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Spring into Summer Events Guide









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YOUNG CREATIVES

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CatStrand Café & Shop

Open 11-4pm daily
Seating indoors and outdoors
Lunches, coffee & cake, licensed bar

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CatStrand and The Smiddy are fully accessible. Accessible toilets available in both buildings. Disabled parking available on site.

General parking available in public car parks in New Galloway and on street in Balmaclellan.

Hearing loop available for events at CatStrand.

Free electric vehicle charging facilities are available at the Smiddy.

WELCOME

We must start with the news that rocked us all - that of our dear friend Nicola Black's untimely death. Along with her husband Blackie, Nicola has been a great supporter of CatStrand since day one. She was a regular face at the CatStrand as an audience member, workshop leader and talented performer and was also of course founder of the CatStrand Singers and host of our Open Stage events. She was a tremendous ambassador for Scots music and her warmth brought together a community around music making. She will be sadly missed by us all.

As we head into summer, we are therefore delighted that CatStrand Singers are continuing with their Thursday meetings. This welcoming choir requires no audition, just a love of shared music. We also have some excellent shows coming up as part of Dumfries and Galloway Arts Festival: multimedia theatre show ***Pibroch, Vri****'s hidden treasures from Darkest Wales, and* ***Hebridean Treasure****'s captivating mix of song, dance and storytelling.*

In addition we have ***Lulo Reinhardt*** *combining his family tradition of gypsy jazz with classical and world influence,* ***Ross Ainsley, Ali Hutton and Jenn Butterworth*** *bringing their brand of mighty folk and, of course, Galloway is well represented with* ***Gavin Marwick's Quarterdays and Jo Miller's A The Way To Galloway****.*

Plenty to look forward to – and don't forget to book early to avoid disappointment!

Peter Renwick
Arts, Culture & Heritage Manager

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A4 print out or plain text version of this programme is available on request at the CatStrand box office. CatStrand has a Companions Come Free policy. Bookable at the box office. Call us to discuss access requirements or email access@catstrand.com

Refugee / Asylum Seeker Tickets. To offer our new neighbours a warm welcome - if you're settling in the region, your first two shows are free of charge. Bookable at the CatStrand box office.



ARTS AND EVENTS PROGRAMME

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY Arts Festival

14 May
7:30pm

Lulo Rheinhardt & Yuliya Lonskaya

MUSIC | CatStrand | £15, £5 U26s

Lulo is one of the foremost authentic and distinctive musical voices in modern Gypsy music, a praised musical genius, who makes it appear utterly effortless. He is from a long line of musicians including jazz legend Django Reinhardt and Gypsy violin master Shnuckenack Reinhardt. Lulo now performs a fusion of flamenco, Latin, and Brazilian jazz combined with his own artistic stamp, and a nod to his Gypsy influences.

Yuliya Lonskaya has an eclectic repertoire which makes her a very welcome performer in many European and American concert halls and has won her many international guitar competitions.

21 May
7:30pm

VRï

MUSIC | CatStrand | £14, £4 U26s

VRï are Jordan Price Williams (cello, voice), Aneirin Jones (violin, voice) and Patrick Rimes (viola, violin), three young men from deepest, darkest chapel-going Wales who have mined the cultural upheaval of past centuries and drawn inspiration from the incredible story of a time when Wales' traditional music and dance was suppressed by Methodist chapels. VRï have unearthed long-lost nuggets that shed a new light on a vibrant folk tradition that harnesses the raw energy of the fiddle with the finesse of the violin, the beauty of chamber music with the joy and hedonism of a pub session.

23 May
7:30pm

Pibroch by John Bolland

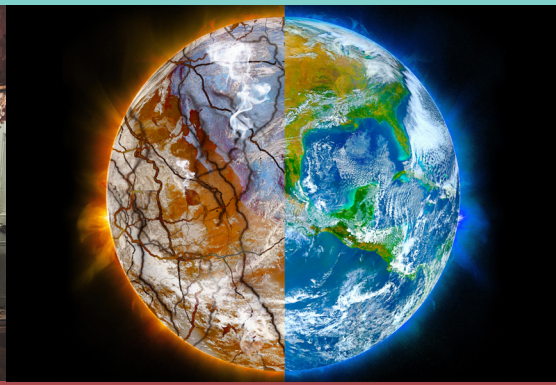
THEATRE | CatStrand | £10, £5 U26s

How does it feel to find oneself on a 'burning platform' with a pressing need for change but limited options? Pibroch, is a multimedia theatre production which explores parallels between the Climate Emergency and the Piper Alpha Disaster in 1988.

Pibroch uses words, live music and striking visual imagery to represent the personal and social experiences of Piper Alpha survivors and their relationship to the challenges each of us face in a warming world. Co-directed by Mark Thomson, former Artistic Director at the Royal Lyceum in Edinburgh, Pibroch features live musical accompaniment by Fraser Fifield.







24 May
7:30pm

Hebridean Treasure: Lost and Found

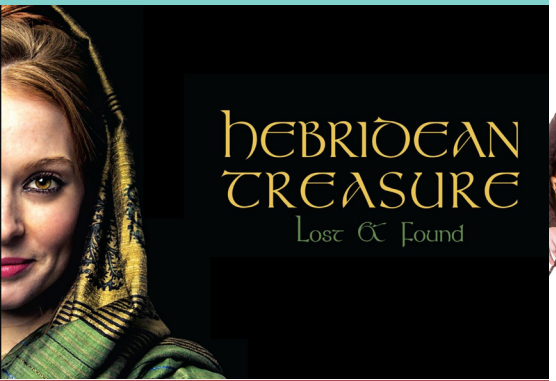
THEATRE | CatStrand | £10, £5 U26s

Lost and Found captivatingly blends song, dance and storytelling with live Scottish and South Asian music to conjure up the ancient landscapes of the Scottish Isles.

A universal story of exile, suffering and the loss of age-old wisdom, the piece moves through grief and tragedy to bring a message of hope for a new way of life that cherishes our Celtic cultural heritage.

Lost & Found uncovers the shared wisdom and connection to the earth of India and the Celtic world. We invite you into a world that was once lost, but is being found once again.

'Beautiful and spell-binding' British Council



26 May
7:30pm

Quarterdays: Gavin Marwick and friends

MUSIC | CatStrand | £15, £5 U26s

A special Whitsun concert with Gavin Marwick (fiddle) joined by friends Aaron Jones (cittern), Wendy Stewart (harp) and Ruth Morris (nyckelharpa), playing tunes from Gav's current project - a series of EPs released across 2023 celebrating the old Scots Quarter Days, all recorded as duos. Candlemas (Aaron) was February 2nd. This concert launches the Whitsun EP, recorded with Wendy. Lammas (Ruth) will be out in August. Martinmas distant in November. The band will also revisit Gav's big bag of tunes (as heard previously with Journeyman, Bellevue Rendezvous, Iron Horse etc)

Supported by Creative Scotland.



4 Jun
3pm

A' the way to Galloway - album launch concert with Jo Miller and friends

MUSIC | Dalry Town Hall | £5, £2 U26s

Join us to celebrate the launch of a new album of Galloway music, featuring former Dalry residents Jo Miller (song and fiddle) and Amy Geddes (fiddle and viola), Wigtownshire singer Robyn Stapleton, with Steve Sutcliffe (concertinas) and Neil Sutcliffe (piano, accordion and concertina).

Since the 1980s Jo has been researching local music - interviewing residents and exploring historical sources to investigate the lively music cultures of the area. 'A' the way to Galloway' includes Glenkens repertoire such as Robbie Murray's 'Toon o Dalry' and Logan Paterson's 'Buchts o Knockreoch', along with more recent compositions.

CREATIVE SCOTLAND
ALBA | CHRUTHACHAIL



08 Jun
7:30pm

Ross Ainslie, Ali Hutton & Jenn Butterworth

MUSIC | CatStrand | £18, £8 U26s

Ross and Ali bring together original compositions from their highly acclaimed albums, Symbiosis I and II, ranging from high octane jigs and reels to beautifully melodic slow airs. The music is a masterful blend of the old and the new, mixing in elements of traditional, rock and electronic. Modern Scottish folk music at its mightiest!

Jenn Butterworth is one of the most notable folk guitarists. She currently holds the title 'Musician of the Year' from the Scots Trad Music Awards, and was nominated for the same title in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

'*Treacherous Orchestra on Acid:*' ***fRoots***

17 Jun
7:30pm

Midsummer Ceilidh With Whirligig

MUSIC | CatStrand | £12, £4 U26s

Join us for a for a heady evening of music and dance, celebrating the height of the summer.

Excellent tunes and safe calling hands will be provided courtesy of CatStrand favorites Whirligig - Ruth Morris, Gavin Marwick, and Phil Alexander.

24 Jun
4:00pm

Song Wave Choir

MUSIC | Dalry Town Hall | £8, £4 U26s

Love is...Songs of love, loss and hope across time and place.

SongWave present an eclectic mix of songs depicting love in all its glory from classic 1950s doo-wop to heartbreaking ballads from the Georgian Caucasus, and from Croation barbershop to Scots and Gaelic folk songs. All sung a-cappella with the joyous enthusiasm for which the choir is becoming known.

We don't want ticket price to be a barrier to attending. If you would like to attend but can't comfortably afford a ticket please email songwavechoir@gmail.com





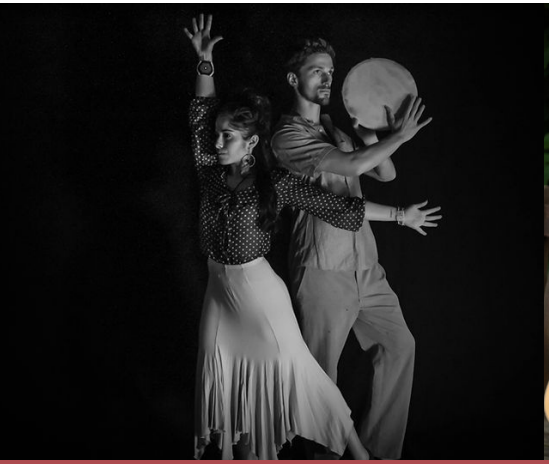


22 Jul
7:30pm

Sanchez Rigg: Project Unspoken

MUSIC | CatStrand | £10, £4 U26s

Project Unspoken explores the language and connection of music, dance and culture. Working with international artists, Leticia Sanchez & Anders Rigg invite the audience on a journey as they weave and bond together the energies of different traditions, artforms and identities. Influences include Spanish flamenco, percussion, electronica, Celtic and Afro-Cuban dance.



03 Sep
7:30pm

Martin Simpson

MUSIC | CatStrand | £16, £6 U26s

One of England's most revered folk performers, widely acknowledged as one of the finest acoustic and slide guitar players in the world, Martin's interpretations of traditional songs are masterpieces of storytelling. His remarkable solo shows are intense, eclectic, spellbinding and deeply moving. Always prolific, and never one to rest long without a guitar in his hands and a song in his head, Martin is genuinely thrilled to be back out on the road now - back where he loves to be - playing live.

"One of the virtuoso instrumentalists of the English music scene... sounds better than ever" **** The Guardian



CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

Margaret Morris Movement (adult class)

DANCE | CatStrand | £5 | Mondays, 2.30pm - 3:30pm

Margaret Morris Movement (MMM) is a unique system of exercise, dance and movement training which achieves a perfect balance between set exercises and free movement expression. The exercises are aimed at increasing mobility in every part of the body, as well as developing suppleness, strength and stamina. Each exercise is performed to specially selected music and is good to look at and satisfying to perform. Contact sara.shackleton26@gmail.com



WriteOn Galloway

GROUP | Online and CatStrand | £5 per month subscription

WriteOn is a writing group with around 25 members, convened by author Margaret Elphinstone (www.margaretelphinstone.co.uk). Anyone who lives locally or who has some Galloway connection is eligible to join. No writing experience is necessary.

The group has a private web platform where all contributions and comments are posted. There are also quarterly workshops at CatStrand. Members write in different genres, and encourage each other to experiment. You can see selections of their work at writeongalloway.wordpress.com. This group is currently full, but if you're interested in joining, please contact info@catstrand.com.

Ken Words Writers' Cafes

EVENT | CatStrand Cafe | Free | Second Thursday of the month - 11 May / 08 Jun

The Writers' Café offers a friendly, supportive environment to meet monthly for writing-focussed conversation and discussion of work-in-progress. It is open to anyone interested in writing, whatever your in/experience and whether or not you choose to share your own writing.

Hot and cold drinks can be purchased from the CatStrand café during Café sessions. Hosted by Jane McBeth on behalf of Ken Words – please contact her at jane.kenwords@gmail.com if you have any queries.

22 Jun
7:30pm

Open Stage with Alan McClure

MUSIC | CatStrand | £5 per audience & acts

A fun-packed evening of varied, live performance; poetry, song, storytelling, comedy, whatever you feel like - come to perform or just to enjoy!

The Open Stage takes place every second month CatStrand, and at the Quarrymen's Arts Centre, Creetown in the in-between months.

Performers are welcome to turn up on the day, but can contact Alan to discuss their show in advance alanmcclure70@hotmail.com.







23 Jul
2-4pm

The Glenkens Story-The Galloway Nag, Galloway's Gift to the World

EVENT | CatStrand | £10, £4 U26s

The Galloway Garron or Nag was a famous breed of Galloway horse, now extinct, but with a unique international legacy. This remarkable breed, recorded by Defoe and Shakespeare, was held in the highest regard across the country and beyond but it appears to have vanished without trace.

Dr Miriam Bibby is an archaeologist, historian and journalist with a specialist interest in the history and archaeology of the horse and its relationship with humans. She has been researching Galloway's unique breed of horse, what it was like, what happened to it, and its impact on the equine world.

CatStrand Singers

MUSIC | CatStrand | £5 |

The Catstrand Singers is a Glenkens based community choir who have been meeting on Thursdays for twelve years.

Anyone is who enjoys singing – or would like to try - is welcome. Contact Carol Salsbury at mothermalarky@hotmail.co.uk or search Catstrand Singers on Facebook.

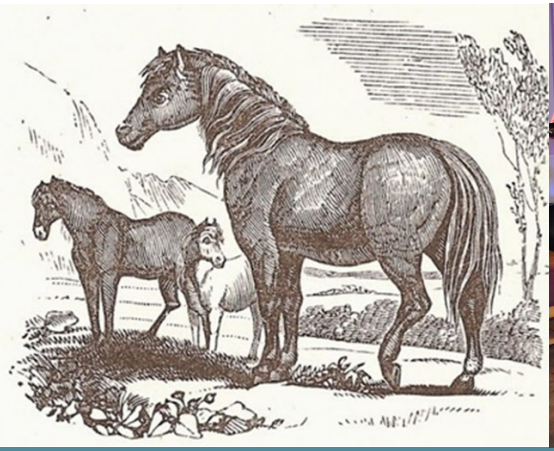
17 May
7:30pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: The Courier (12)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £5

Based on a true-life incident at the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis when a British business man, Greville Wynn, is persuaded to become the conduit between a highly placed Russian official, Colonel Oleg Penkovsky, and MI6. As international tensions rise and suspicions grow Wynn realises that he has taken responsibility for other people's lives whilst his own is also in danger.

2020 : 1hr 51







14 Jun
7:30pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: The Outfit (15)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £5

Leonard (Mark Rylance), a master English tailor who's ended up in 1950's Chicago, operates a corner tailor shop where he makes beautiful clothes for the only people around who can afford them: a family of vicious gangsters.

One night, two killers (Dylan O'Brien, Johnny Flynn) knock on his door in need of a favour - And Leonard is embroiled in a deadly game of deception and murder.

Somewhere in Leonard's shop an FBI bug is planted – but where and by whom? And who is the Rat?

2022 : 1h 45m

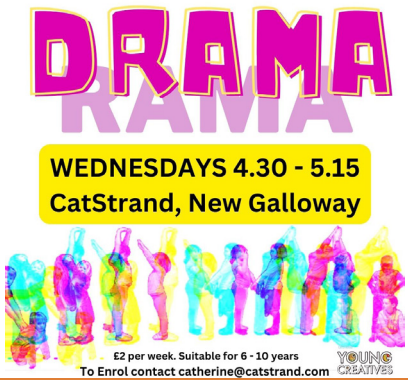


CATSTRAND YOUNG CREATIVES

Drama Rama (6 - 10 years)

DRAMA | CatStrand | £2 | Wednesdays 19 Apr - 28 Jun | Term Time Only | 4.30 – 5.15pm / 5.15 - 5.35pm (Musical Theatre)

Join Cat on a fun creative adventure to magical lands exploring through role play, drama, movement and storytelling. From adventures in the jungle, to chasing dragons and flying with fairies, the weekly sessions will promote imagination and speaking skills in a fun way, helping to bring out the inner performer within your child whilst promoting confidence and making new friends! Sessions will run without parents. Classes will only run with a minimum of 5 children. To book register email catherine@catstrand.com or book via www.csyoungcreatives.com



Art Explorers (5 – 9 years) - Booking essential

ART | CatStrand | £2 | Saturdays, bi-weekly, term time | Sat 11 Mar - Sat 17 Jun

Looking for a fun and creative activity for your little ones? Join Saturday art explorers, an art club designed for under 10s. Our artist will guide children in exploring different art techniques and materials, helping to them to build their creativity and confidence. Each week is a new adventure, with exciting projects ranging from painting and drawing to sculpting and printmaking. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity.

Parents can stay for the session or enjoy a child free hour whilst the kids get creative!



What's on May - June

Young Writers Cafe (12 - 25 years)

WRITING | CatStrand | Free | Last Wednesday of the month

Are you passionate about writing poetry, fiction, memoirs or scripts or just starting our exploring the world of creative writing?

Then look no further than Young Writer Cafe. Every last Wednesday of the month, we create a youth led environment that promotes creativity and encourages aspiring writers to come together to meet likeminded individuals to work on their own pieces or share work. Don't forget to grab a drink from our café to fuel your imagination!

Wed 28 Jun

Young Writers Café | Talk How to Write About Theatre

WRITING | CatStrand | 5pm - 7pm | Free for *Young Critics*, donations welcome for 18+

In this lively workshop, journalist Mark Fisher will talk about his job as a theatre critic for The Guardian newspaper and share some tips of the trade. You'll journey from the present day into the past, learning lessons from history about how to write about the shows you love. You can ask questions along the way. The more you join in, the better the experience will be. Mark Fisher is one of Scotland's foremost commentators on the arts. He is a former editor of The List magazine and a freelance contributor to many publications. He is the author of *The Edinburgh Fringe Survival Guide* and *How to Write About Theatre*.

YOUNG CREATIVES: Art Ambassadors (age 11 - 21)

GROUP | CatStrand Cafe | Free | Bi-weekly 24 Apr – 19 Jun | 4.30pm -5.30pm

A dynamic group of volunteers aged 12-21, working together to represent the voices of young people in the Glenkens area and help shape the young creatives art programme.

As well as gaining excellent experience and be key to shaping the young creatives arts programme, Young Creatives Ambassadors will receive: Free Pizza! A Cool T-shirt Experience working in a professional arts centre and most importantly a warm fuzzy feeling! These meet ups are supported by the Holywood Trust.







Margaret Morris Movement | Health Play (ages 3-7)

DANCE | CatStrand | Mon Weekly | 17 Apr - Mon 26 Jun | Term Time | £2.50 per child or £10 for half term block

Music, a song, a story, a rhyme, an idea, an object combine in this delightful dance syllabus for pre-school and early years in these Health Play creative movement sessions. Led by local dancer, choreographer and teacher Sara Shackleton. Running Mondays during term time.

Contact sara.shackleton26@gmail.com for more information.

Margaret Morris Dance | Youth Dance & Children's Grades (ages 8 - 15)

DANCE | CatStrand | Free | Mon weekly, 4.30pm - 5:30pm Mon 17 Apr - Mon 26 June | Term Time | £2.50 per child or £10 for half term block

Margaret Morris Movement is a type of dance that encourages young people to explore their artistic and creative side, for example through costume or set design, alongside developing dance technique. This group also offers a chance to work towards dance grades.

Contact sara.shackleton26@gmail.com for more information.

Dance Step (ages 10 - 18)

DANCE | CatStrand | £5 | Monthly | Sat 27 May, 10 June, 01 Jul | 2 - 5pm

Dance Step provides young people with the opportunity to explore the world of dance. Each month, participants are introduced to a different dance form, led by professional dancers and dance tutors. Workshops will include jazz and tap, hip hop, street dance, musical theatre, ballet and much more. Participants will also have the opportunity to use the 'Dance Space' session on a Thursday by weekly basis.

Participants are encouraged to attend all monthly sessions to benefit from this opportunity. No experience necessary.







Saturday Art Club (ages 10 – 16) - booking essential

ART | CatStrand | £2 | Saturdays, term time | bi-weekly until Sat 17 Jun

Saturday art club is a bi weekly club offering the opportunity to learn new skills, discover talents, meet new people. Saturday Art Club will introduce members to a range of different and exciting art and design activities/skills such as drawing, mark-making, printmaking, painting, photography, 3D/sculpture, illustration, textiles, and more! The artist led club will build your confidence and develop your own personal areas of interest within art and design. These activities will be run by a professional practising artist with occasional guest artists.



Young Music Makers: Musical Misfits (ages 10 - 18)

MUSIC | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £2 | Term Time Only | 13 May – 16 Dec

Calling all aspiring young singers and musical enthusiasts! Join our bi-weekly singing class for ages 10-18. With a seasoned and passionate music teach Kate Picking, you'll get to learn show-stopping songs from your favourite musicals, hone your vocal technique, and conquer harmonies. Top it off with an incredible showcase on the 4th November to flaunt your new found skill. Sign up now and let the spotlight shine on you!

Young Music Makers: A Taste of Music

MUSIC | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £4 | Sat 06 May and Sat 03 Jun

Looking for a fun and engaging activity for your child? Look no further than our taste of music workshops designed for children to try out new instrument ss and learn the basics of rhythm and beat. With a variety of instruments including ukulele, keyboard, guitar and drums, your child will have the opportunity to explore their musical interests and develop their skills. Join us for a jam-packed session of music making and discovery.

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Young Music Makers

Young Creatives Project

Ukulele, Guitar & Piano lessons, Music Technology Workshops, Songwriting & Singing Classes & Young Musician Development

Young Music Makers: SoundTrap Digital (ages 10 – 16)

MUSIC | CatStrand | £2 | Tues term time, bi-weekly, 02 May – 13 Jun

"Soundtrap" digital music production workshops for all creative minds regardless of previous experience or abilities. Make your own music by selecting from thousands of pre-recorded samples, or record your own voice and instruments. Choose your favourite genre, or blend multiple together to create something new and unique. Use sound effects to make theme music for movies or games, and record your own podcasts that can be published on Spotify and shared worldwide!

Young Music Makers: Ukulele Sparks & Ukulele Skills

MUSIC | The Smiddy, Balbaclellan | £4 | Sat term time, weekly – 06 May - 24 Jun

Come and join our Saturday weekly term-time only Ukulele classes, designed for children aged 6-9 years and 10 years plus! Learn to play this fun and versatile instrument in a relaxed and friendly group setting. Our experienced and enthusiastic teachers will guide you through the basics and help improve your skills week by week. Develop musical abilities, boost self-confidence, and make new friends! Limited places available, so book now to avoid disappointment!

Young Music Makers: Mustech Soundscape (ages 10 - 16)

MUSIC | CatStrand | £2 | Tues term time, bi-weekly, 09 May – 19 Jun

Discover the art of music production and recording and take a step towards creating your own digital music. Our workshops are perfect for young music enthusiasts who want to explore the world of music and sound. Participants will be guided through the process of using music to create a variety of sounds and short pieces, which will be used during the Soundtrap workshops, which are run in conjunction. No experience necessary.

Young Music Makers: Guitar Sparks & Skills

MUSIC | The Smiddy, Balbaclellan | £4 | Sat term time, weekly – 06 May - 24 Jun

Give your child the gift of music with our group guitar lessons! Our experience teacher create a fun supportive environment for children and young people to learn the basics of playing the guitar. Young people will learn the fundamentals of guitar playing, including chords, scales and strumming techniques. They'll also have the opportunity to play with others and develop their musical skills in a group setting. Sign up now and watch your child's love of music grow!

Young Music Makers: Keyboard Lessons

MUSIC | £4 | Term time, weekly, Fri 4pm – 4.30pm @ CatStrand | Sat 1.30 – 2pm @ The Smiddy, Balmaclellan

Looking for a musical adventure for your child? Our small group beginner keyboard lesson are perfect for children aged 6 – 12 years. Led by an experience music tutor, each session is limited to three children, ensuring personalized attention and maximum engagement. With a focus on fund and learning, your child will be creating their own music in no time. Don't miss out on this opportunity – enrol now to secure your place. Classes run term time only and are payable in advance.

Young Music Makers: Piano Lessons

MUSIC | CatStrand | £6.50 | Term time, weekly, Fri 05 May – Tue 23 Jun

Do you want your child to learn how to play piano on a grand piano? Our private piano lessons are available for children over 12 years old who haven't currently got access to music lessons. Our experience and friendly musician tutor will tailor each lesson to your Childs needs and abilities, ensuring that they get the most out of their musical journey. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity. Places are very limited and payable termly.

Young Music Makers: A Taste of Music

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Mini Music Makers (under 6 years)

MUSIC | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £3 per family | Monthly, starts 13 May | 11:45am - 12:30pm

Mini Music Makers – a fun-filled family session designed to ignite the love for music in your little ones! Our singing and music making workshops are perfect for kids under 6, accompanied by their parents or carers. Join Kate in a fun and playful and interactive session and make music together!

Coming up in the summer holidays...

10 - 13 Jul

UpSkills | Young Filmmaking Workshop (age 14 – 20)

FILMMAKING | CatStrand | £15 | Tue 10 Jul to 13 Jul | 10am – 5pm

Join our Up Skills Filmmaker 3 days workshop. Led by filmmaker Rhiannon Mudaliar, this three-day workshop for 14–20 year olds is an exciting opportunity to learn essential filmmaking skills. Over the course of the workshop, you'll contribute to writing and producing short fiction film, exploring pre-production and post production stages. With hands on experience operating a DSLR camera, scriptwriting and directing, this workshop is perfect for those looking to gain practical skills and teamwork experience. Please bring a packed lunch!

13 Jul 11am -3pm

Jungle Adventure | Dance & Creative Movement Workshop | (age 4- 7)

DANCE | CatStrand | £4

Calling all creative movers and shakers for this creative movement story exploring the sights and sounds of the jungle. This is a 'MOVE, MAKE, DANCE, CREATE' event curated by local dance artist, Sara Shackleton. We'll be dancing our way through the jungle and making fun accessories to take home. Please bring a packed lunch.





15 Jul
10:30am
-11:45pm

Young Music Makers Family | Bucket Drumming

MUSIC | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £2

Looking for a fun and innovative way to introduce your child to the world of music? Music makers present family bucket drumming workshop, conducted by Music teach Kate Pickering. This workshop is open to families with children of all ages and promotes learning through hands-on experiences. The best part is everyone gets their own bucket drum to create their own beats and rhythm. Sign up now for a musical adventure with your family!



15 Jul
12pm
-2pm

Young Music Makers | Musical Misfits (age 10 – 18)

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18 Jul
10:30am
-3pm

Elementary Shadows: A Workshop of Puppetry and Drama | (age 6 – 14)

PUPPETRY| CatStrand | £5

Discover a world of creativity and imagination with our Shadow-themed Drama and Storytelling workshop. Explore the four elements through the art of shadow puppetry, drama, and crafts. Learn the secrets of shadow stage fighting, movement, and puppetry to stage your own performance. Suitable for all ages, this workshop is a perfect opportunity to express your creativity and bring your stories to life. Join us and unleash your inner storyteller!



21 Jul
10am - 5pm

Create in the Wild Side (Under 12's)

OUTDOOR | The Woods, Transport from CatStrand | £5

Attention young eco-artists! Experience the magic of nature and awaken your creative side at our 'Create in the Wild Side' workshop in the beautiful Galloway Glens. Join CatStrand Young Creatives for a day of eco-friendly fun, where you'll learn to craft stunning artworks using natural and sustainable materials found right in the forest. Perfect for under 12s with a passion for nature and art. Hurry and book your spot now, spaces are limited!"



24 Jul
10:30am - 1pm

Furry Friends | Needle Felting Workshop (ages 11 – 21)

CRAFTS | CatStrand | £5

Join our enchanting needle felting animal workshop for ages 11 years and up! Get to create your very own snuggly creatures to cherish forever. Our textile artist will guide you through the thrilling process of turning loose wool fibres into deeply charming animal shapes. A fun filled workshop, perfect for unleashing your inner artist. Book now and let your creativity soar!



28 Jul
2pm - 5pm

Dance Steps | Contemporary Dance Theatre (age 10 – 18)

DANCE | CatStrand | £5

Join professional dancer Andre Anderson and unlock your creative potential. You will work collaboratively to craft a show-stopping performance, incorporating your unique skills and talents. Explore new techniques and styles, from floor work to formation, and delve into the art of improvisation. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of something truly special.



Did you know?

Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

The CatStrand Arts Programme and CatStrand Young Creatives are both GCAT projects. Our other Projects include:

- The Glenkens Gazette
- Galloway Community Transport + ebikes
- The Glenkens Community Spaces Network
- The new Glenkens Hub website www.glenkens.scot
- Community Activity Programme
- The Glenkens Mens Shed

We also lead on delivering the Glenkens + District Community Action Plan. All details on www.gcat.scot or follow us on Facebook @GCAT.

Thank you to all our funders, staff, volunteers and private supporters that make all of this possible.

Pop in and see us at the CatStrand if you can!

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Arts Programme & Creative Communities

May	Sun 14	Lulo Rheinhardt & Yuliya Lonskaya	Music	p.4
	Wed 17	The Courier (12)	Film	p.9
	Sun 21	VRï	Music	p.4
	Tue 23	Pibroch by John Bolland	Theatre	p.4
	Wed 24	Hebridean Treasure: Lost and Found	Theatre	p.5
	Fri 26	Quarterdays	Music	p.5
	2nd Thu/ month	Ken Words Writers' Cafes	Event	p.8
	Various	WriteOn Galloway	Group	p.8
	Various	Margaret Morris Movement	Dance	p.8
	Thursdays	CatStrand Singers	Music	p.9
June	Sun 04	A' the way to Galloway - Jo Miller and friends	Music	p.5
	Thu 08	Ross Ainslie, Ali Hutton & Jenn Butterworth	Music	p.6
	Wed 14	The Outfit (15)	Film	p.10
	Sat 17	Midsummer Ceilidh Whirligig	Music	p.6
	Wed 22	Open Stage with Alan McClure	Music	p.8
	Sat 24	Songwave Choir	Music	p.7
July	Sat 22	Sanchez Rigg: Project Unspoken	Music	p.6
	Sun 23	The Glenkens Story-The Galloway Nag	Event	p.9
SEP	Sun 03	Martin Simpson	Music	p.7

Young Creatives - Regular Sessions

Drama Rama	Drama	p.10
Art Explorers	Art	p.10
Young Writers Cafe	Writing	p.11
Young Writers Cafe: Theatre	Writing	p.11
Art Ambassadors	Group	p.11
Margaret Morris Movement	Dance	p.12
Margaret Morris Dance Grades	Dance	p.12
Dance Step	Dance	p.12
Saturday Art Club	Art	p.13

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Young Creatives - Summer Holidays

Jul	14 -13	Upskills Filmmaking Workshop	Film	p.15
	Thu 13	Jungle Adventure Dance	Dance	p.15
	Sat 15	Bucket Drumming	Music	p.16
	Sat 15	Musical Misfits	Music	p.16
	Tue 18	Elementary Shadows: Puppetry	Puppetry	p.16
	Fri 21	Create in the Wild Side	Outside	p.17
	Mon 24	Furry Friends Needle Felting	Crafts	p.17
	Fri 28	Dance Steps: Contemporary Theatre	Dance	p.17

Young Creatives - Young Music Makers

Musical Misfits	p.13
A Taste of Music	p.13
Soundtrap Digital	p.14
Mustech Soundscape	p.14
Keyboard Lessons	p.14
Ukulele Sparks and Ukelele Skills	p.14
Guitar Sparks and Skills	p.14
Piano Lessons	p.14
A Taste of Music	p.15
Mini Music Makers	p.15

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