

36th Keith Traditional Music & Song Association Festival



Friday 10th to
Sunday 12th
June 2011

Programme: £2.00

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Foreword . . .

36 years since its roots the Keith Festival continues going from strength to strength in 2011.

As Keith's new Constituency MSP following recent boundary changes I have great pleasure in introducing this year's festival. There is a fantastic community spirit in the 'Friendly Town', a community spirit visitors to the Festival are welcomed into and which is readily shared.



The festival programme is fantastic with a great range of performers keeping up the folk traditions of the North East.

Grateful thanks are due to the performers, competition entrants, organisers, sponsors and, most of all, to everyone who comes along to support traditional music at the Keith Festival.

All the best for a fantastic TMSA Festival in 2011!

Richard Lochhead

Richard Lochhead MSP for Moray
and Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment

The information in this programme was correct at the time of going to press.

The committee reserve the right to alter it at any time.

For tickets and more information please visit the Festival Office located behind the Royal Hotel at the bottom of Mid Street. Opening times of the office are Friday 9am - 8pm, Saturday 9am - 6pm and Sunday 11am - 2pm.

Keith Festival merchandise is available in the Festival Office.

What's On . . . Friday 10th June

Dance

Sponsored by Cramond Insurance Life & Pensions and Nisa Local

Venue: Legion **Time:** 8.00pm **Entry:** £7.00

Dancing to Neil Hardie & his Scottish Dance Band. Also appearing are The Mayfield Group

Opening Ceilidh

Sponsored by Clydesdale Bank and Alex Grant & Co

Venue: Bowling Club **Time:** 8.00pm **Entry:** £7.00

Comperes: Scott Gardiner

Guests appearing are: Joe Aitken, Nicola Auchnie, Jasmine Dey, Bob Hay, The Mayfield Group, The Linties & Stuart Miller, Geordie Murison, Lilian Ross, Gary Sutherland Ceilidh Band & Sheena Wellington.

Concert Ceilidh

Sponsored by Shears Hair & Beauty Retreat and Barbara Anderson Fiddle School, Huntly

Venue: Plough Inn **Time:** 8.00pm **Entry:** £7.00

Comperes: Doug & Gary Stewart

Guests appearing are: Joe Aitken, Nicola Auchnie, Jasmine Dey, Bob Hay, The Mayfield Group, The Linties & Stuart Miller, Geordie Murison, Lilian Ross, Gary Sutherland Ceilidh Band & Sheena Wellington.



What's On . . . Saturday 11th June

COMPETITIONS

Sponsored by Alex Grant & Co

All entry forms may be obtained at the Longmore Hall from 9.30am on the day. Please see separate booklet for the rules for each individual competition.

Class	Venue	Time
Fiddle: Senior Junior 12 & under	Large Longmore Hall	10.00 am
Accordion: Senior Junior 12 & under	Small Longmore Hall	10.00 am
Melodeon	Royal Hotel	10.00 am
Moothie		*
Diddling		*
Tin Whistle: Senior Junior 12 & under	North Church Hall	10.00 am
Recorder: 13 & over 12 & under Group	North Church Hall	*
Poetry: 7 & under 10 & under 13 & under 15 & under Senior Group	North Church	10.00 am

COMPETITIONS - Continued

Sponsored by Alex Grant & Co

Class	Venue	Time
Men's Singing	Royal Hotel	1.30 pm
Bothy Ballad: Senior Junior	Royal Hall	*
Women's Singing	Small Longmore Hall	1.30 pm
Best Local Singer	Small Longmore Hall	*
Traditional Singing: 9 & under 12 & under 15 & under	North Church Hall	1.30 pm
Best Instrumental: 12 & under	North Church	1.30 pm
Piano: 15 & under	North Church	*
Instrumental Group	Large Longmore Hall	1.30 pm
Storytelling: Senior Junior 12 & under	North Church Session Room	1.30 pm

*This competition will start when the previous competition has completed.

There is no charge for competitors or spectators at the competitions. However, donations will be gratefully received in the box provided at each venue.

Trophies are presented at the Prizewinners Concert which takes place on Saturday evening.

AFTERNOON INFORMAL MUSIC SESSIONS

Informal music sessions will take place around Mid Street during Saturday afternoon. Feel free to go along and join in, take a turn or just listen.

The Royal Hotel

from 1.00pm

Led by Neil Hardie Scottish Dance Band

The Plough Inn

from 1.00pm

Led by The Mayfield Group

The Deli Shop

from 2.00pm

153-155 Mid Street

Music by Nick Keir & Stephen Quigg

Café la Jems

from 2.00pm

105 Mid Street

Music by Gary Sutherland Ceilidh Band

Craighursts Café & Restaurant

from 3.00pm

166 Mid Street

Music by Bob Hay, Rachel Stuart and Holly Strathdee

Shears Hair & Beauty Retreat

from 3.00pm

70 Mid Street

Music by Nicola Auchnie

Mither Tongue

from 3.30pm

165 Mid Street

Stories and songs by Lilian Ross

What's On . . . Saturday 11th June

EVENING CONCERTS

Prizewinners Concert Sponsored by Alex Grant & Co

Venue: Longmore Hall **Time:** 6.30pm **Entry:** £6.00 Adult/£2.00 Child

Comper: Doris Rougie

See the winners from the days competitions perform together and receive their trophies.

Concert Ceilidh Sponsored by Chivas

Venue: Royal Hotel **Time:** 8.00pm **Entry:** £7.00

Comper: Scott Gardiner

Special guests: Nick Keir and Stephen Quigg

Guests appearing are: Nicola Auchnie, Neil Hardie Scottish Dance Band, The Mayfield Group, The Linties & Stuart Miller, Geordie Murison & Sheena Wellington.

Concert Ceilidh Sponsored by NFU Mutual and Peterkins Solicitors

Venue: Bowling Club **Time:** 8.00pm **Entry:** £7.00

Comper: Janet Weatherston

Guests appearing are: Joe Aitken, Nicola Auchnie, Jasmine Dey, Neil Hardie Scottish Dance Band, Bob Hay, The Mayfield Group, Nick Keir & Stephen Quigg, The Linties & Stuart Miller, Lilian Ross & Sheena Wellington.

Concert Ceilidh Sponsored by Clark Thomson and JFL Limos

Venue: Plough Inn **Time:** 8.00pm **Entry:** £7.00

Comper: Sandy Stronach

Guests appearing are: Joe Aitken, Nicola Auchnie, Jasmine Dey, Neil Hardie Scottish Dance Band, Bob Hay, The Mayfield Group, The Linties & Stuart Miller, Geordie Murison & Lilian Ross.

What's On . . . Sunday 12th June

CHURCH SERVICES

Church of Scotland St Rufus Church 10.15am
with The Mayfield Group and Nick Keir

Roman Catholic St Thomas' Church 10.15am
with hymns sung to Scottish tunes

Church of Scotland North Church 11.00am
with The Strathspey Fiddlers and Sheena Wellington

Scottish Episcopal Holy Trinity 11.30am

CONCERTS

Bairns Ceilidh

Venue: Bowling Club **Time:** 1.00pm **Entry:** Free

Bairns, of all ages, can go along and enjoy the fun atmosphere of the Bairns Ceilidh with various guests

Open Air Concert Sponsored by Keith Community Radio and Alex Grant & Co

Venue: Reidhaven Square **Time:** 2.00pm-4.00pm **Entry:** Free

Various artists will perform during the afternoon. In the event of adverse weather it will be held in the Royal Hotel

Chorus Quaich

Venue: Plough Inn **Time:** 4.00pm **Entry:** Free

Anyone can enter as long as the song has a chorus

Farewell Concert Sponsored by Alex Grant & Co and Third Brothers

Venue: Royal Hotel **Time:** 7.30pm **Entry:** £7.00

Special Guests: Colin Campbell and Nick Keir

Various artists will perform during the concert – a chance to say “Cheerio – see ye neist year” to all your friends, old and new.

THE GUESTS

Joe Aitken

A bothy ballad champion who is a regular favourite at our festival. Joe has just released a CD recently which will be available at the Festival Office.

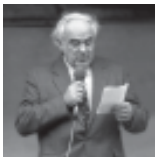


Nicola Auchnie

The current Glenfiddich Fiddle Champion, Nicola comes from Turriff. This is Nicola's first time as a guest at Keith and it is great to see young musicians from the North East doing so well.

Colin Campbell

A popular entertainer in the North-East with his humorous portrayal of aspects of farming and crofting life in Scotland. He's only here on the Sunday evening, but he's sure to have the audience splitting their sides with laughter!



Jasmine Dey

An 18 year old singer-songwriter from Keith, Jasmine is currently studying in Aberdeen and is aiming to make a career in the music industry. She is a frequent participant in Scottish singing competitions and concerts.

Neil Hardie Scottish Dance Band



Formed 12 years ago, this dance band have performed at accordion and fiddle clubs from the North of England to the Shetland Islands, as well as various dances and festivals throughout Scotland. The band are to play for the Friday night dance.

Bob Hay

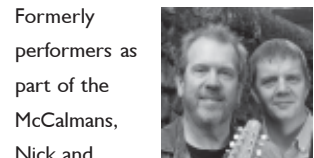
A "moochie" player, Bob comes from Elgin. Bob is well known for scooping up many of the trophies at competitions at Festivals throughout the country.

The Mayfield Group



Visitors to the Keith Festival on several occasions now, the Mayfield Group are a group of fiddlers from Banchory and members of the Banchory Strathspey and Reel Society.

Nick Keir & Stephen Quigg



Formerly performers as part of the McCalmans, Nick and Stephen have decided to continue performing as a duo and return to the Keith Festival after several previous visits.

The Linties & Stuart Miller



This vocal harmony group hatched from a Scots Music Group singing class in Edinburgh and since 2003 have been arranging harmonies for a rich and varied repertoire of atmospheric and earthy songs.

Geordie Murison

Another regular at the Keith Festival, Geordie is an accomplished singer and musician and comes from Netherley, Stonehaven.



Lilian Ross

Born in the heart of the Buchan farmlands of Aberdeenshire, but now living in Inverness, Lilian is a native Doric speaker, ballad singer, storyteller and poet. She has

been dubbed a "Tradition Bearer".

Gary Sutherland Ceilidh Band

The band has been together for six years. Gary is twice Scottish accordion champion and the band have toured festivals across Scotland and played at ceilidhs and weddings galore, recorded two successful CDs and



performed for "Take the Floor".

Sheena Wellington

A traditional singer from Dundee, Sheena has recorded several albums, toured internationally and is a proud patron of the TMSA. However, Sheena is perhaps best known for her performance of "A Man's a Man" at the opening of the Scottish Parliament in 1999.



THE COMPERES

Scott Gardiner

Scott now seems to be veteran of Keith Festival despite still being a young man. Now living in Edinburgh Scott is originally from Forfar.

Eric McGillivray

Eric has been compering the Open Air Concert for around 20 years and we are not letting him retire yet! Eric is back to help us



enjoy the (hopefully) outdoor concert.

Doug & Gary Stewart

This father and son duo are members of the committee and travel around the Festival scene regularly entering competitions and entertaining audiences with their songs and poetry.

Sandy Stronach

Sandy is a Councillor in



Aberdeenshire and lives in Strichen. He is involved with the Doric Festival and is a great compere.

Janet Weatherston

Janet is a well known and loved attendee at Keith and it's great to have her back again. As well as an accomplished compere Janet is a very powerful singer and is well known for belting a song or two out at sessions.

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For their donation "Friends" will have their website or contact details, as well as their company logo, displayed on a special section of the Festival website. Individuals will have their name on the website should they wish.

This is a way for your business or organisation to help Keith Festival and by publicising your information hopefully the Festival can, in turn, help you.

If you would like to become a "Friend" then e-mail Gary on (01542) 888471 or by e-mailing keithfestival@gmail.com



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Tribute to Davie Leighton



"It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Davie Leighton during the weekend of Keith Festival 2010.

Davie, or "DWL" as he was affectionately known, was associated with the Keith Festival for many years and he was a committee member during the 1990's.

He loved all kinds of music and he always looked forward to hearing the "live" music and song being performed during the festival weekend.

Davie was a great "character" who was liked and respected by many people – he is sadly missed."

Sandy McCombie

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We look forward to seeing you next year
The 37th Keith TMSA Festival
Friday 8th - Sunday 10th June 2012

