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July & August Events Guide

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CATSTRAND YOUNG CREATIVES

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Sun 20 Jul 3pm — CLAUDIA WOOD & AILSA AITKENHEAD: FROM OPERETTA TO MUSICAL

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

Opera, operetta or musical theatre? Join Soprano Claudia Wood and Pianist Ailsa Aitkenhead for music by Lehár, Gershwin, Puccini and more!

Fri 25 Jul 7:30pm — TICKBOX 2 BY LUBNA KERR

THEATRE | CatStrand | £14, £12 UC , £5 U26

A semi-autobiographical story based on Lubna's parents' journey from a middle-class life in Pakistan to Govan. It is sad, funny and the story of life.

Sun 27 Jun 3pm — THE GLENKENS STORY (SCARP PROJECT)

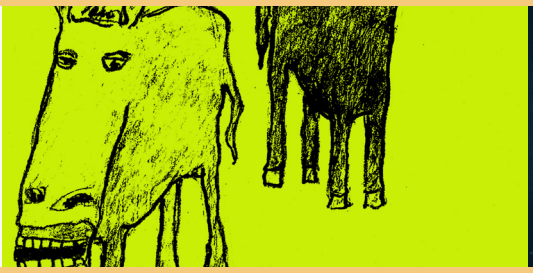
EVENT | CatStrand | Free

Carsphairn Heritage Initiative, with The Glenkens Story, are delighted to be launching a new project investigating the ancient sites of Stroanfreggan fort and Smittons Bridge kerbed cairn.

Wed 06 Aug 7:30pm — TOWA MURA - WORK IN PROGRESS PRESENTATION

THEATRE | CatStrand | Free

WIP: Excerpts from 'Towa Mura', by Tom Pow. Directed by Makoto Nakashima, performed by actors from the UK and the Bird Theatre, Japan. Music by The Galloway Agreement.


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Fri 08 Aug 7:30pm — JOHN HEGLEY - FOLK TELLING

STORYTELLING | CatStrand | £17 / £14 UC / £7 U26

John Hegley returns with tales both deep and daft, told in verse both sung and spoken - *"Awesomely mundane"* The Independent. For adults but suitable for 9+.

Sat 09 Aug 11am — JOHN HEGLEY - WRITING, DRAWING AND DRAWING OUT THE CREATIVE

WORKSHOP | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £27 / £14 UC / £7 U26

Workshop: Join us to make small booklets which will contain eggs, legs, bees, knees, cats, feet and gratitude. Suitable for all over 9 years old.

Sun 10 Aug 7:30pm — VOLOSI

MUSIC | CatStrand | £20 / £16 UC / £10 U26

Coming from Beskidy, Poland, and playing over 950 concerts worldwide, VOLISI's unique sound blends haunting beauty with raw, frenetic energy. *"Transcends boundaries" BBC "Exuberant!"* The Guardian

Wed 13 Aug 7:30pm — SARAH JANE SCOUTEN

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

Award winning Canadian folk and country artist, based in rural Scotland. Sarah Jane's music has added dimension studies of people and herbs - hawthorn, valerian, yarrow.





Image credit: Mike Russell

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Fri 15 Aug 7:30pm — LAND NOTES CEILDH AND MIXTAPE NIGHT

CEILIDH | Dalry Town Hall | £15 / £12 UC / £6 U26

Led by the Muckle Ceilidh Band; Oli Rigg, Micheal Muir and Jamie Clellan. Then submit your tune for the Mixtape party.

Sat 16 Aug 2:30pm — MICHAEL RUSSELL ON WERNER KISSLING AND THE CROFTERS OF ERISKAY

EVENT | CatStrand | £12 / £8 UC / £4 U26

Writer, director, and Chair of the Scottish Land Commission, Michael Russell, on Werner Kissling — the ethnographer and photographer renowned for his studies of crofting communities in the 1930s.

Sat 16 Aug 7:30pm — THE GALLOWAY AGREEMENT

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

Wendy Stewart (clarsach, vocals), Ruth Morris (nyckelharpa), Gavin Marwick (fiddle) and Stuart Macpherson (double bass). Sublime sounds from Galloway's renowned alternative strings quartet.

16 & 17 Aug 10am-2pm — MUSIC TECH WEEKEND

MUSIC | The Smiddy, Balmaclellan | £20

Dive into Music Tech: join a pro musician, use Logic Pro, and create a group track—open to all skill levels. Ages 14 - 18.




Image credit: Tim Stead




Sun 17 Aug 7:30pm — HELMUT LEMKE, COLEMAN AND HODGES

EVENT | CatStrand | Free

Helmut on his awe and love of the natural environment, followed by fire bowl conversations with Coleman and Hodges. and Friends.

Mon 18 Aug 7:30pm — TIM STEAD: MAGICIAN WITH WOOD

FILM | CatStrand | £7 / £5 UC / £3 U26

Documentary about the innovative wood sculptor Tim Stead and the battle to save his family home and Q&A with Dumfries based film maker Beatrix A Wood.

Sun 24 Aug 3pm — THE SOLWAY CELLOS

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

The Solway Cellos unite six cellists from Dumfries & Galloway and Cumbria. Experience their passion and the rich, expressive sound of the cello in concert.

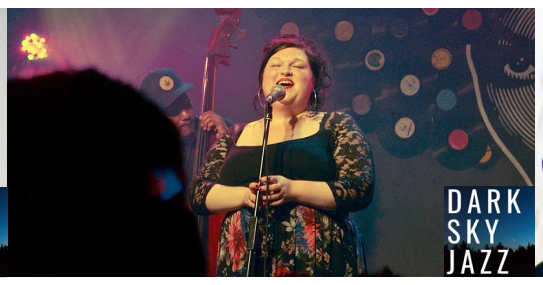
Sun 31 Aug 7:30pm — SONDER & HIGH PRIESTESS

MUSIC | CatStrand | £8

Two of the finest up-and-coming bands from our region join us for a standing gig full of raw emotion, intricate melodies, haunting vocals, and cinematic instrumentals.









Fri 19 Sep 7:30pm — THE BEAUTIFUL STORM

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

Phil Bancroft's international jazz trio combining saxophone (Phil), guitar (Graeme Stephen) and tabla (Gyan Singh).

Sun 20 Sep 7:30pm — MATT CARMICHAEL

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

Matt Carmichael's powerfully emotive blend of jazz and folk music is "*a distinctive new voice in a crowded scene,*" BBC Music Magazine.

Mon 21 Sep 7:30pm — THE MARIANNE MCGREGGOR SEXTET

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

A powerful voice in UK Jazz, awarded 'Best Vocalist' in the Scottish Jazz Awards, Marianne brings her star-studded band of top Scottish jazz players.

Fri 26 Sep 7:30pm — HotTrod THEATRE COMPANY- EL DUGLAS

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

HotTrod Theatre unites storytelling, music and lighting to vividly present heroic tales, with John Nichol, Iain Fraser and Al Pattullo crafting powerful, atmospheric performances.

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

Also booking for: Comedy | FRED MACAULEY • Music | MARTIN SIMPSON, DALLAHAN & SIMEON WALKER • Theatre | HERCULES THE BEAR, ORAN & NIGHT WAKING

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.

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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 in the Exhibition Corridor.

In the Café: Ian Biggar - Event photography a ten year retrospective.



Land Notes

Glenkens Festival of Land

A new Glenkens festival of art, live music, talks, poetry, film, and events, celebrating our cultural richness, land connection, intangible heritage, and treasured landscapes.

Wed 13 August

- Sarah Jane Scouten

Thu 14 August

- Exploring Treasured Places with Ted Leeming and Stephen Connelly
- Mapping The Glenkens – with NatureScot.
- Grow Your Own Small Nature Reserve – a walk at Cuckoostone

Fri 15th August

- Waterside Hill Walk.
- My Nature Experience followed by Networking Lunch.
- Museums of Future Now
- Land Notes Ceilidh & Mixtape party.

Sat 16 August

- Banners and Words Workshop.
- Michael Russell on Werner Kissling and the crofters of Eriskay.
- The Galloway Agreement.

Sun 17 August

- Banner parade and community picnic.
- Introducing River Rights.
- Helmut Lemke- More Than Us.
- Fire Bowl Conversations with Jo Hodges, Robbie Coleman, Kerry Morison, and Morag Paterson.

Mon 18 August

Film: Tim Stead- A Magician With Wood.



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ARTS AWARD IN A WEEK

Ages: 8 - 11 Years Old



CREATIVE SUMMER CAMP

22nd - 28th July | 10.30 - 3pm

Week Activities

Day 1 Tuesday 22nd July - Puppetry and Storytelling with Anne and Rose
Day 2 Wednesday 23rd July - Trip to Glenlochar for Eco Art with Clanwell Hive
Day 3 Thursday 24th July - AM Vocal Coaching | PM Dance Steps Workshops
Day 4 Friday 25th July- Trip to Glasgow to Sky Arts TV Studio |Filmmaking
Day 5 Monday 28th July AM Textile Workshop | PM Arts Award Celebration

COST £50 for the week

Costs covers all workshops, transport moderation fees and & certificate award
Bursary available for low income families

Early registration required email catherine@catstrand.com or book online www.csyoungcreatives.com

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ARTS AWARD WEEK PLAN

AGES 11-18

DURATION - dates across 3 weeks
DATES - between July 28th and August 19th
COST - £50 Including all workshops, Edinburgh Fringe trip, and moderation costs. Bursary available upon request.

INITIAL MEETING & INFO SESSION — 3rd JUNE

INTRO AND FIRST STEPS — 28th JULY, 11th AUG

Participants will meet and choose the art form they want to do their arts award on and discuss with Arts Award Advisor

EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL TRIP — 14th AUG

Travel to Edinburgh
Attend Various Performances

GROUP REFLECTION PORTFOLIO UPDATES — 15th AUG

Developing portfolio, workshop or presentation (peer feedback session)

SHOWCASE AND CELEBRATION — 19th AUG

Participant led workshops or presentations
Closing reflection & celebration
Arts Award Portfolio completion

PARTICIPANTS WILL

EXPLORE their chosen art form as creator and spectator
BUILD a portfolio with an Arts Award Advisor
ENGAGE in workshops, trips and events
PRESENT their learning through a final workshop or presentation

OPTIONAL WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

- TRIP TO SKY ARTS STUDIO, GLASGOW - 25TH JULY
- TEXTILE WORKSHOP - 28TH JULY
- VOCAL COACHING WORKSHOP - 12TH AUG
- TRIP TO EDINBURGH FRINGE - 15TH AUG
- MUSIC TECH WORKSHOP - 16TH & 17TH AUG
- FINAL PRESENTATION DAY - 19TH AUG

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