

WEEKEND TICKET / TIOGAID DEIREADH-SHEACHDAIN

A weekend pass which gives admission to all events from Friday at 7.30pm onwards is available for £50. Donny O'Rourke's "Going for a Song" is included in this price but a place **must** be booked.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW / TIOGAIDEAN GAN REIC A-NIS**By post from:**

Ullapool Book Festival, PO Box 27, Ullapool IV26 2WY
(cheques made payable to Ullapool Book Festival. Please enclose s.a.e.)

OR**In person at:**

Ullapool Bookshop, Quay Street and The Ceilidh Place Bookshop, West Argyle Street.
Weekend tickets and tickets for Daytime on Isle Martin are also on sale from The Booth –
www.thebooth.co.uk

INFORMATION / FIOSRACHADH

* There will be no books for sale at any of the sessions. But our sponsoring bookshops will stock the writers' books. You can buy them there and bring along for signing.

* All sessions last approximately 1 hour.

ACCOMMODATION / ÀITEAN-FUIRICH

For places to stay in Ullapool and for any other information on the area, visit the website of Ullapool Tourism and Business Association: www.ullapool.com

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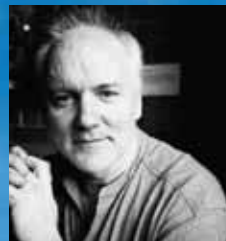
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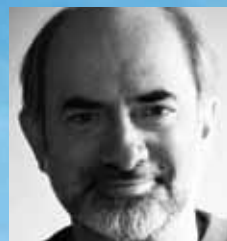
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Ullapool 2009

8-10 MAY
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FRIDAY 8 MAY

DIHAOINE 8 CÈITEAN

DAYTIME ON ISLE MARTIN £25

Four events will be held on Isle Martin, a community owned island north of Ullapool. We will leave at 9.30am from Ullapool and return at 5pm. Please take a packed lunch.

The price includes the boat trip, the four events and tea/coffee at lunchtime.

This trip has been made possible by funding from The Highland Culture Programme.

LATHA AIR EILEAN MHÀRTAINN £25

Bidh ceithir tachartasan a' gabhail àite air Eilean Mhàrtainn, eilean coimhearsnachd tuath air Ulapul. Bidh sinn a' fàgail

Ulapul aig 9.30m agus a' tilleadh aig 5f. Thoiribh lòn pacaichte leibh.

Tha a' phris a' gabhail a-steach an turais air a' bhàta, nan ceithir tachartasan agus teatha/ cofaidh aig àm lòn. Fhuair an turas seo maoineachadh bho Prògram Cultar na Gàidhealtachd

ISLE MARTIN was once home to nearly 100 people and its early history dates back to the Early Christian period, possibly around 400 - 600 AD. Evidence of this is in the tiny graveyard where there is a stone which stands approximately 4 feet high with an unusual triple cross engraved on its surface.

Isle Martin's heyday was in the late 1700s when a Liverpool merchant, John Woodhouse, established a successful fish

curing station to take advantage of the prolific herring shoals. Its recent industrial past was in the 1930s and 1940s

when there was a flour mill on the island.

Emigrant ships bound for Maryland and Nova Scotia left from Isle Martin in the early 1800s.

The RSPB gifted Isle Martin to the communities of Lochbroom and Coigach in 1999 and it is now administered by the members of an elected board.

9.15am for 9.30am departure **Board the Summer Queen at Ullapool Harbour**

10.15am
WELCOME by **DONNY O'ROURKE**, honorary president of Ullapool Book Festival

followed by

ANDRO LINKLATER

Andro spent several years living on Isle Martin. During that time he wrote his biography of Sir Compton Mackenzie and an early version of his book on Iban headhunters Wild People. He will talk about these two books - and about living on the island.

Chaired by Stuart Kelly

11.40am
ANGUS PETER CAMPBELL and DERRICK McCLURE

Angus Peter's book of poetry Meas air Chrannaibh/ Fruit on Brainches / Fruit on Branches is in three languages –

Gaelic, Scots and English. Derrick translated the poems into Scots. In addition to the readings from this book there is a chance to hear an exclusive preview of Angus Peter's new novella Tilleadh Dhachaigh (Homecoming).

Chaired by Mark Wringe

12.50pm
LUNCH TIME

During the lunch break two Isle Martin Trust directors will be on hand to lead a short history walk/talk. Either join them or wander off on your own but be back in time for...

2pm
MARGARET BENNETT

The title of Margaret's talk is Heartbreak and Hope:- Highland emigration to Eastern Canada in the Nineteenth Century.

Chaired by Mark Wringe

3.15pm
JAMES GRAHAM

Songs of the Ross-shire and Sutherland Bards. James, from Assynt in Sutherland, was Mod gold medallist in 2008 and in 2005 won Scottish Young Traditional Musician of the Year.

Chaired by Mark Wringe

4.30pm **Board the Summer Queen bound for Ullapool.**

FRIDAY 8 MAY

DIHAOINE 8 CÈITEAN

7.30pm **Ullapool Village Hall / Talla Ullapuil**
ALISON MILLER and ALICE THOMPSON

Two exciting and acclaimed fiction writers. Alison Miller will read from her first novel Demo and Alice Thompson from her latest book The Falconer.

Chaired by Sam Kelly

£6

Sponsored by Two Ravens Press

9pm **Ullapool Village Hall / Talla Ullapuil**
A.L. KENNEDY

WORDS. Award-winning author and stand up A.L.Kennedy rambles about in the world of words, literature, touring, prizes and other perils of the writing life.

Chaired by Donny O'Rourke

£6

Sponsored by The Ceilidh Place

11pm **The Ceilidh Place Parlour / Seòmair an Àite Cèilidh**
READ IN THE PARLOUR

Bring some of your own writing for the Read in the Parlour open session. Ten minutes is your limit.

FREE

SATURDAY 9 MAY

DISATHAIRNE 9 CÈITEAN

9.30am **Ullapool Village Hall committee room / Rùm Comataidh Talla Ullapuil**
NORTHWORDS NOW SHOWCASE

Northwords Now is the north's literary magazine. A half hour of readings by some of its contributors.

Chaired by the Editors

FREE

9.15am for 10.15am **Ullapool Village Hall / Talla Ullapuil**
BREAKFAST STORIES with **NANCY NICOLSON**

Nancy draws on her rural Caithness childhood for her stories and songs.

Free coffee and a bacon roll (or marmalade if veggie) will be served until 9.45am (from the wooden building behind the hall)

Chaired by Donny O'Rourke

£6

11.45am **Ullapool Village Hall / Talla Ullapuil**
MARGARET BENNETT

"Till Death Us Do Part" - Scottish traditions of life and death.

Margaret Bennett is a folklorist, ethnologist, author and singer. She is back to finish the fascinating and entertaining talk she started at last year's festival.

Chaired by Mark Wringe

£6

Sponsored by The Ullapool News

11.45am **The Ceilidh Place Clubroom / Rùm-cluba an Àite Cèilidh**
'GOING FOR A SONG': How lyrics can be poems and vice versa. Our Honorary President, **Donny O'Rourke** explores the art, craft and inspiration of poetic song from the traditional ballad, through show tune lyrics to pop and hip hop.

Participants will discuss examples drawn from Donny's own work and that of contrastingly gifted lyricists he admires. Those taking part are encouraged to bring along a piece they have composed and the workshop will conclude with a shared practical attempt at coming up with some new words for music.

Donny's passionately expert involvement with song has lent creative continuity to each of his overlapping careers as poet, television producer, broadcaster, journalist, academic and editor. This informal but rigorous session is open to up to twenty writers of any level of experience or none. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.**

£6

2.15pm **Ullapool Village Hall / Talla Ullapuil**
BERNARD MACLAVERTY

Belfast born writer and director Bernard, whose four novels include Cal and Lamb, will read from his latest collection of short stories Matters of Life & Death. "These stories are object lessons in the art of short fiction."

Chaired by Faith Liddell

£6

Sponsored by Ullapool Bookshop

3.45pm **Ullapool Village Hall / Talla Ullapuil**
AONGHAS MACNEACAIL and GERDA STEVENSON

Poetry from husband and wife - Gaelic poet and writer Aonghas and actor/writer/director Gerda.

Chaired by Mark Wringe

£6

Sponsored by Loch Croispol Bookshop, Gallery and Restaurant

7.30pm **Ullapool Village Hall / Talla Ullapuil**
ANDRO LINKLATER

In a year when the spotlight in on the United States, Andro, who has lived and worked there, will discuss two of his books - Measuring America and The Fabric of America. These tell the story of how the land was measured and mapped in the early days of the republic and then how the state boundaries and frontiers were set in a provocative take on the shaping of the nation.

Chaired by Sam Kelly

£6

Sponsored by The Ferry Boat Inn

9pm **Ullapool Village Hall / Talla Ullapuil**
ALAN BISSETT and DOUG JOHNSTONE

Two of Scotland's most talented young writers appear together in a session where anything might happen. Novelist, performer and playwright Alan will be reading from his third novel Death of a Ladies' Man due to be published in July.

Doug, who is also an arts journalist and musician, will read from his second novel The Ossians - and maybe even perform an Ossians' song or two.

There will be a free glass of ale, oatcakes and smoked cheese.

Chaired by Faith Liddell.

£6

Ale donated by An Teallach Brewery, smoked cheese donated by Ullapool Smokehouse Ltd, oatcakes donated by Ullapool Bakery.

11pm **The Ceilidh Place Parlour / Seòmair an Àite Cèilidh**
POEMS ALOUD

Share a favourite poem or discover new ones. Bring a poem you love and read it aloud: classic, contemporary, famous names or forgotten writers.

Chaired by Peggy Hughes

FREE

SUNDAY 10 MAY

DIDÒMHNAICH 10 CÈITEAN

9.30am **Ullapool Village Hall committee room / Rùm Comataidh Talla Ullapuil**
NORTHWORDS NOW SHOWCASE

Northwords Now is the north's literary magazine. A half hour of readings by some of its contributors.

Chaired by the Editors

FREE

10.15am **Ullapool Village Hall / Talla Ullapuil**
JACKIE KAY

An hour of poetry from Jackie Kay who is an award winning poet, novelist and short story writer. One of the country's best known poets, she appears frequently on radio and TV.

Chaired by Donny O'Rourke

£6

Jackie Kay is able to be with us thanks to the generosity of Tom Wright's Trust; money left in the poet, playwright and television dramatist's will to further the cause of Scottish writing.

11.45am **Ullapool Village Hall / Talla Ullapuil**
A.L. KENNEDY

She will read from Day, her novel which won the 2007 Costa Prize. Day, which was the March choice for Radio 4's Book Club is a wonderful piece of storytelling and a superbly realised novel about the brutal simplicities of war.

Chaired by Stuart Kelly

£6

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