CatStrand

Spring Events Guide

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CATSTRAND YOUNG CREATIVES

Music : Performing Arts : Film : Exhibitions : Workshops

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Wed 05 Feb 7:30pm

HANNAH READ, CAHALEN MORRISON AND MICHAEL STARKEY

MUSIC | CatStrand | £16 / £14 UC / £8 U26

A richly dynamic take on Appalachian old-time music. "Wow! World Class" - Andy Kershaw (broadcaster/journalist).



Sat 08 Feb 2pm

WHEN IT BURNS: WITH GENEVIEVE CARVER

TALK | CatStrand | £5

Nature and interdisciplinary writer & poet Genevieve Carver examines the role of poetry and the poet in a climate and biodiversity crisis.



Sun 09 Feb 2pm

CELEBRATING THE ENERGY TRANSITION IN THE GLENKENS

EVENT | CatStrand | Free

An afternoon of talks, food and music, celebrating work towards net zero in the Glenkens.



Sun 09 Feb 5pm

LIVING PROOF - A CLIMATE STORY

FILM | CatStrand | Free

Scotland's complex relationship to the global climate crisis explored in a fascinating delve through the Scottish film archive.

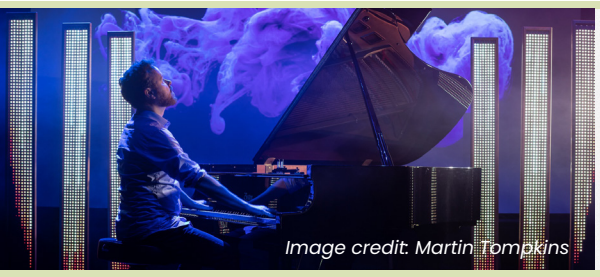


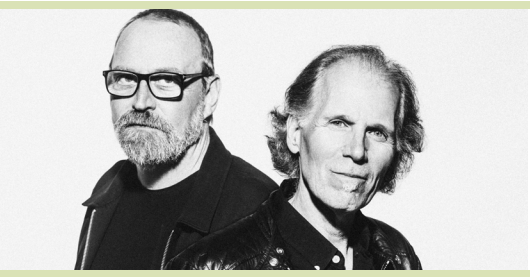
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Tue 11 Feb 7:30pm

CHARLIE HOOPER-WILLIAMS: WHAT IF YOU COULD SEE MUSIC?

MUSIC | CatStrand | £12 / £5 U26
Early bird two for one available

Award-winning composer & pianist, and a developer of the app Shazam, Charlie Hooper-Williams invites you to a unique performance experience where sound and visuals come together in real time.



Thu 13 Feb 7:30pm

BOO HEWERDINE & BROOKS WILLIAMS

MUSIC | CatStrand | £18 / £14 UC / £8 U26

A stripped back and enthralling musical atmosphere....their performances are consistently brilliant, equal parts emotive and entertaining. Americana at its finest! - fRoots



Wed 19 Feb 7:30pm

HERAK / BULATKIN QUARTET – FEAT. PAUL TOWNDROW

MUSIC | CatStrand | £16 / £14 UC / £6 U26

International quartet representing Czech jazz in the '2024 Year of Czech Music', with music influenced by slavic and gypsy folk, Balkan rhythms and impressionist classical.



Sun 23 Feb 3pm

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE 2025: THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

THEATRE ON SCREEN | CatStrand | £15 / £12 UC / £10 U26

Sharon D Clarke & Ncuti Gatwa (Doctor Who; Sex Education) star in this joyful reimagining of Oscar Wilde's most celebrated comedy.



Thu 06 Mar 7:30pm

JENNIFER REID

MUSIC | CatStrand | £12 / £10 UC / £5 U26

The working classes made music as a provocation. Jenny performs rousing songs and passionate oratory in the nineteenth-century Lancashire dialect and Victorian broadside ballads.



Sat 08 Mar 8pm

A SCOTTISH COMEDY COLLECTIVE: LIAM FARRELLY, CUBBY, GRAHAM MACKIE

COMEDY | CatStrand | £15 / £10 U26

A sensational night of live Stand-Up Comedy with stars of social media, stage and screen: Liam Farrelly (Live at the Apollo), Cubby (Britain's Got Talent) & Graham Mackie (Breakneck Comedy).



Wed 19 Mar 7pm

GALLOWAY SHORTS - COMMUNITY SCREENINGS

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £3

A celebration of amateur and emerging filmmakers. See work by and meet other filmmakers.



Image credit: National Museum Scotland

Sun 23 Mar 2pm

CELEBRATION! THE GLENKENS STORY 2015 – 2025

EVENT | CatStrand | £10 / £4 U26

A special event celebrating 10 years of sharing our history, including presentations on the Galloway Hoard, Glenkens Music, and Writing the Glenkens.



Image credit: Steve Ullathorne

Fri 04 Apr 7:30pm

PATRICK MONAHAN: THE TALKINATOR

COMEDY | CatStrand | £16 / £12 UC / £8 U26

There's a lot of talk about AI taking over, but one man can out-talk the chat-bots. One hour of standup written by a human, performed by a human. **** *A definite must see!* - Edinburgh Festivals Magazine.



Image credit: Julia Bauer

Sat 05 Apr 2pm

SAFFY SETOHY & BOW COLLECTIVE: BODIES OF WATER

DANCE | Dalry Town Hall | £12 / £8 UC / £5 U26

A multi-sensory performance weaving together choreography, water, objects and sound. Bodies of Water is immersive and celebrates this transformative element that connects all living things.



Sun 06 Apr 6pm

A JOURNEY OF FLIGHT - KATHRYN GORDON, JENNY STURGEON, ALISON PIPER & JORJA FOLLINA

DANCE | CatStrand | £12 / £8 UC / £5 U26

An immersive dance experience performed in the round, inspired by bird migration, focusing on arrivals and departures, the nostalgia of place, and the notion of flight itself.



Fri 11 Apr 7:30pm

FLEUR DARKIN'S PRESENCE PROJECTS - MY MUSES TAKE CARE OF ME

DANCE | CatStrand | £12 / £8 UC / £5 U26

A dialogue between bodies and sculptural pieces, exploring themes of ancient feminine power, armoury and resilience, accompanied by live music, a heady electronic dance score, and poetry.



Sun 13 Apr 3pm

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: DR. STRANGELOVE

THEATRE ON SCREEN | CatStrand | £15 / £12 UC / £10 U26

Steve Coogan stars in this explosively funny satire about a rogue U.S General who triggers a nuclear attack. Creative team includes Armando Iannucci and Sean Foley.



Image credit: Paul Jennings

Mon 05 May 7:30pm

THE NORDIC FIDDLERS BLOC

MUSIC | CatStrand | £16 / £12 UC / £6 U26

Three master fiddle players from Norway, Sweden and Shetland create a fresh new sound from the unique traditions of their homelands. *'Pure fiddle doesn't get much better;* - Folk world



Thu 22 May 7:30pm

TOUKI

MUSIC | CatStrand | £16 / £14 UC / £6 U26

Drawing on West African fables, Touki (meaning journey) is a collaboration between Senegalese kora and guitar player Amadou Diagne (Senegal) and polyrhythmic guitarist Cory Seznec (UK).



Sat 28 Jun 7:30pm

RANT

MUSIC | CatStrand | £18 / £16 UC / £8 U26

Award-winning Scottish fiddle quartet RANT weave rich harmonies and melodies. *'Chamber-folk of the highest order'* (Scotsman), their spellbinding performances blend tradition, innovation, depth, and energy.

**UC – Recipients of Universal Credit **U26 - Aged under 26 on the day of the event*

CatStrand Arts & Visitor Centre
Open 11am-4pm Tuesday - Sunday

Box Office & Bookings
For booking enquiries / to book
01644 420 374 or www.gcat.scot

CatStrand Café & Shop
Open 11-4pm Tuesday - Sunday.
Seating indoors and outdoors coffee & cake, licensed bar.
Lunch served from 12-2pm. Advance booking recommended.

Glenkens Community & Arts Trust,
CatStrand, High St,
New Galloway, DG7 3RN
Reg Scottish Charity SCO32050

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VISITING
CatStrand bar is open for evening shows providing drinks and bar snacks. Evening meals are normally available at the Lochinvar Hotel, Ken Bridge Hotel and Clachan Inn in Dalry. Please check their availability and opening hours directly – booking is advised.

There is a limited local bus service: www.glenkens.scot/transport has up-to-date information.

General parking is available in public car parks in New Galloway and on street in Balmaclellan. Charge Place Scotland 7kw EV chargers are available at Carsons Knowe car park, New Galloway. A free 7kw electric vehicle charging facility is available at the Smiddy, Balmaclellan. The CatStrand welcomes cyclists and has a free to use bike shed and tool station. The Smiddy also has a bike shed.

ACCESSIBILITY
We aim to provide a welcoming space for all visitors and audience members. Our events take place in fully accessible venues. We can offer additional support to facilitate your visit please visit - gcat.scot/access/ or email access@catstrand.com

EXHIBITIONS
Catstrand | Open during CatStrand opening hours | Free

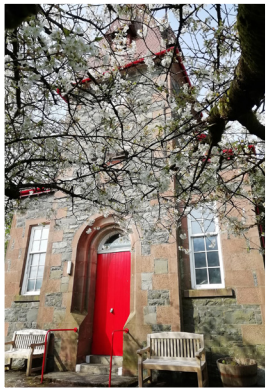
CatStrand is proud to host the Dumfries and Galloway Fine Art Society (DAGFAS) for a series of six captivating exhibitions throughout 2025. The current exhibition runs to Feb 28th. It features stunning works from Amanda Hill, Annie Horsley, Hazel Campbell, Chris Moody, Elizabeth Dagg, Carol Reece, and Laura Derby.


Artwork: Liz Dagg

CULTURAL GLENKENS









WriteOn Writing Group

Online and CatStrand | £30 per 6 month block

A writing group convened by author Margaret Elphinstone via a private web platform and quarterly workshops. Now recruiting - no writing experience necessary. Contact info@catstrand.com

CatStrand Singers

CatStrand | £5 | Thursdays, 11am

A welcoming and energetic community choir open to anyone who enjoys singing or would like to try it. Contact mothermalarky@hotmail.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

Ken Words Writers' Café

CatStrand Cafe | Free | Second Thursday of the month | 7pm

A friendly, supportive environment to meet monthly for writing-focused conversation and discussion of work-in-progress. Open to anyone interested in writing.
jane.kenwords@gmail.com

CatStrand Bar Nights

CatStrand | 07 Feb, 07 Mar, 18 Apr

Bar open 6pm – 10pm. Food available 6pm - 8pm

Dalry Film Club

Dalry Town Hall | £6 | Wednesdays | 7pm

19 Feb - Anatomy Of a Fall (15)
05 Mar - The Outrun (15)
26 Mar- Tea with Mussolini (PG)
09 Apr - The Critic (15)
30 Apr - Thelma (12)

DALRY Film Club

CatStrand Young Creatives

WHATS ON

January

Term Time Only

2025

WEEKLY MON	**CatStrand Youth Players** SCDA One Act Play Festival Rehearsals. 12 years plus
MONTHLY TUE	**Art Ambassadors** Monthly young volunteer group for the Young Creatives Programme. 12 years plus
WEEKLY WED	**DramaRama\Wonderfools** Under 12s drama club and rehearsals for Wonderfools Theatre Project.
MONTHLY FRI	**ClanJam** Family mini music makers for parents and children. Under 6's
MONTHLY SAT	**Dance Steps** Monthly dance workshops for all ages and all abilities
MONTHLY SAT	**Musical Misfits** Vocal coaching for 11 years plus & Group Singing Group for all ages with trained vocal coach.
BI WEEKLY SAT	**Sketchers & Art Explorers** Saturday Sketchers drawing skills for 12 years plus and Art club for under 11's.
WEEKLY SAT	**Saturday Music School** Weekly ukulele, guitar, piano and keyboard lessons

Advance booking required for all classes

CATSTRAND YOUNG CREATIVES

Our year-round creative arts programme for children and young people offers a variety of opportunities to engage in regular workshops, groups, and activities throughout the year. Our term-time and school holiday programme ensure there's always something exciting happening.

Additionally, we provide paid internships and tailored work experience opportunities in the arts for individuals aged 15-25.

For full details, visit our website:

www.csyoungcreatives.com

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