

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN ULLAPOOL VILLAGE HALL - IN THE MAIN HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

THE NIGHT BEFORE

THURSDAY 9 MAY DIARDAOIN 9 CÈITEAN

8pm committee room

PINNACLES AND PETTICOATS: AN ILLUSTRATED TALK
Sometimes overlooked by the climbing fraternity, women have had a long relationship with mountains and wild places. As artists, writers, explorers and climbers they have pushed frontiers and challenged and changed social attitudes. National Library of Scotland curator Paula Williams will delve into the Library’s collections, from manuscript to film, to show how Scottish women have picked up their skirts and scaled the heights!

free

A National Library of Scotland event

FRIDAY 10 MAY DIHAOINE 10 CÈITEAN

10am
WELCOME by **JAMES ROBERTSON**, honorary president of Ullapool Book Festival

followed by

IAN RANKIN

Ian’s latest book *Standing in Another Man’s Grave* sees the return of Rebus. “Simply awesome” Time Out
Chaired by David Robinson

£7

Sponsored by Ullapool Bookshop

11.30am
GEORGE GUNN and DONALD S MURRAY
Poetry from two northern writers (George from Caithness and Donald from Lewis) whose work reflects a strong sense of place.
Chaired by Mark Wringe

£7

2.00pm
MEAGHAN DELAHUNT
Meaghan Delahunt was born in Melbourne and now lives in Edinburgh. She is the author of *In the Blue House*, *The Red Book* and *To the Island*. Awards for her work include a Commonwealth Writer’s Prize (Asia & the Pacific), a Saltire Award and a nomination for the Orange Prize.
Chaired by Emma Turnbull

£7

3.30pm
WAYNE PRICE and ALLAN WILSON
Wayne and Allan will read from their short story collections. Wayne’s *Furnace* was nominated for the Saltire First Book of the Year 2012 and Allan’s *Wasted in Love* was shortlisted for The Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust First Book Award 2012.
Chaired by Faith Liddell

£7

7.00pm
KATHLEEN JAMIE
Her poetry collections to date include *The Overhaul*, (2012) which won the 2012 Costa Poetry Prize, *The Tree House* which won both the Forward Prize, and the Scottish Book of the Year Award. Kathleen Jamie also writes non-fiction including the highly regarded *Findings* and recently, *Sightlines*.
Chaired by Faith Liddell

£7

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8.30pm
JENNI FAGAN
Jenni Fagan is an award winning poet, whose debut novel *The Panopticon* has been shortlisted for awards such as The Kitschies, The Dundee Book Prize, and selected as one the best worldwide debuts by Waterstones. “I think it’s one of the most cunning and spirited novels I’ve read for years” – Ali Smith.
Chaired by David Robinson

£7

10pm
CRUINN
The Highland based quartet Cruinn brings together four of Scotland’s premier Gaelic singers - James Graham, Fiona Mackenzie, Brian Ó hEadhra and Rachel Walker. Each of these artists is highly regarded in their own right and together, as Cruinn, they perform traditional and contemporary Gaelic songs with beautiful harmonies and arrangements.

Enjoy a free taste of Ross-shire food and drink as you go in. Malt whisky from Glen Ord Distillery, smoked salmon from Wester Ross Fisheries, smoked cheese from Ullapool Smokehouse, oatcakes from Ullapool Bakery

£7

SATURDAY 11 MAY DISATHAIRNE 11 CÈITEAN

9.30am – 10am committee room

WICK WRITERS GROUP
The North Highland College UHI has been running a Creative Writing Class in Wick for several years and these three writers (Mandy Beattie, Donna Booth and Pat Heath) demonstrate its contrasting dynamic.

Free

10.15am
BREAKFAST STORIES with **MARGARET BENNETT**
Storyteller Margaret Bennett is a folklorist, writer, singer and broadcaster. She was brought up in a family of tradition bearers, Gaelic on her mother’s side (from Skye) and Lowland Scots on her father’s. After Ullapool Book Festival 2008, reviewer Judy Moir wrote “it’s rare to witness such a charismatic and fascinating raconteur.”
*Free coffee and a bacon roll (or marmalade if veggie) will be served
from 9.15am until 9.45am in the marquee beside the hall.

£7

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11.45am
RAJA SHEHADEH
Raja Shehadeh, a lawyer and writer living in Ramallah, is the author of *Occupation Diaries*, *A Rift in Time: Travels with my Ottoman Uncle* and *Palestinian Walks: Notes on a Vanishing Landscape*, which won the Orwell Prize in 2008.
Chaired by Ruth Wishart

£7

Sponsored by The Ceilidh Place

2.30pm
ZOE STRACHAN
Zoë Strachan’s latest novel is *Ever Fallen in Love* which in 2012 was shortlisted for the Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust Book Award. Recently she wrote the libretto for *The Lady from the Sea*, an opera composed by Craig Armstrong and based on the play by Ibsen, which won a Herald Angel Award for its world premiere at the 2012 Edinburgh International Festival.
Chaired by Faith Liddell

£7

4pm
CATRIONA LEXY CAMPBELL and MARY ANNE MACDONALD
Catriona Lexy will read from her latest novel *Cluicheadaran* and Mary Anne will read from her previous book *Cleas Sgàthain* (and maybe an extract from the novel she is currently writing) in a session that will be in Gaelic. Non-Gaelic speakers will not miss out as there will be simultaneous translation into English through individual headsets. Translation by Morag Stübhart (Morag Stewart)
Chaired by Mark Wringe

£7

A Bòrd na Gàidhlig event

7.30pm
EWAN MORRISON
Ewan Morrison is the winner of the 2012/13 Glenfiddich Spirit of Scotland Writer of the Year Award and the winner of the 2012 Not the Booker Prize. In 2012 he was also a finalist in the Saltire Book of the Year Award, and the Creative Scotland Writer of the Year Award. He published two books in 2012. *Tales from the Mall* “one of the most important and innovative books to have been published in the last two decades” – Irvine Welsh; and *Close Your Eyes*.
Chaired by James Robertson

£7

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9pm
ANTHONY BAXTER
Anthony Baxter’s *You’ve Been Trumped* is his first feature film. To date, it has won eleven awards, been released in cinemas worldwide and broadcast by the BBC. He is currently working on a follow up film, due for release in early 2014.
Chaired by Ruth Wishart

£7

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SUNDAY 12 MAY DIDÒMHNAICH 12 CÈITEAN

9.30am – 10am committee room

SEONAI DH CHARITY
Seonaidh was born and brought up in Lochbroom where he was amongst the first year’s intake to enter the Ullapool Primary School Gaelic Medium Unit. He won a Gaelic New Writers Award 2012. He will read in Gaelic but non-Gaelic speakers will be given a paper copy of the English translation.

free

10.15am
JAMES ROBERTSON
James Robertson is a poet, editor and fiction writer. His new novel, *The Professor of Truth*, inspired by the Lockerbie bombing, will be published in June. Among his many awards James has twice won the Saltire Society Book of the Year and has been long listed for the Booker.
Chaired by Ian Rankin

£7

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11.45am
WAYNE JOHNSTON
Wayne was born and raised in Newfoundland but now lives in Toronto. His first book, *The Story of Bobby O’Malley*, won the WH Smith/*Books in Canada* First Novel award for the best first novel published in the English language in Canada that year. Subsequent books consistently received critical acclaim. *Baltimore’s Mansion*, a memoir, won the most prestigious prize for creative non-fiction awarded in Canada—the Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction. Both *The Colony of Unrequited Dreams* and *The Navigator of New York* have spent extended periods of time on bestseller lists in Canada and have also been published in the US, Britain, Germany, the Netherlands, China and Spain. *Colony* was identified by the *Globe and Mail* newspaper as one of the 100 most important Canadian books ever published. His current novel *A World Elsewhere*, which he will read from and discuss at Ullapool, is also a national bestseller.
Chaired by David Robinson

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