

The Right Notes

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WELCOME TO FESTIVAL 9!

Gala Day is launch day for the Balerno Music Festival programme, and this year we're offering an even bigger selection of events, concerts and happenings.

Right Notes will be bringing highlights to you as we get closer to curtain up on the 9th Festival. We aim to cover all the events between now and 28th August when the Festival goes live, but to start the process going we'll give you a snapshot of some events and let you catch up with Festival news since last year.

Something for everyone in this programme; bigger and better too!



Sponsors line up 2016

Balerno Music Festival is delighted to be able to thank its 2016 sponsors through the medium of *Right Notes*.

Each year the Music Festival Society contacts firms and organisations to see if they might be able to help to produce the Festival, and so we are delighted to be able to confirm the line up for the 9th Festival.

Scotmid and *C&B News* share the distinction of having supported us from the start and it is tremendous that they continue to show their support in such a tangible way. This year, as last, they are joined by *Porteous* as a Main sponsor, while *Cala*, *Dalmahoy*, *Case Management Services*, *Jigsaw*, *Sainsbury* and *Balerno Dental Care* are all sponsoring individual events.

We would like to thank all of them and also all the advertisers who take space in our programme for their continued support.

And finally we would also like to thank the *Friends of Balerno Music Festival* whose support and loyalty is of the essence of the Festival.



Balerno Festival Orchestra? Why not!

Have you got a musical instrument tucked away in the garage, the attic (or even the garden shed)? And have you thought to yourself 'I'd like to give that a go again sometime?' Well, read on because this is what you have been waiting for.



Whether you play a little or a lot, have a dormant skill or simply haven't yet got round to finding a space to play, opportunity is definitely now knocking at your door. Opportunity in the form of Francis Cummings, Director of Music with Sistema Scotland.

Many will remember Francis visit to the Festival in 2014 and his inspiring talk about setting up Sistema Scotland in the form of the Big Noise Orchestra at Raploch, Stirling. Sistema Scotland has since then developed orchestras in Glasgow and Aberdeen and has recently been awarded £2.5M by Scottish Government for further development. Francis himself has worked regularly with some of the greatest conductors and orchestras including Abbado and Solti, the Manchester Camerata, Halle, Liverpool Philharmonic, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and many others.

This is a fantastic opportunity be in at the start of what is at the heart of the Festival - encouraging music making in Balerno - and you could make the difference! Saturday 24 Sept! Put it in the diary now!

Lots of free events on offer at Festival 9!

There are free events at this year's Festival ranging from the Music @ The Mill series featuring choirs and ensembles from pupils and students of local schools. Music @ The Mill will this year also feature Roger Cull and the TOG trio playing 'A Little Light Jazz at Lunchtime'.

The Young Musicians concert is for the first time back in the spot it occupied at the first Festival all those year's ago, on the final Saturday morning. And you can go straight from that to the Festival Busk at the Farmers Market. Donations are always welcome at free events



6 times world champion choir will raise the roof!

Forth Valley Chorus are an award winning A Cappella choir of over 100 women who sing a wide repertoire of music from classic barbershop through jazz and show tunes to contemporary pop! Based in Edinburgh but with members from far and wide the Chorus competes each year against other choruses in the UK and the Netherlands. They recently won the competition with a record breaking score so progress to the International competition in Las Vegas in October 2017! If you like what you hear our next concert will be at Greyfriars Kirk on 2nd December which is sure to be full of festive sparkle! You can read more at www.Forthvalleychorus.org.

Friday 7 October - Sing & Bling

Artie's Tartan Tales



Each year the Festival programme will feature events which are specifically aimed at younger Festival goers, and the first one Right Notes features is **Artie's Tartan Tales** on Sat 1 October.

This is certainly one not to miss especially if you were a fan of **Singing Kettle** in which Artie starred with Cilla Fisher.

The Singing Kettle disbanded after performing their last show in 2015 in Aberdeen, so it's a real coup to be able to persuade Artie out of retirement to come to the Balerno Folk Festival.

This is an interactive 'joining-in' show, with numbers like 'Three Little Pigs' and 'The Train to Glasgow', and is a guaranteed sell out.

FESTIVAL BUSK

What is Festival Busk? Well it's real live, anything can happen, any genre, free to enter, no ticket, fun and action.

So if you fancy giving it a go, singing your heart out or playing a Mozart concerto, doing a tribute to Buddy Holly, dancing, balloon twisting or mime, come along to the Balerno Farmers Market on 8 October.

The only condition is, music; there must be music at the heart of your performance. Well, there are other conditions including; we can't really do snake-charming at least not with a real snake, and escapology might pose some problems. But otherwise, we would love to hear from you, preferably in advance so we can get an idea of how and many how to arrange the timetable.

And we'd love to see you even if you just want to watch; although the Village Trust also hope you'll be tempted by all the stalls at what is usually one of the bigger Markets.

Come and Sing Queen!



Is this how you might occasionally have seen yourself? If so then this show is a must.

Come and Sing events deliver a kind of magic all of their own, and Pentland Singers have had great success with the format at least twice recently. On both occasions they put on more traditional choral works, Handel's Messiah and Faure's Requiem, but this time they are moving into new and exciting waters with **The Music of Queen**.

If you want to sing then there is a rehearsal in the afternoon followed by a live performance in front of a real rock Festival audience. If you want to be part of that rock audience then book; it will be busy.

Jumpsuits are optional for this rock, glam rock, progressive rock and even possibly metal rehearsal and concert. Saturday 24 September. Be there! It will, assuredly, blow your mind.

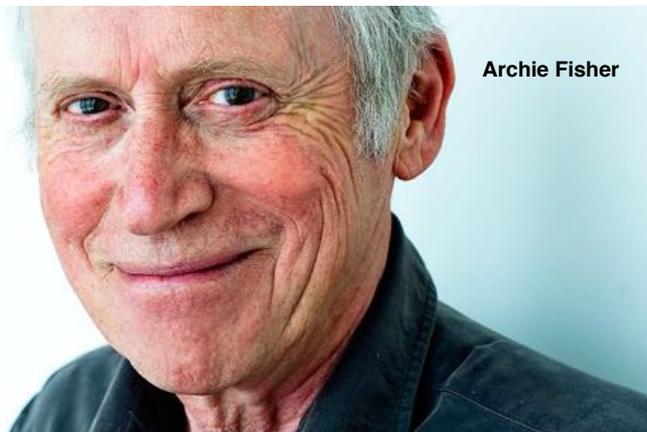
Festival helps music happen in Balerno

Supporting the development of music is one of the principal aims of the Balerno Music Festival.

At a time when many cuts are being made in school budgets, we are delighted that the Festival has been able over the past few years to help music teaching in local schools, and over the winter we were able to hand over cheques for £250 to each of the Balerno Schools.

Fiona Gilroy, Chair of the Festival Society, handed over the cheque to Dean Park Primary pupils Harry, Katie and Emma. Maree Anderson, head of the music at the High School plans to purchase new guitars, while at Harmeny School Erin and Liam are pictured receiving a cheque from Irene Rogerson and Martin Petty. Neil Squires, Chief Executive of Harmeny School, welcomed the donation and said that they would buy drums with the money.

Each of the schools takes part in the Music at the Mill series in the Festival, and you can hear them between 4 and 7 October at this year's festival.



Archie Fisher

Folk Concert The Duncan McCrone Band and Archie Fisher

Duncan McCrone



photo - Davd Arcari

The Folk Concert is always a sell-out event and this year tickets are sure to be at a premium with The Duncan McCrone Band and Archie Fisher heading the bill. Neither really needs an introduction such has been their impact on Folk Music over the years. But we'll spend a little more on them in an upcoming issue along with The Tourie Band, Balerno Theatre Company, Richard Michael with the Festival in Juniper Green, The Antonine Trio, Fun Time Harmonies, Fischy Music, The Borders Big Band, Chris Achenbach, Made in Scotland, BVS at the Festival; and so much more besides.