

LINLITHGOW FOLK FESTIVAL

2017



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THE FRIENDLY FOLK
OF LINLITHGOW

6TH-10TH SEPTEMBER 2017

LINLITHGOW FOLK FESTIVAL 19 YEARS

FESTIVAL DIARY AT A GLANCE



CELEBRATION STRAMASH!

Celebrate the start of the 19th Festival in style with a great night of song, music and dance from the stalwarts of Linlithgow Folk Festival Association and friends.

Come along for a tune and a song, hear the best of our local talent, have a laugh and a bit of a hoolie to get you in the mood for the Festival weekend.

From 8pm at Linlithgow Bowling Club
Philip Avenue EH49 7BH
FREE – donations welcome.
Refreshments available from the bar.



BIENVENUE À LINLITHGOW! HERZLICH WILLKOMMEN IN LINLITHGOW!



We are always delighted to welcome international visitors to our Festival. This year, musicians and singers from our twin areas in France and Germany will be actively involved. Look out for them over the Festival.

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THU 7 SEPT

ANDY McKEAN – IN CONCERT

Always a star of our annual Matt McGinn Night, Andy makes a very welcome return to Linlithgow. This acclaimed singer and songwriter has been performing and writing music for a number of years and has twice won the Falkirk Folk Club songwriting competition. Tonight, Andy will sing his own songs, as well as several others, and no Linlithgow gig would be complete without a rendition of Matt McGinn's "Granda". 7.30 - 8.30pm.

Black Bitch Tavern (Upstairs) EH49 7AZ. FREE – donations welcome. The concert will be followed by an informal session.



SONGS AND REELS AT THE ROSE

In a Festival first, we are bringing together four of Scotland's finest young traditional musicians for a fabulous concert at Linlithgow Rose Social Club. They will play as two duos and then come together for an amazing finale. Linlithgow's town piper Ross Miller joins BBC Young Traditional Musician of the Year Charlie Stewart to create a dynamic blend of traditional tunes and songs based around tight tune playing, variations, interweaving harmonies and rhythmic ideas. The piper and fiddler won a Danny Kyle award at Celtic Connections 2016. The second duo features Aberdeenshire folksinger and BBC Young Trad finalist, Iona Fyfe, who is establishing herself as one of the most stunning voices on the circuit today. She will be joined by County Durham guitarist and singer Luc McNally, who performs with Sketch, Snuffbox and Dosca. 8.45pm–10.30pm Linlithgow Rose Social Club, Braehead Road EH49 6HF £8 on the door. Tickets online at www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com – check Facebook for details.



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SESSION AT THE BLACK BITCH

Come along and play, sing or just listen and enjoy. Space available both indoors and outdoors.

Black Bitch Tavern EH49 7AZ
2pm-5pm FREE.



MUSICAL CRUISES WITH LINLITHGOW UNION CANAL SOCIETY (LUCS)

Always hugely popular, cruises on the Union Canal, with live music from our very own Cockleroy. Tea-time Cruise from 6pm until 7.15pm and the Sunset Cruise from 7.30pm until 8.45pm. All tickets £8 in advance from Far From the Madding Crowd, 20 High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7AE or online at www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com



INTERNATIONAL MUSIC SESSION AT THE BOWLING CLUB

Featuring the Amuretto Folk-Drops group from Arnsberg in Germany and the McFroggies from Guyancourt in France, who will be joined by members of Carron Cast and our friends from Falkirk Folk Club.

From 8pm Linlithgow Bowling Club.

FREE – donations welcome.



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BLUEGRASS CONCERT WITH THE DADDY NAGGINS



Back by popular demand in a bigger venue after last year's debut appearance in Linlithgow, The Daddy Naggins are a Glasgow-based bluegrass band that play rip-roaring bluegrass and folk classics, as well as modern pop and rock songs. Formed in 2010 by Darren Young and Garry McFadden, on guitar and banjo respectively, the band also feature Hazel Finlay on bass fiddle and Laura-Beth Salter on mandolin, with occasional guest appearances from some of Glasgow's finest traditional and bluegrass musicians.

The Daddy Naggins play music in an upbeat and enthusiastic manner and always try to get the audience's feet tapping! They have played all over the UK and can usually be seen on a weekly basis around Scotland's central belt. Please check them out and tell your friends that the bluegrass train is coming to town – AGAIN!!

8pm-10.30pm (Bar opens 7pm, entry into hall at 7.30pm) Linlithgow Academy Theatre, Braehead Road, Linlithgow EH49 7EN. Tickets £10. All seats unreserved. Licensed bar. Tickets available from Far From the Madding Crowd, 20 High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7AE. Online booking via www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com, also available at the door.

THE SESSION SCENE

Sessions from 8pm at the Black Bitch Tavern and other venues displaying the Festival logo.

Check Facebook for updates.



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SAT 9 SEPT

FESTIVAL HUB @ THE MASONIC HALL

10.30am-5pm Masonic Hall, the Cross EH49 7AH
Information, shop and refreshments. **Drop in any time!**

MUSIC AT THE CROSS ON THE NORA DEVINE STAGE

We are delighted once more to welcome some great talent from near and far on our Outdoor Stage. A varied and exciting programme of music throughout the day. **11.30am-5pm.**



YOUTH FESTIVAL SHOWCASE

A new event this year, where we give emerging talent the opportunity to perform in a relaxed and informal setting. Those taking part will include the Falkirk Schools' Trad Band, plus individual singers and musicians from across Scotland.

**12 noon-4pm St Michael's Kirk Hall behind Cross House.
5 The Cross EH49 7AL. FREE - donations welcome.**



COME AND SING

An informal and fun singing session, with Linlithgow's Sangschule and the Liltin' Lassies from Dunblane.

All welcome. **Masonic Hall 11am-12.30pm, FREE - donations welcome.**



YOUR QUICK GUIDE

Day	Time	Venue	Event	Where to pay
Wed	8pm	Bowling Club	Celebration Stramash!	Free
Thu	7.30pm-8.30pm	Black Bitch	Andy McKean	Free
Thu	8.45pm	Rose Club	Songs & Reels	£8 on door or Online
Fri	2pm-5pm	Black Bitch	Mixed session	Free
Fri	6pm & 7.30pm	Canal Centre	Musical Cruises	£8 from 'Far From the Madding Crowd' or Online
Fri	8pm	Bowling Club	International Music Session	Free
Fri	8pm	Academy	The Daddy Naggins Bluegrass	£10 from 'Far From the Madding Crowd', online and at the door
Fri	8pm	Black Bitch, etc	Sessions	Free
Sat	10.30am-5pm	Masonic	Info/refreshments	Free
Sat	11am-12.30pm	Masonic	Come and Sing	Free
Sat	11am-12.15pm	Cross House	Come and Whistle	Free
Sat	11.30am-5pm	The Cross	Nora Devine stage	Free
Sat	12-4pm	Cross House	Youth Showcase	Free
Sat	12.30pm-1.45pm	Cross House	Come and Fiddle	Free
Sat	2pm-3.30pm	Masonic	Step We Ceilidh	£5 on door, children Free
Sat	All Day	Pubs	Sessions	Free
Sat	7.30pm-10.10pm	Academy	Concert with Barluath	£15 from 'Far From the Madding Crowd' or Online
Sun	11am-12.30pm	Masonic	Bluegrass Gospel	Free
Sun	1pm-5pm	The Cross	Nora Devine stage	Free
Sun	12.30pm til late	Pubs	Sessions	Free
Sun	2pm-4pm	Bowling Club	Songs & Music	Free
Sun	2.30pm-4.30pm	The Vennel	Open Air Family Ceilidh	Free

Online ticketing for Songs and Reels at the Rose, Bluegrass with The Daddy Naggins, Canal Cruises and concert with Barluath at www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com



Check website and Facebook for updates to programme

PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY!

While we love to bring you loads of "free" events, putting on a festival costs £££££££s.

So do please feel 'free' to put something in our colourful donation tins wherever you see them... every £ counts.



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PUB SESSIONS

Afternoon sessions in pubs displaying the festival logo.



WORKSHOPS IN CROSS HOUSE

Just turn up and take part. FREE – donations welcome.

COME AND WHISTLE – complete beginner to intermediate. Local piper, Ollie Rigg, comes from a musical background rich in Scottish and Irish Folk tunes. His approach to teaching is tailored for both the complete beginner and advanced whistle player alike. 11am–12.15pm.

COME AND FIDDLE – mixed age range and ability. With Eilidh Firth from our headliners Barluath, who is a recent graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. 12.30pm–1.45pm.



STEP WE CEILIDH, ON WE GO – WITH THE AMURETTO FOLK-DROPS from Arnsberg, Germany

Ever wanted to go to a ceilidh, but didn't know the dances? Our friends from Germany will teach you Scottish and European dances in this easy-to follow workshop. No experience necessary. Learn the dances today and put them into practice at the Outdoor Ceilidh at the Vennel tomorrow! Masonic Hall. 2pm–3.30pm Adults £5 on the door, children FREE.



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HEADLINE CONCERT WITH BARLUATH

We are delighted to welcome back this exciting young band. Formed in Glasgow in 2010, Barluath have established themselves as a dynamic powerhouse of Scottish traditional music that have delighted audiences both at home and overseas.



As Danny Kyle Open Stage Award winners in 2012, the band released their first album 'Source' and began touring extensively. In 2014, they were nominated for 'Up and Coming Artist of the Year' at the Trad Music Awards, shortly before the release of their second album 'At Dawn of Day' in 2015.

They first came to Linlithgow in 2011, when they were one of several young bands on the Folk Festival's Nora Devine Stage at the Cross. They so impressed the organisers, that they were asked back in 2012 to be the support act to Ralph McTell at that year's headline event.

Their debut album was produced by Phil Cunningham, who said:

"One of life's great pleasures is witnessing the creation of something new. So has it been with Barluath. I've had the pleasure of watching these talented players coming together as a band and sharing their individual fortes to create this unique ensemble. They breathe new life into old songs and tunes and bring new compositions to the table with great flair and passion."
Phil Cunningham

Since the release of their second album Barluath have toured extensively throughout Europe with trips to Germany, Denmark, France, the Czech Republic and Washington D.C. Each trip has exposed them to new musical styles, which they embrace in their live performances. They have also been nominated for 'Folk Band of the Year' at the MG Alba Scots Music Awards 2016.

SUPPORT BY GEORGE MACHRAY

East Lothian singer-songwriter, George Machray, is well-known on the Scottish folk scene and a regular visitor to sessions in Linlithgow. Tonight, hear him perform some of his highly entertaining and moving songs, mainly about the East Lothian area (e.g. "Quays o Cockenny", "Lazy moon over Embra Toun"). His comic songs ("Hawkeye the noo", "Grubby thoughts", "Swinging in Dunbar") are bound to entertain and you will also be able to enjoy more of his well-crafted creations.

7.30pm–10.10pm [Bar opens 6.30pm, entry into hall 7pm]. Linlithgow Academy Theatre, Braehead Road, Linlithgow, EH49 7EN. Tickets £15. All seats unreserved. Licensed bar. Tickets available from 'Far From the Madding Crowd', 20 High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7AE. Online booking available via www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com

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SUN 10 SEPT

BLUEGRASS GOSPEL SESSION

Hosted by Dan Markey and friends – with audience participation. A great way to waken up on Festival Sunday. Come along and raise the roof!

11am–12.30pm, Masonic Hall, Market Lane, EH49 7AH.



MUSIC AT THE CROSS ON THE NORA DEVINE STAGE

More free music to entertain you, from some of the best performers around the area.

1pm–5pm The Cross.



SONGS AND MUSIC AT THE BOWLING CLUB

Come along to join in or listen at this lively session. Hosted by Newtongrange Folk Club. 2pm–4pm Linlithgow Bowling Club EH49 7BH.



OPEN AIR FAMILY CEILIDH WITH COCKLERROY

One of our most popular events for families and passers-by! Dancing on concrete slabs, so bring comfy shoes. In the event of rain, the ceilidh will take place in the Masonic Hall.

Please check Facebook and other social media for updates. 2.30pm–4.30pm, the Vennel, Town Centre. EH49 7EX.



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Linlithgow Folk Festival Association does far more than its name might suggest. Apart from our annual Festival in September, we arrange concerts, ceilidhs and regular music session in local pubs. We have also established the annual Matt McGinn Tribute Night, which takes place next year on Saturday 3 March.

Monthly Session Dates 2017/2018

Black Bitch Tavern, 14 West Port, Linlithgow, EH49 7AZ

Sessions are normally held in the Lounge from 8pm the first Thursday and from 2pm on the third Sunday of the month.

In June, the session takes place on the Sunday before Marches Day. In 2018, this will be Sunday 17 June. Check the list of dates on our website: www.linlithgowfolk.com



FESTIVAL 2018 WILL BE HELD FROM 5–9 SEPTEMBER

Stay in touch – become a Friend of the Festival. Receive regular information about LFFA and email alerts of all our forthcoming events. Contact us online at: www.linlithgowfolk.com/contact.htm

PEDAL FOR SCOTLAND

Please visit www.pedalforScotland.org for the latest information on Pedal for Scotland and how this event may affect your travel to and from Linlithgow on Sunday 10 Sept. 2017.



MAKE YOUR 2018 DATE WITH MATT MCGINN!

Saturday 3 March 2018 in Linlithgow Academy Theatre. This is always a sell-out, so to avoid disappointment, keep your eye on our website www.linlithgowfolk.com for information on ticket release.



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INFORMATION

Box Office: Tickets for all ticketed events are available from "Far from the Madding Crowd", 20 High Street EH49 7AE. Tel. 01506 845509. Also available online at www.linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com

Venues Access: Please ring 01506 670229 for other enquiries.

Local Information: Check out Linlithgow's town website for information on accommodation, transport, maps and restaurants. www.linlithgow.com Or contact the Tourist Information Centre on 01506 282720.

LFFA would like to thank:

- > All supportive local businesses
- > All artists and musicians who support and play at the Festival
- > Black Bitch Community Magazine
- > Black Bitch Tavern
- > CGH Creative
- > Colin and Joan Tyler, catering
- > Falkirk Folk Club
- > Falkirk Traditional Music Project
- > Far From the Madding Crowd
- > Historic Environment Scotland
- > Liltin' Lassies
- > Linlithgow Academy
- > Linlithgow Bowling Club
- > Linlithgow Business Association
- > Linlithgow Journal and Gazette
- > Linlithgow Linties
- > Linlithgow Rose Social Club
- > Linlithgow Union Canal Society
- > Linlithgow Young People's Project
- > Martine Stead, Cat Egerton, (photography)
- > Newtowngrange Folk Club
- > Sangschule
- > Sound Sense PA Hire
- > Star & Garter Hotel
- > Visit West Lothian
- > Steedsy.com Audio
- > West Lothian Schools' Instrumental Service
- > West Port Hotel



Trains: Linlithgow is well served by ScotRail, with direct services from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dumblane, Stirling and Falkirk. **Buses:** Through bus services are available from Edinburgh, Falkirk and Stirling. (First bus services 38 and 38A) Less regular routes from most other parts of West Lothian.

Driving: Via the M9 from the West (eastbound), leave at J4 (no exit at J3 this carriageway). Via the M9 from the East (westbound), leave at J3. The transport information listed above may be subject to change on Sunday 10 September. Please refer to www.pedalforScotland.org for the latest

Information affecting Linlithgow Parking: Pay and Display car park behind Cross House, and other on street time-limited parking. Free long stay car park behind Tesco, but note parking in main Tesco park is time limited.