatures, and much more.

Kung Fu Lion & Chinese Dance
1.00pm – 2.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
Outside The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen
Yee’s Hung Ga Kung Fu and Redphoenix Dance are sure to delight audiences of all ages with their colourful and energetic performances. You may also be interested in a visit to Substance to Style: The Traditional Arts of East Asia exhibition inside The Sir Duncan Rice Library.

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Traveller Tile Trail

2.00pm – 3.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
Traveller Encampment – King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Walk a Traveller trail right here on campus to learn more about the history and culture of Scottish Travellers. Scottish Traveller histories are intertwined in trails throughout the country known only to them. As you walk our trail, you’ll hear different experiences, stories or songs that will give you an insight to the Traveller community, its connections with the University’s campus, and the North East in general. Pick up a map from the encampment and enjoy.

Chinese Stories: The Gruffalo

2.00pm – 3.00pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Ages 0-5
Room 707 – Level 7, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

Join us for some Chinese music and stories as we learn about the traditional Chinese folk tale that inspired The Gruffalo. You don’t have to be a Chinese speaker to attend this fun and interactive session.

Pop-Up Planetarium

2.15pm – 2.45pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Ages 5+
Ground Floor – The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

Take a journey through space and time in this truly interactive and immersive experience. The pop-up planetarium by TechFest and the Astronomical Society, offers an out-of-this-world adventure not to be missed.

Crafts at the Camp

3.00pm – 3.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
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**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMME**

**Saturday 25 May**

**Thinking Together: Philosophy Workshop**

3.15pm – 4.00pm | FREE/Booking Required at [www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival) | Ages 8+
Room 707 – Level 7, The Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

It’s never too early to start doing philosophy. What makes me who I am? What’s fair? Is the hole of a doughnut a “thing”? If you’ve ever asked yourself these or similar questions, then this event is for you.

**Stories at the Camp**

4.00pm – 4.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
Traveller Encampment – King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Enchanting tales for adults and children from some of Scotland’s best storytellers such as Essie Stewart and Bob Knight, told in the friendly setting of the Traveller Encampment. Hear about heroes and villains, Jack the wise fool, magical creatures, and much more.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times. When booking tickets, please book individual tickets for all children and adults attending the event.

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**TechFest**

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**Watch out for the TechFest Science Stops!**

As you wander around campus on Saturday be sure to look out for the mobile scientists dressed in white lab coats. They will delight you with fun and interactive facts about the world around you.

Don’t forget to ask them what is in their pockets!
Children’s Programme

Sunday 26 May

Crafts at the Camp
11.00am – 11.30am | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
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Scotty’s Circus Workshop
11.00am – 4.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
Get ready to clown around at Scotty’s Circus workshop. Come along and learn the art of circus entertainment. From plate spinning and juggling, to stilt walking and balancing games; it’s fun for all the family.

Stories at the Camp
11.30am – 12.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
Traveller Encampment – King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen
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Hall of Mayhem
12.00pm – 4.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen
Lots of fun and interactive, hands on stalls for all the family! Shake things up by learning about earthquakes, try your luck at our Chinese inspired games, get your face painted or enjoy the soft play area, plus much more.

Ah! The Element of Surprise
12.00pm – 1.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Ages 8+ | New King’s 10, University of Aberdeen
2019 is the International Year of the Periodic Table. Come and listen to members of the University’s Chemistry Department as they look at the history, discovery, development, uses and importance of the elements in a light hearted and fun way.

Book Online: www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival
**Kelpies Stilt Walkers**
12.00pm – 3.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

Scots & Gaelic speaking Kelpie Riders will wield their ancient magic & keep these beautiful but fearsome creatures under child friendly control as they roam the Campus. If you’re lucky, you might even snatch a #KelpieSelfie and live to tell the tale.

**Crafts at the Camp**
12.30pm – 1.00pm | FREE/No Booking Required/Drop-In | All Ages
Traveller Encampment – King’s Lawn, University of Aberdeen

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**Ceòl agus Spòrs — Music and Fun**
1.00pm – 2.00pm | FREE/Booking Required at [www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival) | Ages 0-5
Drama Studio – Level 6, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen

Join us for some music and fun for wee ones with a Gaelic focus. You don’t have to be a Gaelic speaker to attend this event, so come and learn some new Gaelic words.

*Thigibh cómhlù rinn gus am bì ceòl agus fealla-dhà againn am measg an fheadhainn bheaga, le Gàidhlig aig cridhe ar cleasachd. Chan fhéum Gàidhlig a bhith agaibh airson a bhith nar measg agus cò aig a tha fios nach ionnsaich sìbh facal Gàidhlig no dhà fhad ’s a tha sìbh ann.*

**Thorfinn the Nicest Viking**
1.30pm – 2.30pm | FREE/Booking Required at [www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival) | Ages 6+
New King’s 10, University of Aberdeen
Book Signing: 2.30pm, May Tent – King’s Lawn

Prepare yourself for the wrath of the Norsemen! That is, if you don’t mind and it’s not too inconvenient. Anarchic fun as David Macphail reads from his book series, *Thorfinn the Nicest Viking*, an ale-splashing, meat-ripping, hatchet-in-the-head kind of saga, in a world where manners cost nothing (literally), and politeness pays (usually with your life).
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Fèis Bheag – Wee Fèis
2.30pm – 3.30pm | FREE/Booking Required at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival | Ages 5-8
Drama Studio – Level 6, MacRobert Building, University of Aberdeen

Come along and sing some Gaelic songs, play games and do some fun craft activities. You don’t have to be a Gaelic speaker to attend this event, so come and learn some new Gaelic words.

Nach tig sibh ann airson òran a sheinn, geamaichean a chluich agus beagan ealain fhéachainn. Chan fheum Gàidhlig a bhith agad airson a bhith an lùib an spòrs seo. ‘S ann a dh’ionnsaicheas tu facal ur no dhà anns a’ Ghàidhlig.

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Symmetry in Life, Science and Art
3.30pm – 4.30pm | FREE/No Booking Required | Ages 8+
New King’s 10, University of Aberdeen

Symmetry is all around us – in snowflakes, in the prints of Escher, in the algorithms used to encrypt our credit card details on the internet. Professor Ben Martin will explain how mathematics helps us to unlock the secrets of symmetry and solve real-world problems.
Booking Tickets – Online Only
Tickets will be available to book online from 11.00am Monday 15 April

BOOK ONLINE HERE: www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival

If you do not have access to a computer to book online please call the Information line: 01224 273865 (Mon – Fri, 9am – 5pm)

If you require further information please email us at festival@abdn.ac.uk or call the Information line: 01224 273865 (Mon – Fri, 9am – 5pm)

Information Point – Opening Times
Visit us at the Information Point in the King’s College Conference Centre for help over the May Fest weekend: Friday: 9.30am – 8.00pm, Saturday: 9.30am – 7.00pm, Sunday: 9.30am – 7.00pm

Terms and Conditions
▶ Concession rates are only available if there are 2 prices stated on the event listing (Valid for students, over 60s, under 16s, registered unemployed or registered disabled)
▶ Most events are FREE but some will require booking in advance to guarantee your place
▶ Any wheelchair users planning to attend an event should let us know in advance to ensure suitable seating areas are reserved
▶ All tickets are non-refundable unless the event is cancelled
▶ Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times during the Festival
▶ You may not use audio/video recorders or cameras during any of the events
▶ Please ensure mobile phones are on silent during events
▶ Some events may be filmed or photographed for online viewing, future marketing and archive purposes. If you do not wish to be filmed or photographed at an event, please alert a member of Festival staff before the event starts
Where to Eat @ May Fest – Opening Times

> **May Tent Café – King’s Lawn:** Friday 11.00am – 8.00pm, Saturday 10.00am – 7.00pm, Sunday 10.00am – 6.00pm

> **Street Food Village – Outside Elphinstone Hall:** Friday 11.30am – 8.00pm, Saturday 11.30am – 7.00pm, Sunday 11.30am – 5.00pm

> **Café @ The Sir Duncan Rice Library:** Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm and Saturday 11.00am – 3.30pm

> **Café @ MacRobert Building:** Friday Only – 8.30am – 2.15pm

> **Kilau Coffee – High Street:** Friday – 10.00am – 6.00pm, Saturday – 10.00am – 5.00pm

> **Foodstory Zero – Taylor Building:** Friday Only – 8.45am – 4.15pm

Waterstones @ May Fest – Opening Times

Visit the Waterstones bookshop in the May Tent on the King’s Lawn:

**Friday:** 11.30am – 8.00pm, **Saturday:** 10.00am – 7.00pm, **Sunday:** 10.00am – 6.00pm

Parking on Campus

There will be no parking restrictions in place on campus during the Festival. Visitors may park in any marked bay for free, tickets are not required.

Please note

All details in this programme are correct at the time of going to print. We reserve the right to change events due to unforeseen circumstances. Any changes will be highlighted on the May Fest website: [www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival)

We will also let you know of any changes via the ‘What’s On’ Facebook page. Like our page and keep up date at [www.facebook.com/WhatsOnUoA](http://www.facebook.com/WhatsOnUoA)
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Two years ago, we launched an appeal to raise £4.5 million for the University’s Cancer Research Programme. Incredibly, thanks to the exceptional generosity of so many, we are almost there. A gift from you today will help us reach our target.

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Please support our Cancer Research Programme by donating today at [www.abdn.ac.uk/giving/cancer](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/giving/cancer).

For more information please contact Lisa Chilton on 01224 274113 or lisa.chilton@abdn.ac.uk.

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