

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


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air cladaichean bhrèagha Loch Suaineart

THURSDAY 20 ~ SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2012

Diardaoin 20 ~ Disathairne 22 Sultain 2012

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

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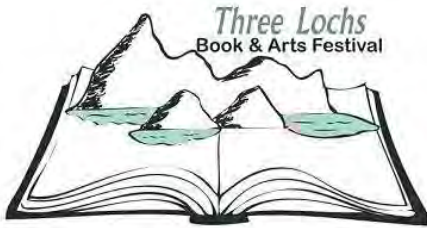
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Welcome | *Fáilte*

The Three Lochs Festival is rapidly establishing itself as one of the most interesting of Scotland's arts festivals. It may be smaller than some, but that, in the world of festivals, is no bad thing. Large festivals are frequently overcrowded and difficult to navigate. There may be a wide choice of events but obtaining a ticket may be difficult when there are hundreds of people eager to attend the same event. So a small festival, located in a community and attended by members of the community, has a great deal to recommend it. At this festival, visiting performers will have the opportunity to meet their audience and enjoy the hospitality for which the area is justly famed. There will be friendly conversations; there will be moments of real artistic sharing; there will be everything that only a small and much-loved festival can provide - and all in the setting of one of the most beautiful parts of Scotland. Let's all join in!

Alexander McCall Smith CBE
Patron



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THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Diardaoin 20 An t-Sultain

SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

The Three Lochs Book and Arts Festival is delighted to present a programme of events designed specifically for local schoolchildren. By working in partnership with the dedicated and enthusiastic staff at Ardnamurchan Library and at the peninsula's schools, we have developed an entertaining, engaging and inspiring programme. **Kilchoan Primary School** is delighted to welcome **Margaret Bennett** to this year's festival. Margaret Bennett



was brought up in a family of tradition bearers – Gaelic (from the Isle of Skye) on her mother's side and Lowland Scots on her father's. Folklorist, ethnologist

and prize-winning author, she is also well known as a singer and broadcaster. Interested in the many facets of traditional Scottish folk culture, and widely regarded as Scotland's leading folklorist, most of her publications have a strong basis in live interviews with tradition bearers. She has recorded several CDs, teaches part-time at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (Glasgow) and lectures and sings on both sides of the Atlantic.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

7:00pm - 10:30pm | **SUNART CENTRE** | Free

Featuring an exhibition of work by members of the local camera club, including entries to the club's recent photographic competition with the theme **Mountains**.

AN EVENING OF FOOD AND FILM: SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN

Doors open 7:00pm | Food served 7:30pm | Film starts 8:30pm | **SUNART CENTRE VENUE** | Free

We open the festival with an evening of 'food and film'. Come and enjoy a Yemeni inspired meal, and have a drink at the bar with friends before watching **Salmon Fishing in the Yemen** (Lasse Hallstrom, 2011, 12A). A visionary sheik (Amr Waked) believes his passion for the peaceful pastime of salmon fishing can enrich the lives of his people, and he dreams of bringing the sport to the not so fish-friendly desert. Willing to spare no expense, he instructs his representative to turn the dream into reality, an extraordinary feat that will require the involvement of Britain's leading fisheries expert who happens to think the project both absurd and unachievable. Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt and Kristin Scott Thomas star in this adaptation of Paul Torday's critically acclaimed bestselling novel. (Filmed on location in Morocco and Ardverikie House, Scotland).

Bar available throughout the evening.



FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Dihaoine 21 An t-Sultain

SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

From 9:45am | ARDNAMURCHAN HIGH SCHOOL

The programme for schoolchildren continues with further sessions from **Margaret Bennett** (see Thursday's listing) for local primary and secondary school pupils.

Fort William born author **Barry Hutchison** is the creator of the Invisible Fiends horror series, the first book of which, *Mr Mumbles*, won the 2010 Royal Mail Awards for Scottish Children's Books. His recent comedy fantasy novel, *The 13th Horseman*, has been shortlisted for the 2012 Scottish Children's Book Award in the older readers' category, and has been likened to the work of Neil Gaiman, Douglas Adams, Terry Pratchett and even Monty Python. Laugh and scream in equal



measures as Barry reveals how he became an author, where his ideas and inspirations come from, and why he's absolutely terrified of squirrels...

Writer **Linda Cracknell** will lead a workshop for S4 pupils at Ardnamurchan High School on writing for radio in which they will explore how to reveal stories in several voices through dramatic dialogue.

Donald S Murray will talk about his collection of poetry and short stories, *Small Expectations* which deals - in an absurd and humorous way - with the difficulties of being brought up bilingually. It also deals with the complications that can be caused by either mislaying your tongue or living on an island where everyone is called *Donald* or *John Macleod*.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

7:00pm - 10:30pm | SUNART CENTRE | Free

Featuring work by members of the local camera club.

FILM:

HARDEEP SINGH KOHLI PRESENTS GREGORY'S GIRL

Doors open 7:00pm | Performance starts 8:00pm | SUNART CENTRE VENUE | £5



Hardeep Singh Kohli is a comedian, presenter, journalist, author and chef. He is a regular on the BBC's *Question Time* and *This Week with Andrew Neil*, and was a founding member of *The One Show*. He directed and starred in *Meet the Magoons* for Channel 4, winning a nomination for the Golden Rose of Montreux. After finishing as runner-up in the first series of *Celebrity Masterchef* he went on to present *New British Kitchen* and *Chefs and the City* for UKTV. He has recently been appointed a Food and Drink Ambassador for Scotland, and his love of food has resulted in his book *Indian Takeaway* (nominated for an Independent Book Award), and a mountain of foodie articles for everything from *Observer Food Monthly* to *The Spectator*. He also works as a columnist for many publications, with his column in *Scotland on Sunday*, 'Hardeep Is Your Love', being nominated twice for Scottish Columnist of

the Year. Having started his broadcasting career in radio, he still regularly takes to the airwaves, presenting shows such as **Midweek** and **Pick of the Week**, as well as making a plethora of documentaries. We invite you to join him as he introduces a screening of one of his favourite films, **Gregory's Girl** (Bill Forsyth, 1981, Cert. 12).



Taster plates of local produce and bar available throughout the evening.

SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Disathairne 22 An t-Sultain

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

10:00am - 10:30pm | SUNART CENTRE | Free

Featuring work by members of the local camera club.

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 welcome the return of Waterstones' mobile bookshop.

THREE LOCHS CAFÉ

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

The café will be serving drinks, snacks and home-baking throughout the day, with lunches available from around midday.

There will also be live performances from local musicians during the afternoon.

LOCAL PRODUCER FOOD STALLS

From 10:30am | SUNART CENTRE

This is the place to find Ardnamurchan's finest local produce, from organic fruit and vegetables to traditionally smoked meat, fish and cheeses.

CHILDREN'S EVENT: STORYTELLING WITH MAISIE DENNISON

10:30am | SUNART CENTRE CHILD CARE ROOM | Entry with Children's Day Ticket

Stories and tales you'll want to



hear...myths and legends from far and near...giants, dragons and creatures galore...some Gaelic too...and maybe more!!!

AUTHOR EVENT:

FROM PEAK TO PAGE: INSIGHTS INTO THE WORLD OF GUIDEBOOK WRITING WITH DAN BAILEY AND KIRSTIE SHIRRA

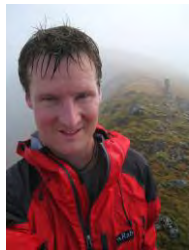
10:30am | SUNART CENTRE F.E. ROOM | Entry with Day Ticket



Dan Bailey and Kirstie Shirra explore the highs and lows of walking writing with tales from their travels and advice for budding authors. Kirstie Shirra is a freelance writer and environmental

campaigner, based in Ardnamurchan. She has written two walking books - a guide to the GR7, a 1250km route in Southern Spain, and a guide to Scotland's Best

Small Mountains, somewhat of an antidote to Munro-bagging. She also writes regularly for other publications and walking magazines, including Trail. Fife-based outdoor journalist, photographer and author **Dan Bailey** is never happier than when up a mountain and has a



particular passion for the Highlands. He has written several books on the subject, including **Scotland's Mountain Ridges**, a guidebook for scramblers and climbers, and **Great Mountain Days in**

Scotland, a bumper book of epic hillwalks. For his day job he edits UKHillwalking.com and contributes to print titles such as Trail and TGO.

Free coffee and bacon rolls.

STORYTELLING WORKSHOP: SCOT ANSGEULAICHE

10:30am | SUNART CENTRE MUSIC ROOM
| [Entry with Day Ticket](#)

This workshop will look at the part played by oral literature in the development of the written word. **Scot AnSgeulaiche** will use a traditional tale/poem as the basis for group discussion and participation in the art of memorisation and improvisation.



Free coffee and bacon rolls.

CHILDREN'S EVENT: DROP-IN ART WITH ROOM 13

From 11:00am | SUNART CENTRE ART ROOM | [Entry with Children's Day Ticket](#)

Room 13 offers a unique experience which aims to be different, challenging,

engaging, and above all, fun! Drop in and get making! Sessions will run throughout the day.

FILM: MYSTERY FAMILY MATINEE!

11:00am | SUNART CENTRE VENUE |
[Entry with Children's Day Ticket](#)

Join us for either the latest blockbuster or a surprise family friendly favourite! The actual film will be advertised locally and on the Sunart Centre website. Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

WRITING WORKSHOP: HOW TO GET PUBLISHED

11:30am | SUNART CENTRE ENGLISH ROOM | [Entry with Day Ticket](#)



Maggie McKernan spent many years in senior editorial positions with leading publishing houses in London and was a founding director of the Orion publishing group before

becoming a literary agent based in both Edinburgh and London. Maggie will give an overview of the many different routes via which authors can achieve publication.

CHILDREN'S EVENT: COOK SCHOOL

1:00pm | SUNART CENTRE H.E. ROOM |
[Entry with Children's Day Ticket](#)

The first of two sessions from the Abernethy Trust's hugely popular **Kids' Cook School**. Join in and try your hand at some amazing outdoor recipes!



WRITING WORKSHOP: LOCHS, KNOTS AND MICROPHONES

1:30pm | SUNART CENTRE ENGLISH
ROOM | Entry with Day Ticket



Writer Linda Cracknell and director Kirsty Williams will discuss the process of creating a radio play from inspiration to recording, with a focus on **The Three Knots** broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in

December 2009. The play was a fictionalised exploration of the circumstances surrounding the floating church on Loch Sunart used by thousands of parishioners for ten years from 1846 following The Disruption in the Church of Scotland.

STORYTELLING SESSIONS: SCOT ANSGEULAICHE

From 1:30pm | SUNART CENTRE
COURTYARD | Free

Scot AnSgeulaiche, traditional storyteller and oral historian, will be sharing tales from the local area. The stories will be accompanied by the harp and are completely true..!

AUTHOR EVENT: DONALD S MURRAY

2:00pm | SUNART CENTRE F.E. ROOM |
Entry with Day Ticket



Winner of this year's Robert Louis Stevenson Fellowship, Donald S Murray will introduce prose, poetry and photographs inspired by **The Guga Hunters** - a book

that has been highly praised by both locals

and London-based writers such as the redoubtable Will Self. He will also talk about **The Guga Stone**, his new and surreal history of St Kilda which has its roots in the facts, fictions and fantasies generated by that island's history and its aftermath.

PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP

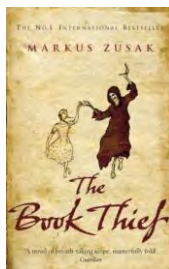
2:00pm - 4:30pm | SUNART CENTRE I.T.
ROOM | £10

The camera club is hosting a workshop with local photographer **Andy Lock**. Andy will take you around the local area looking at what's on our doorstep - from small details to capturing landscapes. He will offer advice on things such as: taking control of your camera, ISO, exposure compensation, f-stops etc. To book please contact mirjamklever@hotmail.com or telephone 01967 431839.

READING EVENT: SUNART 'BIG READ'

2:30pm | SUNART CENTRE MUSIC ROOM
| Free

The Lochaline Literates Book Group hosts this year's big reading group session. To join in, you should have read **The Book Thief** by Markus Zusak. Come along for a chat about the book over coffee and cake.



CHILDREN'S EVENT: COOK SCHOOL

3:30pm | SUNART CENTRE H.E. ROOM |
Entry with Children's Day Ticket

Another opportunity to experience the **Kids Cook School**. The Abernethy Trust will guide you through some brilliant outdoor recipes.

AUTHOR EVENT:

IAIN BANKS

3:30pm | [SUNART CENTRE VENUE](#) |
Entry with Day Ticket



Iain [Menzies] Banks was born in Fife in 1954, and was educated at Stirling University, where he studied English Literature, Philosophy and Psychology. Banks came to widespread and controversial public notice with the publication of his first novel, **The Wasp Factory**, in 1984. His first science fiction novel, **Consider Phlebas**, was published in 1987. He has continued to write both mainstream fiction (as Iain Banks) and science fiction (as Iain M. Banks). He is now acclaimed as one of the most powerful, innovative and exciting writers of his generation: **The Guardian** has called him "the standard by which the rest of SF is judged". William Gibson, the **New York Times**-bestselling author of *Spook Country* describes Banks as a "phenomenon". We are delighted that he will be joining us to read from his latest mainstream novel, **Stonemouth**, followed by a question and answer session.

BARBEQUE AND BAR

5:00pm | [SUNART CENTRE CAFÉ](#)

We hope you can join us for our barbeque, where you can support the local people who supply our produce and, of course, enjoy some delicious food!

COMEDY:

MARK STEEL

7:30pm | [SUNART CENTRE VENUE](#) |
Entry £12: Concessions £10: £7 with Day Ticket



Mark Steel, a comedian, author, broadcaster and social activist, is bringing his award-winning stand-up show to Strontian. Mark writes bespoke material about the quirky and interesting aspects of each place he visits. Named best audio comedy show of the year at the prestigious Sony Radio Academy Awards 2012, **Mark Steel's in Town** has had audiences up and down the country laughing at his unique take on their home turf. Mark started performing stand-up in 1982 and has made many appearances on British television and radio, such as BBC panel shows **Have I Got News For You**, **Never Mind The Buzzcocks**, **Mock The Week** and **The News Quiz**, and presenting **The Mark Steel Lectures**, **The Mark Steel Revolution** and **The Mark Steel Solution**. He's written several acclaimed books, including: **Reasons To Be Cheerful** and **What's Going On**, and also writes a weekly column for **The Independent**.

Bar available throughout the evening.

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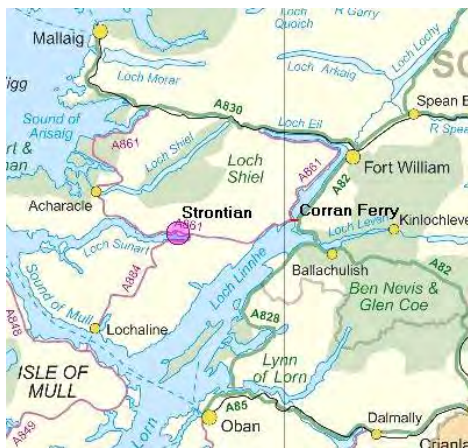
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Venue | *Ionad*

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 and local produce available at many of the events - please check the programme for further details. The Sunart Centre Café will be serving drinks and snacks throughout the day on Saturday, with lunch 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 see the website for more details.

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