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YOUNG CREATIVES

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ARTS AND EVENTS PROGRAMME

07 Jul
7:30pm

Blue Giant Orkestar

MUSIC | CatStrand | £16, £10 U26s

Earth-Quaking Brain-Melting Brass-Tastic Tune-Machine - This is a standing gig with a late licence applied for.

Blue Giant Orkestar are a tune-tastic trans-European gold-plated instrumental hydra of nuclear brass, searing fiddle, pounding tuba, one enormous Russian concert accordion and a percussion section that could flatten your house. Fuelled by Balkan horos, Serbian brass festivals, Turkish pop songs, Bulgarian accordion fireworks and even a spot of Scottish ceilidh.



17 Jul
4 - 7pm

Sanches Rigg: Project Unspoken Workshop

WORKSHOP | CatStrand | Free | Age 16+

Leticia Sanchez & Anders Rigg invite you to join them for the Project Unspoken Workshop. In this workshop they will share the new methodology they have developed for creating music and dance, in the same space, at the same time.

This workshop will involve as even a mix of music and dance as possible. It will be a great workshop for those with a background in an artform such as music, dance, theatre or spoken word and it is open to all levels of experience. Participants from all cultural backgrounds are encouraged to take part.



22 Jul
7:30pm

Sanchez Rigg: Project Unspoken

MUSIC | CatStrand | £10, £4 U26

Project Unspoken explores the language of music & dance, opening up the age-old, primal connection that exists between these forms of expression. The lines between musician and dancer become blurred as the audience is invited on a journey with the artists. Weaving energies together, the connection between art disciplines, cultures, and non-verbal and verbal language, creates a new story to tell. Working with an ever-evolving international cast, Leticia Sanchez & Anders Rigg have created a melting pot of classical and contemporary artforms, with influences including Spanish flamenco, percussion, electronica, Celtic and Afro-Cuban dance. Sanchez Rigg are resident at CatStrand from 17th to 22nd July.



23 Jul
2pm

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. 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.

The Bookshop Band Wee Glenkens Tour - 19 & 20 Aug

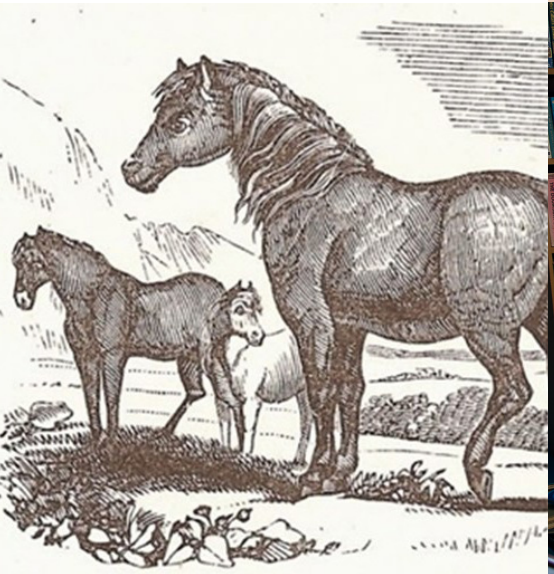
The Bookshop band are Wigtown based duo Ben Please and Beth Porter (Lost Words Spell Songs). Join them on their small tour of the Glenkens.

The Bookshop Band began as an artist collaboration with an independent bookshop and has since seen them travel the world's bookshops and stages with their music.

They have worked with authors including Margaret Atwood, Philip Pullman, Hilary Mantel and Louis de Bernières and their celebrated body of work is inspired by hundreds of books.

Last year their music received nods from the Oscars, the BAFTAs and an Ivor Novello Nomination and they were spotted by Pete Townshend who then collaborated on the band's 15th album, due later this year.

"*Not just good but achingly good*" The New York Times





19 Aug
10am

The Bookshop Band visit Bairn Banter

MUSIC | Lagwyne Hall, Carsphairn | Free

The Bookshop Band join the Carsphairn's Bairn Banter stay and play group for a special concert for the wee one's. Expect a mix of Classical to Folk, nursery Rhymes to pop songs.



19 Aug
3pm

The Bookshop Band High Tea Tunes Special

MUSIC | CatStrand | £10, £4 U26s

Join the Bookshop band at the CatStrand for a concert of their literary inspired music, followed by tea & scones and a chance to chat with Ben and Beth

20 Aug
11am

Song Workshop with The Bookshop Band

WORKSHOP | The Smiddy, Balmacellan | £10, £4 U26s

Ben and Beth may well be Galloway's most prolific song writers. Join them for a song writing session, taking you through their process of Song writing, and starting a song or two.

Open to all ages and abilities.

20 Aug
5:30pm

Clachan Session with The Bookshop Band

MUSIC | Clachan Inn, Dalry | £10, £4 U26s

The Bookshop band will lead the Clachan folk session, performing some of their own songs, and facilitating the session. Bring an instrument a song, or just come along to listen.

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. Nominated an astounding 31 times in the 16 years of the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards - more than any other performer - and winner of numerous awards.



A' The Way to Galloway: Slow Tour

A' the way to Galloway is CatStrand's first slow tour. The aim of the slow tour is to invite an artist to spend more time in the region at CatStrand and beyond, providing more opportunities to get to know different aspects of their work, skill- share, and allow time for the artist's work to be influenced by their stay. A' the way to Galloway is an exploration of Galloway Music, led by artists with strong connection to the area.

A' The Way to Galloway: Concerts

02 Sep 7:30pm — Quarrymen's Arts Centre, Creetown | £14, £4 U26s

03 Sep 3:30pm — Loch Arthur Cresset Hall, Beeswing | £14, £4 U26s

06 Oct 7:30pm — CatStrand, New Galloway | £14, £4 U26s

Join us to celebrate 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). They perform music from their new album A' the way to Galloway, and other local songs and tunes. All are welcome for these special concerts, with opportunities to participate!



Tune Workshops with Amy Geddes and Neil Sutcliffe

02 Sep 2pm — Quarrymen's Arts Centre, Creetown | £8, £4 U26s

03 Sep 12pm — Loch Arthur Cresset Hall, Beeswing | £8, £4 U26s

This workshop is for instrumentalists of all ages. Amy and Neil will teach Galloway tunes and other repertoire for a mixed instrument group, with a focus on tune learning and accompaniment. You should be able to play a simple tune confidently (not suitable for beginners) and you can learn either by ear or using music notation. Audio files of tunes will be available before the workshop.



10 Sep 10:30am — Song workshop with Robyn Stapleton and Jo Miller

WORKSHOP | Dalry Town Hall | 10:30am - 4pm | £16, £6 U26s

Galloway has a rich song tradition, ranging from work by 19th- century local poets to the 'craft' songs of shepherds, humorous items, and dance songs. Come and explore some of this repertoire with Robyn Stapleton and Jo Miller. Vocal arrangements will be provided, but we'll also explore unison singing and rhythmic accompaniment. Music reading not essential. Tea and coffee provided, ; bring lunch to share.





08 Sep
7:30pm

Tom Pow and The Galloway Agreement: The Village and the Road

THEATRE | CatStrand | £16, £6 U26s

The Village and The Road is a personal and collective story about rural depopulation, told through storytelling, live music, and theatre. Tom Pow draws on his travels for this emotive journey exploring the abandonment of the countryside, refugee crises and the 'great thinning' of the natural world, whilst The Galloway Agreement musicians draw on their wide experience of European musical traditions, enlarging the emotional landscape and driving the narrative. This celebrated work makes a welcome return to the CatStrand, after being performed to a distanced audience in September 2021.

17 Sep
3pm

Bottling It: A Buskers Production

FILM | CatStrand | £5

A film and discussion with the prize-winning film maker and visual artist Sue Thomas and the Women Who Write Collective, followed by a free writing workshop.

This film unstoppers, decants and spills out memory in image, poetry and prose, inviting introspection about what it is to cook, preserve, nurture and feed others in a rural landscape.

22 Sep
7:30pm

George Egg: Set Menu

COMEDY | CatStrand | £15, £5 U26s

Part of the Glenkens Food Month.

George Egg is the comedian who cooks. This award-winning, multi-sell-out, international-touring performer presents a delightful hour comprising the best bits from his previous acclaimed comedy-with-cooking shows, plus a few new surprises. Three plates of gourmet food prepared in the most unconventional of ways and with the opportunity to taste the results at the end. It's time for the funniest recipes and the most delicious jokes.







Music Making in the Glenkens: Past, Present and Future

The Glenkens Story's annual history conference tackles a completely different subject this autumn when it addresses the musical history of the Glenkens and provides an excuse for a hectic weekend of music making. The CatStrand will host an exhibition during September and October, celebrating local musicians through the years.



07 Oct
10:30am - 3:30pm

Glenkens Story: Music Making in the Glenkens: Past, Present and Future

CONFERENCE | CatStrand | £30 (inc. lunch), £10 U26s, £20 student

10:30am - 3:30pm This day of talks, music and discussion will include an overview by Dr Jo Miller, drawing on her extensive research into local musical traditions. Christopher Wright will discuss Galloway music in the School of Scottish Studies Sound Archive, and the relative lack of representation. Anna Campbell will delve into the archives of the Carsphairn Heritage Group, unearthing stories of some of the musical families in the area. Presentations will be illustrated by live and recorded music, video, and pictures. The day will conclude with an open discussion involving speakers and audience, chaired by historian Lizanne Henderson, addressing not only the preservation of our musical tradition but how it can thrive and develop.

On the evening of the conference, there will be a community concert in Dalry Town Hall with a variety of local performers celebrating the rich variety of music -making still flourishing in the Glenkens and neighbourhood.

07 Oct
4:30pm

A Wee Hoolie

EVENT | CatStrand | £2

Songs, stories and dancing for families and younger children.

07 Oct
7:30pm

Gaither Roon Folks an' this Story I'll Tell

CONCERT | Town Hall, Dalry | £5

Community concert at Dalry Town Hall - compered by Brian Edgar.



Regular Events

Ken Words Writers' Cafe

EVENT | CatStrand Cafe | Free | Second Thursday of the month - 13 Jul, 10 Aug, 14 Sep | 7pm

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.

Hosted by Jane McBeth on behalf of Ken Words – please contact her at jane.kenwords@gmail.com if you have any queries.

Clachan Folk Sessions

MUSIC | Clachan Inn, Dalry | By donation (£5 suggested) | Sun 16 Jul, Sun 20 Aug, Sun 08 Oct | 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Bring your instruments or singing voice for a folk session led by Ollie Rigg, Michael Muir (Muckle Spree), Lucy Smith and their guests. Or just come along to listen in.

They can be very popular, so we recommend prompt arrival to get a seat! A great pub with great tunes & great company - there can be few finer ways to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Listen, play, or chat next door.

Open Stage with Alan McClure

MUSIC | CatStrand | £5 per audience & acts | 24 Aug, 20 Oct | 7:30pm

Join us for our bimothly fun packed evening of varied live performance … poetry, song, storytelling, comedy, whatever you feel like - come to perform or just to enjoy!

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







CATSTRAND YOUNG CREATIVES What's on July - October

09 Sep
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Creative Portfolio Development (14 - 25 years)

ART | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £6 | Monthly | Term Time Only

At each artist-led session you will learn a new creative skill. This might include things like experimental printmaking, alternative photography, found object sculpture or digital foraging. These workshops are ideal if you are considering art college and want to develop work for your portfolio but are equally suitable if you just enjoy making stuff in a relaxed environment with likeminded folk.

All materials and equipment will be provided but you are very welcome to bring your sketchbook, other resources, or items that inspire you.

23 Aug
4:30pm

Drama Rama (6 - 10 years)

DRAMA | CatStrand | £2 | Wed 23 Aug - 11 Oct | 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

02 Sep
10am - 11am

Art Explorers (5 – 9 years) - Booking essential

ART | CatStrand | £2 | Saturdays, bi-weekly, term time | 02 Sep - 14 Oct

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!!







6pm - 7:30m

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 out exploring the world of creative writing?

Then look no further than Young Writers Cafe. Every last Wednesday of the month, Young Writers Café is 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!

Saturdays 11:15am - 12:30pm

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

ART | CatStrand | £2 | Saturdays, term time | bi-weekly | 02 Sep - 14 Oct

Saturday Art Club is a bi weekly club offering the opportunity to learn new skills, discover talents, meet new people. Members will explore 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.

28 Aug 4:30pm - 5:30am

YOUNG CREATIVES: Art Ambassadors (age 11 - 21)

GROUP | CatStrand Cafe | Free | Bi-weekly 28 Aug - 09 Oct

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

Art Ambassadors gain excellent experience, and are key to shaping the young creatives programme. They also get pizza, a cool T -shirt, the opportunity to work in a professional arts centre and, most importantly, a warm fuzzy feeling! These meet- ups are supported by the Holywood Trust.







28 Aug
3:45pm - 4:30pm

Margaret Morris Movement | Health Play (ages 4-7)

DANCE | CatStrand | Mon Weekly | 28 Aug - 09 Oct | 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 Lockwood. Running Mondays during term time.

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

28 Aug
4:30pm - 5:30pm

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

DANCE | CatStrand | Free | Mon weekly, 28 Aug - 09 Oct | 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 offers a chance to work towards dance grades.

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

Various
2pm - 5pm

Dance Step (ages 10 - 18)

DANCE | CatStrand | £5 | Sat 01 & 29 Jul, 02 & 16 Sep, 14 October

Dance Step is a new Young Creatives initiative and will provide young people the opportunity to explore the world of dance. Each month, participants will be introduced to a different dance form in these high energetic workshops, 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.







Youth Players Behind the Scenes | Set Design for Pantomime

THEATRE | CatStrand | Starting Sep - day/time TBC

Come behind the scenes with the CatStrand Young Creatives Theatre Crew this year and help us build the set for the exciting annual Christmas panto! Suitable for 102 - to 25 years. Get hands- on experience in prop and set design, whilst being part of a beloved holiday tradition.

Youth Players Pantomime Rehearsal (Ages 10 - 25)

THEATRE | CatStrand | Sundays, weekly | Term Time, starting 03 Sep | Free

Join the award- winning CatStrand Youth Players for our exciting Christmas pantomime production starting this September. No experience required, just a passion for acting and fun! Our rehearsals take place every Sunday under the guidance of award- winning director Brian Edgar, offering you a great opportunity to hone your skills, make new friends and explore the magic of live theatre. Limited places available, so register your interest - email catherine@catstrand.com.

Performances 08, 09, 10 December.

11:45am - 12:45am

Young Music Makers: A Taste of Music

MUSIC | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £4 | Sat 02 Sep and Sat 07 Oct

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 instruments 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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10:30am - 11:30am

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!



24 Jun 2pm - 2:30pm

Young Music Makers: Ukulele Sparks & Ukulele Skills

MUSIC | The Smiddy, Balbaclellan | £4 | Sat term time, weekly – 24 Jun, ongoing

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

25 Aug 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Young Music Makers: Piano Lessons

MUSIC | CatStrand | £8 | Term time, weekly, Fri 25 Aug - 13 Oct

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 experienced and friendly musician tutor will tailor each lesson to your child's 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.

19 Jun 6pm - 8pm

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

MUSIC | CatStrand | £2 | Tues bi-weekly, 19 Jun - 01 Aug

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.

24 Jun 2:30pm & 3pm

Young Music Makers: Guitar Sparks & Skills

MUSIC | The Smiddy, Balbaclellan | £4 | Sat term time, weekly – 24th Jun, ongoing | 2:30pm - 3pm / 3pm - 4pm

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!

COMING UP IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS...

10 - 13 Jul

UpSkills | Young Filmmaking Workshop (age 14 – 20)

FILMMAKING | The 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!

Image designed by Art Ambassador Josh Wells



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.



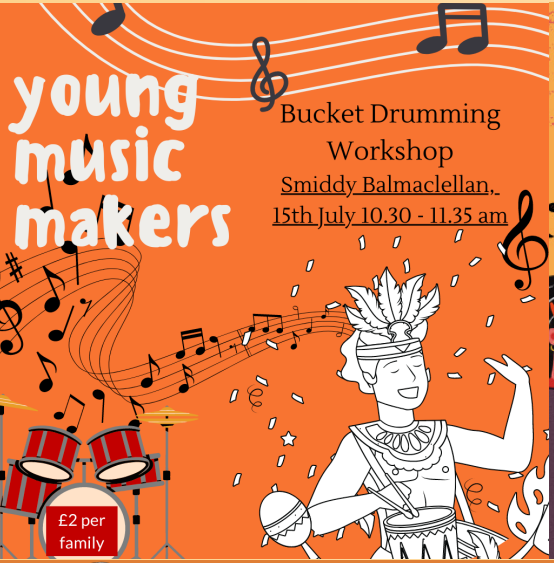
15 Jul
10:30am
-11:30pm

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!

Image designed by Art Ambassador Ellie Harnett



15 Jul
12pm
-2pm

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

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18 Jul
10:30am
- 1pm

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

CRAFTS | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £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!



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
10am -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!



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 Glenkens Hub - www.glenkens.scot
- Together in the Glenkens
- Glenkens Youth Group

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!

DIRECTORY

Arts & Events Programme

July	Fri 07	Blue Giant Orkestar	Music	p.3
	Mon 17	Sanchez Rigg: Project Unspoken Workshop	Workshop	p.3
	Sat 22	Sanchez Rigg: Project Unspoken	Music	p.3
	Sun 23	The Glenkens Story-The Galloway Nag	Event	p.4
	Monthly	Ken Words Writers' Cafes	Event	p.9
	Various	Clachan Folk Sessions	Music	p.9
August	Thu 03	Blue: Swallow, the Hare and the Moon	Music	p.4
	Sat 19	The Bookshop Band Visit to Bairn Banter	Music	p.5
	Sat 19	The Bookshop Band High Tea Tunes	Music	p.5
	Sun 20	Song Workshop with The Bookshop Band	Workshop	p.5
	Sun 20	Clachan Session with The Bookshop Band	Music	p.5
	Various	Open Stage Night	Various	p.9
September	Sat 02	A' The Way to Galloway - Quarrymen's	Concert	p.6
	Sat 02	A' The Way to Galloway - Quarrymen's	Workshop	p.6
	Sun 03	A' The Way to Galloway - Loch Arthur	Concert	p.6
	Sun 03	A' The Way to Galloway - Loch Arthur	Workshop	p.6
	Sun 03	Martin Simpson	Music	p.5
	Fri 08	Tom Pow The Village and the Road	Theatre	p.7
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	Fri 22	George Egg: Set Menu	Comedy	p.7
Oct	Sat 07	The Glenkens Story Day Conference	Conference	p.8
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Young Creatives - Regular Sessions

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