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# WELCOME

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2025 Perth Festival of the Arts brochure, as we present a series of events and concerts that we hope will delight and inspire you, as well as bringing a cultural buzz to Perth city.

You will find appearances by a range of artists from around the UK and beyond. We thank our principal funder The Gannochy Trust and all others whose support allows us to programme a wide variety of events and encourage new audiences to the arts.

I also thank the Festival Board, whose time and expertise make our Festival possible. This is a great team to be part of and a privilege to serve on it over the years.

We hope that our programme encourages you to be part of the 2025 Festival and look forward to welcoming you in May.

**CRAIG L. DENNIS**, Festival Chairman

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## ARTAY

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**One of the largest exhibitions of contemporary Scottish art returns to Perth Concert Hall plaza for four days only.**

Displaying over 300 works of art, the large tented gallery features many well-known Scottish artists, as well as those at the beginning of their careers. ArTay offers both the curious browser and the serious collector a huge range of paintings, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, woodwork, glass and jewellery.

**This unique event stays open prior to evening concerts.**

10:00 - 17:30 | **THU 22 MAY**10:00 - 18:00 | **SAT 24 MAY**10:00 - 19:30 | **FRI 23 MAY**12:00 - 19:30 | **SUN 25 MAY**

# WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

## THU 22 – SAT 31 MAY and SAT 7 JUNE 2025

TIME	MAY	VENUE	EVENT
Various	SAT 17	PT	Peace Child Reunion <span style="float: right;">Ends Sun 18</span>
ALL DAY	Thu 22	SC	Perthshire Photographic Society Exhibition <span style="float: right;">Ends Sat 31</span>
ALL DAY	Thu 22	PCH	ArTay Exhibition, Plaza Marquee <span style="float: right;">Ends Sun 25</span>
12:30	Thu 22	SJK	Glenalmond College Lunchtime Concert
19:30	Thu 22	SJK	Miserere, ORA Singers
12:30	Fri 23	SJK	Strathallan School Lunchtime Concert
14:00	Fri 23	SJK	A Recital on the City's Carillon
19:30	Fri 23	PT	Sir Derek Jacobi in Conversation with Richard Clifford
Various	Sat 24	PT	Singing and Rainbows: Mission Space <span style="float: right;">Ends Sun 25</span>
11:00	Sat 24	SP	Perthshire Brass
12:00	Sat 24	PT	A Café Cabaret
13:00	Sat 24	SP	Adventure Circus
13:00	Sat 24	PT	Children's Classic Concerts, Peter and the Wolf
14:30	Sat 24	SJK	Jambouree Choir
15:00	Sat 24	PT	Children's Classic Concerts, Peter and the Wolf
15:00	Sat 24	SP	Rhythm Wave
19:30	Sat 24	PCH	Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra
11:00	Sun 25	SJK	Perth Youth Orchestra, Festival Service
15:00	Sun 25	PT	Jamie MacDougall as Lauder
16:00	Sun 25	SN	Music in the Cathedral: Choral Evensong and Organ Recital
19:30	Sun 25	SJK	Rose Room
12:30	Mon 26	SJK	Lunchtime Concert by the Instrumental Music Service
19:30	Mon 26	PT	Dad's Army Radio Show
12:30	Tues 27	SJK	Perth Academy / Acadamaidh Pheairt Lunchtime Concert
20:00	Tues 27	SN	Puccini's Suor Angelica, Opera Bohemia
12:30	Wed 28	SJK	Bertha Park High School Lunchtime Concert
20:00	Wed 28	SN	Puccini's Suor Angelica, Opera Bohemia
12:30	Thu 29	SJK	Kinross High School Lunchtime Concert
18:00	Thu 29	PAG	Scotland Trending Words - Poems from Perth Art Gallery
19:00	Thu 29	SN	Choral Mass featuring the Cathedral Choir
19:30	Thu 29	SM	The Screwtape Letters, Searchlight Theatre Company
12:30	Fri 30	SJK	Perth High School Lunchtime Concert

# THU 22 – SAT 31 MAY and SAT 7 JUNE 2025

TIME	MAY	VENUE	EVENT
19:30	Fri 30	PCH	An Evening with Sir Lenny Henry hosted by Fred MacAulay
10:00	Sat 31	SM	Make Music Tayside - Come and Try Musical Instruments
11:00	Sat 31	SJK	Music on a Saturday Morning - Two Classical Accordions
11:00	Sat 31	HS	Perth UHI Popular Music Degree Showcase
13:00	Sat 31	SM	JGN Dance Attic
14:00	Sat 31	SJK	Perth Amateur Operatic Society
15:00	Sat 31	SM	The Fair City Singers
19:30	Sat 31	PCH	Mike Lovatt's Brass Pack - Brass Hits Hollywood
14:00	Sat 7 Jun	TT	Scotland Trending Music

**PT** Perth Theatre

**TT** Twa Tams

**SP** St Paul's Plaza

**PCH** Perth Concert Hall

**SN** St Ninian's Cathedral

**HS** High Street/ King Edward Street

**SJK** St John's Kirk

**SM** St Matthew's Church

**SC** St John's Shopping Centre

**PAG** Perth Art Gallery

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# PERTSHIRE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY EXHIBITION

Returning by popular demand, Perthshire Photographic Society presents a new photographic exhibition in the centre of Perth as part of the Festival. From landscapes, wildlife and portraits, to night, street, still life and fine art, members will display many striking photos and look forward to welcoming you!

10:00 - 17:00 (11am opening on Sunday) | **THU 22 - SAT 31 MAY**  
ST JOHN'S SHOPPING CENTRE | **Free**



## ORA SINGERS

Directed by Suzi Digby OBE, the multi-award winning ORA Singers celebrates one of the world's most famous choral works, *Miserere*, by Gregorio Allegri.

Drawing a link to the modern age, this programme ends with Sir James MacMillan's spellbinding setting of the same text used by Allegri in c.1630. Between these two musical pillars are works by European masters of the Renaissance: Victoria, Lassus, and Palestrina,

alongside contemporary 'reflections' by some of today's brightest musical minds.

A new commission also features by acclaimed Scottish composer, Electra Perivolaris, setting text from William Drummond's 17th century poem, 'A Cypress Grove'.

19:30 | **THU 22 MAY** | ST JOHN'S KIRK  
TICKETS **£20 - £30** | UNDER 18s **£5**



# PHILIPPINE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

WEN-SINN YANG



<b>Jeffrey Ching</b>	Il maestro di capella
<b>Bizet</b>	Carmen Suite No. 1
<b>Vaughan Williams</b>	Lark Ascending
<b>Tchaikovsky</b>	Swan Lake Suite
<b>Interval</b>	
<b>Tchaikovsky</b>	Rococo Variations
<b>Beethoven</b>	Symphony No. 5

A glorious evening of classical music's best-loved repertoire with one of the top orchestras in the Asia-Pacific region. Under the baton of Grzegorz Nowak, the concert opens with a brand new work by Jeffrey Ching, commissioned especially for the orchestra's UK tour. The orchestra will perform two of the most popular works from the operatic and ballet repertoire including Bizet's scintillating *Carmen Suite* and music from perhaps the greatest of all ballets: Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*.

Consistently chart-topping Classic FM's Hall of Fame, Vaughan Williams' nostalgic masterpiece *The Lark Ascending* performed by Diomedes Saraza Jr. continues the popular programme, offering a pastoral romance for orchestra. One of the most versatile cellists of the present day Wen-Sinn Yang performs Tchaikovsky's magnificent *Rococo Variations* before Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5* brings the concert to an energetic close.



19:30 | **SAT 24 MAY** | PERTH CONCERT HALL  
TICKETS **£22.50 - £41.50** | UNDER 18s **£5**

## MUSIC IN THE CATHEDRAL

Enjoy inspirational church music in St. Ninian's Cathedral, one of Perth's finest buildings. A service of Choral Evensong on 25 May, sung by the cathedral choir, will be followed by an organ recital given by the cathedral's Director of Music Geoff Bolton, featuring works by Bach, Willan, Messiaen and Gigout. There will be another opportunity to experience sacred music on 29 May when the choir will be singing at a Choral Mass to mark Ascension Day.



16:00: CHORAL EVENSONG, 17:00 ORGAN RECITAL | **SUN 25 MAY**  
19:00: CHORAL MASS | **THU 29 MAY**

Free Admission. Retiring collection for the church and the Festival.

## MUSIC ON A SATURDAY MORNING

### Two Classical Accordions

The award-winning accordion department from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland showcases the versatility of the instrument. For many people in Scotland when they see 'accordion' they think of traditional tunes, but have you ever heard the classical accordion?

Come and experience the thrilling sounds of the RCS accordions, starring two critically acclaimed accordionists: BBC Radio Scotland's inaugural Young Classical Musician of the Year, **Mélia Simonot** and prize-winning Spanish accordionist **Sofía Ros**.

The programme spotlights the stunning expression, virtuosity and versatility of the performers through music by Bach, Rameau, Paganini/ Liszt, Phil Cunningham/ Corbett and others.

11:00 | **31 MAY** | St John's Kirk  
TICKETS **£15** | U18s **Free**



# SUOR ANGELICA

PUCCINI

OPERA BOHEMIA

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**Opera Bohemia, Scotland's professional touring company, joins forces with Amicus Orchestra, to present Puccini's heart rending 'Suor Angelica'.**

It has been seven years since Sister Angelica gave birth to a child out of wedlock and was forced by her family to join a convent. Her aunt, a Princess, visits with news that leads to a tragic turn of events. This is one of Puccini's most deeply emotional operas; be sure to bring your tissues!

Directed by Douglas Nairne, this touching new production will draw in the sacred atmosphere of St. Ninian's Cathedral. A stellar cast is led by South African soprano Sarah-Jane Brandon, whose career has seen her perform leading roles at Glyndebourne, ENO, and across Europe.

Alistair Digges conducts Puccini's sensitive and moving score, which includes the famous aria 'Senza Mamma'. Sung in Italian with English surtitles, running time approximately 70 minutes.

20:00 | **TUES 27 & WED 28 MAY**  
ST NINIAN'S CATHEDRAL

19:00 pre-opera ticketed Director's Talk  
(included in premier seating tickets)

TICKETS **£19.50 - £30** | U18s **£5**

Presented by Clive Conway Productions

# SIR DEREK JACOBI

in Conversation with **Richard Clifford**



## SIR DEREK JACOBI

is an icon of stage and screen, known for his work at the Royal National Theatre, and has a BAFTA, Olivier, Emmy, Screen Guild and Tony Award. With peers such as Ian McKellen and Trevor Nunn, and as one of the founding members of the National Theatre, Derek is an enormous talent with Shakespeare running through his blood.

Six decades and so many favourites... such as 'I, Claudius', 'Gladiator I', 'Gladiator II', 'Last Tango in Halifax', 'The Crown', 'The Day of the Jackal', 'Nanny McPhee', 'Gosford Park', 'The King's Speech' and much inbetween.

His Shakespeare work is vast with notable performances in 'Hamlet' and 'Othello' to name a few. And not to forget, his audio book work as the narrator for the BBC children's series 'In the Night Garden'. An incredible body of work.



## RICHARD CLIFFORD

### ACTOR AND PRODUCER

Richard has been an actor since 1977, working all over the world including China, and starring in 'Henry V', 'Much Ado About Nothing' and 'Loves Labours Lost' directed by Kenneth Branagh.

For 20 years, Richard worked at the Folger Theatre in Washington, with directing credits including 'She Stoops to Conquer', 'All's Well that Ends Well', 'Amadeus' and many musical concerts with Folger Consort.

With Richard in the driving seat for the evening, there will be incredible insights, joy of Shakespeare and so much more as he has also been Derek's partner since the 1970's.

19:30 | **FRI 23 MAY**

PERTH THEATRE | TICKETS **£29**

## JAMIE MACDOUGALL AS **LAUDER**

by **Jimmy Logan**

adapted by Kally Lloyd-Jones and Jamie MacDougall

Performed by one of Scotland's leading artists and the nation's voice of classical music for BBC Radio Scotland, Jamie MacDougall, *Lauder* is a gem of a show about a legendary Scottish entertainer. By 1911, Harry Lauder had become the highest-paid-performer in the world and an international star. *Lauder* looks beyond the public image to reveal a man of mischief and ingenuity, an entrepreneur and philanthropist. This is an incredible story of one of the world's first superstars whose real life inspires, more than the larger-than-life characters he created.

15:00 | **SUN 25 MAY** | PERTH THEATRE  
TICKETS **£22.50** | U18s **£5**



## **ROSE ROOM**



Crowned 'Best Band' twice at the Scottish Jazz Awards, Rose Room are Scotland's leading ensemble influenced by Hot Club Swing and led by virtuoso violinist, award-winning vocalist and BBC broadcaster Seonaid Aitken. In this concert marking the band's 15th anniversary year, expect the effervescent sound of Django Reinhardt and Stéphane Grappelli as they serve up a mix of 1920s and '30s standards, French chanson, original music and Gypsy Jazz favourites with their signature flair and fireworks!

*"Classy vintage swing and gypsy jazz played by a band that combines brilliant musicianship and warm personality" - JAZZ SCOTLAND*

19:30 | **SUN 25 MAY** | ST JOHN'S KIRK  
TICKETS **£20** | UNDER 18s **£5**

DAVID BENSON

JACK LANE



Presented by Jack Lane and Something For The Weekend

## THE NATION'S FAVOURITE SITCOM RETURNS!

Two actors, two microphones, over twenty-five characters - and lots of sound effects! Dad's Army Radio Show brings Perry and Croft's classic BBC comedy to life in this highly acclaimed stage production.

Three episodes of the popular sitcom - adapted for radio for the very first time - are hilariously and lovingly enacted on stage by two master performers - complete with sound effects, vintage music and all your favourite Perry and Croft characters and catchphrases.

*'Benson and Lane's two-man Army are a comedy force to be reckoned with.'*

★★★★★ Radio Times

19:30 | **MON 26 MAY**  
PERTH THEATRE | TICKETS **£25**

Searchlight Theatre Company presents

# THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS



Award-winning satirical comedy *The Screwtape Letters* is the most critically acclaimed production of C.S Lewis' masterpiece. Nigel Forde's "sparkling script" and David Robinson's "impressive Screwtape" (The Stage) bring to life Lewis' classic book, which has sold millions of copies worldwide.

The story is set in Professor Screwtape's study in the timeless dominion of Hell. The play follows Screwtape's attempts to train his junior devils, including his protégé Wormwood, in the fine art of temptation. It remains faithful to the original text, characters and themes created by Lewis and holds three Edinburgh Fringe Sell-Out Show Awards.

**"The performances are well honed, with Screwtape himself standing out as an embodiment of snide evil" ★★★★★** British Theatre Guide

19:30 | **THU 29 MAY** | ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH  
TICKETS **£19.50**

# AN EVENING WITH **SIR LENNY HENRY**

Renowned comedian, actor, writer and Comic Relief co-founder, Sir Lenny Henry has had a vibrant career for over 50 years encompassing every inch of entertainment. Rising as a cult star on children's television to becoming one of Britain's best-known performers, Lenny has transformed from a Shakespearean Othello to a Harfoot in Amazon's Lord of the Rings, a druid in The Witcher, a grocer in his acclaimed Bush Theatre play and many more. Behind the scenes, Lenny has become a diversity champion, successful children's author, philanthropist, and knight.

In this eclectic evening, Sir Lenny will triumphantly return to stand up, dive into the details with Fred MacAulay and finish with an audience Q&A. Over a decade since his last stand-up tour, don't miss this rare chance to see Sir Lenny Henry live.



**HOSTED BY FRED MACAULAY**

19:30 | **FRI 30 MAY** | PERTH CONCERT HALL  
TICKETS | **£32.50**

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# BRASS HITS HOLLYWOOD




## BRASS HITS HOLLYWOOD

Starring Mike Lovatt's Brass Pack  
and Anna-Jane Casey



Join Mike Lovatt's Brass Pack and special guest vocalist Anna-Jane Casey for a spectacular concert **Brass Hits Hollywood** featuring magnificent music from much-loved **MGM Musicals** and **Hollywood's biggest movies**. This hand-picked **Brass Orchestra** explodes with fresh new arrangements and exciting compositions.

Packed with orchestral colour, the group features the highly acclaimed vocalist and West End star Anna-Jane Casey, swinging French horns, jazz rhythms section, an array of Latin percussion, timpani, harp, and tubas.

Supported by  Jimmie Cairncross Charitable Trust

19:30 | **SAT 31 MAY** | PERTH CONCERT HALL  
TICKETS **£19.50 - £32.50** | U18s **£5**

At 7.15pm, young musicians from Perth & Kinross will perform a short 5-minute pre-concert show following a day's learning with the brass orchestra. A ticket for the main concert will give entry to the pre-concert.

# SCOTLAND TRENDING WORDS



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## POEMS FROM PERTH ART GALLERY

Presenting Scotland's New Voices

Curated by Perthshire poet and 2024 Scots Writer of the Year, **Jim Mackintosh**, this unique event and first of its kind at Perth Festival of the Arts, presents new writings by five exciting rising stars in poetry from across Scotland.

**Join us for a promenade around Perth Art Gallery, exploring new poems inspired by the Gallery and presented by the writers. Scotland's top folk musicians, Ali Hutton, Patsy Reid, Owen Sinclair and Laura-Beth Salter, respond to the poetry through music in real time, connecting spoken word, music and visual art in this hour long, immersive, multi-arts experience.**

18:00 | **THU 29 MAY** | PERTH ART GALLERY  
Running time approx. 1 hour **Free** but ticketed.  
Reserve at [perthfestival.co.uk](http://perthfestival.co.uk)



## MORAG ANDERSON

is a Scottish poet living near Loch Tay. Her second chapbook, *And I Will Make of You a Vowel Sound* (Fly on the Wall Press, 2024), won the Aryamati Poetry Prize. She was poet-in-residence for the 2024 Birnam Book Festival and for Creative Brain Week 2024, Trinity College, Dublin.



## MAE DIANSANGU

is a queer poet from Aberdeen. Her first collection *Bloodsongs* (Tapsalteerie) shifts between Northeast Scots and English. She has performed at literary festivals across Scotland and appeared on BBC Scotland's Big Scottish Book Club and BBC Radio 4's *Tongue and Talk*.

## ROBBIE MACLEÒID

is a queer Gaelic writer, musician, and community organiser. His writing has been published in *Gutter*, *New Writing Scotland*, and *STEALL*, as well as elsewhere and internationally. He holds a PhD in love and gender. In 2023 he received a Scottish Book Trust's New Writer's Award for Poetry.



## KAREN MACFARLANE

Karen's poetry has appeared in magazines and anthologies including *Poetry Scotland*, *Green Ink* and *The Alchemy Spoon*. Her first short collection, *All About the Surface*, was published in 2024. Karen lives in the Carse of Gowrie and is in the final stage of a degree in Creative Writing and Art History.

## NAZARET RANEA

is a poet based in Edinburgh and the author of the forthcoming collection *Nettle* (Drunk Muse Press). Her work, which explores themes of nostalgia, memory, and home, has been published in more than 50 publications internationally and featured on BBC Radio Scotland, Edinburgh Fringe and the International Book Festival.



## Peace Child Reunion

### Sat 17 and Sun 18 May 2025

In May 1991 as part of Perth Festival of the Arts, a cast of sixty young people from around the world descended on Perth to perform the musical Peace Child at Bell's Sports Centre with sixty members of Perth Youth Theatre. Over the weekend of 17 - 18 May, as part of Perth Theatre and Concert Hall's 125th anniversary year, there will be a weekend of celebration, and we invite all members of the cast, their families and anyone else involved in the event to join us for an unforgettable reunion weekend.



For further information, email

[peacechild2025@perththeatreandconcerthall.com](mailto:peacechild2025@perththeatreandconcerthall.com)

Part of Perth Theatre and Concert Hall's 125 celebrations



## SCHOOLS LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES



Open to all and a Festival highlight, these free weekday events are presented by young musicians from local schools. Featuring orchestras, soloists and choirs, the concerts offer a mix of classical and popular music and are a perfect way to soak up the daily festival atmosphere.

12:30 | **THU 22 - FRI 23,**  
**MON 26 – FRI 30 MAY**  
ST JOHN'S KIRK OF PERTH  
**Free Admission**

## PERTH YOUTH ORCHESTRA Festival Service

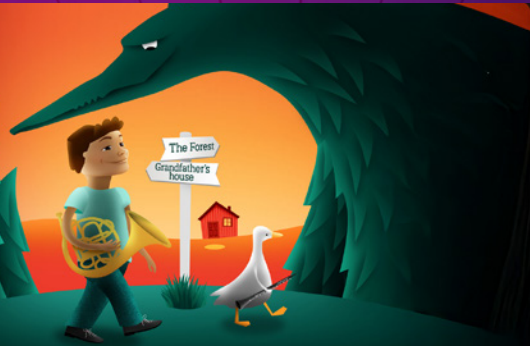


The annual Festival Service, led in 2025 by Rev. Sandy Gunn, is one of the great Festival traditions and a civic occasion for the city. Conducted by Lorna McGovern, Perth Youth Orchestra will join the choir and organist of St John's Kirk to lead the music and raise the roof of this historic building.

11:00 | **SUN 25 MAY**  
ST JOHN'S KIRK OF PERTH  
**Free Admission**

# Peter and the Wolf

ON TOUR



## CHILDREN'S CLASSIC CONCERTS

'Peter and the Wolf on Tour' is an action-packed, interactive concert with some of the best and silliest(!) musicians in Scotland. This unique theatrical concert presentation of the much-loved music by Prokofiev has been arranged for wind quintet, representing Peter and his four brave animal friends as they battle the sly wolf. CCC's team of musical animals, led by Owen Gunnell, will move effortlessly from madcap mayhem to virtuosic performances – with plenty of audience participation along the way. Perfect for 4-12 year olds and their families.

13:00 and 15:00 | **SAT 24 MAY** | PERTH THEATRE  
TICKETS **£16** | U18s **£8**

# Singing & Rainbows

## MISSION SPACE

Join Opera Singers Colleen and Katie for a magical space adventure with your little one. Singing and Rainbows are delighted and excited to return with their brand new Mission Space Interactive show. Enjoy some of classical music's best loved arias and duets combined with singing games, sensory play and puppet friends. Each show lasts 40 minutes.



10:00: 0-2 YEARS | 11:00: 2-4 YEARS | **SAT 24 MAY** | PERTH THEATRE (THE SPACE)  
10:00 & 13:00: 0-2 YEARS | 11:00 & 14:00 2-4 YEARS | **SUN 25 MAY**  
TICKETS CHILD **£8** (includes one free adult per child). EXTRA ADULT TICKET **£3**

# FESTIVAL COMMUNITY STAGES

Join amazing local performing artists for **FREE EVENTS** on the first two weekends of the Festival in venues around the city as we celebrate the return of our Community Stages. Featuring everything from a brass band and hit musical theatre songs, to circus fun, drumming, street dance and celebrated children's choirs, there's much to be enjoyed. No need to book a ticket - just come along!

## WHAT'S ON - FRI 23 MAY

### CARILLON RECITAL | 14:00 | ST JOHN'S KIRK

Hear carillonneur Dr Ian Cassells play a variety of tunes on the bells of St John's Kirk. Perth's 1935 Carillon (35 bells) is played from a large keyboard. Listen for the magnificent bass bell and the unique high notes - best heard from outside.



## WHAT'S ON - SAT 24 MAY

### PERTSHIRE BRASS | 11:00 | ST PAUL'S PLAZA

An upbeat hour-long concert with Perthshire Brass in this outdoor plaza. Enjoy popular and traditional brass band classics, music from movies and musicals, and music you wouldn't normally expect to hear from a brass band!



**11 DAYS. ALL THE ARTS. ONE AMAZING FESTIVAL.**

## WHAT'S ON - SAT 24 MAY

### A CAFÉ CABARET | 12:00 | PERTH THEATRE CAFÉ

Pop into Perth Theatre for a coffee and a cake or a spot of lunch and enjoy a free Café Cabaret concert. The talented David Thomson sings popular songs from the world of the 20th Century and musicals accompanied by Edna Auld, keyboard, and Alan Laing, compère (40 mins approx.)



### ADVENTURE CIRCUS 13:00-14:30 | ST PAUL'S PLAZA

Join Perth's award-winning circus school Adventure Circus at St Paul's plaza and have a try at circus skills! Their expert performers will be on hand for you to try different skills such as hula hoop, juggling and lollipop.



### JAMBOREE CHOIR | 14:30 | ST JOHN'S KIRK

Starring singers of all ages and a variety of nationalities, Perth's very own Jamboree Choir presents a spectrum of songs from musicals, popular songs and from the world of opera in this free afternoon concert in St John's Kirk.



### RHYTHM WAVE | 15:00 | ST PAUL'S PLAZA

Join Perth's community drum and percussion group Rhythm Wave for a high energy pop-up concert. As well as running community percussion workshops, the group performs at festivals, street events and stage shows and has an impressive track record of performances including Glastonbury, T in the Park and Belladrum festivals.



## WHAT'S ON - SAT 31 MAY

### MAKE MUSIC TAYSIDE

10:00 - 12noon | **ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH**

Come along and try out musical instruments in this free drop-in workshop. Run by Make Music Tayside, this is your chance to try a host of musical instruments available in libraries and even a spot of singing! For ages 6-16 (parental supervision required). Drop in anytime during the session.



### UHI POPULAR MUSIC DEGREE SHOWCASE

11:00-14:00 | **PERTH HIGH STREET**

Enjoy free live music starring an exciting line-up of emerging singer-songwriters and musicians in Scotland. Curated by UHI, it features talented students and graduates of the BA (Hons) in Popular Music - the only course of its kind in the country.



### JGN DANCE ATTIC | 13:00 | **ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH**

The award-winning street crews from JGN Dance Attic showcase their talents in this pop-up performance in St Matthew's Church. One of Perth's premiere studios, JGN Dance Attic offers classes in Modern, Street, Hip-Hop, Commercial, Breaking, Jazz and Ballet technique. (Show is approx. 20 minutes)



### PERTH AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY

14:00 | **ST JOHN'S KIRK**

Perth Amateur Operatic Society presents a free concert of musical favourites from classic family favourites to newer, modern blockbuster musicals and everything in between. Set in the wonderful surroundings of St John's Kirk, the Society's beautiful harmonies are sure to give you goosebumps.



### THE FAIR CITY SINGERS | 15:00 | **ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH**

The Fair City Singers, a talented group of young people aged 9 -18 years old, are excited to perform a varied programme of choral classics, Disney, and Musical Theatre songs. The Fair City Singers is recognised locally for its strong musical traditions and high standards.





## LIVE MUSIC AT THE TWA TAMS

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Scotland Trending features the hottest up-and-coming singer-songwriters and bands in Scotland and the rising stars of 2025.

Join Perth Festival of the Arts for a day of free live music in a relaxed setting at The Twa Tams.

Open to all ages: under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Set times and running order to be published on our website nearer the time.



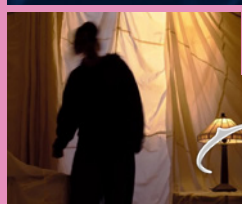
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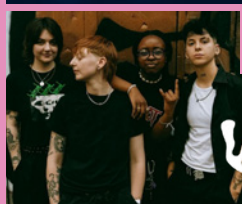
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General ticket sales begin Tuesday **25 March** at **10am**.  
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**Box Office:** Book online [www.perthfestival.co.uk](http://www.perthfestival.co.uk)  
**01738 621031** or in-person at **Perth Theatre, Mill Street**.

Box office open 10am-4pm, Tues-Sat

Tickets will be on sale at the door of events, subject to availability.

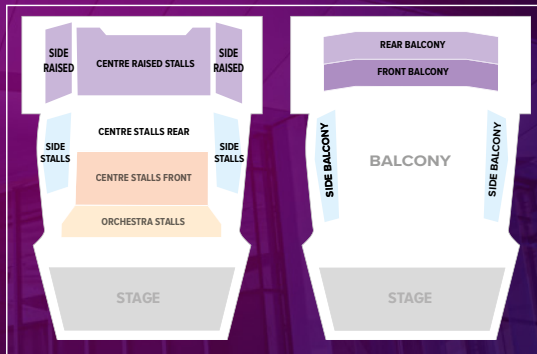
Tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded.

Ticket prices £8.50 and over include a £2.50 booking fee charged by Perth Theatre and Concert Hall who run the Festival box office.

If you require a wheelchair space, please let the Box Office know when booking.

Please refer to the box office website for seating plans.

Concessions: Registered unemployed, disabled and students receive £2 or £3 off where concessions apply. Under 18s can attend our classical and other concerts for £5 or less. See our website for details and exclusions.

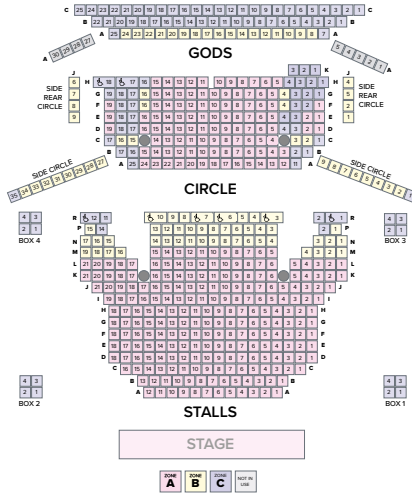


## PERTH CONCERT HALL

MAY	EVENT	STALLS					RAISED STALLS	BALCONY			UNDER 18s
		ORCH	CENTRE FRONT	SIDE FRONT	CENTRE REAR	SIDE REAR	ALL AREAS	BALCONY FRONT	BALCONY REAR	BALCONY SIDE	
SAT 24	Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra	-	£22.50-£32.50	£30	£41.50	£30	£41.50	£41.50	£32.50	£22.50	£5
FRI 30	An Evening with Sir Lenny Henry	All tickets £32.50									£3 off
SAT 31	Brass Hits Hollywood	£19.50-£23.50	£28.50	£23.50	£32.50	£23.50	£32.50	£32.50	£28.50	£19.50	£5

# PERTH THEATRE MAIN HOUSE

MAY	EVENTS	ALL SEATS	UNDER 18
FRI 23	Sir Derek Jacobi in Conversation with Richard Clifford	£29	£2 off
SUN 25	Jamie MacDougall as LAUDER	£22.50	£5
MON 26	Dad's Army Radio Show	£25	£2 off



**NOTE:** Perth Theatre Main House Circle and Gods have some seats with restricted view. Please check with the box office or refer to the seating plan online when reserving your seats.

# PERTH THEATRE JOAN KNIGHT STUDIO SEATING UNRESERVED

MAY	EVENTS	ALL SEATS	UNDER 18
SAT 24	Peter and the Wolf	£16	£8

# PERTH THEATRE THE SPACE SEATING UNRESERVED

MAY	EVENTS	CHILDREN	ADULTS
SAT 24 & SUN 25	Singing and Rainbows: Mission Space	£8	Free adult with each child. Extra adult £3.

## ST JOHN'S KIRK

MAY	EVENTS	NAVE	SIDE	UNDER 18
THU 22	ORA Singers	£30	£20	£5
SUN 25	Rose Room	£20 Unreserved		£5
SAT 31	Two Classical Accordions	£15 Unreserved		FREE

**NOTE:** Seats in the Nave are reserved for the ORA Singers. The side is unreserved and has restricted views but screens are available.

## ST NINIAN'S CATHEDRAL

MAY	EVENTS	ZONE A	ZONE B	ZONE C	ZONE D	UNDER 18
TUES 27/ WED 28	Suor Angelica, Opera Bohemia	£30*	£25	£22.50	£19.50	£5

\*Zone A seats include a ticket for a pre-opera Director's Talk in the Chapterhouse in the Cathedral.

## ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

MAY	EVENTS	UNRESERVED	UNDER 18
THU 29	The Screwtape Letters	£19.50	£2 off

## PERTH ART GALLERY

MAY	EVENTS	ALL TICKETS
Thu 29	Scotland Trending Words	FREE but ticketed - please reserve from the box office

### FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND

- 1 Perth Concert Hall
- 2 Perth Theatre
- 3 Perth Art Gallery
- 4 St John's Kirk of Perth
- 5 St Matthew's Church
- 6 The Twa Tams
- 7 High Street/ King Edward Street
- 8 St Paul's plaza
- 9 St Ninian's Cathedral
- 10 St John's Shopping Centre

Kinnoull Street multi-storey is a few minutes' walk from Perth Concert Hall.

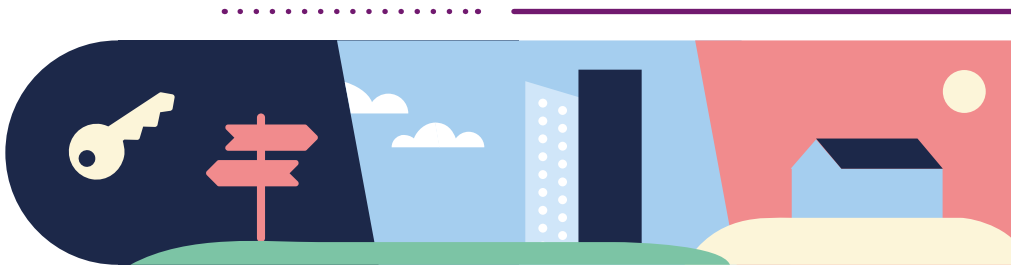


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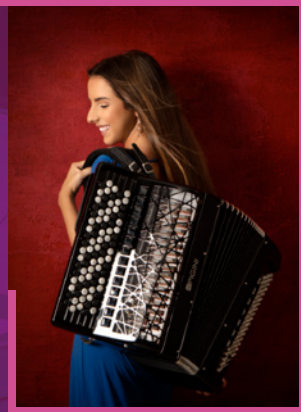
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