



YARROW | ETTTRICK | SELKIRK

# ARTS FESTIVAL

*Contemporary arts in the heart of the Scottish Borders*

14th-17th September 2017



**Film Theatre Music Writing Visual Arts**

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# INTRODUCTION

**W**elcome to the third biennial YES Arts Festival – a celebration of contemporary arts in the Yarrow and Ettrick Valleys and Selkirk.

We are delighted to be once again bringing together local artists, makers and communities with invited guests from further afield, for an exciting showcase of theatre, music, poetry, visual arts and film in the beautiful surroundings of the Scottish Borders.

We are grateful to our performers, makers, participants, volunteers and sponsors, who have made it possible for us to put together a programme that has something for everyone.

We hope that this year's Festival will thrill, surprise, inspire and challenge you. But most of all, we hope that you will enjoy it.

We look forward to seeing you!

***The Board of the YES Arts Festival***



# PERFORMANCE

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## *Dudendance* presents **OUT OF THE WILD**

A site-specific promenade performance, featuring a small team of professional dancers working alongside local teenagers.



Photo: Jan Holm

Originally created in Huntly in response to the threatened felling of Battlehill Woods, this new version is sited in the grounds of the Haining, and explores the delicate balance of nature that exists in places used by humans.

Discover surreal creatures – half-human, half-animal – in slow, hypnotic scenes half hidden in the foilage of trees, bushes, grasses and around the lake. Watch in wonder as a fragmented fairytale emerges to create a mesmeric, beautiful experience, opening up the landscape in unexpected ways.

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### **THE HAINING, TD7 5LR**

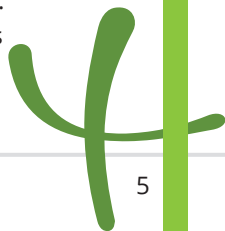
Saturday 16th September, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm and  
Sunday 17th September, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm.

Tickets £8 / £6 concessions / family tickets £25

Meet at the front of the Haining House.

Performance lasts for one hour. Please bring waterproofs and wear sturdy footwear.

Due to the terrain, these performances will not be wheelchair accessible.



## POETRY

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### **AN EVENING WITH SCOTLAND'S MAKAR, JACKIE KAY**

As a poet, short story writer and novelist, Jackie Kay has explored aspects of personal identity in much



Photo: Mary McCartney

of her work. Now she has Scotland's identity as a nation in her sights, following her appointment as Scotland's Makar (national poet) last year. She says she hopes to "open up the conversations, the blethers, the arguments and celebrations that Scotland has with itself and with the rest of the world".

Born and raised in Scotland, Jackie Kay has published five collections of poetry for adults (The Adoption Papers won the Forward Prize, a Saltire Award and a Scottish Arts Council Book Award) and several for children. She was awarded an MBE in 2006.

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### **BOWHILL THEATRE, TD7 5ET**

Sunday 17th September 7.30pm- 9pm.

Tickets £10 / £6 for under 12s

Jackie will also be giving a series of three mini-readings on Tuesday 17th September, at the invitation of Souter Stormers.

# POETRY

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## POETRY READATHONS

Your chance to hear the poems shortlisted in this year's Poetry Challenge, The Water's Edge. Listen to each of the 20 entries brought to life as they're read aloud by John Nichol, Janet Coulson and Tom Murray. Then vote for your favourite to win the People's Prize - which will be announced at the end of the YES Festival. Every vote counts; which one will you choose?

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**SCOTT'S HALL,  
THE COUNTY HOTEL,  
SELKIRK TD7 4BZ**

Thursday 14th September

1pm-2.30pm & 7pm-8.30pm.

The Scott's Hall is not  
wheelchair accessible.

*Award-winning playwright  
and poet Tom Murray based  
in the Scottish Borders.*







## GUIDED WALK

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### **WALKING** *with* **JAMES HOGG**

YES Arts Festival presents the inaugural 'Walking with James Hogg': a performative poetry and literature walk in the Ettrick Valley, exploring the life and creativity of local resident James Hogg, Writer and Poet, The Ettrick Shepherd (1770 -1835).

The walk is under 3 miles and achievable for all abilities.

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**MEETING PLACE: BOSTON MEMORIAL HALL,  
ETTRICK, SELKIRK TD7 5JA** *(Parking available).*

Sat 16th September, 2pm-4pm.

Free.

Booking recommended:  
[bridiemcelroy@gmail.com](mailto:bridiemcelroy@gmail.com)



# FILM

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## **OUR KIND OF PLACE**

A specially commissioned film exploring the nature of contemporary life and work in Selkirk and the Ettrick and Yarrow Valleys, featuring local people and a soundtrack of natural sound and local music.

Join farmers, mill workers, landowners, shopkeepers, foresters, office workers, schoolchildren and



pensioners as they share their love of living, learning and working in the area.

The Yarrow and Ettrick screenings will also feature Ettrick, a beautiful experimental film by Jacques Perconte, interrogating a unique heritage: sheep farming, fabrics, the woollen mill tradition and unique landscapes are all rendered in an impressionistic arc of colour and movement.

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**PREMIERE: MARKET PLACE, SELKIRK, TD7 4BT,**

Thursday 14th September 9pm-10pm, then showing in the Market Place on Friday 15th, Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th, 8.30pm-10pm. Film showings in Market Place are Free.

**YARROW FEUS HALL, TD7 5NE**

Friday 15th September 7.30pm-9.30pm, with Q&A with Our Kind of Place film-makers Jenna Agate and Ronnie Johnston, followed by screening of Ettrick. Tickets £6 / £4 for under 12s.

**BOSTON HALL, TD7 5JA**

Saturday 16th September 7.30pm-9.30pm, with screening of Ettrick.

Tickets £6 / £4 for under 12s.



## FILM

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### *MIMC* presents **PUT DOWN THE REMOTE**

Experimental film group the Moving Image Makers Collective presents Put Down the Remote: filling the Haining House and Dairy Cottage with film and moving image installations throughout the festival.



MIMC shows film locally, nationally and internationally. With a core membership of 15 they continue to develop and screen new and exciting work, taking pride in being welcoming, dynamic and collaborative.

Expect to be moved, challenged and entertained!

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### **THE HAINING, SELKIRK TD7 5LR**

Friday 15th – Sunday 17th September,  
10am-4pm.

Entry by donation.



# FILM

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*Behind the Curtain presents*

## **DAISIES** by *Věra Chytilová*

Czechoslovakia | 1966 | 1hr 13mins | 15 |



Rare screening of Věra Chytilová's classic of surrealist cinema that is perhaps also the most adventurous and anarchic Czech movie of the 1960s.

Programmed by Moving Image Makers Collective, as part of YES Arts Festival and Scalarama.

An Alchemy Film & Arts project in partnership with Moving Image Makers Collective

Supported by Film Hub Scotland, part of the BFI's Film Audience Network

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### THE HAINING LIBRARY, TD7 5LR

Thursday 14th September 7.30pm – 8.45pm  
(doors open 7.15pm).

Tickets £5

from [alchemyfilmfestival.org.uk](http://alchemyfilmfestival.org.uk)

BEHIND THE CURTAIN



# MUSIC

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*String Jam Club* presents **PRESTON REED**





Pioneering musician Preston Reed is a one-man-miracle guitar man “widely thought of as the world’s most gifted guitarist” (Total Guitar). Many have mimicked his trailblazing two-handed percussive style, but this is the real deal, the man who invented it in 1987.

The County Hotel offers 15% off restaurant meals for String Jam Club ticket holders between 6-7 pm on the night (advance booking recommended).

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**SCOTT'S HALL, COUNTY HOTEL,  
SELKIRK, TD7 4BZ**

Sat 16th September 7.30pm-10pm.

Tickets £14, phone County Hotel for collection on the night, 01750 721233 (plus 50p card transaction fee), or book online at Eventbrite (booking fees apply).

The Scott’s Hall is not wheelchair accessible.



# MUSIC

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## *Bannerfield Buskers* present **IN OOR AIN SPEAK**

Join young musicians the Bannerfield Buskers for one of their pop-up performances.



In 2015 local music group Riddell Fiddles helped establish a new group of young musicians. The Bannerfield Buskers are mostly between 10 and 12 years old, and will be staging a series of pop-up performances at village halls, cafes and other venues all around the Yarrow and Ettrick valleys, with specially-composed songs which draw on their own musical ideas and local dialect.

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### **BANNERFIELD BUSKERS POP-UP PERFORMANCES**

Sat 16th September, 2pm - 5pm

The route will be:

Yarrow: Waterwheel Cafe, Glen Cafe

Ettrick: Tushielaw, Ettrickbridge

See [www.yesartsfestival.com](http://www.yesartsfestival.com)

for details and times

YES

MUSIC

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## **SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**



Dvořák : *Romance for Violin and Orchestra*  
Beethoven : *Symphony No 1 in C*  
Beethoven : *Romance in F*  
Vasks : *Violin Concerto 'Distant Light'*

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***Anthony Marwood – Director / Violin***

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Loved by audiences and unanimously praised in the press, Marwood is a virtuoso whose musical integrity and commitment reach the same Olympian heights as his formidable technique.  
Your orchestra in Selkirk.

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**VICTORIA HALLS, SELKIRK, TD7 4LN**

Friday 15th September, 7.30pm-9.30pm.

Tickets: £16 (standard), £14 (senior)

£6 (concessions)

online at [www.sco.org.uk](http://www.sco.org.uk)

Phone 0131 557 6800

or in person at:

Rogersons Newsagent.

6 High Street, Selkirk TD7 4DD



*Core funded by the Scottish Government*

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## *Tushielaw Inn* presents **DERE STREET**

Four-piece band hailing from the Scottish Borders.  
Part of a packed weekend at the Tushielaw Inn.

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### **TUSHIELAW INN, TD7 5HT**

Saturday 16th September 7.30pm.

Call 01750 62356 for booking information,  
email [stay@tushielawinn.co.uk](mailto:stay@tushielawinn.co.uk) or find  
Tushielaw on Facebook



## MUSIC

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### **OPEN ACOUSTIC SESSION**

*at the Gordon Arms*

One of the largest regular sessions of its kind in Scotland, attracting musicians from all over the Borders and beyond.

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**THE GORDON ARMS, YARROW VALLEY  
SELKIRK, TD7 5LE**

Sunday 17th September, 3pm-6pm. Free.

Call 01750 82261 to book a table for lunch  
(recommended)





# MUSIC

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## ***Lunch with L.O.K.A.***

L.O.K.A. are a four piece acapella singing group from Dumfries and Galloway. They love all kinds of music and typically perform contemporary, Scottish and folk styles. They are fresh, fun and with recent performances at the Eden Festival and the Moniaive Folk Festival, you are guaranteed a brilliantly toe-tapping time!

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**SCOTT'S HALL, THE COUNTY HOTEL,  
SELKIRK TD7 4BZ**

Sunday 17th September, 12.30pm-2pm.

Tickets £10 / £8 for under 12s,  
incl. soup and sandwich lunch.

The Scott's Hall is not wheelchair accessible.



# VISUAL ART

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## **MILE MARKERS**

Take a tour of the Etrick and Yarrow Valleys, guided by Mile Markers – a series of A3 signs, specially decorated by members of the community, which will map out this must-see route.

What will you discover on your journey?





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## FREE

You can view the Mile Markers from  
Monday 11th – Sunday 24th September.

Illustrated guide (£1) available from the  
Festival Office, 1, Tower Street, Selkirk.

With thanks to:

Ettrick and Yarrow Community Fund,  
provided by Greencoat UK Wind Plc.



# VISUAL ART

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## **MATERIALITY**

Materiality brings together work by Borders based visual artists and designer makers who respond to, and create, unique work using a range of materials.



**Rosemary Eribé** is one of the UK's leading knitwear artists.

**Rachel Frost** specialises in reproducing historic hats using traditional techniques and authentic materials.

**Mary Morrison** creates sensitive and textural works informed by the Atlantic archipelago.

**Mooie Scott** explores landscape in a highly expressive way, creating energetic painted surfaces.

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**THE STUDIO ON THE GREEN, 19 THE GREEN, SELKIRK, TD7 5AA.**

Monday 11th – Sunday 17th September,  
10am-4pm. Entry free.

The Studio on the Green is not currently wheelchair accessible.

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*Look out for the “**Open Windows in Selkirk Town**” a series of visual arts in shop windows in Selkirk Town Centre during the YES Arts Festival.*

*..and there are rumours that **Souters Stormers** has a project in hand for Selkirk and the valleys for September - be on the lookout!*

Sponsored by Selkirk CARS (*Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme*)

# THEATRE

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## **DR JOHN STEWART MUIR - THE BELOVED DOCTOR**

Dr Muir was Medical Officer for Selkirk and the surrounding parishes for 54 years from 1874.



In 2016, Selkirk actor and writer John Nichol was commissioned by LIVE Borders to write a play based on the doctor's diaries. First performed last February, and now revived for the YES Arts Festival, Dr Muir is full of delightful ruminations on the Doctor's casebook, as well as social events, church services and family news.

A fascinating insight into Selkirk society in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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**SCOTT'S HALL, THE COUNTY HOTEL,  
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Friday 15th September and  
Saturday 16th September 12.30pm – 2pm.

Tickets £10 / £8 for under 12s,  
incl. soup and sandwich lunch.

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**LIVE**  
BORDERS  
**ARTS**  
& CREATIVITY





## CONFERENCE

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### **MYTHS and MAGIC**

Two-day conference exploring connections between myth, magic and history.

#### **Myths and Magic 1** – join

Dr Simon White for 'Mapping Stories of Witchcraft and Magic' – find out how you can get involved in his Historypin digital project [mappingmagic.org](http://mappingmagic.org), which aims to map stories of magical belief and practice in history, literature and folklore.

**Myths and Magic 2** – join Ben Douglas to find out about Black Douglas (c. 1286-1330) and how he shaped the history of Scotland, with particular reference to Game of Thrones.

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### **THE HAINING CAFÉ, SELKIRK TD7 5LR**

#### **Myths and Magic 1**

Saturday 16th September  
10.30am - noon.

#### **Myths and Magic 2**

Sunday 17th September  
10.30am – noon.

Entry free. Tea, coffee and cake available in the café.



# FORUM

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## **SCOTTISH BORDERS CULTURAL FORUM**

The monthly Scottish Borders Cultural Forum supports the work of the local cultural sector by creating a space for networking, sharing concerns, ideas and resources

The September gathering will include speakers Jenna Agate of YES Arts Festival, Michelle Ballantyne, Chair of the Haining Trust, Clea Wallis of Dudendance Theatre and Kerry Jones of the Moving Image Makers Collective.



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### **THE HAINING CAFÉ, SELKIRK TD7 5LR**

Thursday 14th September 4.30pm-6.30pm

■ *To attend the September Gathering, please RSVP by email no later than 9am on Monday 11th September to [Kay.McCluskey@liveborders1.org.uk](mailto:Kay.McCluskey@liveborders1.org.uk)*

# CALENDAR

THURSDAY 14th	FRIDAY 15th
Festival office open 10am-4pm	Festival office open 10am-4pm
Mile Markers – all day (p27)	Mile Markers – all day (p27)
Materiality Exhibition - 10am-4pm (p29)	Materiality Exhibition - 10am-4pm (p29)
	MIMC - 10am-4pm (p13)
Festival launch - 12.30pm	Dr John Stewart Muir – 12.30pm (p31)
Poetry Readathon - 1pm (p8)	
<b>MILE MARKERS</b> viewing from Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> September (page 27)	<b>MATERIALITY EXHIBITION</b> The Studio on the Green, open Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 10am-4pm (p29)
	<b>FESTIVAL OFFICE</b> 1, Tower St, Selkirk OPEN : Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> September, 10am-4pm
Cultural Forum - 4.30pm (p33)	
MIMC launch - 6.30pm (p27)	
Poetry Readathon - 7pm (p8)	Our Kind of Place - Yarrow Feus Hall, 7.30pm (p11)
Daisies, 7.30pm - (p15)	Scottish Chamber Orchestra - 7.30pm (p21)
	Our Kind of Place, Market Place 8.30pm (p11)
Our Kind of Place premiere - 9pm (p11)	

<b>SATURDAY 16th</b>	<b>SUNDAY 17th</b>
Festival office open 10am-4pm	Festival office open 10am-4pm
Mile Markers – all day (p27)	Mile Markers – all day (p27)
Materiality Exhibition - 10am-4pm (p29)	Materiality Exhibition - 10am-4pm (p29)
MIMC - 10am-4pm (p13)	MIMC - 10am-4pm (p13)
Myths and Magic – 10.30am (p32)	Myths and Magic – 10.30am (p32)
Dr John Stewart Muir – 12.30pm (p31)	Lunch with LOKA – 12.30pm (p25)
Bannerfield Buskers - 2pm -5pm (p19)	<b>OPEN WINDOWS Selkirk</b> town centre Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept., all day
James Hogg walk - 2pm (p9)	
	Gordon Arms Open Session - 3pm (p23)
Dudendance - 3pm (p5)	Dudendance - 3pm (p5)
Dudendance - 4pm (p5)	Dudendance - 4pm (p5)
Dudendance - 5pm (p5)	Dudendance - 5pm (p5)
Preston Reed – 7.30pm (p17)	Poetry Challenge Prizegiving - 6.30pm
Our Kind of Place, Boston Hall - 7.30pm (p11)	An Evening with the Makar - 7.30pm (p7)
Dere Street - 7.30pm (p22)	
Our Kind of Place, Market Place - 8.30pm (p11)	Our Kind of Place, Market Place - 8.30pm (p11)



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Box office: call 01750 21997 or  
email: [info@yesartsfestival.com](mailto:info@yesartsfestival.com)

Tickets, Mile Markers guide, DVD of *Our Kind of Place*  
and Festival merchandise available at the  
Festival Office: 1 Tower Street, Selkirk  
from Monday 11th September

[www.yesartsfestival.com](http://www.yesartsfestival.com)

 [/yarrowetrickandselkirkartsfestival](https://www.facebook.com/yarrowetrickandselkirkartsfestival)

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Don't forget to check out the BORDERS HERITAGE FESTIVAL  
– details at [www.scottishbordersheritage.com](http://www.scottishbordersheritage.com)

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