



An inspiring festival of film, photography, music, art
and literature on the shores of beautiful Loch Sunart

Fèis bhrosnachail film, ceòl, ealain agus litreachais
air cladaichean bhrèagha Loch Suaineart

FRIDAY 16 ~ SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2016

Dihaoine 16 ~ Disathairne 17 Sultain 2016

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Prògram na Fèise



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The success of the Three Lochs Festival is proof of just how valued arts festivals are. The modern world allows ready electronic access to many different cultural events but, even if it allows us to watch opera in our living rooms or listen to talks delivered in some distant lecture theatre, it is not the same thing as actually being there when an artistic event takes place. And that is where local arts festivals come into their own. They allow us to see a range of artists, to talk to them, and to share their delight in the world. The Three Lochs Festival provides just that opportunity. Not only is it bringing to the area a number of exciting writers, but it is also hosting discussions, debates and exhibitions that I imagine will be a talking point for some time to come. I congratulate the organisers on their achievement in arranging what will surely be an arts festival to remember.

Alexander McCall Smith CBE
Patron



FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Dihaoin 16 An t-Sultain

SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

The Three Lochs Book and Arts Festival, in partnership with Ardnamurchan Library, is delighted to present a programme of events designed specifically for local schoolchildren. We have developed an entertaining, engaging and inspiring programme.

Primary school children from throughout the peninsula will be treated to educational entertainment courtesy of **Gordon MacLellan** and **Ariel Killick**. Gordon, alias Creeping Toad, is one of Britain's leading environmental, art and education workers. With stories spinning from the first signs of spring right through to earth giants, summer flowers and thunder-tigers, here are stories and activities to enchant and inspire! Drawing on 30 years of professional experience, Gordon's work blends environmental learning with creativity.



Originally from Australia, Ariel Killick has drawn on her Scots ancestry to push the boundaries of how children, young people and the wider public experience Gaelic and ancient Celtic art forms. Ariel will be entertaining the younger children with the real story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears!

To mark the 400th Anniversary of Shakespeare's death, **Ardnamurchan High School** pupils have been hard at work with screenwriter **Sam Firth** producing their own interpretation of Shakespeare's work. The resulting screenplays have been filmed and will be premiered to school pupils on Friday afternoon. National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher pupils will be treated to creative writing sessions run by Scottish novelist and tartan noir crime-writer **Chris Brookmyre**.

AN EVENING OF FOOD AND FILM: AHS Shakespeare Premieres followed by Leonard Bernstein's WEST SIDE STORY.

**Doors open 6:30pm | Premieres at 7pm
Food served 7:30pm | Film starts 8pm |
SUNART CENTRE VENUE | £7.50 / £5.50
(under 18s).
Bar available throughout the evening.**

We open the festival with an evening of 'food and film'. Come and enjoy a red carpet event featuring the work of our local young film-makers as they showcase their modern day interpretations of Shakespeare's classics.

Continuing the theme, enjoy Americana milk-bar style food and drink, before immersing yourself in 50s New York as we present the classic re-telling of Romeo and Juliet in the musical extravaganza that is **West Side Story**.

Will you be a Shark or a Jet?



SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Disathairne 17 An t-Sultain

ACCESS TO ALL EVENTS UP UNTIL 6pm INCLUDED with Adult / Child day ticket (£10/£5)

BOOK STORE: WATERSTONES

10:00am - 5:00pm | SUNART CENTRE COMMUNITY ROOM

A great opportunity to restock your bookshelves as well as pick up books by festival authors as we offer the services of Waterstones' bookshop.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

10:00pm - 10:30pm SUNART CENTRE

Featuring work by Kilchoan-based photographer Hamza Yassin.

THREE LOCHS CAFÉ

10:00am - 5:00pm | SUNART CENTRE

The café will be serving drinks, snacks and home-baking throughout the day.

CHILDREN'S EVENT: DROP-IN ART WITH HAZEL DUNN

From 10:00am - 12pm ART ROOM

Discover the joys of block-printing as Hazel helps you create a unique wall-hanging to take home with you at the end of the day.



CHILDREN'S EVENT: BARRY HUTCHISON

10.30-11.30am MUSIC ROOM

Join Fort William born author **Barry Hutchison** as he unveils the truth behind the World's Greatest Liar, Beaky Malone, then help him create a unique and

terrifying new monster inspired by his Shark-Headed Bear-Thing books. Laugh, scream and possibly disgrace yourself at this fun event for primary-aged pupils.



SCREENWRITING WORKSHOP: SAM FIRTH

10:30 - 11.30am FE ROOM

Locally-based film-maker Sam Firth (Tiny Spark Productions) - fresh from filming her first full-length feature - will reveal some of the secrets of successful screen-writing.



AUTHOR EVENT: JEAN RAFFERTY

10:45pm - 12.15pm ENGLISH ROOM

The Four Marys is a collection of four novellas dealing with themes of motherhood and identity through the medium of Scottish folk tales and legends. It features shape-shifting, baby snatching, infanticide and a hanging. In this session, author Jean Rafferty discusses the themes behind her book and talks about the craft of writing.



CHILDREN'S EVENT:
ARIEL KILLICK: GAELIC GRAFFITI
11am-1pm THE QUAD

Graffiti art workshops are an innovative and invigorating way of placing Gaelic at the heart of contemporary culture. Ariel helps participants explore their own creativity whilst enhancing their technical skills of observation an accuracy of representation - as well as integrating ancient Celtic art forms and modern Gaelic words.

WRITING WORKSHOP:
HOW TO WRITE GREAT DIALOGUE
11:45pm - 12.45pm FE ROOM

Kevin MacNeil - novelist, poet, playwright, journalist and writing tutor - was born and raised in the Outer Hebrides and now lives in London.



Kevin will draw on his extensive experience of publishing in many fields, to provide guidance on the art of writing dialogue.

LUNCH: THE BILLY CAN
12:00am - 2:00pm | SUNART CENTRE
The Billy Can will be providing a range of reasonably-priced lunch options in the Sunart Centre Cafeteria.



CHILDREN'S EVENT:
FILM: SONG OF THE SEA (PG)
11.45am-1.30pm VENUE

This breathtakingly gorgeous Irish animation is a magical story that will enthral adults as well as children. Based on the Irish legend of the Selkies this hand-drawn masterpiece tells the story of the last Sea-child, Saoirse, and her brother Ben. We follow them on an epic journey to save the world of magic and discover the secrets of their past.



AUTHOR EVENT:
60 DEGREES NORTH: MALACHY TALLACK

12.00 - 1.00pm MUSIC ROOM
Writer, editor and singer-songwriter from Shetland, Malachy Tallack is currently based in Glasgow. His articles, essays and reviews - on a variety of subjects, including politics, literature, landscape and agriculture - have been published widely. His second book, *The Un-discovered Islands*, is due to be published in October 2016.



SCREEN-PRINTING WORKSHOP:

HAZEL DUNN

12:30 - 2.30pm

ART ROOM

Hazel Dunn is a graduate of Glasgow School of Art, specialising in textile print. She runs a small business selling screen-printed homewares as well as undertaking numerous freelance art projects. Print a book bag to carry home all your goodies from Waterstones!



CHILDREN'S EVENT:

COOK SCHOOL

1:00 - 2.30pm

H.E. ROOM

The first of two sessions from the Abernethy Trust's hugely popular Kids' Cook School. Join in and try your hand at some amazing Brazilian-themed recipes! Places are limited so please sign up for a session at the reception desk!



PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP:

HAMZA YASSIN

1:30 - 2.30pm

FE ROOM

African born, Scotland based, Wildlife made!

Hamza Yassin is a wildlife photographer and film-maker, who lives in Kilchoan but travels far and wide with his work. Join him to learn some tricks of the trade and to find out how he has captured some of his most amazing images.



AUTHOR EVENT:

BARRY HUTCHISON

2.00-3.00pm

MUSIC ROOM

Since 2007, Barry Hutchison has written more than 70 books for children and teenagers. Let him show you how to put together compelling, exciting stories of your own, from creating memorable characters, to crafting nail-biting plots! Barry will also be answering any of your writing or publishing-related questions.

READING EVENT:

SUNART 'BIG READ': PRIVATE

ISLAND by JAMES MEEK

2:00 - 3.00pm

ENGLISH ROOM



Led by Tom Holland, a writer and artist based in Glasgow, this session will discuss how Britain's common wealth became private - and the impact this has had on us all.

Tom - who studied Art,

Philosophy and Contemporary Practices at the University of Dundee - is the founder of 'Bookmark: Reading Platform', a reading group based at the Centre for Contemporary Arts in Glasgow.

**CHILDREN'S EVENT:
ARIEL KILLICK:
BIG GAELIC BEASTIES**

3.00 - 4.00pm **CHILDCARE ROOM**

Let Ariel take you on a magical bilingual journey to meet some Big Gaelic Beasties - are you brave enough?



**AUTHOR EVENT:
JEAN RAFFERTY**

3:30pm - 4.30pm **MUSIC ROOM**

Scottish PEN's Writers at Risk committee fights for imprisoned and persecuted writers who oppose their government or the values of their society.

In this interactive session Jean Rafferty looks at the work of the Kabul Women's Poetry Club - a group of women living in a male-dominated society who have risked death threats to express their deepest thoughts.



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**AUTHOR EVENT:
CHRIS BROOKMYRE**

3.30pm - 5.00pm **VENUE**

Chris Brookmyre, award-winning author of numerous quirky Scottish crime novels, will entertain you with his unique perspective on the darker side of life...



**WRITING WORKSHOP:
BETTER PERSON, BETTER WRITER**

4:00pm - 5.00pm **ENGLISH ROOM**

Kevin MacNeil does his best to bring out the Buddhist in all of us to reveal how achieving an inner calm will improve your literary output!

BBQ AND BAR

5:30pm - 7.30pm

THE QUAD

We hope you can stick around to join us For our delicious barbecue, featuring locally-produced salmon and venison. There is no charge for the food but donations will be gratefully received. The bar will remain open all evening.

BUDAPEST CAFÉ ORCHESTRA

Show starts 7.30pm

Venue

Admission: £15 / £12 with Festival day ticket

To finish off the festival this year, we are excited to present the musical extravaganza that is the **Budapest Café Orchestra!**

Recreating the stirring sounds of their hometown, the band mix violin, accordion and balalaika to create Hungarian, Russian and Ukranian folk songs and dances. A delightful mix of Gypsy, folk, jazz and European classical music - delivered with style and wit!

EXHIBITION OF WORK BY COLIN DUNCAN

Throughout this year's Festival, there will be an exhibition of work by Colin Duncan - a painter living and working in Edinburgh. Nature conservation issues, particularly the protection of habitat and that of vulnerable species, are the driving force behind much of his artwork. His main concerns lie with deforestation and the increasing threat to indigenous woodlands. He is very keen to do what he can, through art and conservation collaborations, to contribute to projects and other initiatives that protect wildlife and landscape.



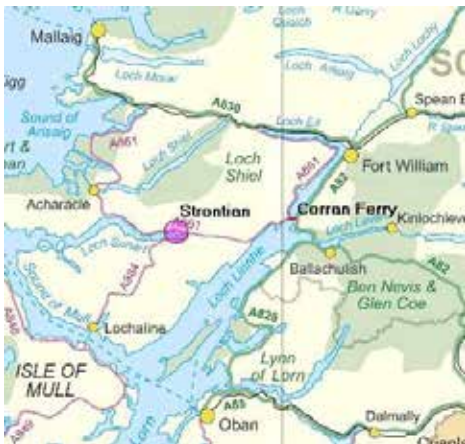
VISITOR INFORMATION | *Fiosrachadh airson luchd-tadhail*

Venue | *Ionad*

All events take place in The Sunart Centre or *Àrainn Shuaineirt*, a community facility in Strontian that includes Ardnamurchan High School or *Ard-Sgoil Aird Nam Murchan*.

How to get here | *Mar a gheibh sibh ann*

Situated on the Ardnamurchan peninsula, Strontian is most easily reached by crossing the Corran Ferry to Ardgour. The Ferry runs every half hour until around 9:00pm in the evening. To check the current ferry timetable visit www.lochabertransport.org.uk. From Fort William take the A82 road south to Glasgow. After 10 miles turn off to the Corran Ferry. From the south, turn off for the Corran Ferry 10 miles before Fort William. Cross the ferry to Ardgour and turn left. Continue on the A861 main road for 14 miles until you get to Strontian. If the Corran Ferry is not running, take the A830 from Fort William to Mallaig, and after 12 miles at Kinlocheil turn left on the A861 to Treslaig, Ardgour & Strontian. This route is 48 miles from Fort William to Strontian. In Strontian, *Àrainn Shuaineirt* - The Sunart Centre - is signposted - turn right just after the village centre, before you cross the bridge.



Accommodation | *Àiteachan-fuirich*

There is a wide range of accommodation in and around Strontian to suit all budgets and requirements. For further information go to www.ardnamurchan.com.

Parking | *Àite chàraichean*

There is ample free car parking at The Sunart Centre.

Eating and drinking | *Ithe agus òl*

There will be refreshments available throughout this year's event - please check the programme for further details. The Three Lochs Café will be serving drinks and snacks throughout the day on Saturday, with lunch provided by The Billy Can from midday. There are also many places to eat out locally. For further information please see www.ardnamurchan.com.

Family friendly | *Fàilteachadh air teaghlaichean*

The Three Lochs Book and Arts Festival is family friendly and children and accompanying adults are welcome.

Accessible | *Ruigsinneach*

The Sunart Centre has full disabled facilities. If you require assistance we will do our best to help.

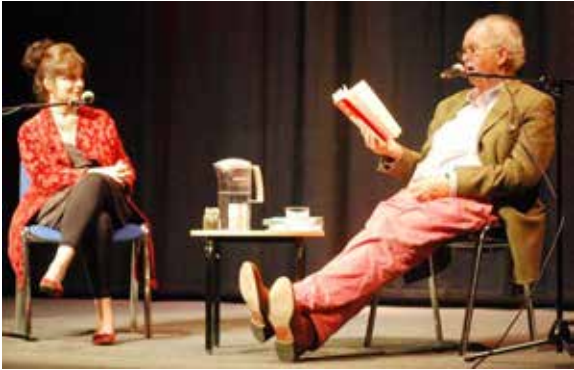
Tickets | *Tiogaidean*

Tickets for most events will be available at the door or from local outlets. Please www.threelochs.co.uk for more details.

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FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

Date	Time	Event	Location	Ticket
Fri 16 Sept	09:00	Schools' Programme	AHS	N/A
	19:00	Food and Film: Premiere of AHS Shakespeare-influenced films followed by West Side Story	Venue	£7.50/ £5.50 (under 18)
Sat 17 Sept	10:00	Waterstones Book Store	Community Room	N/A
	10:00	Three Lochs Café	Sunart Centre	N/A
	10:30	Photography Exhibition: Hamza Yassin	Sunart Centre	N/A
	10:00	Art Exhibition: Colin Duncan	Sunart Centre	N/A
	10:00	Drop-in Art with Hazel Dunn	Art Room	CDT
	10:30	Children's Event: Barry Hutchison	Music Room	CDT
	10:30	Screenwriting Workshop: Sam Firth	FE Room	ADT
	10:45	Author Event: Jean Rafferty	English Room	ADT
	11:00	Children's Event: Ariel Killick - Gaelic Graffiti	The Quad	CDT
	11:45	Writing Workshop: Kevin MacNeil - How to Write Great Dialogue	F.E. Room	ADT
	11:45	Film: Song of the Sea (PG)	Venue	CDT/ADT
	12:00	Author Event: Malachy Tallack - 60 Degrees North	Music Room	ADT
	12:30	Screen-printing Workshop with Hazel Dunn	Art Room	ADT
	13:00	Kids' Cook School	H.E. Room	CDT
	13:30	Photography Workshop: Hamza Yassin	F.E. Room	ADT
	14:00	Author Event: Barry Hutchison	Music Room	ADT
	14:00	The Big Read: "Private Island" by James Meek, led by Tom Holland	English Room	ADT
	15:00	Children's Event: Ariel Killick - Big Gaelic Beasties	Childcare Room	CDT
	15:30	Author Event: Jean Rafferty - Writers at Risk	Music Room	ADT
	15:30	Kids' Cook School	H.E. Room	CDT
15:30	Author event: Chris Brookmyre	Venue	ADT	
16:00	Writing Workshop: Kevin MacNeil - Better Person, Better Writer	English Room	ADT	
17:30	Bar and Barbeque	Sunart Centre Café / Quad area		
	19.30	Budapest Café Orchestra	Venue	Ticket - £15/ £12 with day ticket

Ticket key:

ADT: Adult Day Ticket permits entry to all Saturday events (except Budapest Café Orchestra): £10

CDT: Children's Day Ticket, for under 18s, allows entry to all Saturday daytime events: £5

For full ticket information please see www.threelochs.co.uk.