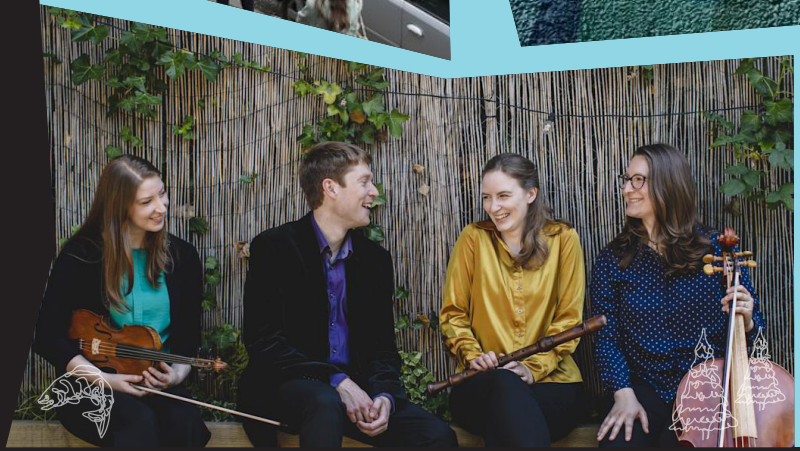
CatStrand

Events Guide | Midwinter 2027

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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
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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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Creative Hub of a Cultural Landscape

Welcome to CatStrand – *'a wee gem of a venue'*

Serving up a brilliant mix of arts and live events in our warm, welcoming, and intimate space.

CatStrand is a premier performing arts venue in Dumfries & Galloway and the cultural hub of the Glenkens. It hosts an arts programme that plays an important role in the Scottish theatre and music touring circuit and is a mainstay of the region's cultural offering.

CatStrand is an essential part of the Glenkens identity, renowned for its warm welcome, appreciative audiences, and high-quality, diverse programme. It creates space for creative exploration of our heritage, landscape, and the issues facing our communities.

CatStrand is supported by Creative Scotland

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Fri 27 Nov 7:30pm

SAL TONN

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

From the forgotten corners of Scotland, music shaped by people, place and connection. Rooted in folk tradition but free to stretch beyond it. Debut single *Paper Armour* out October 2026.

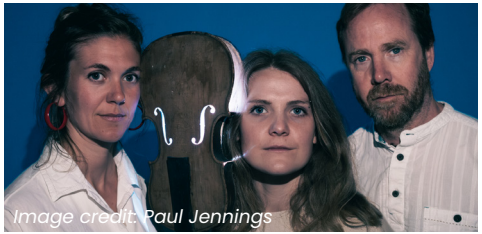


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Sat 12 Dec 7:30pm

SALTHOUSE

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

"The most human and gentle music you could imagine" — Folk Notes. Ewan MacPherson, Anna Hughes and Jenny Sturgeon weave vocal harmonies, ancient ballads and contemporary songs into something timeless.

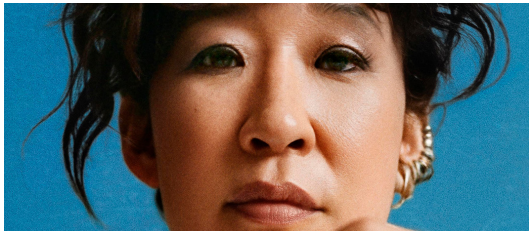


04 - 06 Dec Various

KING HUMPTY DUMPTY PANTO BY PAUL REAKES

Panto | CatStrand | Fri 04 Dec 7:30pm, Sat 05 Dec 3pm & 7:30pm, Sun 06 Dec 2pm | £10, £5 UC & U26

Join CatStrand Players for a fun-filled twist on the classic nursery rhyme, with seaside antics, mischievous magic and plenty of pantomime laughs!



Sun 13 Dec 4pm

NT LIVE: THE MISANTHROPE

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

Sandra Oh stars in Martin Crimp's razor-sharp reimagining of Molière's classic dark comedy, directed by Indhu Rubasingham. A brilliant novelist takes on modern society — and pays the price. Age 15+.



Sun 17 Jan 4pm

NT LIVE: GOLDEN BOY

MUSIC| CatStrand | £15, £12 UC, £10 U26

Josh O'Connor leads this searing revival of Clifford Odets' American classic, directed by Olivier Award-winner Sam Yates. A gifted violinist, a shot at fame and a brutal choice. Age 15+.



Sat 30 Jan 7pm

CATSTRAND BURNS SUPPER

EVENT | CatStrand | £28

Haggis Supper, Traditional Speeches, Recitations, Music, Songs and lots of laughs! Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.



Fri 05 Feb 7:30pm

AULD LANG SYNE: MAIRI CAMPBELL

THEATRE | CatStrand | £14, £12 UC, £5 U26 | Workshop 06 Feb, details to be announced

Virtuosic…voice like no other…incredible storyteller" — Edinburgh Guide. Mairi Campbell blends storytelling, animation and movement with new music in a five-star journey through Scotland's most famous song.



Sat 06 Feb Various

ENSEMBLE HESPERI: MRS CROCKAT'S MUSIC BOOK

WORKSHOPS & PERFORMANCE | CatStrand | Workshops: 11am & 2pm, £12.50 each | Performance: 7:30pm, £15, £13 UC, £6 U26

Recorder, harpsichord, violin, cello workshops with Scottish and wider baroque repertoire. Performance by Mary Janet Leith, Magdalena Loth-Hill, Florence Petit and Thomas Allery.



Thu 11 Feb 7:30pm

CARLOS QUILICI BAND

MUSIC | CatStrand | £22, £20 UC, £12 U26

Travelling from Rosario, Argentina, this bandoneonist and disciple of Domingo Federico leads a pioneering ensemble of the 1990s tango revival, balancing tradition and the avant-garde.



Sun 21 Feb 4pm

NT LIVE: HAY FEVER

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

Christine Baranski and Richard E. Grant star in Noël Coward's irresistible comedy, filmed live from the West End. A retired actress, a house full of guests and glorious chaos.

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 02 Dec 7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: GLENROTHAN (12A)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

In poor health, Sandy (Brian Cox), the boss of a thriving family distillery contacts his brother, Donal (Alan Cummings) to try to persuade him back from America in the hope of drawing him into the business.



Wed 16 Dec 7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: SHEEP DETECTIVES (PG)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

Shepherd George (Hugh Jackman) controls his flock not by dogs but by his close relationship with each animal.



Sun 13 Dec 3pm

GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS: JUDITH HEWITT - D&G AROUND THE WORLD

TALK | The Smiddy | £8, £6 UC & U26

Arctic exploration, the first European to see Lake Chad, the Siege of Srirangapatna - Dumfries and Galloway's connections to world history are many and varied!



Sunday Various 2pm

TRAD FOLK MUSIC SKILLS WITH CLAIRE MANN

MUSIC | The Smiddy | 20 Dec, 10 Jan, 14 Feb, 21 Mar | £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.

Concessions: UC - Universal Credit, U26 - Aged under 26



Sun 20 Dec 5pm

MID WINTER TRAD FOLK SESSION WITH CLAIRE MANN

MUSIC | The Clachan Inn | Free

Join welcoming seasoned musicians who are passionate about sharing the heart and soul of Scottish and Irish traditional music. Enjoy log fire, tunes and mince pies & mulled wine.



Wed 06 Jan 7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: DEAD OF WINTER (15)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

Emma Thompson plays a widow intent on scattering her husband's ashes at a remote lake.



Sun 10 Jan 10am

WINTER BIRD WATCHING IN THE GLENKENS

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

Join former RSPB Area Manager, Chris Rollie, to explore the wonderful bird life to be found in the Glenkens during the winter months.



Wed 13 Jan 7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: TASTE OF THINGS (12A)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

At the end of the nineteenth century, peerless cook Eugenie (Juliette Binoche) has worked for the famous gourmet Dodin (Benoît Magimel) for the last 20 years.



Fri 15 Jan 7pm

MOSS TALES READINGS

READINGS | Kennels Cottage Hensol | Free

A gathering and evening of tales from Paul Clarke's book Moss Tales, a delightful exploration of possible stories and happenings in and around Mossdale. Gather round the fire to be enthralled.



Sat 23 Jan 10:30am

CHILDREN'S TALES OF THE FAY FOLK

READINGS | CatStrand | £3

Come and listen to tales of Selkies and Kelpies and more. Listen to Anne Errington tell tales of enchantment from the hidden world. **Ages 12 years and under.**



Sat
23 Jan
7:30pm

WORLD OF THE FAY FOLK

TALK | CatStrand | £8, £6 UC & U26

Come and hear tales, of the interaction between two worlds, the one we know and the one that is out there but more difficult to see.



Sun
31 Jan
3pm

GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS: MARY, MARY NOT QUITE SO CONTRARY

TALK | CatStrand | £8, £6 UC & U26

Tragedy, bad choices, bad men and no support from her cousin Queen Elizabeth I. Join Alexandra, author of a new and exciting publication, to explore the life of this iconic historical figure. Ages 13+.



Wed
03 Feb
7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: EVERYBODY TO KENMURE STREET(12A)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

In May 2021 Home Office Immigration Enforcement swooped onto a Glasgow property to detain two men who lived there.



Fri
19 Feb
7pm

'WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?': DISCOVERING HIDDEN WILDLIFE & NATURE WALK

PHOTOGRAPHY & WALK | CatStrand | £3 - £12

An introduction to wildlife monitoring, camera trap setting and a screening of previously discovered wildlife from volunteer trail cameras in the Glenkens. Series ticket available including sessions 25 March and 09 April.



Wed
24 Feb
7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: SONG SUNG BLUE(12A)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

Song Sung Blue Tells the true story of a Milwaukee couple who in the 90's meet, marry and blend their two families together, before touring together as a Neil Diamond tribute act.



Sat
27 Feb
7pm

GALLOWAY SHORT FILM SCREENINGS

FILM | CatStrand | £3

Celebrate emerging voices at Galloway Shorts, showcasing amateur filmmakers through drama, documentary and animation screenings, with opportunities to connect, meet peers and share stories together.

Concessions: UC - Universal Credit, U26 - Aged under 26



Sun 28 Feb 3pm

GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS: LISTENING TO THE LAND

TALK | CatStrand | £8, £6 UC & U26

What does it mean to really listen to a place? Dr Paul Clarke shares hispermaculture practice and life near Mossdale. Plain talk, plenty of questions.



Sun 21 Mar 5pm

SPRING EQUINOX TRAD FOLK 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.



Wed 10 Mar 7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER (15)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

Leonardo DiCaprio plays Bob, once a firebrand and explosives expert, now turned into a befuddled burnout spending his days with drugs and booze.

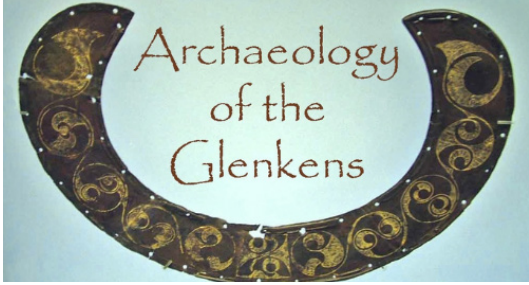


Wed 24 Mar 7pm

DALRY FILM CLUB: DISCLOSURE DAY (12A)

FILM | Dalry Town Hall | £6

Emily Blunt stars as a TV newsreader, Margaret Fairchild, who seems to be gaining new, not-to-say, superhuman powers.



Sat 20 Mar 3pm

GALLOWAY CONVERSATIONS: ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE GLENKENS

TALK | CatStrand | £8, £6 UC & U26

Join Archaeologist, Andrew Nicholson discussing 8,000 year old flint tools to Cold War remains, via Neolithic tombs, Roman forts, Anglian crosses and medieval mottes in the Glenkens.



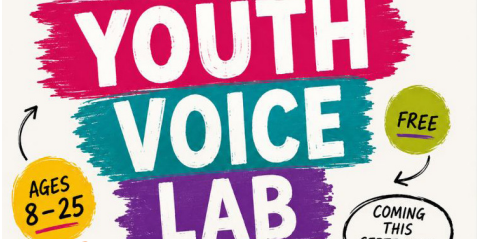
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CATSTRAND CREATIVES

Our aim through the CatStrand Creatives project is to ensure young people are empowered and supported through the Arts, Culture and Heritage Programme and wider GCAT projects to engage creatively with their communities and develop their own creative practices.

The CatStrand Creatives supports this engagement through a dedicated year round, youth-led programme. It provides opportunities to get involved in regular workshops, groups and activities for young people aged 4 - 12 and 12 - 18 as well as paid internship and work experience in the arts for ages 15-25.





05 Dec & 06 Mar
11am - 1pm

YOUTH VOICE LABS

EVENT | CatStrand | Ages 8 - 25

A creative way for children and young people to influence CatStrand Creatives. Through making, challenges, voting and discussion, participants can tell us what matters, what should change and what they want to see next.



Sun
13 Dec
11am - 2pm

BEHIND THE SCENES

THEATRE | CatStrand | Weekly 07 Feb onwards = Sundays 9:30am - 11.00am, Tuesdays 3:30am - 5.30pm | Ages 12+

Explore practical theatre and production skills including set, props, costume, lighting, sound and stage management. Contribute to live Youth Players productions.



Sun
13 Dec
11am - 2pm

WINTER WONDERLAND COMMUNITY EVENT AND SANTA'S GROTTO

EVENT | CatStrand | Family

Drop in anytime for fun Christmas activities, visit Santa's grotto, enjoy storytelling with the Elves and have a dance with Stanley the Snowman.



Mondays
Fortnightly
6pm -7pm

CREATIVE NESS ART SESSION

ART | Glenkens Community Centre | S1 - S4

A relaxed art session giving young people space to make, experiment and try different creative ideas. The emphasis is on enjoying the process, developing confidence and exploring materials in a friendly group.

Concessions: UC - Universal Credit, U26 - Aged under 26



Wednesdays weekly
1:30pm - 3:30pm

HOME-ED CREATIVE WEDNESDAYS

Multi-Arts | CatStrand | Last Wednesday of the month

Explore music, movement and visual arts with other home-educated children, building creativity, confidence and new ideas through shared activities.



Wednesdays weekly
3:45pm - 4:15pm

TREBLE MAKERS

MUSIC | CatStrand | Free | Ages 8 - 11

A friendly music-making session for young people to build confidence through singing, playing and making music together.



Wednesdays weekly
4:15pm - 5:15pm

DRAMARAMA

DRAMA | CatStrand | £3 | Ages 6 - 10

Young people can play, improvise, create characters and develop performance skills. Sessions are practical and supportive, with an emphasis on confidence, imagination and making theatre together.



Thursdays monthly
4pm - 7:15pm

KEYBOARD LESSONS

MUSIC | CatStrand | Ages 7 - 11

Develop your playing, confidence and musical skills through CatStrand Creatives' music programme, supporting progression and continued music-making.



Thursdays weekly
4pm - 7:15pm

PIANO LESSONS

MUSIC | CatStrand | 30 minute sessions | Ages 12 - 25

Regular piano tuition for young musicians who want to develop their playing, technique and confidence.



Thursdays weekly
6pm - 7:30pm

GUITAR LESSONS

MUSIC | CatStrand | 30 minute sessions | Ages 8 - 21 (in age under 12 and 12+ groups)

Regular guitar tuition for young musicians who want to develop their guitar playing, technique and confidence.

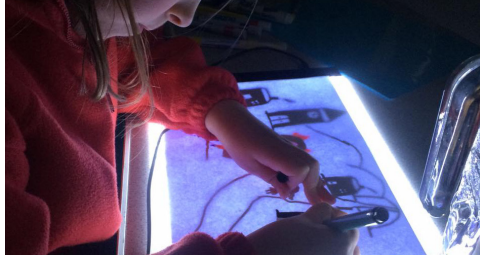


Saturdays monthly
9am - 10am

YOUNG SPARKS - ART EXPLORERS

ART | The Smiddy | Starting Jan | Ages 5 - 12

Young Sparks offers opportunities to experiment, make artwork and share what you have created with others. Last Saturday of the month.



Saturdays monthly
10am - 11am

YOUNG SPARKS - DIGITAL ART AND ANIMATION

ART | The Smiddy | Starting Feb | Ages 5 - 12

Young Sparks offers a chance to try digital ways of making images and bringing ideas to life, with support to develop your own work.



Saturdays weekly
10:30am - 1pm

UPSKILLS - DRUM LESSONS

MUSIC | CatStrand | 30 minute sessions | Ages 7 - 10

Beginners drum tuition, with young musicians passing on skills to younger peers while building rhythm, technique and confidence.



Saturdays monthly
2pm - 5pm

RISE - PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT

ART | The Smiddy | Starting Jan | Ages 16 - 21

Giving young people time to develop ideas, try new materials, build confidence and work on more substantial creative projects.



Sundays weekly
11am - 1pm

YOUTH PLAYERS - ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

THEATRE | CatStrand | Ages 10 - 25

CatStrand Creatives' youth theatre opportunity for young people interested in acting, performance and making productions together.



Early March
TBC

DG AMFLIFY WEEKEND

MUSIC | CatStrand | Ages 16 - 25

Join DG Amplify for a weekend bringing young people together through music. A chance to develop musical interests, connect with others and explore next steps.

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

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

Scan for CatStrand Creatives events for children and young people

gcat.scot/arts



