CatStrand

Events Guide | Autumn / Winter 2025

Est. 2007

Music : Performing Arts : Film : Exhibitions : Workshops

CATSTRAND YOUNG CREATIVES

CULTURAL GLENKENS

Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

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CatStrand Arts & Visitor Centre
Open 11am-4pm Tuesday - Saturday

Box Office & Bookings
For booking enquiries / to book
01644 420 374 or www.gcat.scot

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.

CREATIVE SCOTLAND
ALBA | CHRUTHACHAIL
Heritage Fund
GLENKENS & District Trust
Foundation Scotland

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.

CATSTRAND CAFÉ & SHOP

Open 11-4pm Tuesday - Sunday.
Seating indoors and outdoors coffee & cake, licensed bar. Lunch served from 12-2pm. Advance booking recommended.

ACCESSIBILITY

We offer 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

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Thu 09 Oct 7:30pm

MARTIN SIMPSON PRESENTS SKYDANCERS

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

Virtuoso folk guitarist Martin Simpson, 32-time BBC Folk Awards nominee, delivers spellbinding storytelling, masterful musicianship and heartfelt performances.

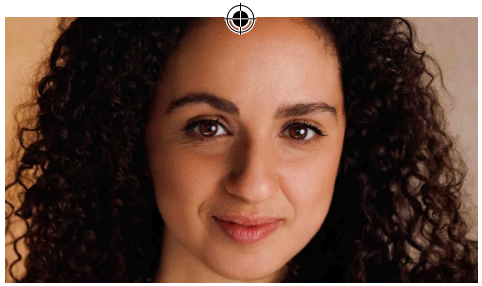


Thu 16 Oct 7:30pm

AN TOBAR AND MULL THEATRE: NIGHT WAKING

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

A darkly funny, one-woman play about motherhood, history, and ghosts that refuse to stay buried. 135mins + interval.



Sat 11 Oct 7:30pm

VOICES FROM GAZA

MUSIC | CatStrand | Suggested donation £20, £10 UC

An insight into the amazing world of Palestinian arts and culture - a feast of music, song, poetry and prose.



Fri 17Oct 4:30pm

FRIGHT NIGHT: THE CORPSE BRIDE (PG)

FILM | CatStrand | £7, £3 UC, £15 family (2 adults, 2 children)

Tim Burton's gothic classic The Corpse Bride. Join us for a spooky evening of haunting animation, dark romance and Halloween atmosphere.



Wed 15 Oct 7:30pm

SIMEON WALKER: PIANIST & COMPOSER

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

Pianist-composer Simeon Walker enchants with heartfelt modern classical music. Praised for his immersive performances, he blends intimacy and grandeur, captivating audiences worldwide.



Fri 17 Oct 7:30pm

FRIGHT NIGHT: THE WICKERMAN (18)

FILM | CatStrand | £7, £5 U26

The cult horror classic The Wicker Man (1973). Experience chilling suspense, eerie folklore and unforgettable atmosphere in this legendary British cinematic masterpiece.

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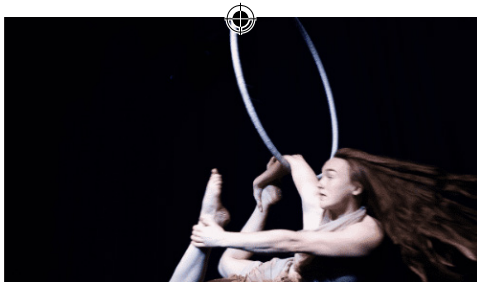


Sat
18 Oct
4:30pm

WEE MIXTAPE

PARTY | Dalry Town Hall | Free

Wee Mixtape is the ultimate family-friendly Halloween dance party for grown-ups and kids. Share your soundtrack, hit the dancefloor together and enjoy daytime fun for everyone!



Sat
25 Oct
2pm

CIRQULATION ENSEMBLE: JOURNEY

CIRCUS | Dalry Town Hall | £8, £4 U26, £20 Group of 4 (2 adults, 2 children)

JOURNEY by Cirqulation is a thrilling family-friendly contemporary circus, blending acrobatics, aerials, dance and storytelling. Each show features local guest acts, creating unique and magical performances.



Sat
25 Oct
7:30pm

SMITH & MCCLENNAN

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

Emily Smith and Jamie McClennan's acoustic duo play a rare local show featuring their original Folk/Americana inspired songs with double vocals and multi-instrumental backing.



Wed
29 Oct
7:30pm

A WOLF SHALL DEVOUR THE SUN

THEATRE | CatStrand | £12, £10 UC, £5 U26

Storyteller Dougie Mackay and musician Jemima Thewes weave music, myth, and shadow play into a haunting journey exploring Scotland's lost wolves and wild ancestral echoes.



01 Nov
7:30pm
02 Nov
2pm

GEOFF DAVIDSON'S THE GOD STONE

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

This concert musical retells David and Goliath, blending soloists, Glenkens Singers' choral Greek chorus and a contemporary score to explore bravery, hubris, redemption and timeless human themes.



Thu
06 Nov
7:30pm

ÒRAN

FILM | CatStrand | £15, £10 UC, £5 U26

Òran by Wonder Fools blends hip-hop, spoken word and live electronic music in a visceral retelling of Orpheus, where friendship, bravery and the Underworld collide.

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Fri
21 Nov
7:30pm

DALLAHAN

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

Dallahan, acclaimed World-Folk ensemble, have toured 20 countries, released four albums, won multiple awards and collaborated with global artists, evolving their signature sound since 2014.

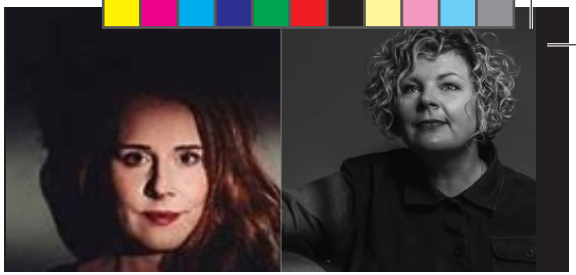


05 - 07
Dec
Various

CATSTRAND YOUTH PLAYERS PANTO: BABES IN THE WOOD

THEATRE | CatStrand | Fri 05 Dec 7:30pm, Sat 06 Dec 3:00pm & 7.30pm, Sun 07 Dec 2pm | £10, £5 U26

Our 14th annual panto brings the classic tale of Babes in the Wood featuring Robin Hood, his Merry Men and of course the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham!



Fri
12 Dec
7:30pm

HANNAH RARITY & ANNA MASSIE

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

Scottish folk singer Hannah Rarity and multi-instrumentalist Anna Massie perform a seasonal mix of traditional, contemporary and original music, showcasing award-winning talent and captivating artistry.



Sun
13 Dec
4pm

SONGWAVE CHOIR: TURN THE YEAR AROUND

MUSIC | New Galloway Town Hall | £10, £5 U26

SongWave Choir returns to New Galloway with their seasonal offering.



Sun
14 Dec
4:30pm

NT LIVE: MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION

MUSIC | CatStrand | £15, £10 UC, £10 U26

Five-time Olivier Award winner Imelda Staunton (The Crown) joins forces with her real-life daughter Bessie Carter (Bridgerton), playing mother and daughter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary moral classic.



Sun
25 Jan
7:30pm

ASHLEY CAMPBELL

MUSIC | CatStrand | £22, £20 UC, £10 family (2 adults, 2 children)

Ashley Campbell, daughter of country legend Glen Campbell, has an expansive career as a solo artist in the country and Americana world.

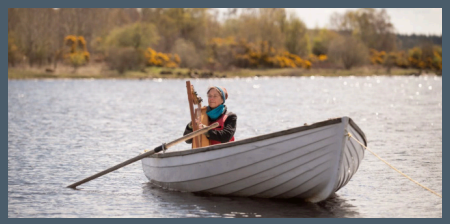
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CULTURAL GLENKENS

Cultural Glenkens is CatStrand Arts's programme designed to support and develop locally-led projects. It is a place-based, people-led programme which supports cultural and heritage activity by amplifying the huge volunteer enthusiasm for this subject.

It roots CatStrand Arts firmly in the Glenkens, bringing additional expertise through volunteers and partners, and providing a welcoming space for participation and engagement.

Cultural Glenkens projects respond directly to the needs and ambitions of our communities. They promote a sense of well-being, inclusion and engagement in the community, and encourage active participation in lifelong learning.



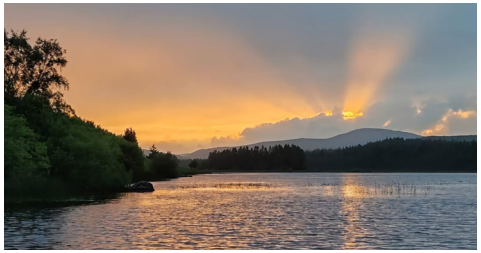


Wed
various
7:30pm

GALLOWAY SHORTS SKILL SHARING

WORKSHOP | CatStrand | 1 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec | £8, £8 U26

Join accomplished filmmaker Terry Dray to enhance your filmmaking skills, including digital and stop-motion animation. All levels of experience welcome.



Fri
17 Oct
11am

DEER OF DARK WATERS

EXCURSION | CatStrand | £3, £2 U26

Join Galloway Fisheries Trust to visit the Black Water of Dee to hear about their work restoring river processes and ecology, and the secrets of The Black Water Deer. Transport to Raiders Road location provided.



Sat
04 Oct
2:30pm

SWSARF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM: WIGTOWNSHIRE EARLY PREHISTORY

EVENT | CatStrand | Free

An afternoon of short talks and group discussions about the Early Prehistoric archaeology of South West Scotland.



Various

SONG SESSIONS WITH KATE HOWARD

MUSIC | CatStrand | 19 Oct & 23 Nov 10am-12noon, 10 Dec 6:30pm-8:30pm | £6, £5 UC & U26

Come and learn songs from Galloway! Find your singing voice with local tunes from the region. Open to all - experienced singers or otherwise. Refreshments included.

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19 Oct
16 Nov
1pm

TRAD FOLK MUSIC SKILLS SESSION WITH CLAIRE MANN & OLI RIGG

MUSIC | The Smiddy | £16, £14 UC, £12 U26

Build confidence, learn tunes and understand trad session essentials. All levels of experience welcome; bring your own instrument. Ages 16+.



Sat
various
7pm

MIXTAPE DANCE NIGHT

FILM | CatStrand | 11 Oct, 8 Nov, 13 Dec | £5

Come along and 'shake your tail feather', boogie woogie or 'have a bit of a rave' Get down at the Mixtape Dance Night – you choose the tunes! For more information contact Kath 07811 957578.

WILD GOOSE FESTIVAL

Fri
24 Oct
7pm

WILD GOOSE CEILIDH WITH SHORE ROAD

CEILIDH | New Galloway Town Hall | £25, £20 UC & U26

Wild Goose Ceilidh with Shore Road Ceilidh and supper with music, dance, songs and poems.

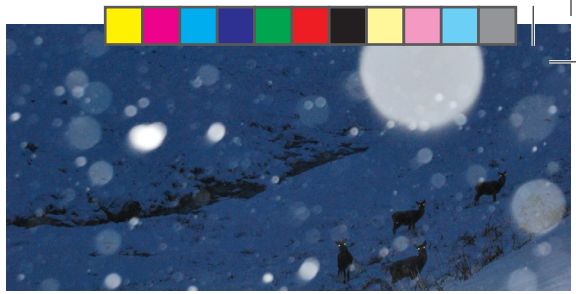


Sun
02 Nov
11:30am -
4:30pm

BIRDS OF THE GLENKENS IN WORDS AND MUSIC

EVENT | Dalry Town Hall | By donation

Celebrating our varied and wonderful local bird life in words, song and art.



Thu
30 Oct
7pm

HERITAGE SPOOKY HALLOWEEN

STORYTELLING | New Galloway Park | Free

Halloween antics and stories in the park with storyteller Anne Errington. All welcome; most suitable for ages 8 +.



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Wed
12 Nov
5:30pm

REMEMBERING GLENKENS HEROES

EVENT | CatStrand | Free

Join us for prayers at New Galloway War Memorial, followed by tea, memories, poems and songs of celebration.



Sat
22 Nov
3pm

GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS: THE PADDY LINE

TALK | CatStrand |£6, £4 UC, free U26

Join Alan McLellan who has gathered stories and memories of the old railway line that ran from Dumfries to Stranraer.



Thu
04 Dec
7:30pm

GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS: HIGHWAYS OF THE GLENKENS

TALK | CatStrand | £5, £4 UC, free U26

Local filmmakers Andy Kaye and Angela Miller lead an evening exploring the highways and byways of the Glenkens through history.



Sun
21 Dec
7:30pm

MIDWINTER FOLK SESSION

MUSIC | The Clachan Inn | Free

A sharing of folk tunes and songs at the Clachan Inn. Bring an instrument and join in or just come to be entertained.

CG REGULAR EVENTS



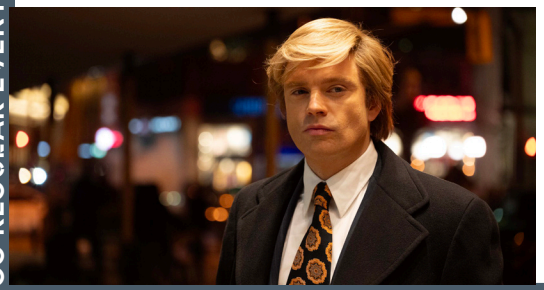
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DALRY FILM CLUB

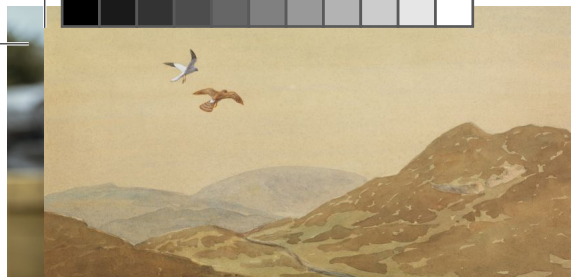
FILM | Darly Town Hall | Teas/cakes from 7pm, screening starts at 7:30pm | £6

Wed 22 Oct	Small Things Like These (12)
Wed 05 Nov	Mr Burton (12)
Wed 19 Nov	The Brutalist (18)
Wed 3 Dec	The Apprentice (15)





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WATSON BIRDS

Donald Watson was one of Britain's foremost bird artists, bird writer and bird conservation advocate. He lived in Dalry for over half a century. We have a permanent exhibition of paintings and books at The CatStrand.
www.watsonbirds.org



WRITEON WRITING GROUP

WRITING | CatStrand Cafe | Second Thursday of the month | Free
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



Mondays weekly 7pm

SOCIAL DANCING IN THE GLENKENS

DANCE | New Galloway Town Hall | £35 block, £30 concession block
Brush up your dancing technique with Sam Rushton! Add more steps and style to your ballroom and Latin dance skills. Open to all - beginners and improvers alike.



Thursdays weekly 11am

CATSTRAND SINGERS

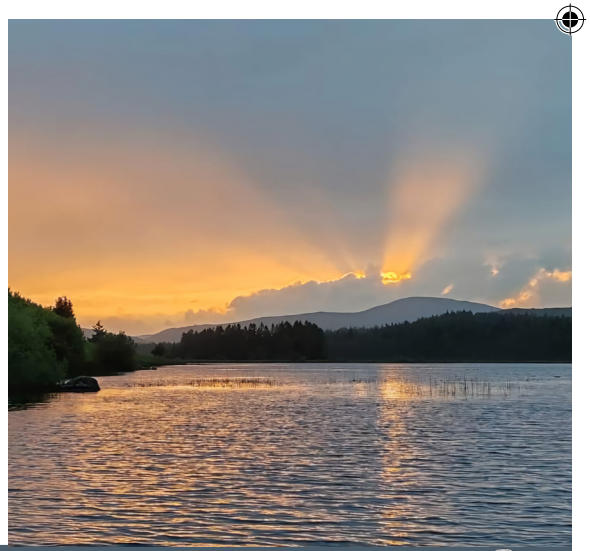
CHOIR | CatStrand | £5
A welcoming and energetic community choir open to anyone who enjoys singing or would like to try it. Contact: mothermalarky@hotmail.co.uk or find us on Facebook.



Second Thursday 7pm

KEN WORDS WRITERS' CAFÉ

WRITING | CatStrand | Second Thursday of the month| £3, £2 U26
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



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CatStrand Young Creatives

WHATS ON

AUTUMN 2025 – TERM TIME ONLY

MON Behind The Scenes
SET DESIGN FOR THIS YEARS YOUTH PLAYERS PANTO

TUE Pantomime Vocal Rehearsal
VOCAL REHEARSALS FOR THIS YEARS YOUTH PLAYERS PANTO

TUE Art Ambassadors
MONTHLY VOLUNTEER GROUP FOR YOUNG CREATIVES PROGRAMME. 12 YEARS PLUS

WED Dramarama
WEEKLY DRAMA SESSION

SAT Saturday Music School
WEEKLY GUITAR, PIANO & KEYBOARD LESSONS

SAT Sketchers & Art Explorers
BI - WEEKLY ART CLUB

SAT Dance Steps
MONTHLY DANCE LESSONS

SUN Pantomime Rehearsal
YOUTH PLAYERS PANTOMIME REHEARSAL

*All events require advance booking

CatStrand Young Creatives
SPARKS SKILLS CAREERS

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

CATHERINE@CATSTRAND.COM

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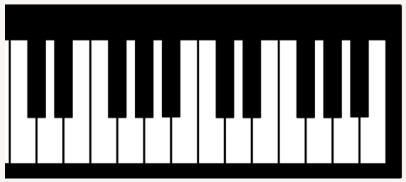
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SATURDAY MUSIC SCHOOL

FOR AGES 8 - 18YRS

Group Keyboard

12.30-13.00
The Smiddy



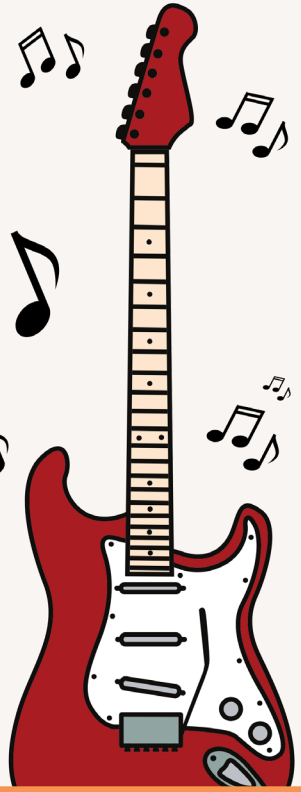
Guitar lessons

1.00-14.30 | The Smiddy

GUITAR 2025 DATES

*Saturday, excluding last Saturday of the month

- Nov 1
- Nov 8
- Nov 15
- Nov 22
- Dec 6
- Dec 13



Piano Lessons

10.00-12.00 | CatStrand
30 minute session each

PIANO & KEYBOARD 2025 DATES

Every Saturday during term time

- Sep 6
- Sep 20
- Sep 27
- Oct 4
- Oct11
- Nov 1
- Nov 8
- Nov 15
- Nov 22
- Nov 29
- Dec 6
- Dec 13

Lesson Prices

GUITAR	£5 per session / £20 for block
KEYBOARD	£5 per session / £30 for block
PIANO	£7 per session / £42 for block

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YouthLink Scotland

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CatStrand Arts & Visitor Centre, Licensed Cafe & Shop



The Smiddy Community & Business Space

more info

Supporting the communities of the Glenkens since 2001

CatStrand

HIGH QUALITY ARTS

Touring Arts



Young Creatives



Cultural Glenkens



COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN DELIVERY

- CatStrand Cafe
- Galloway Community Transport
- Glenkens Gazette
- Glenkens Hub and Archive
- Our Glenkens
- Glenkens Community Spaces Network
- Glenkens Youth Group
- Glenkens Men's Shed
- Education and Learning
- Land Use











