

The Right Notes

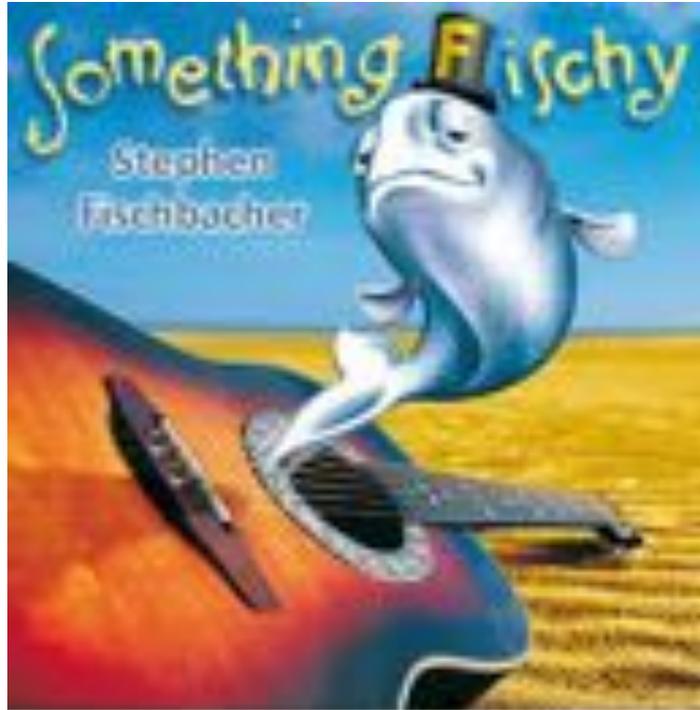
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fischy music on return visit

Fischy Music was founded by its Creative Director, Stephen Fischbacher in 1998 and has ever since worked directly with children in thousands of schools and churches across the UK and beyond.

Fischy emphasise the uniqueness, creativity and worth of every child producing memorable, easy to learn, fun songs that any child can sing, and with resources closely aligned with key curricular areas in schools.

Fischy Music rightly claim that they keep crowds entertained with their fabulous music suitable for



children of all ages, and we know that's true because we've seen them do it in Balerno before. The Fischy band appeared at the Balerno Music Festival four years ago in 2012 and had rave reviews which hailed their concert the best event of the Festival! They're appearing this year in the same spot - on the afternoon of the final day - as a real climax to what we hope will be the best festival yet, and once again Balerno Dental Care will be sponsoring their appearance.

'An All Age Concert with Fischy Music' is on Sunday 9 October at 3.00pm; tickets £7 adult,

INTRODUCING BALERNO FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

This is the start of something BIG. On Saturday 24 September at Balerno Parish Church a new Festival Orchestra will be born, and YOU could be part of it!

This is your opportunity to do what you've always really wanted to do but possibly haven't had the time or opportunity, ... to play music with other people. Whether you play only a little, or whether you play a lot doesn't make any difference; Balerno Music Festival would like you to help kick start this adventure.

The two and half hour session will be led by Francis Cummings, Director of Music for Sistema Scotland and member of the Strings department at the Scottish Conservatoire. As a founding member of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe, Francis worked extensively with eminent conductors and soloists including Claudio Abbado, Nikolaus Harnoncourt, George Solti and Lorin Maazel, appearing in

festivals throughout Europe, Japan, Australia and the USA. He has worked regularly with a number of UK orchestras including the BBC SSO, Manchester Camerata, Northern Sinfonia, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, The Hallé, Liverpool Philharmonic and The Orchestra of the Golden Age.

This 'come and play session' aims to be both fun and interesting, but in addition it is an opportunity to be in at the start of an initiative which will grow and provide the nucleus for a new dimension to music making in Balerno.

When registering please remember to say what instrument you play, and how long you have been playing. Tickets are only £5.

Like to get involved with BMF?

If you'd like to help with the organisation of the Balerno Music Festival then please do get in touch with the Balerno Music Festival Society via Contact Us on balernomusicfestival.org.uk

A promotional poster for the Balerno Festival Orchestra. The poster features the text 'The Balerno Festival Orchestra is born!' and 'Come and Play! whether you play a little (or a lot!), here is your opportunity! with the brand new The Balerno Festival Orchestra'. It also includes a photo of Francis Cummings, Director of Music, and the event details: Saturday 24 September, 9.30am to 12.00 noon, St Joseph's Hall, £5. For details and how to book tickets go to Festival website at www.balernomusicfestival.org.uk.

Young Musicians to the Fore with Market Busk, Mill coffee and Market stalls

The Young Musicians Concert is the most enduring item of the annual Festival schedule. It allows young musicians to showcase their talent providing an opportunity for public performance which hugely enhances confidence.

Last year we even had the first occasion when one of our alumni returned to tell the audience about his experiences since he appeared on the stage at the Parish Church, as he then looked forward to embarking on studies at the Scottish Conservatoire. Cellist Chris McVinnie not only encouraged the performers but rolled back the years and played a piece in concert to applause from the audience. It's nice to think that Balerno Music Festival can play a small part in encouraging the continuation of music study and possibly a career in music.

Entry to the Young Musicians Concert is free but donations at the door are very welcome! The concert is on Saturday 8 October at Balerno Parish Church at 9.30am. Come along and support emerging talent!

When the Festival first started it was held over a single weekend, if you can believe that! The particular weekend was the one before the autumn school holiday week, but the way the calendar works meant that we had to move the Young Musicians Concert back a week otherwise it would have clashed with the first weekend of the holidays, which would probably have meant a sharp fall off in numbers of performers. This is the first year therefore since the second Festival (2009) that we have been able to have the Young Musicians alongside the Market Day and we hope that lots of Market goers will look in at the Concert.

All in all the Market Saturday promises to be a huge event with things going on throughout the day, starting with the Market from 9.00 to 1.00 and featuring the Busking from the start. You can start with Coffee at the Bowling Club also from 9.00 also, then The Young Musicians from 9.30 by which time the Mill will also be open for coffee, scones and cakes and live music also. Fun Time Harmonies (4 to 5 years old) is on from 1.00pm at the Ogston Hall and the Open Folk Session is at 2.30 in the Grey Horse. Then if you're still standing you can go to St Joseph's at 6.00 for the Hot Fork Supper (but you'll have to book in advance) prior to the Gala Concert which this year features the Borders Big Band making their second visit after the rave reviews of their 2015 appearance. Then the evening is rounded off with the Festival Reception at St Joseph's after the Concert.

And that will have been quite a morning, afternoon and evening all in all.

We'll hope to see you around the Village on 8th October for Super Saturday!



Made in Scotland

No, not from girders, but through the magic conjured up by David Cairns, Balerno Bowling Club present their Cabaret Evening event for the Festival - a Tribute to Scottish Popstars.

Dave's show includes hits by Deacon Blue, Wet Wet Wet, the Proclaimers. This is nostalgia time and while Tartan Scarves are not essential you'll wish you'd brought yours!

Balerno Bowling Club - 24 September - 8.30pm - £10

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Watch out for the September issue of *Right Notes* when we'll be featuring the Gala Concert with the return of the Borders Big Band, the Tourie Band and the Jazz Party.

We'll also have some reflections on working with the Committee which puts the whole event together, and then we'll also hope to produce a souvenir copy of *Right Notes* with copies of all the posters. If you'd like a copy of any of the posters then let us know.

And remember the action starts in mid September; so it's time to get your tickets and make sure of your seats!

Many thanks to our Sponsors!

