

## Join us to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of Biggar Little Festival

A family-friendly festival in the historic market town of Biggar – a small town at large!

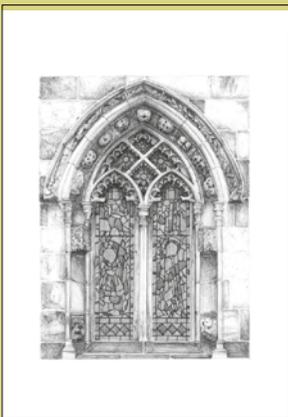
From **Thursday 19 to Sunday 29 October** Biggar will be filled with an eclectic programme of music, theatre, literature, exhibitions, arts, workshops, family events and our annual Biggar Day Out.

With more than 50 events over 10 days there is something for all ages and interests and many events are free. This flier highlights just a small selection from the varied programme to give a flavour of things to come. Go to the website for a more detailed festival line-up and look out for a full festival guide in September.

Biggar can be easily accessed from Edinburgh via the A702 and is around an hour from Glasgow. Biggar also enjoys good scenic road links with the Scottish Borders, Dumfries & Galloway and the south.

**Come and celebrate all that the arts have to offer.**

*Guest Artist for 2017*  
**Jennifer Court**



*Arts for All and All for Arts*

## Information Centre and Box Office

The full festival programme can be viewed at [www.biggarlittlefestival.com](http://www.biggarlittlefestival.com) with the printed programme being available locally from late August.

The Festival Information Centre and Box Office opens on Saturday 7th October at the **CORN EXCHANGE**, 126 High Street, Biggar ML12 6DL. Opening hours 10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday (and also open on Sunday 22 October during Biggar Day Out).

### Disability Access

Some, though not all of the venues are wheelchair accessible and suitable facilities are provided where possible. Our staff and volunteers are on hand to assist as required. Please let us know if you have any accessibility requirements.

Tickets for many events are also available to purchase online.

(Booking fee applies. Please see the website for details.)



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# BIGGAR little FESTIVAL 2017



*Celebrating the Arts*  
**19 - 29 October 2017**

# Some of the Festival Highlights

## Sunday 01 to Sunday 29 October Living on the Land

An exhibition of photography and poetry celebrating nature, the seasons and the farming community who live on the land in and around Crawfordjohn. A collaboration between artist Carol Taylor and writer Dee Yates, with film contributions from David Barton. This excellent project is accompanied by a collection of ariel photography, books, poetic literature and cards that compliment the themes.



## Thursday 19 to Sunday 29 October Art at the Festival

The Corn Exchange is pleased to welcome Guest Artist, Jennifer Court whose work will delight you. Jennifer, formerly of Biggar Museum, has created an informative and fascinating exhibition featuring the art of buildings.

Local artists, both regular and new exhibitors have generously opened their studios to show you their works on The Open Studio Trail, 28th and 29th October.

In and around the town there are many Exhibitions and Workshops. Look out for The Street Gallery, showcasing our young and talented students' work in the shop windows.



## Thursday 19 October (also Friday 20 & Sat 21 October) A new adventure for Pips and Panda!

Children will be thrilled with this brand new and debuting show at this year's festival. Meet the Flying Mouse, the Mermaid, Panda's Granny and many more new characters who can't wait to meet you all! Lots of songs and laughter especially for ages 1-6 years.



## Friday 20 October Comedy Night with Scott Gibson

Glasgow born and bred Scott is fast becoming one of the most sought after acts on the comedy circuit winning 'Best Newcomer' at the Edinburgh Fringe. A natural storyteller with a unique style Scott is undoubtedly one of the funniest and most original comedians around. Undoubtedly heading for the 'big time'. Catch him while you can at Biggar Little Festival.



## Saturday 21 October Andy Fairweather Low & The Lowriders

Back by popular demand BLF is delighted to announce the return of Andy Fairweather Low. Known worldwide as 'guitarist to the stars' Andy has played alongside an endless list of 'greats' including Stevie Winwood Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page, George Harrison, Georgie Fame. . . . A series of chart toppers from Wide Eyed and Legless (1975), to Unplugged in the 90's, and to present day collaborations have led him to international success appearing in the best venues worldwide, including The Whitehouse and The Albert Hall, and of course Biggar! The current band is a veritable Who's Who of the best players on the rock scene. A fantastic line up for an unforgettable experience. Don't miss out.



## Monday 23 October The New Focus Octet

The second New Focus album released in August 2016 has been receiving very favourable reviews for its unusual blend of classical, jazz, and Scottish Folk. The Guardian said: "the mix of the strings' elegance, flickers of tango, blues and Celtic folk-music, the fluency of the soloists, and the controlled power of Janisch and Cosker in the rhythm section make this a very musical set in its sometimes swoonily, low-lit way. This performance will delight music lovers with its eclectic excellence.



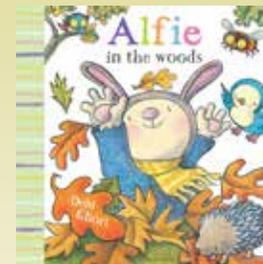
## Sunday 22 October Biggar Day Out

An all time favourite for all festival goers of all ages and this, our 15th year is filled with more excitement than ever. There will be new surprises to thrill and delight. While many popular favourites are back. Arts, crafts, exhibitions, street entertainment and a return of last year's favourite; the Ice Wall. Come and join in the many treats in store on this very special anniversary celebration day.



## Monday 23 October (also 03 & 04 November) The Dukes of Uke Funk it Up!

Biggar's best (and only) ukulele band, The Dukes of Uke, take you to Funky Town with their latest Disco Soul Funk Boogie Groove show. Our MC will help you to take away your blues and put on your boogie shoes. So, come along and shake your groove thing. Don't believe it, just watch!



## Saturday 28 October Debi Giori

Atkinson-Pryce Books is welcoming children's author and illustrator Debi Giori to Biggar Library for a talk and workshop. Creator of such wonderful books as "The Scariest Thing of All", "Dragon loves Penguin" and "No Matter What", Debi loves to communicate her passion for illustration with children (of all ages!). Guaranteed good fun. Make sure you reserve your place.

## Saturday 28 October Skerryvore in Concert

Clydesdale Folk Club proudly present an evening with "Skerryvore". Originally formed in 2005 on the Isle of Tiree "Skerryvore" has developed into one of Scotland's most popular bands with their unique blend of music, spanning traditional Scottish music with rock and jazz. Get your feet tapping and your heart singing at this sensational concert!



## Sunday 29 October Peter & The Wolf and Tubby the Tuba

This year's Biggar Little Orchestra brings you the classic tale of Peter & The Wolf plus Tubby the Tuba. Why not dress up and get into the spirit of Tubby and Peter. A musical treat for all the family displaying the talents of Biggar musicians. Come and join in the fun. The kids will love it and so will you.