SGOIL SHAMHRAIDH DHRÂMA 2010

Tha an Sgoil Shamhraidh Dhràma gu bhith a’ tachairt ann am Port Rìgh eadar 5 agus 16 Iuchar am-bliadhna, agus bidh cothrom aig a h-uile duine toradh saothar nan com-pàrtichean fhacinn air ärð-úrlar Arois, Port Rìgh aig 7.30f air Diardaoin 15 Iuchar.

Tha 17 com-pàrtichean gu bhith an làthair aig an Sgoil am-bliadhna, agus bidh iad a’ fhaighinn teagasg bho chuid de na cleasaichean as fheàrr ann an saoghal na Gàidhlig.

Mar a thuirt Dougie Beck, Oifigear Dràma FnG: “Seo an treas Sgoil Shamhraidh a tha a’ ruith fo sgèith Fèisean nan Gàidheal, agus sinn air leth toilichte, agus air leth moiteil, gu bheil i fathast a’ soirbheachadh. Fhuair sinn tòrr a bharrachd iarrtasan am-bliadhna na fhuairenn sinn air bladhnaichean eile, agus tha sinn a’ deanaich flughar ri cealadeg de dh’obair chrudaich, le tòrr spòrs na lùib.”

Seventeen young actors will take part in this year’s Sgoil Shamhraidh Dhràma which will be held in Portree from 5 to 16 July, and the public will have a chance to see the fruits of the participants’ work in Àros, Portree at 7.30pm on Thursday 15 July.

Information regarding tickets is available from the Inverness office on 01463 225559 or from dougie@feisean.org.

ARGYLL DRAMA FÈIS 2010

This year’s Argyll Drama Fèis was held in the new community school in Acharacle. Mallaig, Fort William, Dunoon and Acharacle Primary Schools all took part. There was a wide variety of plays, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed their performances. Unfortunately Dunoon and Islay were unable to attend on the day but had their plays videoed instead.

The Argyll drama Fèis has become a very popular event and has grown over the past five years. All the schools involved look forward to travelling to the event and some manage to combine it with a bit of retail therapy, visiting shops and going bowling or to the cinema and meeting all the other schools. Some long lasting friendships have been formed over these past few years – a welcome spin-off in the world of Gaelic school activities.

BLAS 2010

Chaith Fèis na bliadhna-sa a chur air bhog air 19 Cèitean ann an Ionad Tasglainn is Clàraidh na Gàidhealtachd far an deach am prògram air fad fhìoilseachadh.

Bidh roghainn farsaing de thachartasan air feadh na Gàidhealtachd eadar 3-12 Sultain 2010.

A bharrachd air a’ bheartas de consairtean is tachtarasan sònraichte bidh an Fhèis a’ ruith prògram sloigh a-rìthist am-bliadhna far am faigh sloigearan air feadh na Gàidhealtachd cothrom ēsteachd agus a bhith a’ cur cheisteanaidh air cuid an luchd-cùil a bhios a’ nochdadh air an stèidse rè na Fèise.

The programme for this year’s Festival was launched on the 19th of May at the Highland Archiving and Registration Centre. The Festival is looking forward to welcoming an array of talent to wonderful concerts and events which will take place over the Highlands between the 3rd and 12th September.

For more information on the line up and all the events that are taking place visit www.blas-festival.com. Tickets are available at www.thebooth.co.uk with discounted ‘earlybird’ prices until the end of July.
FÉISEAN NAM EILEAN SIAR

Tha na h-Eileanan an lar a’ deònadh deiseil airson samhradh eile lán ciúil is feal-a’ch-dha am-blaidhna le céilidhean, Ceòlas agus Fèis Chèiletech Innse Gall. B'fheàrd tri seachdainein slàn de cheol traidseanta, teagasc agus càidreas air a thabhasam leis na Fèisean ann an sgrìot. ’S ann gu math thran a bhios cùisean air a’ chaidh seachdain de na saor-làithean, 5 – 9 luchar, le Fèis Bharragh agus Fèis Tìr an Eòrna a’ dol air adhart.

Chan fhàigh muinntir Uibhist mòran faoaidh a harrachd a bharrachd agus Fèis Tìr a’ Mhurain a’ cur air doigh Rèis na Fèise air an Didòmhnachin ron Frèis a' fhaichnneachd air 12 – 16 luchar.

’S ann a’ comhradhachd ceann-blaidhna sònraichte aig aigeadadh an luchair a bhios Féis Eilean an Frhaocio ’s iad 20 blaidhna a dh’aois. Cùmai bhlas ri claisneachd airson tachar sònraichte re seachdain na Fèise eadar 26 agus 30 luchar ann an Steòrnabhagh.

WESTERN ISLES FÈISEAN

The Western Isles will soon be a hive of activity again as we draw nearer to the beginning of the summer holidays! There will be plenty of Fèis activity taking place throughout the Western Isles during the first week of the summer holidays with Féis Bharraigh and Féis Tìr an Eòrna beginning on 5 July. Féis Tir a’ Mhurain will launch their Gaelic-medium Féis with the annual fun run, open to everyone, taking place on Sunday 11 July. Féis Eilean an Frhaocio will be hosting additional activities this year as they celebrate their 20th anniversary between 26 – 30 July.

RSAMD TRAD EXAMS

The next session of the Scottish Traditional Music Graded Exams will take place at the RSAMD, Glasgow, on 20, 21 and 22 September 2010, where examiners will examine candidates on Accordion, Fiddle and Scottish Harp, Grades 1 - 5. Exam books can be found at www.scotlandsmusic.com.

Download mp3s at www.playscottishmusic.com

More about the exams and free syllabuses here http://gradex exams.rsamd.ac.uk/ or call 0141 270 8242

Deadline for entries is Friday 3 September 2010

FÉIS CHATAIBH FUNDRAISER

Malinky held the audience spellbound at Carnegie Hall, Clashmore, on Saturday 8 June where they were playing to raise funds for Féis Chataibh. The group was supported by Ceòlaidh Trailers and the local Golspie primary band Breeze, who all attend the local Féis.

Earlier, Mike Vass and Dave Wood from Malinky, who are also tutors at Féis Chataibh, assisted the Ceòlaidh Trailers in a sound check workshop which resulted in the entire evening being organised and run (including sound) by Ceòlaidh Trail participants.

The finale consisted of the Ceòlaidh Trailers and Malinky together bringing the house down with some lively sets. A great evening and an excellent fundraiser for the Féis.
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Prior to 5 June, Caroline Sterritt and Judith Bullivant visited all six schools to promote the day with children participating in a percussion session. The first Gaelic medium piping Fèis will be organised by Fèis na h-Oìge in Badaguish between 27 and 29 August. Open to 10-18 year olds, tuition will be offered in Gaelic.

Further information from Alison Urquhart on 01463 729278 or by e-mailing feisnahoige@feisean.org

Fèis na h-Oìge

As well as organising the above event, Fèis na h-Oìge have been busy with the launch of Canntaireachd’s long awaited debut CD. Formed three years ago, Canntaireachd have built up a reputation as leading exponents of Gaelic vocal harmony singing. The all-Gaelic CD was recorded at Watercolour Studios and is a mix of familiar favourites, less well-known traditional songs and contemporary compositions - two of them written by the group themselves.

For further information on the CD, or to obtain a copy, please contact Fèis na h-Oìge direct via feisnahoige@feisean.org.

Fèisean Dràma airson Rèidio

Thèid sreath de dhealbh-chluiche Gàidhlig úra a chaidh an cèrachd le buidhean de sgòillean ar Dùn Èideann, Leòdhais, an t-Eilean Sgitheanach agus na h-Uibhistean a clawdach na croadaidh gach seachdadh eadar 16 luchar agus 24 Sultain air BBC Radio nan Gàidheal.

Tha na dealbh-chluiche nan toradh air sreath bhùthan-obrach a fìthig Fèisean nan Gàidheal anns na sgìrean Iomairt Càinín a leanas: iar Thuth Leòdhais, lòchdair Thòrðairnis, Dùn Èideann agus Uibhist a Deas.

Thòisch am pròiseact anns an t-Samhain 2009 agus thug e cothrom don luchd-còmpar a chòir air doigh anns a bhèil dealbh-chluich rèidio a chuir air an cruthadh le bhith ag ionnsachadh mar a ghabhas sgrìobh a sgrìobhadh, mar a ghabhas clàradh agus gearradh a dhèanamh agus mar a ghabhas fhuaim sònraichte a chuir air.

Tha sgìoba rìochdachaidh Alleag air a bhith a’ toirt taic do phròiseact le bhith a’ cumail fios don luchd-eisteachd air na bha a’ tachairt anns a bùthan-obrach, agus cùlaichaidh iad na dealbh-chluiche aig gach sgol guileadh.

Aig an ire seo, thathar a’ deisealachadh nan deallbh-chluiche gus an croadaidh air Alleag tro lìtainne-saora an t-samhraidh.

Bidh crothoman eile ann eisteachd ris na deallbh-chluiche air an edadar-lùine mar ‘podcast’ agus air CD far a bhilean eil dòil co-chruinneachadh de na deallbh-chluiche uile a dheòamh.

Radio Drama Feisean

A series of new Gaelic radio plays performed by school groups from Edinburgh, Lewis, Skye and the Uists will be broadcast almost every week between 16 July and 24 September on BBC Radio nan Gàidheal.

The pilot project, which began in November 2009, introduced participants to the creative process involved in the production of a radio play and included workshops focusing on script-writing, recording and editing techniques, and sound effects production.

Radio nan Gàidheal’s youth programme Alleag has supported the project by updating listeners with news of the skills participants were learning, and recording the plays at each of the schools.

There will also be other opportunities to listen to the plays online as a podcast and as a compilation on CD.

For more information about the project, and specific broadcast dates for the plays, contact Angus Macleod on 01463 225559 or angus@feisean.org

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CO-LABHAIRTEAN

COINNEAMH BHLIADHNAI 2010

Bòrd na Gàidhlig aird am Fèisean nan Gàidheal air a cumail ann an Ullapool anns an t-Eilean Sgitheanach air a’ chumail ann an 20 Cèitean. Bha suas ri 150 neach a’ riochdachadh mu 50 buidheann bho air fedh Alba.

Bhà tha beòthail beòthail ann a’ dèiligeadh ri tòrr chuspairean mar phlanaichean Gàidhlig, leasachadh corpa, ionnsachadh Gàidhlig agus ionmaitsean cànan.

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ÓRAN/SANG 2010

Chaidh Òran/Sang 2010 a chumail aig Sabhal Mòr Ostaig aig toiseach an Ògmhios. B’ e dà latha làn a bh’ ann, le òraidean agus taisbeanadh aird buiomad duine air iomadach cumairg, a’ chuaicheachd na gaisrachadh ann.

Chulas priomh òraidean bho lain Mac an Sporan, Catriona Chaimbeul agus Mòrag NicLeòid a fhuair dhà fhàs a’ chànan bho maori. Bha taisbeanadh bronsachail ann bho Jim Mather, ceannard Telebhisean Mhàirir, a chòrd gu mòr ris a h-uile duine an lathair. Mhìnich e am pàirt a chluich na meadhan Maori gus fàs a thoirt air a’ chànan bho mu 10,000 luchd labhairt sna 1970an gu mu 150,000 a-nise. ’S e co-labhairt a leith soirbheachadh a bha seo.

MEALAIBH UR NAIDHEACHD

Congratulations and best wishes go to Jenna Cumming, our Development Officer in the Western Isles, who married William Morrison from Scalpay, in Inverness on Friday 30 May. We wish them every happiness for their future together - and thanks for a great wedding!

A h-uile latha sona dhuibh, gun latha idir dona dhuibh!