

Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

Press Release

On behalf of the Glenkens Community and Arts Trust.

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CatStrand Nominated for Venue of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards

The Glenkens Community and Arts Trust is delighted to announce the nomination of the CatStrand for *Venue of the Year* at the prestigious *Scots Trad Music Awards*. This recognition is a tribute to the incredible artists who have graced our stage over the years and to our loyal audiences who bring each event to life. We are thrilled to be in the company of such outstanding nominees and extend our congratulations to all.

"We're over the moon to be recognised in this way and to be able to represent Dumfries and Galloway at this year's Scots Trad Music Awards" said Peter Renwick, CatStrand Creative Director. "This nomination reflects the vibrant traditional music culture we've built up over the last 17 years and are privileged to host and share with our community."

Thank you to everyone who has supported CatStrand in making it a home for traditional music. Here's to many more memorable performances!

The winners are decided by public vote and votes can be cast at www.scotstradmusicawards.com. Voting closes on Sunday 10th November, so do please hop on and support the CatStrand in this!

About the Trad Music Awards:

The 22nd MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards host an inspiring 116-strong group of shortlisted talent performing and working across Scotland's vibrant traditional music scene.

Musicians, bands, organisations, teachers, venues, events and individuals involved in the creation and development of Scottish's homegrown music are shortlisted across 22 categories.

The winners will be announced at a star-studded award ceremony at Inverness on Saturday 30th November when the event returns to the Highland capital for the first time in 10 years.

The single most important awards ceremony for folk and trad musicians, bands and artists, the MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards are organised by Hands Up For Trad – an organisation which stands at the forefront of Scotland's cultural landscape, promoting

traditional music and culture through their talent development, education and advocacy work.

The gold standard for industry achievement, the awards night will fittingly be held on St. Andrew's Day and seeks to celebrate stand-out talent from all corners of the country working across a range of genres and styles to create and promote Scotland's trad music scene over the last 12 months.

About GCAT

The Glenkens Community & Arts Trust (GCAT) seeks to improve the lives of the people of the Glenkens and district by interweaving arts, community, and heritage to enrich the area's life. We deliver our artistic vision with passion and creativity and drive economic and social regeneration by championing the Glenkens & District Community Action Plan. Our many initiatives foster a strong, inclusive community, promoting lifelong learning and sustainable development.

About CatStrand

CatStrand is GCAT's venue in New Galloway, opened in 2007 after renovation from a derelict Primary School. Since then, it's 90-seat auditorium has hosted many great acts, now averaging 130 a year to more than 4,000 people annually.

CatStrand also homes a gift shop, welcoming café and bookable meeting / event spaces.

For the CatStrand Artistic Vision, see https://gcat.scot/about-gcat/

For more information about GCAT and its projects, visit http://www.gcat.scot For more information about the Glenkens, visit the Glenkens Hub (a GCAT project) on www.glenkens.scot/

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