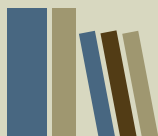
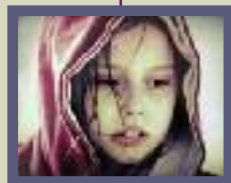
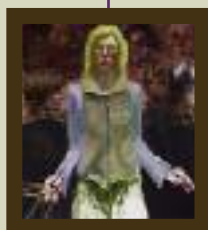
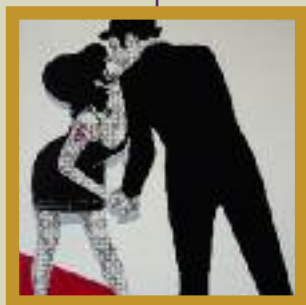


# Nairn Book & Arts Festival

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

3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
September 2013

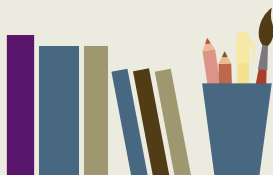
**For people who love books,  
drama, art, music & more!**



# Welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> Nairn Book & Arts Festival

**I'm very proud of the festival programme this year – the team has put together an exciting programme with, I hope, something for everyone.**

We have embraced the Arts and Crafts even more this year, adding a popular sculptor and a well known couturier to our writers and speakers. We have events that relate to the Year of Natural Scotland, including a talk by one of Scotland's best known wildlife photographers. We have music, both traditional and jazz to delight you. The Food Fair will encourage all of us to use the wonderful produce on our doorstep. And the Independence debate may well raise more questions than it answers, but will be informative and thought provoking.



Check all the latest Festival news by visiting our website: [www.nairnfestival.co.uk](http://www.nairnfestival.co.uk) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

 **Nairn.Festival**

 **@Nairn\_Festival**



Photo: Ian MacRae

We hope the festival has encouraged even more creativity in our town and beyond. We have introduced two new competitions – song writing, and Twitter fiction – and these, added to our regular photography contest and exhibition, will encourage that creativity. Nairn's Fringe is now well established; the participation of local groups makes for a wonderful sense of community in the lead up to and during festival week.

In these austere times, we need the arts more than ever: to stimulate thought, to keep up spirits, to widen our horizons.

Through our programme of visual arts, books, music, comedy and debate, we aim to do all these things.

There are so many ways to keep up with the festival this year; our website [www.nairnfestival.co.uk](http://www.nairnfestival.co.uk), Twitter, Facebook and our regular newsletter – so do keep in touch!

We thank the continuing generosity of our sponsors and you, our audiences, for making the festival such a wonderful experience.

*Enjoy!*

Elizabeth Findlay  
Chair, Nairn Book & Arts Festival

**Tickets are available from 11 June at:**

**Nairn Community & Arts Centre**  
King Street, Nairn  
01667 453476

**Nairn Bookshop**  
97 High Street, Nairn  
01667 455528



Payment by cash or cheque only made out to:  
Nairn Book & Arts Festival

**Don't live locally?**  
Send your ticket request to [tickets@nairnfestival.co.uk](mailto:tickets@nairnfestival.co.uk)

# Opening Night

Sponsored by CKD Galbraith

Tuesday  
3<sup>rd</sup>

## James Naughtie

6.45pm-8pm  
Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£15

We are delighted to welcome to the festival, one of Britain's best known broadcasters, James Naughtie, originally from the north east of Scotland. We hear him daily on Radio 4's Today programme; he chairs the Book Programme and he is a writer of note on many subjects.

Here he takes us behind the scenes of Radio 4's Today programme and talks about a life in newspapers and broadcasting that has taken him round the world. He has met an extraordinary cast of characters and had a ringside seat at many of the events that have shaped our times.

*Clive Conway presents An Audience with James Naughtie*



## Battleship Potemkin 1925 (PG) 70 mins

9pm-10.10pm  
Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£10

Silent movie with Andy May,  
Keyboards – Stuart Nisbet,  
Guitar – Roy Stevenson,  
Jazz clarinet/sax.

This was a much lauded gem at Cromarty Film Festival 2011, and Andy May now brings his

trio to Nairn to play for the classic Russian silent movie, Battleship Potemkin. This true tale of a 1905 naval mutiny and street riot in Odessa is a poignant reminder of the oppression of ordinary people under the Tsars and how revolution was not far off.

The trio, who have individually played with Jack Bruce, Marianne Faithfull, The Proclaimers, Capercaillie among others, will improvise on themes written by Andy especially for the film.

*Presented by Cinema Nairn*

# Exhibitions

## Gerald Laing's Muses: From Bardot to Winehouse

The Court House  
2nd – 6th September  
10am-4pm

Dates may be extended, please  
check: [www.nairnfestival.co.uk](http://www.nairnfestival.co.uk)

### Free entry

Gerald Laing (1936 – 2011) was a key figure in the British Pop movement. Throughout his career he was drawn to female celebrity and the female form and continually returned to these themes. This exhibition – a display of screenprints and sculpture – looks at this prolific artist's fascination with women, from Brigitte Bardot to Amy Winehouse.



## Eugenia Vronskaya: *Beyond Glass* *Life on the Window Sill*

The Court House  
2nd – 6th September  
10am-4pm

Dates may be extended, please  
check: [www.nairnfestival.co.uk](http://www.nairnfestival.co.uk)

### Free entry

Eugenia Vronskaya is a Russian artist living and working in the Scottish Highlands. Her paintings are in many public collections including Tate and the V&A. In this exhibition, Eugenia seeks to express the unity of our inner lives with our existence in the physical world, distilling this through the metaphor of the window and what lies on either side of it. The display includes new work and is not to be missed.

## Nairn Museum Art Exhibition

Open Monday to Friday  
10am-4.30pm and  
Saturday 10am-1pm

Free entry during Festival,  
Access to the paintings may  
be limited during events

From 2nd September Nairn Museum will be showing its collection of oil paintings, many of which have never been seen by the public. The wonderfully life-like portrait of the Watsons is well-known. But the collection also includes one of James Augustus Grant, once the owner of Viewfield House, was painted by Colvin Smith, many of whose portraits, including several of Sir Walter Scott, hang in the National Portrait Gallery.



## Photographic Competition Exhibition

Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre  
All hours

This popular Annual Competition is organised by the Nairn Camera Club. There will be three categories – Under 12 (or attending Primary School), Under 18's and Over 18's. This open competition is free to enter and allows a choice of subject and use of either colour or black and white photography. Please see [www.nairnfestival.co.uk](http://www.nairnfestival.co.uk) for details of how to enter.

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## Off the Peg High Street Art

Various venues  
All hours

*Off the Peg* is the community art event in Nairn High Street. Unframed paintings pegged inside shop windows for all to see and buy. 10% of sales will be given to 'Highland Headway'.

**Helen Wright:**  
**Illustrations from**  
**Alan Barron's book,**  
***The Bee an' the Stane***

### The Little Theatre

Original illustrations will be exhibited during all events taking place in the Little Theatre for the duration of the Festival.

Book Signing with Nairn Historian Alan Barron and Artist Helen Wright from 7-8pm on Friday 6th September at the Little Theatre.



### Nairn Academy Art Exhibition

**Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre**  
**All hours**

**Free**

An exhibition of work by Art and Design students at Nairn Academy - handmade books inspired by this year's literary line-up, design projects from contemporary chairs to pod-style dwellings, expressive work from last year's Higher pupils, still life paintings by current S4 pupils, and designs for the Festival's newsletter.

### Everyone has a story to tell

Memories collected from older residents of Nairn will be on display in the Community and Arts Centre throughout the festival.

### Blue Door Artists Studio

Studios will be open to the public during the festival. High St. Nairn.

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

## Competitions

### Twitter Fiction Competition

Nairn Book & Arts Festival invites entries for its first Twitter Fiction writing competition. Twitter Fiction has become a popular form of microfiction, using the format of a Tweet (message on Twitter) which is a maximum of 140 characters.

Entries are welcome in both English and Gaelic; and will be judged by author and Literary Editor of The List, Kirsty Logan, and Chris Powici, Editor of Northwords Now and author Donald Murray. Entries from under-18s to be judged separately. Winning entries must be available for publication and not have been published previously.

Send your entry to [enquiries@nairnfestival.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@nairnfestival.co.uk) with the subject header 'Twitter Competition'. Closing date: 9 August 2013. Please visit [www.nairnfestival.co.uk](http://www.nairnfestival.co.uk) for rules and guidelines.



### Our collaboration with Schools:

Mark Scott, a well known writer for children and adults will visit Nairnshire's primary schools on Monday the 2nd September to speak about his work.



### Song Writing Competition

Nairn Book & Arts Festival seeks budding song writers to enter our competition, which will be judged by two of Scotland's premier writer/musicians, Findlay Napier and Gillian Frame.

Entries from under-18s and 18 and over will be judged separately and two prizes awarded in each category. The winners will receive a cash prize and the opportunity to perform their song at a concert headlined by Findlay and Gillian on Wednesday 4th September.

Deadline for all entries is Wednesday 31st July. Entrants will find rules, guidelines and the entry form at: [www.nairnfestival.co.uk](http://www.nairnfestival.co.uk)

### Short Story Competition

Sponsored by  
The David St John Thomas  
Charitable Trust

Entries should have an association with the Moray Firth. Emphasise characterisation, and try to give your story a twist in the tail.

Entries of not more than 1,500 words should be posted by Monday 8th July to:

The David St John Thomas  
Charitable Trust, PO Box 6055  
Nairn, IV12 4YB.

Full details can be found at [www.nairnfestival.co.uk](http://www.nairnfestival.co.uk)



# Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>



## Eugenia Vronskaya

Portrait and self portrait  
painting workshop  
(Maximum 10 places)

10am-4pm

Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£65 including lunch

Eugenia's *Iconistas* project, where she painted 120 portrait sketches of a diverse range of local people and visiting actors, is on display at Eden Court theatre. In this fascinating workshop she will explore how to compose a portrait and render the complex form of the head in two dimensions, and how to create a successful self portrait through expression of individuality and character.

For more information and a list of materials required please visit:  
[www.nairnfestival.co.uk](http://www.nairnfestival.co.uk)

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## Nicky Marr

Writer and MFR presenter

11am

(Complimentary tea and coffee  
served from 10.45am)

Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£7, Under 18s £3

Morning listeners to Moray Firth Radio will recognise Nicky's voice, as she has co-hosted the MFR Breakfast Show for the past twelve years or so.

Readers of the Inverness Courier will also be familiar with Nicky's weekly column covering a diverse range of topics with wit, humour and sharp observation.

Nicky will be reflecting on life as broadcaster and journalist and on some of her own wider interests, which she says include cycling, running, baking and curling up with a good book and a (large) glass of wine.



## Scottish Wildlife with Pete Cairns & Mark Hamblin

2pm

Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£4, Under 18s £2

*"Healthy ecosystems are not just for wildlife."*

VISION 2020: an audiovisual lecture on the wildlife and landscapes of Scotland and Europe.

Award winning nature and conservation photographer Pete Cairns takes us on a spectacular journey across Scotland and beyond. He reveals the stories behind VISION 2020, one of the most ambitious photography projects ever staged in the UK.



Forestry Commission Scotland  
Comhairle na Coillte na h-Alba

## **A Reading Tour with Boswell & Johnson**

*Out of Books* – passages  
selected by Alec Finlay  
and Ken Cockburn  
Highland Libraries

3.30pm  
Nairn Library

Free

Inspired by Boswell and  
Johnson's account of their 1773  
journey across the Scottish  
Highlands and Islands. Ken  
and Alec set out to revisit the  
landscapes, recover the views  
and re-read the books.



## **Karen Campbell *This is where I am***

5.00pm  
Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£7, Under 18s £3

Chosen as Radio 4's Book at  
Bedtime and Woman's Hour  
Book of the Month, April 2013.

Already a well known crime  
novelist, Karen will discuss  
her new novel.

Powerful, moving and humorous,  
set in Glasgow, the story is  
about the experience of a Somali  
refugee in present day Scotland.

The awkward friendship between  
a volunteer from the Scottish  
Refugee Council, Deborah Maxwell,  
and Abdi, a Somali with a four  
year old daughter Rebecca who  
does not speak, opens our minds  
and hearts to the refugee  
experience. Heartbreaking,  
uplifting and unforgettable,  
this novel makes us look at  
the lives behind the statistics.

*Sponsored by Sandown House*



## **Gillian Frame & Findlay Napier** also featuring the NBAF Song Writing Competition Winners

6.30pm-8pm  
The Little Theatre

£7, Under 18s £3

Gillian Frame and Findlay Napier  
first won acclaim with *Back of the  
Moon*. Gillian, a fiddle player and  
singer, was the inaugural winner  
of the Young Scottish Traditional  
Musician Award. Findlay is a  
respected song writer, known for  
the contemporary indie folk sound  
of the Bar Room Mountaineers,  
with whom both now perform.  
Findlay has hosted the Late Night  
Session at Celtic Connections  
and is the organiser of Hazy  
Recollections, a mini festival  
of indie, folk and roots music.

In this concert, as well as  
performing their own material  
and introducing the competition  
winners, Gillian and Findlay will  
discuss their approach to writing  
and arranging songs.

## **Alan Barron Walk**

7pm-8.30pm  
Meet outside  
St Ninian's Church

£3, Under 18's £1.50 –  
Proceeds go to Nairn Museum

Alan, accompanied by Rowan,  
will lead a fascinating guided walk  
along Nairn's historic High Street.



## **Duncan Chisholm – *Kin***

8.30pm-10.15pm  
Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£12, Under 18s £3

Fiddle player and Composer,  
Duncan Chisholm presents his  
award winning multi-media  
production *Kin*.

The perfect blend of live  
contemporary folk music; with film,  
photographs and words. *Kin* is  
a beautifully crafted journey into  
the past, which is illuminating,  
evocative and moving. *Kin* delivers  
a deep understanding of place and  
people that is truly unforgettable.  
*Kin* celebrates landscape, language,  
tradition, community and family,  
young and old. These are the  
things which Duncan describes  
as being fundamental to the  
Highland psyche, "*to our place  
in the world and to the  
inspiration of our people*".

*Sponsored by  
Broadley Garden Centre*



**Ewan McVicar**  
David Livingstone &  
Roderick Murchison

10.30am

Complimentary tea and coffee  
served from 10.15am

Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£7, Under 18s £3

*Highland connections* – As one of Scotland's best known storytellers, Ewan will celebrate the bicentenary of David Livingstone, showing original 120 year old magic lantern slides about his life and work. Ewan explores the links with James Grant of Nairn and Livingstone's friendship with Murchison. Ewan himself runs workshops on geology for adults and children.

Widely travelled, a writer of books, songs and poetry, Ewan will bring the past alive.



**Robert Livingston**  
*Paint: the First 40,000 Years*

2pm-3pm

Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£7, Under 18s £3

Since the invention of photography, the death of painting has been regularly proclaimed. Well-known cultural adviser Robert Livingston – a Nairn festival regular – begs to differ, and in this illustrated talk argues that paint itself may be central to what makes us human.

His talk will explore the use of paint from prehistoric cave art to Renaissance masters, and from Abstract Expressionism and Lichtenstein's Pop dots to Damien Hirst's spin paintings.

## Black Isle Bronze Tour

Balmakeith Business Park

4pm-5pm

£9, Under 18's £3  
(numbers limited to 18)

Black Isle Bronze is the UK's leading fine art, architectural and memorial bronze foundry. Projects have ranged from a limited-edition cast of Peter Pan for Joanna Lumley, to a sculpture of Sir Bobby Robson for St James' Park, a cast of Eros, the landmark sculpture of Piccadilly Circus, and Gerald Laing's famous 28ft, 5 tonne *Core-Values* line-out sculpture for the RFU at Twickenham.

Get an insider's view of how these works of art are made, on a tour of this fascinating foundry. Places are limited so book quickly!



Photo: Tim Winterburn





**Dr Frances Wilkins**  
Nairn Literary Institute

5.15pm-6.15pm  
Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£7, Under 18's £3

*The Fiddle at Sea:* Exploring the Musical Traditions of Northern Sailors.

Illustrated audiovisual exploration of the music which emerged from the Scottish whaling and fishing industries and the Hudson's Bay Company since the 17th century.

Dr Wilkins, a lecturer in Ethnomusicology at the Elphinstone Institute, Aberdeen University, is an expert in the musical traditions of the Scottish diaspora.

*Sponsored by Nairn Literary Institute*

## Ceilidh

8pm  
Royal British Legion,  
Cawdor Road

Tickets £3 at the door

The Nairn Ceilidh Group with Donald Wilson as MC, welcome you to an evening of traditional music and dance.

More information can be found at:  
[www.nairnceilidhgroup.org.uk](http://www.nairnceilidhgroup.org.uk)



**Regi Claire & Ron Butlin**  
*mcswiss*

7.30pm  
Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£7, Under 18s £3

A joint session with husband and wife team Regi Claire and Ron Butlin, reading from their prose and poetry, with a Q&A session on the texts, writing in general as well as the thrills and spills of two authors living and working together.



Originally from Switzerland, Regi has written four books. Her latest novel, *The Waiting* ('darkly bright and razor sharp'), was published in 2012. Twice shortlisted for a Saltire Book of the Year Award, Regi has just had a story selected for The Best British Short Stories 2013.

A prize-winning novelist of international standing, a playwright and opera librettist, Ron is currently Edinburgh Makar. His newest collection is *The Magicians of Edinburgh*. Douglas Dunn has described him as 'the best, the most productive Scottish poet of his generation'.

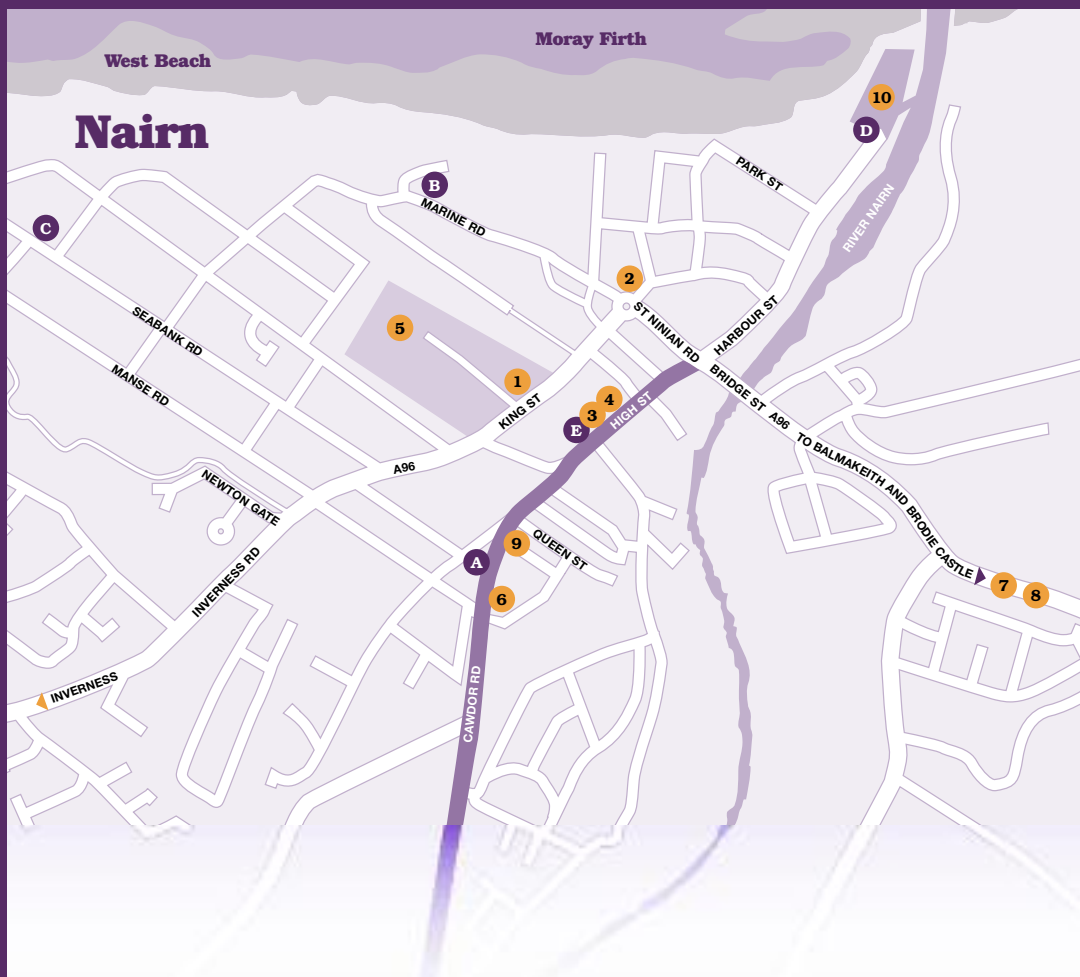
## James Ross Standup

9.30pm  
The Little Theatre

£10, Under 18s £3

James Ross, Renaissance man for the 21st century.

Poet, actor, musician and here as standup, James returns to the festival for his seventh appearance. He will surprise and delight us with his wit and observations.



### Festival venues

- 1 Nairn Community & Arts Centre
- 2 The Little Theatre
- 3 The Court House
- 4 Nairn Library
- 5 Nairn Museum
- 6 Royal British Legion
- 7 Balmakeith Business Park
- 8 Brodie Castle
- 9 St Ninian's Church
- 10 Nairn Harbour

### Places to eat

- A The Classroom
- B Sunny Brae Hotel
- C Golf View Hotel
- D Basil
- E The Whyte House

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# Programme of daily events

## Tuesday 3rd

6.45pm	
<b>James Naughtie</b>	1
9pm	
<b>Battleship Potemkin 1925 (PG)</b>	1

## Wednesday 4th

10am	
<b>Eugenia Vronskaya Portrait and self portrait workshop</b>	1
11am	
<b>Nicky Marr</b>	1
2pm	
<b>Scottish Wildlife with Pete Cairns &amp; Mark Hamblin</b>	1
3.30pm	
<b>A Reading Tour with Boswell &amp; Johnson</b>	4
5pm	
<b>Karen Campbell</b>	1
6.30pm	
<b>Gilliam Frame &amp; Findlay Napier</b>	2
7pm	
<b>Alan Barron Walk</b>	9
8.30pm	
<b>Duncan Chisholm <i>Kin</i></b>	1

## Thursday 5th

10.30am	
<b>Ewan McVicar</b>	1
2pm	
<b>Robert Livingston</b>	1
4pm	
<b>Black Isle Bronze Tour</b>	7
5.15pm	
<b>Dr Frances Wilkins</b>	1
7.30pm	
<b>Regi Claire &amp; Ron Butlin</b>	1
8pm	
<b>Ceilidh</b>	6
9.30pm	
<b>James Ross</b>	2

## Friday 6th

10.15am	
<b>Eve Harris</b>	1
11.30pm	
<b>Alan B Herriot</b>	8
2pm	
<b>Simon Forder</b>	8
2pm	
<b>Fiona Kyle</b>	5
2pm	
<b>Alan Barron Walk</b>	9
3.30pm	
<b>Tim Honnor</b>	1
6.30pm	
<b>Sandra Murray</b>	1
8pm	
<b>Calendar Girls</b>	2
8.30pm	
<b>Brian Kellock &amp; Tommy Smith</b>	1

## Saturday 7th

9am	
<b>Food Fair</b>	1
10am	
<b>Silent Movie with live pianist</b>	2
11am	
<b>Alan Tritton CBE</b>	1
2pm	
<b>The Pen &amp; I</b>	2
3pm	
<b>Vidar Sundstøl</b>	1
4.30pm	
<b>J. David Simons</b>	1
7pm	
<b>Andrew Greig</b>	2
8.30pm	
<b>Sara Pascoe</b>	1

## Sunday 8th

2.30pm	
<b>Danny Alexander &amp; Fergus Ewing</b>	1
4.30pm	
<b>Tales on the River Bank</b>	10
8pm	
<b>Mike Vass Trio &amp; Rhythm n Reel</b>	1



**Eve Harris:**  
*The Marrying of  
Chani Kaufman*

10.15am

Complimentary tea and coffee  
served from 10am

Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£7, Under 18s £3

*The Marrying of Chani Kaufman*  
is a debut novel by one of the  
most exciting new talents on  
the British literary scene.

We are delighted to hold the  
pre-launch at the festival.

Eve Harris, born in London, the  
daughter of Israeli-Polish parents  
was inspired to write this novel  
following a year teaching at a  
girls' Ultra Orthodox Jewish  
school in North west London.

The central character Chani, aged  
19, lives in London in an Ultra  
Orthodox Jewish community. Her  
marriage will be arranged; she  
will marry a stranger. The Rabbi's  
wife teaches her what it means  
to be a Jewish wife, but Chani  
has her own questions to answer.  
Buried secrets, fear and sexual  
desire bubble to the surface in  
a story of liberation and choice.

*Sponsored by Greenlawns*



**Alan B Herriot DA ARBS**  
**Sculptor**

11.30am

Brodie Castle

*In co-operation with  
the National Trust for  
Scotland, Brodie Castle*

£7, Under 18s £3  
(Limited Availability)

In the lovely drawing room at  
Brodie Castle, Alan Herriot, artist  
and sculptor, will talk about his  
projects in Scotland and beyond.

Alan studied at Duncan of  
Jordanstone College of Art  
under Scottish landscape  
painter James Morrison, and  
specialised in sculpture under  
Scott Sutherland, author of  
the Commando Monument at  
Spean Bridge, Fort William.

Alan's commissions include major  
public works such as King Robert  
the Bruce which stands outside  
Aberdeen's Marischal College.



Among his present public  
commissions is a monument  
depicting the WWII Polish hero  
and regimental mascot, Wojtek  
the soldier bear which will  
be sited in Princes Street  
Gardens, Edinburgh.

**Both Brodie events can be  
purchased for a reduced  
price of £12.**

**Herriot / Forder and  
Lunch – Brodie Castle**

Join us for a light lunch  
at Brodie Castle (choice of  
quiche and salad or soup  
and sandwiches which will be  
served in the Stables between  
the talks at a price of £6.50  
per head). Wine may be  
ordered by the glass. Lunch  
bookings in advance are  
preferred by calling Brodie  
Castle on 0844 493 2165  
or by e-mailing:  
brodiecastle@nts.org.uk



**Simon Forder**  
Castles and Fortifications

2.00pm  
Brodie Castle

£6, Under 18s £3  
(Limited Availability)

Discover your local landscape.

Simon Forder an historian, lives in Moray. Inspired by his university thesis on Welsh castles, adopted as an official guide, Simon began his work on *Fortress Scotland*.

*Volume 1* in gazettee form, is a detailed history of fortification in the Findhorn Valley and the Moray Lowlands. Each article has a description of surviving remains, the historical development of the site and the history of the families who lived there.

We are delighted to launch *Volume 1* in the Drawing Room of Brodie Castle; in itself part of the history of fortification in Moray.

**Fiona Kyle**  
Harpist

2pm  
Nairn Museum

£7, Under 18s £3

Nairn Museum is delighted to play host to a concert of Inspirational Harping from Fiona Kyle. The clarsach is one of Scotland's traditional instruments, but Fiona's wide repertoire includes folk, rock and pop and film themes as well as Celtic tunes. She will be playing a selection of favourites and talking about her training, initially at the Royal Blind School in Edinburgh. Fiona's lovely guide dog Gerri will be there too.



**Alan Barron Walk**

2pm-4pm  
Meet at the  
Little Theatre

£3, Under 18's £1.50

Alan, accompanied by his dog Rowan, will lead a walk around the Fishertown: a conservation area.

Proceeds to Nairn Museum.



**Tim Honnor**  
The Legacy of the  
Printing Press

3.30pm  
Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£7, Under 18s £3

Piccolo Press for 20 years

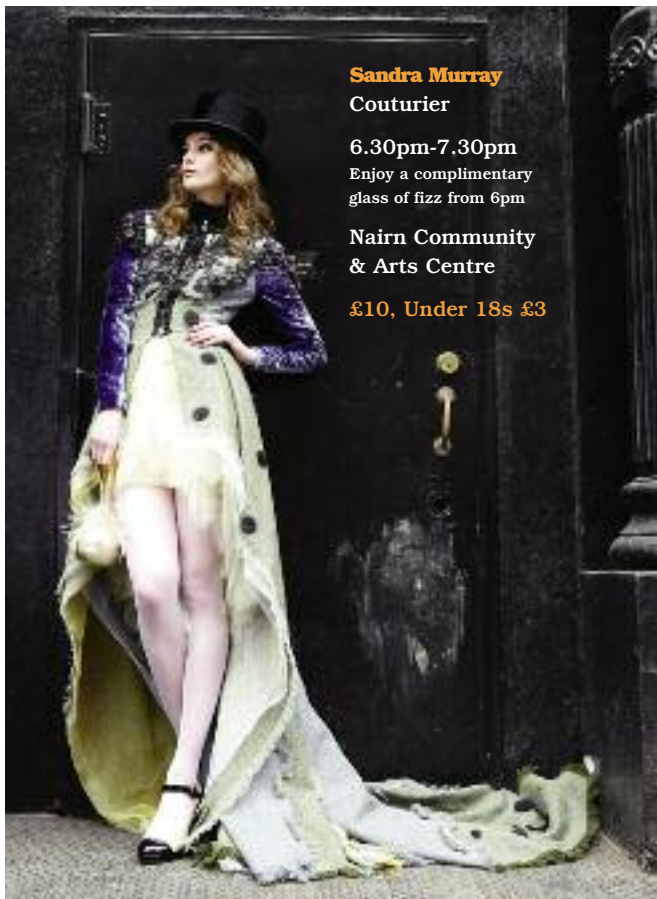
The legacy of the Printing Press "The most important invention since the wheel". A fascinating and erudite speaker, Tim Honnor will this year speak about the invention of printing. He will show us pictures and videos of a range of printing presses and how to identify associated printed items.

Tim is now editor of the British Printing Society Monthly Magazine and a trustee of the Scottish Printing Archival Trust. Learn about the unique Cossar Press that the Trust is trying to preserve as a permanent working exhibit for the National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh.

Sponsored by Glebe End







## **Sandra Murray** Couturier

6.30pm-7.30pm

Enjoy a complimentary  
glass of fizz from 6pm

Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£10, Under 18s £3

Sandra Murray is a successful Artist-Couturier based in the Scottish Highlands, creating sumptuous designs inspired by the landscape around her. With an international clientele, she numbers HM The Queen among her clients.

Sandra's designs gained worldwide media exposure last year when she created a stunning capsule

wardrobe for Julie Fowlis, the vocalist star of Disney Pixar's animation *Brave*. Sandra will talk about her collaboration with Julie, and the challenges of working as an artist, from the Highlands.

Admire the exquisite workmanship on Sandra's beautiful couture designs, which will be displayed at this event.

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## **Nairn Drama Group** Calendar Girls

8pm

The Little Theatre

£10

By popular request, Nairn Drama Club returns to the festival with a further performance of this heart-warming tale of how a group of ordinary Yorkshire women, linked through the WI, persuaded one another to pose nude for a charity calendar with a difference. John Baker, the husband of one of the 'girls' had been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Nairn Drama Club performed the play eight times in the past year for the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Fund. An uplifting true story, that's both poignant and hilarious.



## **Brian Kellock & Tommy Smith** Jazz

8.30pm

Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£15, Under 18s £3

Building upon last year's successful foray into the jazz scene, this year we are proud to present Saxophonist, Tommy Smith and pianist, Brian Kellock, each former performers at the Nairn Jazz Festivals. They have been playing and recording together for several years and promise an evening that will suit all jazz tastes.

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## Food Fair

9am-1pm  
Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

Free entry

The definitive event for local food producers to showcase their high quality artisan food and drink – come and join us and see what the local area has to offer. Our website will be regularly updated with the participating producers.

Free cupcake decoration demonstration at 10am by Leachkin Bakery – bring the kids along to decorate their own cupcake.

Cookery Books will be available to buy.

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## The Kid Brother (1927) U Silent Movie with live pianist

10am-11.15am  
The Little Theatre

£7, Under 18s £3

A classic Harold Lloyd silent movie – western – which is great fun for all the family. Will Harold catch the thieves and win Mary's heart?

Andy May, once more live on piano, ensures a true silent movie experience!

*Presented by Cinema Nairn*

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## Alan Tritton CBE Military Historian

11am  
Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£7, Under 18s £3

*Launch: When the Tiger Fought the Thistle – The tragedy of William Bailie of Dunain.*

Distinguished military historian and former serving officer with the Seaforth Highlanders in Malaya, Alan Tritton will present the true story of William Bailie's courageous life and death in India. What was the involvement of Sir Hector Munro?

Find out what really happened at the Battle of Pollilur; one of the worst defeats suffered by the British in India.

Mr Tritton was awarded the C.B.E. for services to India and the preservation of its cultural heritage.

Proceeds to Nairn Museum.



## **The Pen & I Fire for the Mind**

2pm-4pm  
The Little Theatre

£6, Under 18s £3

Light refreshments available

The Pen and I present an afternoon of readings – monologues, stories and poems written and read by Nairn's creative writing group, including the talented Young Scribes. Enjoy some of our favourite pieces – some will make you laugh, others may cause a tear to be shed.

An Anthology of the Young Scribes' work will be on sale at this event.



## **Vidar Sundstøl Scandinavian crime writer**

3.00pm  
Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£7, Under 18s £3

Enjoy a complimentary glass  
of wine from 2.45pm

### **The Minnesota Trilogy**

Once again, we have tempted a top Norwegian crime writer to cross the North Sea to Nairn. Vidar Sundstøl from Telemark in southern Norway has published six novels, won the Riverton Prize for the best Norwegian crime novel in 2008 and was shortlisted for *The Glass Key*, best Scandinavian crime novel. He will speak about his *Minnesota* trilogy, a series set among Norwegian, American settlers in Cook County. The final volume will be published in America just before the festival and film producers are already interested.

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## **J. David Simons An Exquisite Sense of What is Beautiful**

4.30pm  
Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£7, Under 18s £3

Published April 2013, this sweeping novel set in modern Japan has the classic themes of love and war, truth and delusion. Through the eyes of an ageing writer, the central character, we consider the horrific aftermath of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and America's denial of Japan's sufferings. David Simons, who lives in Glasgow, will discuss the novel itself and his research in Japan.

## **Andrew Greig Fair Helen**

7.00pm  
The Little Theatre

£7, Under 18s £3

Making a welcome return to Nairn is author, poet and singer Andrew Greig. Among his latest projects has been *Fair Helen*, an interpretation of the 16th century border ballad, *Fair Helen of Kirkconnel Lea*, told from the perspective of minor character Harry Langton.

He will also read from his latest book of poems *Found at Sea*, inspired by a boat trip from Stromness to the Isle of Cava.

Maybe he will give us a song or two as well!

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# Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>



**Sara Pascoe**  
Comedy

8.30pm-10.30pm  
Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

£15

Following rave reviews from her performance at Edinburgh's *Comedy Fest 2012* we are delighted to have lured this highly original comic to Nairn.

Sara regularly performs solo stand up shows to capacity crowds and has been voted one of Time Out Magazine's Rising Stars of Comedy.

A regular weekly star of the Channel 4 series *Stand Up for the Week*, she has also appeared on *Live at the Apollo*, *Comedy World Cup* and *Don't Sit In The Front Row*.

Drinks available with music to entertain you from 8.30pm with Sara live at 9.30pm.

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**Danny Alexander  
& Fergus Ewing**  
Independence Debate

2.30pm  
Nairn Community  
& Arts Centre

Free

In a move from the traditional Book and Arts Festival agenda, and reflecting current political interests, the Festival Committee is delighted to host a debate between Danny Alexander, Liberal Democrat MP for Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch



& Strathspey and Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Fergus Ewing, Scottish National MSP for Inverness East and Nairn, and Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism.

The debate will be chaired by Steven Godden, a regular on Reporting Scotland and Newsnight Scotland, and will include questions set by members of the audience.

Please submit questions in writing to NBAF, c/o Nairn Community and Arts Centre, Nairn by Thursday 29th August.

## TALES ON THE RIVER BANK

**Sunday 8th September at 4.30pm**

Short stories and (hopefully) sunshine,  
poetry and picnics, tea cakes and tall tales!

Great creative writing from local groups:  
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drinks, suntan cream, thermal underwear, etc

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# Grand Finale

## Mike Vass Trio and Rhythm n' Reel

Sunday 8th September

8.00pm-11.30pm

Nairn Community & Arts Centre

£20

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**Mike Vass Trio** – Winner of the prestigious 'Composer of the Year' award at the MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards in 2012, Mike Vass is fast gaining a reputation as one of Scotland's foremost tunesmiths and finest fiddle players. Superb music from Mike, James Lindsay (Bass) and Innes Watson (Guitar).

**Rhythm n' Reel** are celebrating 20 years together – Pipe and Fiddle-led Celtic Rock band (with a Contemporary Rock twist) whose repertoire also consists of Ceilidh Dance Music and Classic Covers.

Come and join us for our special Finale and get set for an evening of high energy music that will appeal to all.



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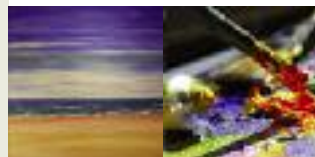
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### **Nairn Arts Society**

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in the Fishertown at the corner  
of King St and Caledonian St  
2-7pm – maybe buy a picture!

**[www.nairnarts.co.uk](http://www.nairnarts.co.uk)**





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