CatStrand

May & June Events Guide

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CATSTRAND YOUNG CREATIVES

Music : Performing Arts : Film : Exhibitions : Workshops

Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

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CATSTRAND EVENTS GUIDE



Fri 25 Apr 2pm

BOOK LAUNCH: DONALD WATSON - BIRD ARTIST & WRITER

BOOK LAUNCH | Dalry Town Hall | FREE

Join passionate ornithologist and lover of wild landscapes, Chris Rollie, and Watson Birds project lead, Roger Crofts, as they launch *Donald Watson - Bird Artist & Writer*

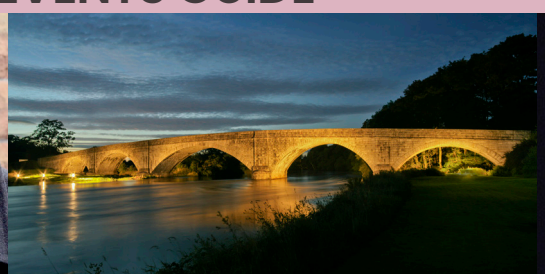


Fri 25 Apr 7:30pm

LANDSCAPE WITH FIGURES II

EVENT | CatStrand | £6

Annie Wright, David Mark Williams and Peter Roberts: poems inspired by the marginal lands of D&G and elsewhere – and the figures that animate them.



Sun 27 Apr 2pm

WHAT NEXT FOR THE GLENKENS STORY?

FILM | CatStrand | Free

After celebrating 10 years, our local history group is taking stock for the future. This is an informal gathering to share ideas and consider how to be involved.



Sat 03 May 7:30pm

HotTrod THEATRE COMPANY - EL DUGLAS

THEATRE | CatStrand | £15 / £12 UC / £5 U26

A colourful and forthright account of the life of Sir James Douglas, known as 'The Black Douglas'. Told by Robert the Bruce, and set to old Border ballards music.



Mon 05 May 7:30pm

THE NORDIC FIDDLERS BLOC

MUSIC | CatStrand | £16 / £12 UC / £9 U26

Kevin Henderson, Olav Luksengård Mjelva and Anders Hall create a sound with a particular chemistry. *"On the evidence to hand, pure fiddle doesn't get much better than this."* Folkworld



Sat 10 May 7:30pm

BILL DRUMMOND PRESENTS: VOICES FROM THE GALLOVERSE – LIVE

MUSIC | CatStrand | £17

The Penkiln Burn Players - Tam Dean Burn, Angie Darcy, Leo Condie and Suzanne Bonnar - perform VOICES FROM THE GALLOVERSE following a HEAR HARD incident.

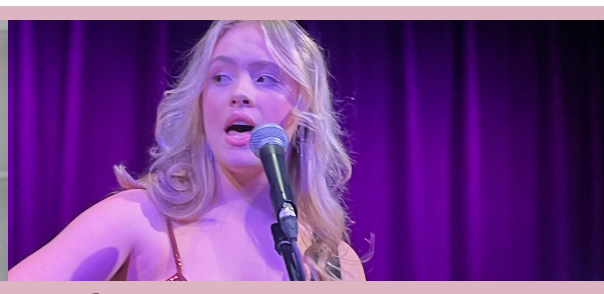


Sun 11 May 7:30pm

CARA DILLON

MUSIC | CatStrand | £22 / £16 UC / £12 U26

Cara, an extraordinary, multiple award-winning Irish folk singer, and acclaimed musician and producer Sam Lakeman, will captivate listeners with their exquisite and enthralling live performance.



Sat 17 May 7:30pm

BATTLE OF THE SONGWRITERS

MUSIC | CatStrand | £6

CatStrand Young Creatives' showcase of our region's young singer-songwriters. Competing to win Studio time and Festival slots. Applications open until April 30th.



Thu 22 May 7:30pm

TOUKI

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

Together, Amadou Diagne (Senegal) and Cory Seznec (UK) blend West African and European culture. Their music draws together African fables, personal stories and social and political challenges.



Mon 26 May 7:30pm

DELIVERANCE THEATRE PRESENTS: GOODBYE POSTIE

THEATRE | CatStrand | £12 / £6 U26

The story of two lads, Postie and Sparkie, living in Dumfries together. Sick of the town, Postie decides to fly the nest. Why do some people leave and some stay? Considering regional depopulation.



Fri 30 May 2pm

DRAWING LIFE

WORKSHOP | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | Pay what you feel

As part of the touring production of LIFE, this art workshop explores the connection between portraiture and storytelling, using drawing and collage for narrative.



Fri 30 May 7:30pm

KT PRODUCING PRESENTS: LIFE

THEATRE | CatStrand | £12 / £6 U26

Estelle models for The Artist. Despite decades of experience, she has never sat for a session like this. A new work from Maria MacDonell with Leo MacNeill. Directed by Ben Harrison. **BSL Interpreted*



Sun 01 Jun 6pm

CLACHAN FOLK SESSION WITH THE RUBY WARBLERS

MUSIC | The Clachan Inn, Dalry | Donation

Jenny Q and Myshkin Warbler will lead the session, performing some of their own songs and facilitating the session. Bring an instrument, a song or just come along to listen.



Thu 05 Jun 7:30pm

FIRELIGHT TRIO

MUSIC | CatStrand | £15 / £12 UC / £5 U26

A mighty trio featuring Fatea Instrumentalist of the Year 2023, Gavin Marwick, Phil Alexander (Moishe's Bagel), and Ruth Morris (Outlander – HBO) on the beautiful Swedish Nyckelharpa.



Sat 07 Jun 7pm

GLENKENS GOT TALENT

EVENT | CatStrand | £6

A celebration and showcase of the Young Creatives programme, including: Musical Misfits, Dance Steps, DramaRama, Wonderfools and more!



Sun 08 Jun 4pm

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE - A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE

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

Gillian Anderson (Sex Education), Vanessa Kirby (The Crown), and Ben Foster (Lone Survivor) lead the cast in Tennessee Williams' timeless masterpiece.



Sat 14 Jun 7:30pm

BORN IN KYLE. A LOVE LETTER TAE AN AYRSHIRE CHILDHOOD

MUSIC | CatStrand | £12 / £10 UC / £4 U26

Billy Kay is joined by one of the country's finest exponents of Scots song, Robyn Stapleton, from Galloway, in a celebration of the rich culture of the South West of Scotland.



Fri 20 Jun 7:30pm

OUTLIERS: BOO HEWERDINE & JENNY STURGEON

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

Featuring songs from Boo and Jenny's back catalogue plus new music from the album 'Outliers', which was written between their homes in Glasgow and Shetland during the 2020/21 lockdown.



Sat 28 Jun 7:30pm

RANT

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

"Chamber-folk of the highest order" Scotsman

"Deep instrumental music at its finest." Folk Radio UK

"Sheer class" ***** The Herald



Sat 19 Jul 7:30pm

WAVE BLUES BAND

MUSIC | CatStrand | £14 / £12 UC / £4 U26

Get your mojo on with the Wave Blues Band from South West Scotland. Heavily influenced by blues artists such as Big Mama Thornton, Jimmy Reed and Howlin Wolf.

**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

Like what we do?

See **gcat.scot/support-us** for details of our Legacy, Friends & Volunteering schemes.

VISITING
CatStrand bar opens 45 minutes before evening shows. 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

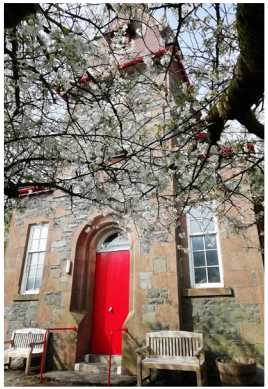
CatStrand is proud to host the Dumfries and Galloway Fine Art Society (DAGFAS) for a series of six captivating exhibitions throughout 2025. The next exhibition will begin on 29th April.



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 | 02 May, 05 June

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

Dalry Film Club

Dalry Town Hall | £6 | Wednesdays | 7pm

30 Apr - Thelma (12)
14 May - Paddington in Peru (PG)
04 Jun- Gladiator II (15)
18 Jun - Conclave (12A)

DALRY Film Club

CatStrand Young Creatives

WHATS ON

Spring

Term Time Only

2025

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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