CatStrand

Events Guide | Autumn/Winter 2026

Est. 2007









Live Music Theatre & Comedy
Film : Exhibitions : Talks : Workshops

CATSTRAND CREATIVES

CULTURAL GLENKENS

Glenkens Community & Arts Trust

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CatStrand Arts & Visitor Centre
Open 10am - 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.

PROGRAMME

CatStrand's work runs across three strands:

CatStrand Arts - Brilliant touring live music, theatre and comedy, bringing the best of touring arts. (Pages 3 - 6)

Cultural Glenkens - Our place-based community and heritage programme, celebrating our stories, landscape and traditions. (Pages 6 - 10)

CatStrand Creatives - Arts activities, engagement and development opportunities for young people aged 4–25. (Pages 10 - 12)

VISITING

CatStrand bar opens 45 minutes before evening shows. Meals are normally available at Lochinvar Hotel and Clachan Inn in Dalry, and Ken Bridge Hotel in New Galloway. Please check their availability and opening hours directly – booking is advised.

CATSTRAND CAFÉ & SHOP

Open 10am - 4pm Tuesday - Saturday.
Seating indoors and outdoors coffee and cake, licensed bar.
Lunch served 11:30am - 2:30pm. 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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Wed 02 Sep 7:30pm

DEISEIL: DANCING IN TIME

THEATRE | Dalry Town Hall | £14, £12 UC, £4 U26

A powerful exploration of stepdance, Scotland's percussive dance, told through fiddle, feet, Gaelic song and story. Director Gerry Mulgrew, musician Amy Geddes and dancer Alison Carlyle.



Sun 13 Sep 4pm

LES LIAISONS DANGEROUSES: NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

THEATRE ON SCREEN | CatStrand | £15, £10 UC, £10 U26

Among the glittering salons of the super-rich, patriarchy equals power, reputation is everything and for women, one misstep can mean ruin.


Image credit: Archie MacFarlane

Thu 03 Sep 7:30pm

DEISEIL: DANCING IN TIME - PANEL DISCUSSION

TALK | CatStrand | £10, £8 UC, £4 U26

Director Gerry Mulgrew, performers Alison Carlyle and Amy Geddes, joined by musicians Allan Macdonald, David Francis and Emily Smith — a discussion on the resurgence of tradition, stepdance, identity and belonging.



Thu 17 Sep 7:30pm

NAAD-HARA

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

A unique meeting of Indian classical and Scottish traditional music, creating a new soundscape through song, improvisation, and new compositions in a rich cultural dialogue.



Sat 12 Sep 7:30pm

WE WILL HEAR THE ANGELS: MAGNETIC NORTH

THEATRE | New Galloway Town Hall | £14, £12 UC, £5 U26

We Will Hear The Angels explores melancholy through words, movement and music, with five actor-musicians, featuring songs by Hank Williams, Orange Juice, and Etta James, among others. Age 14+



Fri 18 Sep 7:30pm

ALI WATSON QUARTET

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

New music blending modern jazz, Scottish folk, and 20th-century classical - Ali Watson (double bass), Matt Carmichael (saxophone), Fergus McCreadie (piano), and Greg Irons (drums).



Sat
19 Sep
7:30pm

TAO LIVE

MUSIC | CatStrand | £18, £16 UC, £12 U26

Led by Roan Anderson, TAO blend jazz, groove, electronic and ambient textures. They're releasing new music throughout summer 2026, plus unreleased tracks live. Age 14+.



Fri
25 Sep
7:30pm

OLIVE TREE

THEATRE | CatStrand | £10

An Olive Tree by Carolyn Yates - a rehearsed reading, followed by a Q&A with playwright Sara Shaarawi.



Sun
20 Sep
2pm

HIGH NOTES FROM IN THE SKY

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

Richard Davies performs solo soprano sax in a drifting, dreamlike journey through jazz, ambient textures and sky-level improvisation. A quiet room, a single horn, weightless music.



Sat
26 Sep
2:30pm

ABSOLUTE CLASSICS: AN AFTERNOON OF BRAHMS & RACHMANINOV

MUSIC | CatStrand | £20, £4 U26

Clémence de Forceville, Benedict Kloeckner and Oxana Shevchenko — three internationally acclaimed artists bring world-class chamber music to an intimate CatStrand setting.

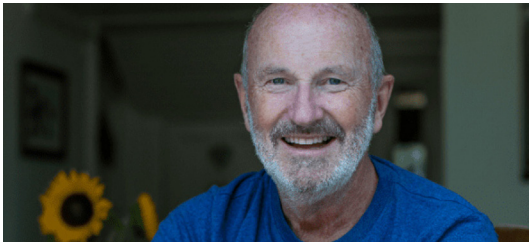


Sun
20 Sep
7:30pm

NIMBUS SEXTET

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

"Quite extraordinary", Jazz FM. One of the most innovative groups in UK jazz, blending jazz, world and dance music across two acclaimed Acid Jazz albums.



Fri
02 Oct
2pm &
7:30pm

FRED MACAULAY: GOOD EVENING!

COMEDY | CatStrand | £22, £20 UC, £14 U26

Now in his fourth decade of stand-up, one of Scotland's funniest comedians returns to the stage — fresh material, same unstoppable appetite for live comedy.

N.B. 7:30pm sold out, 2pm show BSL interpreted.



Sat 03 Oct 7:30pm

BLUE ROSE CODE

MUSIC | CatStrand | £20, £18 UC, £12 U26

Blue Rose Code blends Caledonian soul, folk and poetic song writing in a powerful, heartfelt live performance.



Sat 10 Oct 7:30pm

ALASDAIR ROBERTS

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

'Quietly escalating towards Scottish national treasure status' – Mojo. Traditional Scottish songs and ballads delivered in his inimitable style.



Sat 17 Oct 2:30pm

ABSOLUTE CLASSICS: MANAMI SUZUKI

MUSIC | CatStrand | £20, £4 U26

Multi-award-winning Japanese pianist Manami Suzuki — historic winner of the 2024 Hamamatsu International Piano Competition — performs Beethoven and Schubert in an unmissable CatStrand recital.



Fri 23 Oct 7:30pm

QUINES: THE BUBBLYJOCK COLLECTIVE

MUSIC | CatStrand | £12, £8 UC, £4 U26

Celebrating overlooked female Scottish composers and forgotten women from history — a bold new programme weaving rediscovered music with a newly commissioned song cycle bringing five remarkable lives back to light.



Wed 28 Oct 7:30pm

DO NOT PASS GO: JORDAN & SKINNER

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

Award-winning theatre company Jordan & Skinner bring their irreverent physical theatre style to an epic true story of games, money, and the forgotten woman who invented Monopoly. Age 14+.



Sat 31 Oct 7:30pm

BIRDVOX

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

Sarah Hayes, Inge Thomson, Jenny Sturgeon and Charlotte Printer unite as Birdvox — debut album Shamming The Drama delivers political disco, skewed folk and joyful avian electronica.



Sat 07 Nov 7:30pm

THE RAZORBILLS

MUSIC | CatStrand | £10, £4 U26

Galloway folk'n'rollers The Razorbills return to the CatStrand after a 15 year absence. Serotonin-raising music: soaring fiddle, acerbic lyrics and solid rhythms to move and provoke you!



Tue 10 Nov 7:30pm

MALIN LEWIS

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

Malin Lewis melds Scottish West coast tradition with a newly invented, self-made bagpipe alongside stars Sally Simpson (Fiddle) and Ali Hutton (Guitar).



08 Nov 2pm & 6:30pm

GALLOWAY SINGS FOR GAZA

MUSIC | CatStrand | 2pm workshop, 6:30pm performance | £10 Minimum Donation Per Ticket - Free to performers.

Join the scratch choir to learn three songs for peace, freedom and justice leading to a performance that evening. All ages and abilities welcome.



Tue 24 Nov 7:30pm

RYAN YOUNG

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

Joined by guitarist Louis Campbell, this award-nominated Scottish fiddler offers an intimate duo performance.

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Wed 09 Sep 7pm

CINEMA PARADISO (PG)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

A famous film director returns home to his native village in Sicily drawn by the news of the death of his old friend and boyhood mentor, the projectionist at the Cinema Paradiso, the social centre of the village.



Thu 10 Sep 7:30pm

THE SONG THAT CANNOT BE SILENCED: LARRY WINGER

LIVE LIT | CatStrand | £5

This general fiction novel considers issues of voicelessness, identity loss, and bravery. Early readers have laughed, despaired, exulted, and wept with the characters and their story.



Sat
19 Sep
10am

TURNING OF THE YEAR AUTUMN

EVENT | The Barn, Hensol Estate, | Donations

Following our successful Spring and Summer Equinox gatherings, we return to Hensol Wood to mark the autumnal turning of the year. This is a day to slow down and spend time quietly in the land, one of the most biodiverse ancient woodlands in southwest Scotland.



Sun
20 Sep
5pm

AUTUMN EQUINOX TRAD FOLK MUSIC SESSION

MUSIC | The Clachan Inn | Free

Join welcoming seasoned musicians who are passionate about sharing the heart and soul of Scottish and Irish traditional music.



Sat
19 Sep
3pm

GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS: THE UNSUNG FIDDLE TRADITION OF THE GLENKENS AND GALLOWAY

TALK | CatStrand | £8, £6 U26

Discover the 'hidden history' of the fiddle and its music in the Glenkens & Galloway, illustrated by musical examples. Recommended age 12+



Wed
23 Sep
7pm

EPIC: ELVIS PRESLEY IN CONCERT (12A)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

Elvis tells his own story for the first time! Filmmaker Baz Luhrmann presents an intimate and cinematic portrait of one of the greatest performers of all time based on archival footage and audio recordings shown here largely for the first time.

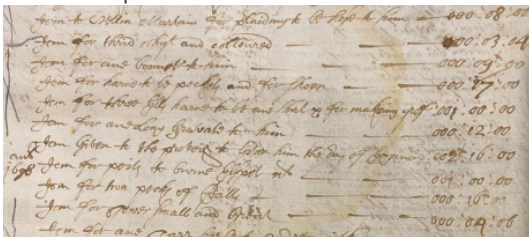


Sun
20 Sep
2pm

TRAD MUSIC FOLK SKILL SESSIONS WITH CLAIRE MANN & SPECIAL GUEST JO MILLER

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

Ever wanted to be on the inside of the trad music in the pub? Special guest Jo Miller will join us to share some local tunes to take to the session - repertoire learnt from older Glenkens musicians who played at dances and house parties.



Various
11am
Free

WITCH! RESTORING ELSPETH & THE WOMEN THEY TRIED TO ERASE

WORKSHOP | The Smiddy & Dalry Town Hall

Beginning the Journey: Sun 27/09 | The Smiddy

Researching the Past: Sun 11/10 | Dalry Town Hall

Walking with Elspeth: Sun 18/10 | The Smiddy

Imagining Remembrance: Sun 25/10 | The Smiddy

Shaping the Future: Sun 08/11 | Dalry Town Hall



Wed 07 Oct 7pm

H IS FOR HAWK (12A)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

After her father's death, Helen turns to training a wild goshawk, finding solace, purpose and a way through grief. Based on a true story.



Fri 09 Oct 7:30pm

THE BONNY GLENKENS

CONCERT | CatStrand | £10, £8 UC & U26

An evening of music and recitations celebrating the poetry of the late Tommy Edgar MBE and the rich history of music in the Glenkens with Brian Edgar, Dr. Jo Miller and guests.



Sun 11 Oct 2pm

TRAD MUSIC FOLK SKILL SESSIONS WITH CLAIRE MANN & SPECIAL GUEST JO MILLER

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

Come and learn neglected repertoire from the lively fiddle tradition of Dumfries and Galloway. Led by Jo Miller and Claire Mann. All instruments welcome!



Fri 16 Oct 7:30pm

6 BY SIX A COLLECTION OF NEW POETRY BY HEXAMETER

EVENT | CatStrand | £6, £5 UC & U26

Hexameter collective believe that poetry comes alive when being performed. Come along to hear what has been called "an important collection, not just for Galloway". Recommended age 12+.



Wed 21 Oct 7pm

I SWEAR (15)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

A terrifically warm, generous film about real-life activist John Davidson, who is from Galashiels in the Scottish Borders and has Tourette syndrome, with its tics, compulsive behaviour patterns and random obscene shouts.

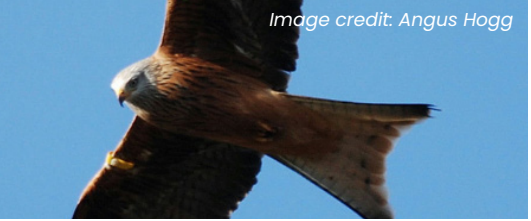


Thu 22 Oct 7:30pm

ANDY GOLDSWORTHY IN CONVERSATION WITH ANDREW GRAHAM-DIXON

FILM & Q&A | CatStrand | £10, £8 UC & U26

This compelling film captures an exclusive, deeply personal dialogue between the world-renowned land artist and the acclaimed art historian, author, and broadcaster. Followed by a Q&A session with Andrew Graham-Dixon.


Image credit: Angus Hogg

Sun 25 Oct 10am

BIRD WATCHING FOR ALL IN THE GLENKENS: AUTUMN

WALK | Meet at Dalry Town Hall | £6, £5 UC & U26

A guided walk to see and listen to our Autumnal Glenkens Birds. We will follow the Donald Watson Walk, along the banks of the River Dee, with local RSPB expert, Chris Rollie.



Sun 25 Oct 3pm

STROANFREGGAN POST-EXCAVATION UPDATE

TALK | CatStrand | £8, £6 UC & U26

Come along to find out more about the post-excavation results from the excavation of Stroanfreggan fort and Smittons Bridge kerbed cairn.



Wed 04 Nov 7pm

HAMNET (PG)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

Hamnet is a tale of the relationship between Shakespeare and his wife while they try to make sense of their son's death.



Sun 08 Nov 2pm

TRAD FOLK MUSIC SKILL BUILDING SESSIONS

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

Ever wanted to be on the inside of the trad music in the pub? Join friendly seasoned experts to get inside the core tricks, techniques and melodies of the scottish and irish music session.



Wed 11 Nov 5pm

REMEMBERING GLENKENS HEROES AND FILM SCREENING OF 'THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD'

EVENT | New Galloway Town Hall | Donations to The Poppy Appeal | Tea and coffee served

Join us for a candle lit procession to the War Memorial at New Galloway Park for prayers and reflections. Followed by a screening of Peter Jackson's critically acclaimed film, *They Shall Not Grow Old*.



Wed 18 Nov 7pm

THE SPIN (15)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

Two struggling record shop owners set off on a chaotic road trip to buy a valuable vinyl collection from an unsuspecting farmer and save their business.



Sun
22 Nov
3pm

GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS: ON THE TRAIL OF A BROKEN SHOE WITH JOHN NELSON

TALK | CatStrand | £8, £6 UC & U26

John Nelson, a keen local family historian, at the age of 65 rode his Clydesdale horse into the Highlands, in the footsteps of his ancestor's stolen horse, come and hear about his journey.



Scan for the latest events, exhibitions, workshops and performances at CatStrand.



Mondays
weekly
6pm - 7pm

CREATIVE-NESS

GROUP | Dalry Community Hall | Free

A friendly and welcoming art club where young people can explore a range of creative techniques, experiment with different materials, and develop their artistic skills.



Thursdays
weekly
5pm - 6:30pm

PIANO LESSONS

MUSIC | CatStrand | £6.50

Develop your piano skills with weekly one-to-one lessons with Emily Murray. Ideal for beginners and progressing players alike, with lessons tailored to your level.



Tuesdays
&
Sundays
Weekly

BEHIND THE SCENES

PANTO SET DESIGN | CatStrand | Tuesdays 3:30pm - 5:30pm & Sundays 9am - 11am | Free | Ages 14+

Create sets, props and costumes for our annual pantomime while gaining hands-on theatre design experience.



Thursdays
weekly
4:30pm - 5pm

GUITAR LESSONS UNDER 12

MUSIC | CatStrand | £4.50

Join Emily Murray for weekly group guitar lessons for under 12s. These sessions are perfect for young musicians of all levels. A fun and friendly way to learn chords, songs, and guitar basics alongside others.



Tuesdays monthly
5:30pm - 6:30pm

ART REPS

GROUP | CatStrand | Free | 25 Aug, 29 Sept, 27 Oct, 24 Nov

Join our youth leadership group to help shape CatStrand's creative programme, plan events, share ideas, and develop skills in teamwork, communication and leadership.



Thursdays monthly
6:30pm - 7:15pm

GUITAR LESSONS 12+

MUSIC | CatStrand | £4.50

Designed for older young people looking to improve their guitar skills and musical confidence. Explore different styles and techniques, whilst developing performance skills and playing music alongside others.



Wednesdays weekly
4:15pm - 5:15pm

DRAMARAMA

GROUP | CatStrand | £3 | Ages 6 - 11

Dramarama is a weekly session packed with games, acting exercises, and creative fun – perfect for building confidence, making friends, and letting your imagination run wild in a supportive and playful space.



Thursdays monthly
4pm - 4:30pm

KEYBOARD LESSONS

MUSIC | CatStrand | £4.50 | Ages 8 - 12

Join Emily Murray for weekly group keyboard lessons where you'll learn the basics, play fun tunes, and build your skills alongside others in a relaxed and friendly setting. All abilities.



Wednesdays weekly
3:45pm - 4:15pm

TREBLE MAKERS

MUSIC | CatStrand | Free | Ages 8 - 11

A welcoming singing group led by Erin where young people develop their vocal skills, confidence, and performance abilities.



Saturdays bi-weekly
10:15am - 11:15am

ART EXPLORERS

ART | The Smiddy | £3 | Ages 6 - 10

A fun, hands-on art club designed to spark creativity in young minds! Each week, children explore different materials, techniques, and ideas.



Saturdays
bi-weekly
11:30am - 12:30pm

RISE PAINTING

ART | The Smiddy | £3 | Ages 14+

Young people will work with professional artist Catherine Corfield, exploring painting techniques, developing personal ideas and creating original artwork for a public exhibition in 2027.

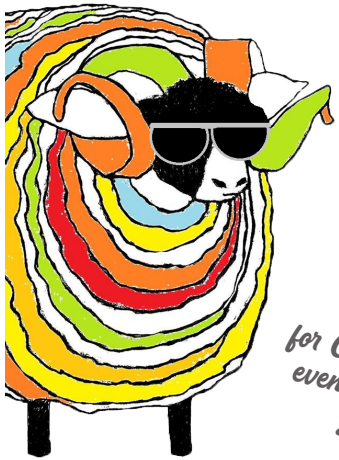


Sundays
weekly
11am - 1pm

PANTO REHEARSAL

REHEARSAL | CatStrand | Free | Age 10+

Join the cast of CatStrand's annual pantomime and experience the excitement of creating a live theatre production. Develop acting, singing, movement, and teamwork skills.



Scan for CatStrand Creatives events for children and young people



Our most up-to-date programme and fullest artist information is always available online.

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