

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY  
**Arts Festival**

10 Days of Performing Arts

20<sup>TH</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

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## OUR FESTIVAL

Dumfries & Galloway Arts Festival is the largest rural performing arts festival in Scotland. For 43 years we have brought world class theatre, music, dance, comedy and spoken word to local audiences and venues across the region. Our 10-day celebration of local and national artists sits at the heart of communities and we invite you to join us.

### ACCESSIBILITY

We are a small organisation, committed to making our Festival as accessible as possible. For our live events, you can request a BSL interpreter by emailing us directly before Monday 2nd May. Access information can be found on our website for each show and venue, but please do not hesitate to contact us if we have missed any key information that would be helpful for you. You can make BSL requests and contact us by emailing: [info@dgartsfestival.org.uk](mailto:info@dgartsfestival.org.uk) OR visit our website: [www.dgartsfestival.org.uk/accessibility](http://www.dgartsfestival.org.uk/accessibility)

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We are committed to protecting our artists, audiences and venues to safely experience our programme at its best. We strictly adhere to government guidelines in place at the time of each event we present and will continually update our website with up to date information, including the procedures we have in place. Visit our website for more information: [www.dgartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.dgartsfestival.org.uk) or contact us if you would like to talk with a member of our team: [info@dgartsfestival.org.uk](mailto:info@dgartsfestival.org.uk)



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## Our Opening Night



### BOGHA-FROIS: QUEER VOICES IN FOLK

**Fri 20 May 20:00 | £14 / U26: £7**  
Theatre Royal Dumfries

Bogha-Frois: Queer Voices in Folk (Scottish Gaelic for "Rainbow") provides a platform for queer folk musicians based in Scotland, and beyond, to perform, collaborate and express creativity, which reflects the queer experience. Founded in 2018, the project has showcased over 50 musicians at Celtic Connections, and it brings six musicians to perform at D&G Arts Festival.



Your Dad's Mum presents

### TUES NIGHT @ SOCIAL CLUB

**Fri 20 May 19:30 | £10 / U26: £5**  
Birchvale Theatre, Dalbeattie

Award nominated, gag-packed debut from comedy duo, Your Dad's Mum. Join your host Northern Club comedian and star of 1989 Granada TV's 'Who's up for it?' Pat Bashford and over-woke barmaid Cheri-Anne for a raucous, Partridge-style Cabaret Game Show. Expect high octane performances, clever skits, games, prizes, a breakdown and hysterical musical numbers.



### D&G Arts Festival presents THE GALLOVIDIAN GATHERING

**Sat 21 May 19:00 | £12 / U26: £6 / Family: £30**  
Millennium Centre, Stranraer

Join D&G Arts Festival's new Ceilidh nights, where local artists bring you a night of storytelling, theatre, dance and music that celebrates being Gallovidian. Enjoy local food and drink, watch local artists perform and experience a new kind of night out with your friends and family.



Vanishing Point presents

### THE METAMORPHOSIS: UNPLUGGED

**Sat 21 May 19:30 | £12 / U26: £6**  
CatStrand, New Galloway  
**Sun 22 May 19:30 | £12 / U26: £6**  
Quarrymen's Arts Centre, Creetown

Based on Franz Kafka's brilliantly funny and compelling story, a warm-hearted retelling of the mysterious tale of Gregor Samsa, who wakes up to find he's turned into a giant insect. Told from the perspective of his sister Grete, it's a musical, cabaret-style night out from the team that brought you The Dark Carnival Unplugged.



### A LIFE IN MUSIC

A musical celebration in dedication to Derek Rangecroft MBE

**Sun 22 May 15:00**  
**£15 / U26: £7.50**  
Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries

Join established local musicians, Alex McQuiston, Will Archibald, Katharine Durran and Claudia Wood for a concert of well-loved classical delights. The concert is dedicated to impresario Derek Rangecroft MBE.

A joyous celebration of his life and charitable fundraising work in Dumfries & Galloway.



The Galloway Agreement  
& Tom Pow present

### THE VILLAGE AND THE ROAD

**Sun 22 May 19:30 | £12 / U26: £6**  
Glencairn Memorial Institute,  
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Words from Tom Pow and music from The Galloway Agreement (Ruth Morris, Gavin Marwick, Wendy Stewart, Stuart Macpherson). A dramatic portrait of the tensions that exist between 'the village' and 'the road' at this time of crucial change.  
www.thegallowayagreement.com  
Image by Kim Ayres



A Play, A Pie and A Pint presents  
**THE INFERNAL SERPENT**

**Mon 23 - Tue 24 May 13:00**  
Theatre Royal Dumfries

**Wed 25 - Thur 26 May 13:00**  
Old Well Theatre, Moffat

**Fri 27 - Sat 28 May 13:00**  
Millennium Centre, Stranraer

**£12 / U26: £6 (includes a drink & a pie)**

Meet Adam & Eve: devoted snake rights activists who are getting nowhere. When a charming stranger arrives with radical ideas, they must decide how far they'll go for their cause. A devilishly modern twist on an old story, written by David Gerow and directed by Beth Morton.



### TICKBOX

**Mon 23 May 19:30 | £10 / U26: £5**  
Eskdalemuir Hub, Eskdalemuir  
**Tue 24 May 19:30 | £10 / U26: £5**  
The Swallow Theatre, Whithorn

Tickbox is a semi-autobiographical one woman play in English and Urdu. It describes a woman's journey from a comfortable, middle class life in Pakistan to Govan, Glasgow. Combining theatre, storytelling and comedy, the show interweaves the journeys of two Scottish Pakistani women united by blood, passion and determination.



Sanctuary Queer Arts presents

### THREADS

**Wed 25 May 19:30 | £8 / U26: £4**  
The Studio Theatre, Moffat

A new film devised and created by Sanctuary's First National Queer Young Company, followed by a Q+A with the artists.

From September 2020 to August 2021, Sanctuary engaged with 10 LGBTQIA+ artists from across Scotland, aged 18-25, to creatively explore what 'Sanctuary' means to them.



### SOUNDS OF STAGE IT

**Thur 26th May 20:00 | £8 / U26: £4**  
The Usual Place, Dumfries

Sounds of Stage it is a celebration of the musicianship and creativity of the young people across Dumfries and Galloway. We are inviting our communities to come together to support young musicians as they perform a night of live music, showcasing their talent and reaching new audiences. Headlining the event will be local rock band TORRS.  
Image by Graham Noble



Lost Voice Guy presents

### CEREBRAL LOL-SY

**Fri 27 May 19:30 | £15 / U26: £7.50**  
Theatre Royal Dumfries | Age: 16+

The Britain's Got Talent winner will poke fun at his life living as a disabled person in a post-apocalyptic world, as he tries to cope with the fame and fortune since his memorable victory.

From the highs of meeting 50% of The Chuckle Brothers to the lows of being called 'him off The X Factor', and everything in between.



Starcatchers and Andy Cannon present  
**SPIKE!**  
a dinosaur caper

Sat 28 May 16:00  
Sun 29 May 11:00  
Ages: 3-5 | CatStrand, New Galloway  
£10 / U26: £5 / Family: £25

Spike's Dinosaur caper continues this Spring. A wonderful tale of a little girl, her grandmother and her favourite dinosaur, "Spike! A dinosaur caper" is powerfully told through theatrical storytelling and dance. Join Spike for a magical story about the passing of time and the tales that bring families together. Image by Brian Hartley



D&G Arts Festival presents  
**THE DOONHAMERS GATHERING**

Sat 28 May 19:00  
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Oi Musica presents  
**THE TUBES**

Sun 29 May 16:00 | £8 / U26: £4  
Crawk Multiverse, Sanquhar

New street band from Oi Musica! Trumpet, trombone, banjo, percussion, sousaphone, harmony singing and plenty of groove - The Tubes bring a wee ray of sunshine to a world recovering from tough times.

Tap a toe, whistle a chorus and get into the swing 'n' shuffle - Americana, New Orleans jazz and a dash of home grown folk.

D&G Arts Festival  
**at Hame**

Enjoy our online 2022 D&G Arts Festival at Hame on demand, all our shows are Pay What You Can (Min £5). Bogha-Frois, A Life in Music, Sounds of Stage iT & Oi Musica will all be filmed so you can access the work online if you can't make it to the live event.



Sunday's Child presents  
**A FLOAT**

Fri 20 at 20:00 -  
Sun 29 May at 22:00

Dublin is completely underwater. Best friends Bláthnaid & Debs are the sole survivors. Debs looks to the future, but Bláthnaid is tormented by guilt. Why were they blind to the wave that was coming? Can they salvage a future from the wreckage?



Scottish Dance Theatre presents  
**THIN H/AS H/AIR**

Fri 20 at 20:00 -  
Thur 26 May at 22:00

Exploring the resemblance between human hair and trees, a journey of a man evolved. Attend a Q&A with the choreographer, Pauline Torzuoli on Tues 24th May, 8pm online in partnership with D&G Dance.



Chrys Salt Productions presents  
**SKOOKUM JIM & THE AMERICAN DREAM**

Fri 20 at 20:00 -  
Sun 29 May at 22:00

A film by Ken Smyth, a feast of poetry and exquisite drawings, with a score by Richard Ingham. Based on Chrys Salt's sequence about the man who discovered gold in 19th century Yukon, instigating an invasion of his homeland.



Townsend Theatre Productions presents  
**FAREWELL LEICESTER SQUARE**

Fri 27 at 20:00 -  
Sun 29 May at 22:00

Joe Clough's charming and remarkable story. Confronting any attempts to diminish his ambitions he was Britain's first black bus driver. He drove horse and carriages in Jamaica; motor cars in England in 1906; ambulances in The Great War, and taxis until he retired.

**Our Closing Performance**



Paper Doll Militia present  
**EGG**

Sun 29 May 20:00 | £12 / U26: £6 | Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries | Age12+

From acclaimed aerial circus theatre company comes an evocative and visual exploration of female fertility, sexuality and choice. Weaving together personal testimony, live original music and stunning aerial artistry, Egg takes audiences on a deeply personal and political journey, following a woman who gave her eggs to her friend to have a child. Q&A after the show with the company.



D&G Dance present  
**#DGDanceDare**

Fri 20 - Sun 29 May | Free  
Across the Region

Dumfries and Galloway dance is on a mission to get the whole region dancing! Our Dance Advocates are inviting everyone to get moving by learning the regional dance dare, filming it and sharing it online #DGDanceDare. Or join us to learn it in person before Oi Musica take to the stage.

Supported by The Holywood Trust. Image by Kirstin McEwan

**Support for Ambition Programme**



**TALES FROM THE DROVE ROADS**

Sat 21 May 19:00 | £25  
Beltie Books & Café, Newton Stewart

A night of storytelling from the days of cattle droving across Scotland with Margaret Bennett, a renowned and popular folklorist. The evening includes a 3 course meal.

Our SFA initiative enables local venues and artists to present performance events as part of our Festival programme. We are not responsible for the delivery of these events; however we provide financial, promotional and advisory support. Visit the venue websites for more information.



D&G Dance present  
**SOMETHING SMASHING**

Sun 22 May 19:30 | £5  
Times & Venue TBC

Bringing together improvising musicians and dancers through live performance, join our workshop and performance to practice, explore, play, share, laugh, cry and celebrate the unexpected. Image by Maria Falconer



Cultural Connections presents  
**LADY NAIRNE**  
Scotland's Secret Songstress

Thur 26 May 19:30 | £12  
Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries

Composing around 100 songs, Lady Nairne maintained such strict anonymity that Burns was sometimes believed to be the composer of her songs. Who was this mysterious songstress? All will be revealed in drama and music.



Cairn Chorus present  
**SING FOR TREES**

Sun 29 May 15:00  
£8 | U12's Free  
The Crichton Rock Garden, Dumfries

Cairn Chorus will lead you through the tree trail to a special performance area for a celebration of all things arboreal. Bring a blanket and picnic for a grand afternoon out!

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