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WE'RE DELIGHTED TO SHARE OUR PROGRAMME FOR
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THRILLING NOVELS



VAL MCDERMID: SPLINTER THE SILENCE

Friday 4th September, 8.30pm **£5 | £3.50**

Aros Auditorium *Chaired by Roger Hutchinson*

Val McDermid is one of the biggest names in crime writing. Her novels have been translated into 30 languages & sold over 10 million copies worldwide.

The Mermaids Singing, won the Crime Writers' Association Gold Dagger for Best Crime Novel of the Year. The Hill/Jordan series was adapted for the highly successful television drama; *Wire in the Blood*, starring Robson Green.



Val will talk about her latest book *Splinter The Silence* her most gripping, chilling, suspenseful novel yet, featuring two of the most distinctive and unforgettable characters in crime fiction: Tony Hill and Carol Jordan.

'So gripping it puts your life on hold.' The Times

'McDermid remains unrivalled . . . Brilliant.' Observer

THRILLING NOVELS



MICHAEL F. RUSSELL: LIE OF THE LAND

Friday 4th September, 7.30pm **£5 | £3.50**

Aros Auditorium *Chaired by Roger Hutchinson*

Michael F. Russell is deputy editor at the West Highland Free Press. His short fiction has appeared in several publications, including 'Gutter' and 'Northwords Now'.

Michael will introduce his captivating debut novel, *Lie of the Land*, set in a post-apocalyptic near-future Scotland, predominantly in the fictional Highland coastal village of Inverlair. There, a Glaswegian journalist struggles to adjust to a harsh new life until a local gamekeeper offers him an alternative to guilt and alienation.



NON-FICTION POPULAR SCIENCE



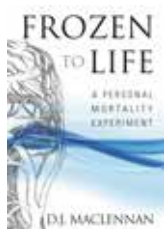
D J MACLENNAN: FROZEN TO LIFE

A PERSONAL MORTALITY EXPERIMENT

Friday 4th September, 3.30pm **£5 | £3.50**

Aros Auditorium *Chaired by Morag Henriksen*

D.J. MacLennan's first book *Frozen to Life: A Personal Mortality Experiment* is a stirring fusion of personal narrative, philosophy and popular science, based around his decision to sign up for cryonic preservation.



HISTORICAL & CULTURAL



DOUGLAS ROBERTSON: ILLUSTRATIONS OF HERRING TALES

Thursday 3rd September, 7.30pm **£5 | £3.50**

Aros Auditorium *Chaired by Gilleasbuig Ferguson*

Douglas Robertson is a visual artist born and brought up on the east coast of Scotland. He has illustrated a number of Donald S. Murray's books including his latest *Herring Tales*. Douglas will give an insight into the art of developing imagery to support the author's story.



DONALD S. MURRAY: HERRING TALES HOW THE SILVER DARLINGS SHAPED HUMAN TASTE AND HISTORY

Thursday 3rd September, 8.30pm **£5 | £3.50**

Aros Auditorium *Chaired by Gilleasbuig Ferguson*

Donald S. Murray's poetry, prose and verse has been shortlisted for both the Saltire Award and Callum Macdonald Memorial Award. His new book *Herring Tales* will be launched at the festival. The book tells of the fish that was of central importance to the lives of our ancestors, noting how both it - and those involved in their capture - were celebrated in the art, literature, craft, music and folklore of life in northern Europe.



HISTORICAL & CULTURAL



ANNE MCALPINE: THE SILVER LOCKET

Thursday 3rd September, 2pm **FREE** Kilmuir Primary School.

Anne McAlpine will share her exciting new children's book which follows the Battle of Culloden in 1746 when Bonnie Prince Charlie is defeated and on the run. Can three young friends from the 21st century ensure he escapes and that history stays on track? A time-travelling mission, a very big adventure!



RODY GORMAN: SWEENEY: AN INTERTONGUING

Thursday 3rd September, 2pm **£5 | £3.50**

Aros Auditorium *Chaired by Norman MacDonald*

Rody Gorman is a prolific Gaelic poet. He has published a wide range of poetry collections and his selected poems in Irish and Scottish Gaelic, *Ceangailte*, *Beartan Briste*, *Céilí san Oíche* & *Chernilo*, have been published Coiscéim.

Rody will present his latest work which is based on the medieval Gaelic romance *The Frenzy of Sweeney*. It consists of a multiform, multilingual and polysemantic series of poems, songs and prose passages in Scottish Gaelic, Irish Gaelic and English.

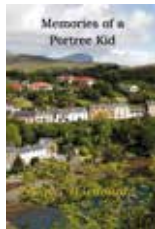


IAN G MACDONALD: MEMORIES OF A PORTREE KID

Thursday 3rd September, 3.30pm **£5 | £3.50**

Aros Auditorium *Chaired by Alister Ross*

Ian G Macdonald was brought up in Portree in the Isle of Skye, during the 1950s and 1960s, surrounded by friends, family and family history. This book gives us a glimpse into life in the village and surrounding parish during a period of change, following two world wars which had had a significant impact on the community.



GAELIC IN THE LANDSCAPE: PLACE-NAMES OF STRATH, ISLE OF SKYE

Friday 4th September, 2pm **£5 | £3.50**

Aros Auditorium *Chaired by Cailean Maclean*

The place-names of Strath, in the south west of Skye, are intimately connected to the landscape, and to the lives of the people who have lived here for centuries. Dr Jacob King and Eilidh Scammell have been working with local people to record many of these place-names that might otherwise become lost over time. This presentation will introduce "Gaelic in the Landscape" and report the research findings. There will be an opportunity for Q & A about the research and the booklet.



HISTORICAL & CULTURAL



HERESA BRESLIN: AN ILLUSTRATED TREASURY OF SCOTTISH MYTHICAL CREATURES

Saturday 5th September, 11am £3 | £1.50

Aros Auditorium

Award-winning children's author Theresa Breslin has collected the best-loved tales from all over Scotland. Retelling each in its own individual style, she presents funny tales, moving tales and enchanting fairy tales. Each story is brought to life with exquisite illustrations by Scottish fine artist Kate Leiper, which brim with

otherworldly beauty. *Theresa Breslin brings an array of creatures to life with her assured and captivating storytelling, and she places a child at the heart of each tale.* - Julia Donaldson



POETRY WALK

Saturday 5th September, 2pm FREE Portree Square *Limited places available*

On Saturday at 2pm meet in Portree Square for a relaxed walk with a chronicle of poets and poetry that link with the history of Portree. Davie McClymont will take you on a tour that contains site-specific poetry. Including Seumus Heaney, Michael Davitt, Robert Burns, Lawrence Pilkington, Swinburne, Shakespeare and Wendy Cope.

HISTORICAL & CULTURAL



PARA HANDY 'A HIGHLAND VOYAGE'

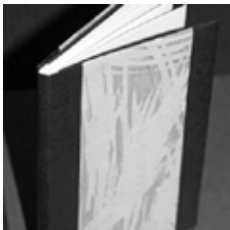
Saturday 5th September, 7.30pm [£12](#) | [£10](#) | [£8](#)
Aros Auditorium

The Highland Voyage of Para Handy and the puffer crew is a development of the original recordings of 1963, commemorating a voyage from Glasgow to Skye. The songs resound in Gaelic modalities but are delivered as parodies of the images created of the Gaels from outwith their own culture. What results is a comedic tongue-in-cheer romp by three troubadours of this cross-culture: Iain MacLeod, Russell Hunter and Allan MacDonald, who add their own diverse musical talents to put the icing on the black pudding.



So it's anchors a-weight for a musical cruise aboard the good ship Vital Spark, Neil Munro's iconic Clyde puffer - "the smertest boat in the coastin' tred" - as she plies the route between Glasgow and Skye. You can be assured this will be a very entertaining evening.

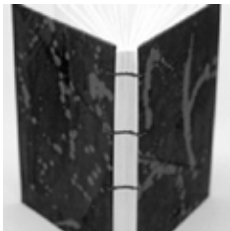
BOOKBINDING WORKSHOPS



HAND-SEWN NOTEBOOK

Friday 4th September, 10am - 4pm **£45** Aros *Limited places available*

This bookbinding workshop will introduce you to a simple yet effective sewing technique which allows you to make your own elegant note book whenever a writing or artist project calls for it. We will also make decorative papers to individualise the note books we make on the day. The workshop will run from 10am until 4pm with a break for lunch.



COPTIC BOOK

Saturday 5th September, 10am - 4pm **£45** Aros *Limited places available*

This bookbinding workshop introduces you to the art of coptic binding. A coptic book is perfect for writing and sketching in as it lies perfectly flat due to the visible sewing at the spine. We will individualise our books by using lovely decorative papers for the covers. If you have been to the workshop the day before, you could always use one of the papers you have made during that previous session. The workshop will run from 10am until 4pm with a break for lunch.

Both workshops are for people who love writing or drawing and who want to make their own individual books to reflect the creative expression that fills the pages. You can book either of the two workshops as a one day sessions or both together as a two day bookbinding session.

Only 6 places available for each workshop.

PBFA ANTIQUARIAN BOOK FAIR



**SECONDHAND,
COLLECTABLE & RARE
BOOKS FOR SALE**

Thursday 3rd September, 12noon - 5:30pm **FREE** Aros

Friday 4th September, 9:00am - 5:30pm **FREE** Aros

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EXHIBITORS INCLUDE:

ACANTHOPHYLLUM BOOKS - *Merseyside*

Contact: Dr John Edmondson

B&B RARE BOOKS LTD - *New York*

Contact: Joshua Mann & Sunday Steinkirchner

DE BURCA RARE BOOKS - *Ireland*

Contact: Eamonn De Burca

HIGHLAND, GAELIC & RARE BOOKS - *Isle of Skye*

Contact: Gilleasbuig Ferguson

HILARY FARQUHARSON - *Angus*

Contact: John & Hilary Farquharson

JANE JONES BOOKS - *Co. Durham*

Contact: Jane Jones

MICHAEL MOON'S BOOKSHOP - *Cumbria*

Contact: Peter Moon

MR MAC BOOKS - *Dumfries & Galloway*

Contact: Ranald & Linda McDonald

RGM BOOKS - *Falkirk*

Contact: Richard Murphy

FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

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THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

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The Silver Locket
Kilmuir Primary School
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*Sat 9am-4.30pm **FREE***