

1st - 3rd September 2023

The first ever

Kirkcudbright Fringe Festival

40 acts & performers

16 venues

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Welcome to the first Kirkcudbright Fringe programme – an exciting mix of music, film, comedy, visual arts, performance, walks and talks, alongside a celebration of the 50th anniversary of The Wicker Man.

The range of participants – local, national and UK-wide – are intended to appeal to a variety of audiences with events taking place in numerous locations. This first Fringe would not be possible without the support of the town, sponsors, venues and the many folk who have given assistance and support.

Our front cover is by Thomas D'Haen (above). Thomas was in S2 at Kirkcudbright Academy when he painted this stunning work and was one of the winners of the Kirkcudbright Rotary Young Artist Competition 2023.

We hope you enjoy the first Fringe – and Kirkcudbright – and see you again in 2024!

Gerry Hassan & Chris Walker

Getting Here

By road

Kirkcudbright lies 25 miles beyond (west of) Dumfries on the coast, south of the A75. We are a popular destination from Ireland, being only 50 miles from the ferry terminals at Cairnryan. Just 3 hours from Manchester or Leeds and 2 hours from Glasgow or Edinburgh.

By air

Airports at Edinburgh, Glasgow and Prestwick, all within a 2-hour drive, provide scheduled international flights.

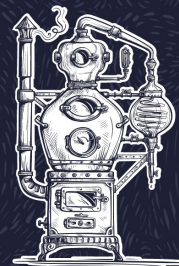
By other public transport

Buses are Kirkcudbright's only available form of public

Booking Information

Tickets are available prior to Kirkcudbright Fringe from:
Rhubarb, 25 St Mary St, Kirkcudbright DG6 4AA
Opening hours Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 4pm

Tickets are also available online at:
kbtfringe.co.uk



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Friday 1st September 2023



2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Kirkcudbright Galleries

Free event

A Photographic History of Kirkcudbright

For years local photographer Sam Kelly has chronicled the people, places and events of the town providing a unique set of insights and an incomparable social record.

This exhibition of his work is his first ever in Kirkcudbright Galleries and a celebration both of Sam and the many faces and facets of Kirkcudbright. Curated by local photographer Joe Stassi.

This exhibition will run throughout the weekend.

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4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Station House Cookery School
£8

We Are What We Grow: Food Production in Scotland

What are the challenges in producing sustainable, ethical and nutritious food? How do small producers take on the major food companies?

A lively discussion from three of Scotland's influential food ambassadors as they discuss their own personal journeys in improving food.

With Rupert Shaw, Owner of Scotland's first ever assured venison park, Gledpark; Christopher Trotter, Fife Food Ambassador; and Wilma Finlay, co-author of 'A Dairy Story' and co-owner of The Ethical Dairy.

Hosted by Nick Morris, owner of Station House Cookery School.



4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Broughton House
£10 adults £5 children under 12

Cameron Young – Magic & Comedy Show

Cameron Young has performed everywhere from Aberdeen to Las Vegas. A must see magic and comedy show for all the family.

Sponsored by Dark Art Distillery



6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
By the Selkirk Arms car park
£5

Maggie's Tour

Recreate the stories and myths of 17th century Kirkcudbright.

Sponsored by West Coast Sea Products



7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Selkirk Arms
Free event

Acoustic Set – Shardlake

Glasgow rock band Shardlake perform an acoustic set ahead of their full Rock tribute set on Saturday.

Passionate purveyors of the finest rock music from AC/DC to Muse, Led Zeppelin to Guns N' Roses, Bon Jovi to Joan Jett, Kings of Leon to Queen.

This acoustic set will introduce you to the band but if you prefer your rock music loud, try the plugged-in set on Saturday night!

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8:00 PM – 11:00 PM
Parish Hall
£10 adults, £5 12-18yrs, £1 under 12s

Shore Road Ukrainian Fundraiser Ceilidh

Help raise money for the Sunflower Project supporting those close to the front line in Ukraine.

Sponsored by Selkirk Arms



9:00 PM – 11:00 PM
Station House Cookery School
£20 (Over 18s only)

Whisky Calore – Annandale Distillery Tasting

Taste 6 drams over the course of 2 hours with deep dives into the whisky making process and the history of Annandale distillery.

Saturday 2nd September 2023



10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Kirkcudbright Galleries
Free event

A Photographic History of Kirkcudbright

A continuation of Friday's exhibition.



11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
The Wee Bar, Selkirk Arms
£8

Hugh McMillan's Galloway

Writer and poet Hugh McMillan's 'McMillan's Galloway' has been published in a revised edition.

Come and join Hugh in a world of fact, fiction and fairy tales.



12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
The Planetarium
£10

Archie Macpherson: A Life in Football: From Argentina 1978 to 'Trainspotting'

One of the defining moments in Scottish football: Argentina 1978, Ally's Tartan Army, the game against the Dutch and Archie Gemmell's goal. Join Archie to revisit this and other moments across the arc of the Scottish game, international and domestic, and his reflections.

We will stop off at great European triumphs, Scotland outclassing the World champions at Wembley, the 'Old Firm', and highs and lows of Argentina 1978 – which found a second life in Irvine Welsh's 'Trainspotting'.

Archie was there through it all and lived to tell the tale. Come and relive some of these memorable moments and more.

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12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Harbour Square Stage
Free event

Live at the Harbour Square

Great live bands from all over Dumfries and Galloway.



2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
The Wee Bar, Selkirk Arms
£25

School of Art with Little Miss Vaughan

Create your own unique design straight onto cotton and be in with a chance to win £50 in our fringe bag design competition.



2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
St Cuthbert's graveyard
Free event

Kirkyard Trail Saturday

St Cuthbert's kirkyard is important as the site of the original kirk of St Cuthbert, possibly built sometime in the period 750 – 850, which gave the present town of Kirkcudbright its name, and the site of the most southerly Viking burials in Scotland.

There is much of historical interest besides this, not least the variety of gravestones and the individuals commemorated on them.

Meet at the kirkyard gate, on the edge of town, on the road to Gelston.

Walks are guided by volunteers from Kirkcudbright History Society.

Sponsored by Clann



3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Parish Church
£8

The Future of Scotland and the UK

Scottish and UK politics are in a state of flux. The long era of Tory dominance looks like it may be coming to a messy end, while in Scotland the SNP's period of ascendancy is showing signs of distinct wear and tear.

Broadcaster Gavin Esler, author of 'How Britain Ends' and academic Gerry Hassan, author of 'Scotland Rising: The Case for Independence' look at where we are and the future of Scotland and the UK.



3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
The Garret
£8 (over 14s)

Cal Herbert – Comedy Hour 14+

The first of two shows from Cal Herbert from TV's 'Britain's got Talent' and 'The Gadget Show'.



5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Feast
£5

Faith, Religion and Ethics in Modern Scotland

What is the role of faith in our modern age? How do we ground values of humanity, compassion in an age of intolerance?

With Alison Phipps, UNESCO Chair, Glasgow University and Martin Johnstone, Church of Scotland minister.



7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Cochrane Hall
£15

The Wicker Man: 50th Anniversary Kirkcudbright Premiere and Discussion

'The Wicker Man', one of the most iconic and powerful films ever made is now 50 years old.

Watch a new edited version of the film and hear from key people involved and people who know and love the film.

Chris Nunn, film-maker and authority on the film;
Justin & Dominic Hardy – sons of Robin Hardy, film director;
Lesley Mackie who appeared and sang in the film;
Gary Carpenter who arranged the music.

Sponsored by Five Kingdoms Brewery



8:00 PM – 9:30 PM
The Wee Bar, Selkirk Arms
£20 (Over 18s only)

Dark Art Distillery Tasting

Kirkcudbright's very own distillery presents its two gins in production.

Hear the story of the distillery and learn about the aromatics that go into making the gin, along with a tasting and a cocktail or two.

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8:00 PM – 11:00 PM
Parish Hall
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Rock Tribute Band Shardlake

Quality renditions of the finest rock music from AC/DC to Muse, Led Zeppelin to Guns N' Roses, Bon Jovi to Joan Jett, Kings of Leon to Queen.

This is the full, plugged-in experience – if you prefer your music a little softer, check out the acoustic set on Friday!

BYOB.

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9:00 PM – 10:00 PM
The Bowling Club
£10

Cal Herbert – Adult Humour Comedy Show 18+

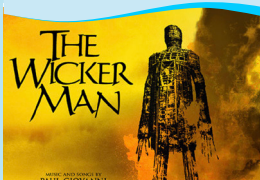


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Alan Bissett: The Moira Monologues 18+

Experience the much-lauded Moira Monologues with writer and tour de force performer Alan Bissett.

Sunday 3rd September 2023



11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Planetarium

£5

The Wicker Man Documentary: Preview

Join Chris Nunn as he previews a world first of his new documentary: 'Wickermania'.

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Brewery



11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Harbour Square Information Centre

Free event

Kirkcudbright Town Walk I

A guided tour of the historic town.

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12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
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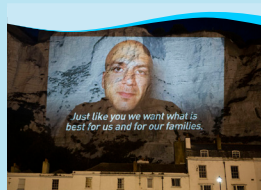


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12:30 PM – 1:45 PM
Parish Church

£8

Who Are We Really? The UK, Small Boats and Immigration

Where is the UK debate going? And
is it possible to have an honest,
humanitarian discussion?

Join broadcaster Gavin Esler and
Alison Phipps, UNESCO Chair in
Refugee Immigration.



2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Harbour Square Information
Centre

Free event

Kirkcudbright Town Walk II

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Pink Floyd, the 1960s and Musical Pioneers

Legendary manager and
producer Andrew King was there
at some of the great moments of
musical history.

He was manager of Pink Floyd
when they recorded 'Piper at the
Gates of Dawn' in the 1960s, there
when The Clash made it big in
the 1970s, and when Ian Dury and
The Blockheads hit the top of the
charts a few years later.

Come and enjoy a musical
journey through some of the
most memorable acts of recent
times as local resident Andrew
talks about his life and times with
writer Alan Bissett.

Sponsored by Dark Arts Distillery



5:30 PM – 6:45 PM

Broughton House

£8

Walking on the Darker Side

Spend an evening exploring the craft, imagination and stories of a range of crime writers.

With Jackie Baldwin, Ian Robinson and Ann Bloxwich and chaired by John Dean.

Sponsored by Roucan Loch



6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Greyfriars Church

£10

The Music of The Wicker Man

Join pupils of Kirkcudbright Academy as they perform the music of 'The Wicker Man'.

Sponsored by Scotland Starts Here



7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

The Masonic Arms

£5

Stand-up Comedian Rob Crosbie

Rob Crosbie takes to the stage for a barrel of laughs.

Sponsored by Selkirk Arms Hotel



7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Planetarium

£8

Dark Side of The Moon

To celebrate the album's 50th anniversary, Kirkcudbright Dark Space Planetarium is screening a new, fully immersive, 360 degree movie with original soundtrack.

Sponsored by Selkirk Arms Hotel



7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Tidespace

£10

Coastal Light with Bella Bathurst

Bella Bathurst will be in conversation with Jessica Chaney about her book on three generations of engineers, The Lighthouse Stevensons - one of The List's '100 Best Scottish Books of all-time'.

The Stevensons designed and constructed nearly one hundred lighthouses along Scotland's treacherous coasts.

They also epitomised the Scottish Enlightenment era, and their revolutionary lights still enable navigation and continue to save innumerable lives and livelihoods.

Sponsored by Jake Irving Ceramics

Our Sponsors

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the remarkable sponsors who have generously supported the inaugural Kirkcudbright Fringe.

Your unwavering commitment and dedication have played a pivotal role in shaping the event. Your invaluable contribution has enabled us to bring a vibrant arts and music scene to Kirkcudbright, hopefully captivating audiences with memorable performances and unforgettable experiences.

Thank you. Chris & Gerry

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