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Free workshop event

Harlaw Academy, Monday 01 February 2010

SC&T have teamed up with Aberdeen Performing Arts (APA) to bring you a fabulous opportunity to explore the relationship between Scottish and Canadian traditional music, with an evening of free workshops with Breabach (above) and Le Vent du Nord.

Breabach were nominated for Best Scottish Folk Band in the Scots Trad Music Awards 2007 & 2008. Le Vent du Nord is one of Quebec's most-loved folk bands. Visit our website for up to date details of the workshops on offer.

APA are also giving SC&T Friends and participants the chance to see both bands in concert for a discounted price of £5.00 at the Music Hall on Thursday 04 February. Just mention SC&T when buying your ticket to receive the discount!

Contact the SC&T office for more information. Workshop places will be limited.

www.breabach.com

www.leventdunord.com

www.boxofficeaberdeens.com

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Pathways to Performance...

Performance opportunities for upcoming young trad musicians

SC&T is delighted to announce the introduction of 'Pathways to Performance' slots during our Saturday lunchtime performances at the Lemon Tree.

'Pathways to Performance' will give young performers a short 15 minute slot during the main 1.00-2.00pm lunchtime performance. So far, Jimmy Mitchell has introduced two spots by fiddling youngsters (both taught by past or present SC&T tutors).

There are plans to include more slots in 2010, kicking off on Saturday 16th January with a whole hour of talented young musicians. Cait (14) & Annie Lennox (12) have joined forces with

another pair of musical siblings from Aberdeen, Iain (14) and Freya Hall (12), to perform Scots and Gaelic music and song on fiddle, cello and recorder, with piano and percussion too!

Although this performance will have taken place by the time we go to press, SC&T are committed to providing performance opportunities in 2010 for our next generation of talented trad musicians.

If you tutor young musicians or know of any young players/singers of trad or trad style music who would enjoy a Lemon Tree 'gig', please pass info about this opportunity on to them.

Message from the new chairman

Richard Ward, SC&T Chairman

Most of you will already be aware of the changes to the SC&T board as highlighted in the last newsletter.

Susan Kirkwood has stepped down from both the chair and from the board itself. Malcolm Reavell has stepped down as vice-chair, but will continue as a valuable member of the board. I have been elected as chair and Hector Forsyth as vice-chair. Hector and I will be coming round the classes this term to introduce ourselves. We have also appointed a new board member in Hazel Thompson.

There are challenging times ahead for SC&T, mainly because of uncertainty about our continued funding from Aberdeen City Council and the Scottish Arts Council. Although the board retains ultimate responsibility for these matters, we will continue to engage with you and the tutors, as we know that the SC&T community means as much to you as it does to us.

These newsletters are an important part of this process. To keep you up to date more often with what is happening, I will be putting a chairman's blog on the website each month. We have also restructured the board to spread responsibility for the various aspects of the organisation, and there is now a subgroup which has responsibility for tutors, classes and events. The convenor of that subgroup is Sandy Tweddle. You can give your comments or feedback on class issues to Sandy, myself or indeed any other board member.

With the passing of another year, it would be wrong not to acknowledge the support that the board, and indeed the whole organisation, has from our wonderful staff, Vikki, Lorraine and Jenny. We are lucky to have people who are as enthusiastic as we all are about keeping Scottish culture alive.

On behalf of the board, thank you for your support in the past year, and I wish you all the very best for 2010.

SC&T t-shirts still available

Our redesigned SC&T t-shirts are available in black, grey or white in unisex sizes S to XL, and also in ladies fitted sizes S to XL. Priced £10 & £12. Available at classes or from the SC&T office. They are a great way to show your support for SC&T *and* help spread the word!

SC&T on myspace

<http://www.myspace.com/scottishculturetraditions>

**Clarsach workshop Spring Sing 2010 SC&T end of term concert
Lunchtimes at the Lemon Tree Breabach & Le Vent du Nord**

Clarsach Workshop with Catriona Mackay

February 2010, details to be confirmed

Our fabulous clarsach tutors are still working hard to bring you the 2010 clarsach workshop with superb harp virtuoso Catriona McKay next month. Not to be missed! Check our website for updates as soon as we have them. Details will be sent out to all clarsach participants, past and present.



Spring Sing 2010 with Yvonne Burgess

10.00am - 4.00pm, Saturday 13 February, Rubislaw Church Centre

There are still limited places available for the Spring Sing workshop.

Yvonne will include a mixture of songs, including Scottish, and harmonies at this workshop. Full details can be found on our website or contact the SC&T office for prices and a booking form.

SC&T end of term concert

Doors 5.00pm, 6.00pm - 8.30pm, Sunday 28 March, the Lemon Tree

Due to circumstances outwith our control, the venue for our annual end of term Christmas concert was changed to the Lemon Tree at the eleventh hour. However, the last minute venue change proved to be a resounding success! We received lots of positive feedback from those who attended, so much so that we have decided to hold our next end of term concert at the Lemon Tree once again.



As usual, we encourage you to make use of the common tunes and join with other classes to perform together where possible. There will be rooms available for groups to warm-up, but please make sure you are ready to go on stage at your assigned time!

The Lemon Tree bar is available for alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and, as in previous years, you will still be able to bring a picnic of nibbles as well as bringing friends and family along to see what you've been up to! Hope to see you there!

Lunchtimes @ the Lemon Tree

12.30pm - 2.00pm, every Saturday, The Lemon Tree, Aberdeen

Keep up to date with the latest Lemon Tree line-up for each weekend on our website. See article opposite for the confirmed line-up for 2010 so far. Lunch is served from 12.00pm. Free entry. The musical performance is from 1.00pm - 2.00pm with a session afterwards - bring an instrument and join in! Children welcome.

Free Workshops + discounted tickets, Breabach & Le Vent du Nord

Workshops, Monday 01 February, 7pm - 9pm, Harlaw Academy

Breabach & Le Vent du Nord Concert, Thursday 04 February, 7.30pm, Aberdeen Music Hall

SC&T in association with Aberdeen Performing Arts

FREE workshops with Breabach & Le Vent du Nord, plus discounted tickets for their performance at the Music Hall for all SC&T participants and Friends. See front page article or our website for more details.

REVIEW

Haddo Heritage Fair 15 November 2009

SC&T provided traditional ambience at the Haddo Heritage Fair. Visitors were treated to a solo clarsach performance by Anne Ward, while duo Dick & Maggie Trickey (plus fiddling grandsons!) added a local flavour.

St Andrews Weekend Celebrations 28-29 November 2009

SC&T took over Aberdeen City Centre this year as part of the city's St Andrews day celebrations. Performers such as Ellefish, Fisher Folk, Bridge the Gap and Shenanigans toured the four main shopping centres to give shoppers a taste of some fabulous traditional music.



SC&T Christmas Concert 06 December 2009

As mentioned opposite, despite a last minute change of venue, SC&T's Christmas concert was a resounding success. The Lemon Tree proved to be a popular venue for performers and audience alike, with a fabulous party atmosphere. Musical treats included a performance from the Young SC&T participants (above), some new tunes written especially for Susan Kirkwood, SC&T's departing Chairman, and a Grand Stramash which spilled off the stage and into the audience! See you at the next one!

Aberdeen Winter Festival Weekends 12-13 & 19-20 December 2009

SC&T were again out in force for Aberdeen City's Winter Festival. Over two (very cold!) weekends, a good dose of Christmas cheer was delivered to shoppers by Ellefish, Blyde Lasses, the SC&T Singers, Hoolichan, Pete MacCallum, Carley Williams & Malcolm Reavell.

To catch up with all the latest news and reviews, and keep up to date with all our upcoming events, visit www.scottishculture.org

Lemon Tree + Sessions

Our Saturday lunchtime at the Lemon Tree performances continue into 2010, with the inclusion of the **Pathways to Performance** slots (see front page article). There's also a great session opportunity each week after the main performance, so bring an instrument and join in!

1.00-2.00pm - musical performance. 2.00-3.00pm - music session in the Lemon Tree café - all welcome!

January

23rd Jan - Pete Saunders and Tim Jones
30th Jan - Multicultural Day

February

6th Feb - Malcolm Reavell, Carley Williams and Pete MacCallum
13th Feb - tbc
20th Feb - Laura Lockyer
27th Feb - Shenanigans

March

6th Mar - Susan Kirkwood and Friends
13th Mar - Alison Hester, Richard Ward and Anne Ward
20th Mar - Yvonne Stevenson-Robb
27th Mar - Pete MacCallum and Alistair Duthie

Visit <http://www.scottishculture.org/index/siteevent-app> to keep up to date.

Spring 2010 EVENT CALENDAR

To have an event listed in the next newsletter, please email details to editor@scottishculture.org

Traditional Music Session The Globe, North Silver Street	Tuesday Evenings, 9.30pm
Aberdeen Folk Club Blue Lamp, Gallowgate	Wednesday Evenings, 8.30pm
Traditional Music Session Newton Arms Lounge, Newtonhill	2nd Thursday of the Month 8.00pm-11.00pm
Scotch Broth Session St Peters Heritage Hall, off Station Road East, Peterculter Contact Christine Miller Tel: 01224 730091	Sunday Evenings 7.00pm-9.00pm
Traditional Music Session Northern Vaults Bar, 9 North Esk Rd, Montrose	Sunday Evenings 8.00pm-11.00pm
Stonehaven Slow Session Stonehaven Email charlie_west@hotmail.com for more info	1st Thursday of the Month
TMSA Session The Sportsman Club, 11 Queens Road, Aberdeen	3rd Tuesday of the Month 8.00pm
Cults Folk at the HUB The HUB the café at Cults Outreach Centre, 404 North Deeside Road www.cultsparishchurch.co.uk/folk.htm	2nd Friday of the Month 7.30pm-10.30pm
Workshops: exploring Scottish/Canadian Cultural links Harlaw Academy, Aberdeen Aberdeen Performing Arts. An evening of free workshops with Scottish and Canadian bands <i>Breabach</i> and <i>Le Vent du Nord</i> , exploring the musical culture of both nations and their commonality. Workshop participants are also able to purchase a £5 ticket for the performance below.	01 February 2010 7.00pm-9.00pm
Breabach & Le Vent du Nord Aberdeen Music Hall Tickets £5 for SC&T Friends / Workshop / Class participants paul.hudson@aberdeenperformingarts.com , tel: 01224 337658	04 February 2010 7.30pm
Clarsach Workshop with Catriona McKay For up to date details as they are announced visit www.scottishculture.org	February 2010, date tbc
Spring Sing 2010 Rubislaw Church Centre www.scottishculture.org	13 February 2010 10.00am-4.00pm
Session A9 Woodend Barn, Banchory £16 full, £14 conc, £5 under 16 - Bar www.woodendbarn.co.uk	13 February 2010 8.00pm
Curry & Ceilidh with Clachan Yell Woodend Barn, Banchory An evening of curry and ceilidh. Tables for this event always sell quickly so don't delay! www.woodendbarn.co.uk	20 March 2010 7.30pm
Ivan Drever Band Woodend Barn, Banchory £12, £10 conc, £5 under 16 - Bar www.woodendbarn.co.uk	27 March 2010 8.00pm
SC&T End of Term Concert The Lemon Tree, West North Street, Aberdeen www.scottishculture.org	28 March 2009 6.00pm-8.30pm
SC&T Enrolment Evening Harlaw Academy, Aberdeen www.scottishculture.org	14 April 2010 7.00pm-9.00pm
SC&T Summer Term begins Harlaw Academy, Aberdeen www.scottishculture.org	19 April 2010 7.00pm-9.00pm

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We are always looking for volunteers to support our activities - from helping to serve coffee or as stewards at events, to fundraising, PR or web skills. Please let us know how you would like to be involved.

Performance Opportunities

We often receive inquiries for groups to perform at local events and celebrations. If any classes or other associated groups want to take their tunes out to the public, send your contact details and a brief description of the group for the database to Vikki at office@scottishculture.org

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Is there an upcoming event of interest to SC&T participants?
Have you written a song or a tune you want to share with SC&T?
Do you have a story for the newsletter?

We would love to hear your experiences of SC&T! If you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter, please send it to editor@scottishculture.org If we don't have room in the newsletter, we will certainly post it on the website!

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and VAS - Voluntary Arts Scotland

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Fiddle lessons

Folk & classical; beginner to advanced; music theory and exam preparations also available.

Jani Lang (BA, MA), Tel: 07872 918829

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Fiddle lessons

For beginners, intermediate, and advanced. Completed the tutor training course at Sabhl Mor Ostaig.

Catriona Ramsay, Tel: 07980 181599

Email: catriona.ramsay@btinternet.com

Accordion Tutor

Accordion lessons, all ages and stages, from Lewis Kane, graduate of Sgoil Chiuil na Gàidhealtachd (The National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music). Tel: 07843757672 email lewismearns@hotmail.com

Cello available for hire

Full-size student cello, suitable for beginning adult/teenager.

Excellent condition, with soft case and bow. Contact Vikki Petrie,

Tel: 01569 763714 Email: vikki.petrie@talk21.com

New Folk Programme on SHMU Radio (SHMU FM 99.8)

SHMU is the School House Media Unit based off Great Northern Road, Aberdeen. "getting to folk" is a live radio broadcast hosted by Gus MacDonald on Wednesdays 3pm till 4pm. The programme offers a wide range of world folk music, provides 'what's on' information and promotes guest performers. If anyone has any information they wish to share with Gus about events etc, please email gettingtofolk@shmu.org.uk and he may give a mention.

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SC&T instrument hire

The SC&T office currently has one set of full Highland pipes, one full-size fiddle and one mandolin available for hire.

Call Vikki on 01224 591900 for details or email office@scottishculture.org

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Our thanks to those below and all our Friends, class participants, tutors and supporters.



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