

WEEKEND TICKET TIOGAID DEIREADH-SHEACHDAIN

A small number of weekend passes (limited to 2 per transaction) are available for £75. These give admission to all events. It includes the writing workshops but places MUST be booked. **Available only until 15 April.**

TICKETS ON SALE TIOGAIDEAN GAN REIC A-NIS

from
The Booth www.thebooth.co.uk

OR

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 only at:

Ullapool Bookshop, Quay Street and The Ceilidh Place Bookshop, West Argyle Street.

Please note: tickets for some events will initially be limited to 2 per transaction.

Organised groups e.g. reading groups should call the contact number.

INFORMATION FIOSRACHADH

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

* All sessions last approximately 1 hour unless indicated otherwise.

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

FOOD BIADH

Ullapool Fairtrade Group will be in the marquee alongside the Village Hall. During the daytime on Friday they will be selling Fairtrade tea, coffee and cookies. During the daytime on Saturday they will sell Fairtrade tea, coffee and Fairtrade baking.

ACCESS COTHROM

Ullapool Village Hall has disabled access and toilets. There will be limited seating reserved (until 10 minutes before the start of each session) in the centre of the front row for anyone with a hearing impairment. If anyone requires assistance please speak to one of the committee/stewards. If you think you will need any other help contact us beforehand.

THANKS TAPADH LEIBH

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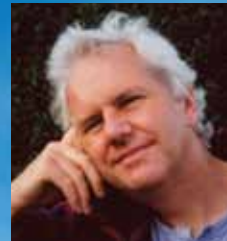
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Ullapool 2010

7-9 MAY
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- Iain Banks
- Alan Bissett
- Ron Butlin
- Regi Claire
- Stewart Conn
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Now into its sixth year, the Ullapool Book Festival is a fantastic opportunity to promote the very best in Scottish literature. This year’s programme features a wealth of Scottish literary talent as well as writers from further afield. There is truly something for all tastes and for everyone to enjoy. This is a very successful festival, organised by a relatively small committee of volunteers which should be congratulated for its hard work in creating such a popular event. The Festival committee’s dedication to promoting Gaelic and Scots work is particularly admirable. I am sorry I cannot be with you, but I hope everyone has a very enjoyable time. Best wishes for this year and for the future.

Fiona Hyslop
Minister for Culture and External Affairs



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Fèis Leabhraichean Ulapuil a tha air a bhith a' dol airson sia bliadhna na sàr chothrom air a bhith ag adhartachadh nan nithean as fheàrr ann an litreachas na h-Alba. Tha program na bliadhna seo a' cur an cèill a' bheairteis a tha ann de thàlant litreachais Albannach cho math ri luchd-sgrìobhaidh bho nas fhaide air falbh. Gu cinnteach tha rudeigin ann airson a h-uile duine agus gu leòr a chòrdas riutha. 'S e fèis air leth soirbheachail a tha seo, air a cur air bhonn le sgioba gu math beag de luchd-obrach saor-thoileach agus tha iad airidh air am moladh airson na h-obrach chruaidh a tha iad a' dèanamh ann a bhith a' cruthachadh thachartais a tha cho inntinneach. Tha comataidh na Fèis rim moladh cuideachd airson an dòigh sa bheil iad ag adhartachadh na Gàidhlig agus Albais. Tha mi duilich nach urrainn dhomh a bhith an làthair còmhla ribh, ach tha mi an dòchas gun còrd an tachartas ris a h-uile duine. Mo dhùrachdan dhuibh airson na bliadhna seo agus airson an ama ri teachd

Fiona Hyslop
Ministear a' Chultair agus Chùisean air an Taobh a-muigh

FRIDAY 7 MAY

DIHAOINE 7 CÈITEAN

10.30am **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

WELCOME by **DONNY O’ROURKE**, honorary president of Ullapool Book Festival

followed by

ANDREW GREIG

Andrew will read from his new book *At the Loch of the Green Corrie*. A fishing trip honouring a dying man’s wish becomes a meditation on life, nature and friendship, a literary biography and a celebration of the beauty of the Highlands of Scotland. Shortly before his death, the much-loved poet Norman MacCaig asked Andrew Greig to try to catch a fish for him at his favourite place, the Loch of the Green Corrie.

Chaired by Stuart Kelly £6

Sponsored by Ullapool Bookshop

12 noon **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

ANNE DONOVAN

Anne Donovan’s first novel *Buddha Da* was shortlisted for the Orange Prize, the Whitbread First Novel Award and the Scottish Book of the Year Award, as well as being nominated for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. It received a Scottish Arts Council Award and won the Le Prince Maurice Award in Mauritius in 2004. Anne will read from her latest novel *Being Emily*.

Chaired by Lesley Glaister £6

2.30pm **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

IAIN FINLAY MACLEOD

Iain Finlay will read from his current Gaelic novel *Iompaire (Empire)*. He writes for theatre, film and radio. He will talk about *St Kilda – The Opera*, performed at the Edinburgh International Festival in 2009 to great acclaim.

Chaired by Mark Wringe £6

Sponsored by The Ferry Boat Inn

4pm **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

STEWART CONN

Stewart was Edinburgh’s inaugural poet laureate from 2002 to 2005. He has won awards from, among others, the Scottish Arts Council, the Society of Authors and the Poetry Book Society. His latest collection is *The Breakfast Room*.

Chaired by Donny O’Rourke £6

Stewart Conn 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.

FRIDAY 7 MAY

DIHAOINE 7 CÈITEAN

7.30pm **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

IAIN BANKS

With 24 novels published to date, Iain Banks remains one of Scotland’s most celebrated and successful authors. Slipping seamlessly between his mainstream and Science Fiction personae his tales have entranced a generation. Join Iain as he gives us an exclusive preview from his new and unpublished Science Fiction work and take the opportunity to ask him a question or two.

Chaired by Teri Wishart £6

A National Library of Scotland event

9pm **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

KEVIN MACNEIL

Kevin’s new book *A Method Actor’s Guide to Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* will be published later this year and he will give a reading from this. He will also talk about his 2009 cycle ride along the Danube from source to Budapest. A non-fiction travelogue/memoir and a television documentary will follow shortly. *(Two Wheels by the Danube)*.

Chaired by Stuart Kelly £6

Sponsored by Achins Bookshop

11pm **The Ceilidh Place Parlour**
Seòmar 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 8 MAY

DISATHAIRNE 8 CÈITEAN

9.30am **Ullapool Village Hall committee room**
Rùm Comataidh Talla Ulapuil

MANDY MORNING

A half hour of short stories from local writer Mandy Henderson. Mandy is a member of North West Highland writers group.

free

9.15am for 10.15am **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

BREAKFAST STORIES with JESS SMITH

As a child Jess shared a mystical life travelling Scotland in a bus with seven sisters and protective parents. She emerged from her childhood as a keeper of tales and it is this legacy that she brings to the festival. Breakfast Stories will be a mix of life humour, songs and history.

Chaired by Mark Wringe £6

11.30am **Ullapool Village Hall committee room**
Rùm Comataidh Talla Ulapuil

WORKSHOP WITH KEVIN MACNEIL

Creative writing class - ‘Not Saying What You Mean, Not Meaning What You Say: Creating Strong Character and Credible Dialogue in Fiction’.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. £6

11.45am **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

HUMBERTO AK’ABAL

Although Ak’abal has published many collections, has been recognised by many prestigious literary awards, and has been translated into several languages, very little of his work is available in Europe. Rosemary Burnett and James Robertson have collaborated to bring Ak’abal to Scotland and also to publish a selection of his work in English and Scots translation. They will be supporting Ak’abal in his session at Ullapool Book Festival, which should be a unique event full of cultural and linguistic reverberations.

£6

2.30pm **Marquee beside the village hall**
an teanta mhòr ri taobh talla a’ bhaile

JESS SMITH
STORYTELLING FOR CHILDREN

Tales for children to suit all ages

All children under 8 MUST be accompanied by an adult £3

2.30pm **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

NORMAN MACLEAN

Norman is a comedian, singer, composer, musician, linguist, actor and author. It is as a writer he will appear today when he talks

about *A Leper’s Bell – Autobiography of a Changeling*. It is in turns tragic and uplifting, devastating and hilarious, elegant and heartbreaking, and one of the most compelling and moving memoirs to appear in recent years

Chaired by Mark Wringe £6

Sponsored by The Ullapool News

4pm **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

TOM LEONARD

Tom Leonard’s recent *outside the narrative* gathers all those of his poems from over forty years that he wishes to keep in one volume. "...a unique body of work: terse, funny, unyielding, and necessary." Paul Batchelor, The Guardian

Chaired by Donny O’Rourke £6

4pm **Ullapool Village Hall committee room**
Rùm Comataidh Talla Ulapuil

WORKSHOP WITH ALAN BISSETT

Novel writing
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. £6

7.30pm **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

RON BUTLIN AND REGI CLAIRE

Regi will be reading from her newest book, *Fighting It*. It was shortlisted for the Saltire Book of the Year Award in November. Husband Ron, who is the current Edinburgh Makar, will read from his book of short stories *No More Angels*, and from his book of poems *Without a Backward Glance*.

Chaired by Lesley Glaister £6

Sponsored by Two Ravens Press

9pm **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

ALAN BISSETT - THE MOIRA MONOLGUES

The Moira Monologues is Alan’s ‘one-woman show’, performed by himself and featuring the hypnotic, dangerous and hilarious central character of Moira Bell, Falkirk’s hardest woman. “. This is brilliant stuff, an exhilaratingly fresh take on the whole business of class and culture in Scotland.” – The Scotsman

£6

11pm **The Ceilidh Place Parlour**
Seòmar an Àite Cèilidh

POEMS (AND SONGS) ALOUD

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

free

SUNDAY 9 MAY

DIDÒMHNAICH 9 CÈITEAN

9.30am **Ullapool Village Hall committee room**
Rùm Comataidh Talla Ulapuil

MANDY MORNING

Mandy Haggith will be reading some of her poems and short stories. Mandy, who lives in the neighbouring parish of Assynt has published fiction, non-fiction and poetry. She won the 2009 Robin Jenkins Literary Award with *The Last Bear*. (Session lasts 30 minutes).

free

10.15am **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

ANDREA MACNICOL AND JASON DONALD

Andrea’s *Moonshine in the Morning* won the first book category in the 2009 Scottish Arts Council awards. Jason’s novel *Choke Chain* was shortlisted for the 2009 Saltire Society First Book of the Year. Andrea and Jason are both graduates of Glasgow University’s creative writing programme. Their session will be chaired by one of their tutors on the course.

Chaired by Alan Bissett £6

Sponsored by Loch Croispol Bookshop, Gallery and Restaurant

11.45am **Ullapool Village Hall**
Talla Ulapuil

JAMES ROBERTSON

James Robertson reads from *And the Land Lay Still*, his forthcoming novel, set in Scotland between 1950 and 2008, which charts the inter-connected lives of a disparate set of characters as they are transformed by sweeping political, social, sexual and cultural change.

Chaired by Stewart Kelly £6

Sponsored by The Ceilidh Place