

# Coimhearsnachdan | Communities

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL COUNTRYSIDE RANGERS EVENTS - BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Sunday 4 September ARBRIACHAN FOREST 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Lilliputian Exploration - Looking at lichen colonies.

Meet at Arbriachan Forest Classroom. Booking 01463 861236

Tuesday 6 September: CLACHTOLL - 11.00am to 3.00pm

Clachtoll Coastal Walk - Meet at Clachtoll Beach Car Park. Booking 01571 844654

Tuesday 6 September: SANDAIG - 2.00pm

Wee Wanders: Sandaig. Meet at Glenelg Community Hall. Booking 01471 820527

Wednesday 7 September: KNOCKAN CRAG - 11.00am to 1.00pm

Knockan Crag Deep Time Walk - Meet at Crag Car Park. Booking 01971 488765

Thursday 8 September: SCOURIE - 10.30am to 1.00pm

Scourie Garnets & Dykes Walks - Meet at Scourie Beach Bird Hide. Booking 01971 511756

Friday 9 September: CASTLE OF MEY - 8.00pm to 9.30pm

Castle of Mey Bat Walk - Meeting place is given on booking. Booking 01847 821531



**LIVE MUSIC NOW SCOTLAND**

Friday 9 September @ 7.30pm  
INBHIR UIGE | WICK  
Pulteney Centre

**HISTORICAL LECTURE**  
with Harry Gray BEM  
Former Chair of the Wick Society  
and well known local historian

Performances by  
**Kilda**  
Mhairi Marwick - Fiddle  
Scott Wood - Bagpipes  
Norrie MacIver - Gaelic song

Inbhir Nis - Inverness  
Drummond School @ 1pm  
Monday 5 September

An Gearasdan - Fort William  
Montrose Centre @ 1.30pm  
Tuesday 6 September

**MUSIC IN HOSPITALS**  
SCOTLAND  
communicating through live music

Performances by  
**Kate Badcock & Roddy Johnston**

Dihaoine 9 Sultain | Friday 9 September @ 2.30pm  
Inbhir Narainn - St Olaf's Care Home - Nairn

Dihaoine 9 Sultain | Friday 9 September @ 6.30pm  
Inbhir Nis - Highview House Care Home - Inverness

Disathairne 10 Sultain | Saturday 10 September @ 2pm  
Gearrloch - Strathburn House - Gairloch

Check website for House Cèilidhs - Cèilidhean Taighe - traditional gatherings in people's homes

Fàilte chridheil oirbh gu Blas 2016. Tha sinn an dòchas gum faigh sibh tlachd agus toileachas bho dhualchas na Gàidhealtachd a tha pailt sa phrògram againn.

Bidh cothrom agaibh seinneadairean is luchd-ciùil cliùiteach fhaicinn ann an àiteachan - beag is mòr - air feadh sgìre a tha tarraingeach, brèagha agus cluinnidh sibh a' Ghàidhlig aig gach tachartas.

Thoirbh sùil air [www.blasfestival.com](http://www.blasfestival.com) airson a' phrògram air fad agus dèanaibh cinnteach gun còrd ur n-ùine aig Blas ribh.



A very warm welcome awaits you at Blas 2016 taking place between 2 and 10 September across the Highlands and in Argyll. We hope you get enjoyment from the various aspects of Highland culture that make up our festival programme; representations of language and tradition acclaimed and celebrated the world over.

Blas takes place in venues - big and small - across a part of the world known for its beauty where people are famous for their hospitality.

All the Blas show dates, venues and who is appearing are detailed inside but there is much more information available on our website [www.blas-festival.com](http://www.blas-festival.com). Enjoy the festival!



Thoirbh sùil air [www.blas-festival.com](http://www.blas-festival.com) for further details

Celebrating Highland Culture

# BLAS festival 2016

September 2-10 Sultain [www.blas-festival.com](http://www.blas-festival.com)



**FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER - DIHAOINE 2 SULTAIN** Clàr nam Prìomh Thachartasan | Guide to Main Events Local Box Office numbers beside each event: 24/7 Blas Ticket Hotline 0844 888 9991

FORT WILLIAM	The Nevis Centre	7.30pm	Red Hot Chili Pipers in concert	01397 700707
INVERGARRY	Glengarry Community Hall	8.30pm	Cèilidh Dance with Trail West and Fèis Lochabair	01809 511220
INVERNESS	St Andrew's Cathedral	7.30pm	Rona @ 80: Celebrating Rona Lightfoot's birthday with Mairi MacInnes, Margaret Stewart, Paul McCallum, Allan & Iain MacDonald, Allan Henderson, Iain MacFarlane & Charlie MacFarlane	0844 888 9991
LOCHINVER	Lochinver Village Hall	8.30pm	Cèilidh Dance with Fergie MacDonald Band, Linda MacLeod and Ruairidh Cormack	07943 415445
MULL	Bunessan Village Hall	7.30pm	Aon Teanga: Scottish, Irish & Manx song with Mary Ann Kennedy, Ruth Keggins, Eoghan Ó Ceannabhain and Ultan Ó Brien	01688 302211
NEWTONMORE	Newtonmore Village Hall	7.30pm	Cape Breton's Nuallan, Kilda (Norrie MacIver, Scott Wood & Mhairi Marwick) and Fèis Spè in concert	07989 907213

**SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER - DISATHAIRNE 3 SULTAIN**

ARISAIG	Astley Hall	7.30pm	Aon Teanga: Scottish, Irish & Manx song with Mary Ann Kennedy, Ruth Keggins, Eoghan Ó Ceannabhain and Ultan Ó Brien	01687 450263
DALCROSS	Inverness Airport	7.30pm	Cèilidh Dance with Clava & Cairdean, Dingwall Gaelic Choir, Graham & Robbie Mackenzie, James Graham and Fèis Inbhir Narainn	0844 888 9991
NORTH KESSOCK	North Kessock Village Hall	2.00pm	Sinne: International Family Cèilidh to which all are welcome with Roya MacLean Trio and others	Donations on door
ROYBRIDGE	Roybridge Village Hall	7.30pm	Cape Breton's Nuallan, Kilda (Norrie MacIver, Scott Wood & Mhairi Marwick) and Fèis Lochabair in concert	01397 712371
TAIN	Royal Hotel	2.00pm	Cèilidh Teaghlaich - a family cèilidh featuring Liza Mulholland	Tickets at the door
STRATHY	Strathy Village Hall	8.30pm	Cèilidh Dance with Trail West, Linda MacLeod, Cairistiona Stone and Fèis air an Oir	01641 541275

**SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER - DIDÒMHAICH 4 SULTAIN**

INVERNESS	St Andrew's Cathedral	8.00pm	Celtic Praise featuring Paul McCallum, Inverness Gaelic Choir, Inverness Fiddlers, Brighde Campbell and spiritual readings by Gillebride MacilleMhaoil	FREE EVENT
NAIRN	Nairn Arts and Community Centre	7.30pm	Cèilidh Dance with Sandy Brechin, Charlie McKerron, Brian Ó hEadhra, Graeme Mackay, Rachel Campbell & Andy Ross, Highland Pipers Club and Elizabeth Fraser School of Dance	01667 453476

**MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER - DILUAIN 5 SULTAIN**

GAIRLOCH	Gairloch Village Hall	7.30pm	Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham in concert with guests Sgoil Chiùil na Gàidhealtachd	01445 712071
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**TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER - DIMÀIRT 6 SULTAIN**

AVIEMORE	The Old Bridge Inn	12.30pm	Lunchtime theatre presented by Play Pieces - 'Hallaig' by Iain Finlay Macleod with a drink and a pie included in the ticket price	01479 811137
DRUMNADROCHIT	The Craigmorie Centre	7.30pm	Blas Commission 2016: Beul na h-Oidhche gu Camhanaich - Mouth of the Night to First Light with Mary Ann Kennedy, Nick Turner, Calum Turner, Eoghan Ó Ceannabhain and Finlay Wells	01456 459224
KINLOCHLEVEN	The Leven Centre	7.30pm	Cape Breton's Nuallan, Kilda (Norrie MacIver, Scott Wood & Mhairi Marwick) in concert	01855 831119
PORTREE	The Aros Centre	7.30pm	Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham with guests Fèis an Earraich	01478 613750

**WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER - DICIAIDAIN 7 SULTAIN**

BALLACHULISH	Ballachulish Village Hall	7.30pm	Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham and Ewen Henderson with guests Fèis Lochabair	01855 811866
GLENELG	Glenelg Village Hall	7.30pm	Cape Breton's Nuallan, Kilda (Norrie MacIver, Scott Wood & Mhairi Marwick) in concert	01599 522327
HELENSBURGH	The Victoria Halls	7.30pm	Sharon Shannon Band and 'O chruinneag, E chruinneag' featuring Eilidh Cormack, Ellen MacDonald, Ceitlin Smith and Innes White in concert	01436 673275
SLEAT, SKYE	Sabhal Mòr Ostaig	12.30pm	Lunchtime theatre presented by Play Pieces - 'Hallaig' by Iain Finlay Macleod with a drink and a pie included in the ticket price	01471 844207
ULLAPOOL	Macphail Centre	7.30pm	Blas Commission 2016: Beul na h-Oidhche gu Camhanaich - Mouth of the Night to First Light with Mary Ann Kennedy, Nick Turner, Calum Turner, Eoghan Ó Ceannabhain and Finlay Wells	01854 613336

**THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER - DIARDAOIN 8 SULTAIN**

DINGWALL	The Croft	12.30pm	Lunchtime theatre presented by Play Pieces - 'Hallaig' by Iain Finlay Macleod with a drink and a pie included in the ticket price	01349 862468
KILMUIR	Kilmuir Village Hall	7.30pm	Eòin: Community Cèilidh celebrating the contribution to Gaelic Culture of Jonathan MacDonald with a line-up including Anne Martin and Arthur Cormack	01470 542414
PLOCKTON	Plockton High School Hall	7.30pm	Sharon Shannon Band, Nuallan, Sgoil Chiùil na Gàidhealtachd in concert with special guest Gaelic writer Rody Gorman	01599 544706
RESOLIS	Resolis Memorial Hall	7.30pm	Tannara, Kilda (Norrie MacIver, Scott Wood & Mhairi Marwick) and 'O chruinneag, E chruinneag' featuring Eilidh Cormack, Ellen MacDonald, Ceitlin Smith and Innes White in concert	01381 610204
SLEAT, SKYE	Sabhal Mòr Ostaig	7.30pm	Blas Commission 2016: Beul na h-Oidhche gu Camhanaich - Mouth of the Night to First Light with Mary Ann Kennedy, Nick Turner, Calum Turner, Eoghan Ó Ceannabhain and Finlay Wells	01471 844207

**FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER - DIHAOINE 9 SULTAIN**

ACHARACLE	Acharacle Primary School	7.30pm	Blas Commission 2016: Beul na h-Oidhche gu Camhanaich - Mouth of the Night to First Light with Mary Ann Kennedy, Nick Turner, Calum Turner, Eoghan Ó Ceannabhain and Finlay Wells	07825 684634
BROADFORD	Broadford Village Hall	8.00pm	Cèilidh featuring the Armagh Pipers' Club, Ceilear - Skye & Lochalsh Cèilidh Trail, Fèis an Earraich is Caraidean and Dannsairean an Eilein Sgitheanaich	01471 822671
DORNIE	Dornie Village Hall	7.30pm	Cuirm na Pioba: Piping Night featuring Lochalsh Junior Pipe Band, Angus MacColl and Rachel Walker	01599 534000
INVERNESS	Eden Court - One Touch Theatre	7.30pm	Graham MacKenzie's 'Crossing Borders' and Fuaran featuring Ellen MacDonald, Ceitlin Smith, Anna MacDonald, Jamie MacDonald, Isabelle Bain and John James Galbraith	01463 234234
OBAN	Corran Halls	7.30pm	Sharon Shannon, Nuallan, Margaret Stewart Trio and Guth nan Gael in concert with special guest Gaelic writer Niall O'Gallagher	01631 567333
PORTMAHOMACK	Carnegie Hall	7.30pm	Tannara, Kilda (Norrie MacIver, Scott Wood & Mhairi Marwick) and Fèis Rois in concert	01862 871452
TORRIDON	Loch Torridon Community Centre	7.30pm	Cèilidh Teaghlaich - a family cèilidh featuring Robert Robertson & Ross Wilson, Darren Maclean and Kristine Kennedy	01445 791361

**SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER - DISATHAIRNE 10 SULTAIN**

FARR	Farr Village Hall	2.00pm	Cèilidh Teaghlaich - a family cèilidh featuring Amy Henderson	Tickets at the door
FORT WILLIAM	Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Lochabair	1.30pm	Cèilidh Teaghlaich - a family cèilidh featuring The Andrew MacDonald Band	Tickets at the door
INVERNESS	Pheonix Ale House	12.30pm	Lunchtime theatre presented by Play Pieces - 'Hallaig' by Iain Finlay Macleod with a drink and a pie included in the ticket price	0844 888 9991
INVERNESS	Ironworks	1.00pm	Highland Youth Arts Hub - 'Poetry in Motion' youth-led partnership project delivered by SkyeDance, The Highland Council Instrumental Service and Poet & Writer Harry Giles	07900 278810
INVERNESS	Eden Court - Empire Theatre	7.30pm	Blas Grand Finale at Eden Court featuring Sharon Shannon, Nuallan, Robert Robertson & Ross Wilson in concert with special guest Gaelic writer Angus Peter Campbell	01463 234234
ISLAY	Ramsay Hall	7.30pm	Cèilidh Teaghlaich - a family cèilidh featuring Gaelic singers Margaret and Joanne Ford and Box Players Murdo and Iain Cameron	0844 888 9991
PORTREE	Church of Scotland Hall	3.00pm	Cèilidh Teaghlaich - a family cèilidh featuring Ceitidh Douglas, Clann Thròndairnis and Friends	01478 613355
WICK	Pulteney Centre	7.30pm	Cèilidh Teaghlaich - a family cèilidh featuring the Fergie MacDonald Band, Darren MacLean and Kristine Kennedy	01955 608530

Details of all events and ticket purchasing at [www.blas-festival.com](http://www.blas-festival.com) airson tuilleadh fiosrachaidh agus tiogaidean

**Meanbh-Chuileag** air chuairt  
Fèisean nan Gàidheal's drama-in-education team will be touring Highland schools with a Gaelic play during Blas.

**Clasaichean Ciùil**



Traditional Music Classes will be offered in Highland primary schools during Blas week, giving young people access to high quality tuition from some of our best musicians in a programme that delivers Curriculum for Excellence outcomes.

**Hib-Hab**  
air Ghleus  
Ceòl, cleas agus fealla-dhà do chlann fo aois sgoile ann an diofar choimhearsnachdan fhad 's a bhios Blas a' dol

**Tillidh Ariel Killick gu sgoiltean airson an treas turais aig Blas!**

**Ariel Killick**  
Ariel returns for her 3rd Blas Tour with Biastagan Mòra na Gàidhlig [Big Gaelic Beasties], Dana-Thursan ri Aibidil nan Craobhan [Adventures with the Gaelic Tree Alphabet] & Am Fìor Sgeulachd mun Nighean Bhàn [The Real Goldilocks Story] & Sgilean Siorcais [Circus Skills].

**Tachartasan Sgoile** School Events



Monday 5 September - Diluain 5 Sultain  
**Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Inbhir Nis**  
Performance by **Kilda**

Monday 5 September - Diluain 5 Sultain  
**Drummond School, Inverness**  
Performance by **Kilda**

Tuesday 6 September - Dimàirt 6 Sultain  
**Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar**  
Performance by **Nuallan**

Tuesday 6 September - Dimàirt 6 Sultain  
**Lochaber High School**  
Performance by **Nuallan**

Thursday 8 September - Diardaoin 8 Sultain  
**Dingwall Academy**  
Performance by **Kilda**

Friday 9 September - Dihaoine 9 Sultain  
**Plockton High School**  
Performance by **Sharon Shannon**

