



# **WELCOME**

the Biggar Little Festival

Dear All,

Welcome to the 2023 Biggar Little Festival.

Following our return to a full live festival in 2022, our performers, musicians, comedians, actors, singers, artists and crafters are back with renewed creativity and enthusiasm to put on a fantastic variety of events. We have a packed programme and a great show for you, your family and friends.

As residents will know, Biggar has a rich and varied arts, cultural, hospitality and entertainment scene. For 21 years our festival has flourished through the help and support of our local venues, businesses, sponsors, volunteers and the many local groups of artists and performers and I would like to thank you all.

With such a long heritage the current organisers have benefited from the help of many who have gone before us. My predecessor as Chairman, Jim Softley, has continued to help this year most notably using his negotiating skills and contacts to help us secure some of the amazing headliners for Biggar Little Festival 2023. Thank you Jim for 15 years of service; you can actually sit back and enjoy the festival now!

The generosity of our patrons and sponsors including our renewed grant funding enables us to develop new festival events, produce many free events and I am happy to say, retain ticket prices at the same affordable levels as last year. Most of all, however, our festival has grown and flourished because of you, our audience. So take your time, enjoy browsing this great programme of events and come along to enjoy Biggar Little Festival 2023.

Let the festival begin!

John McIntosh

CHAIRMAN BIGGAR LITTLE FESTIVAL









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Thanks too to all our amazing and talented performers and artists.

We also thank all our patrons, sponsors, supporters and volunteers whose generosity makes Biggar Little Festival possible.

If you are able to volunteer and would like to be part of helping Biggar Little Festival please contact:

info@biggarlittlefestival.com

Biggar Little Festival benefits from grants, from SSE Renewables Clyde Extension Community Fund and Ventient Energy Glenkerie Wind Farm Community Fund.

This invaluable funding enables us to continue to present our amazing festival and secure it's future development.

Thank you.
We hope you all enjoy the
Biggar Little Festival 2023

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### INFORMATION

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### **BOX OFFICE**

Tickets will be available online from Tuesday 8 August at www.biggarlittlefestival.com or by telephone on 0131 2260001.

The Festival Information Centre and Box Office opens on Saturday 7th October at the **GILLESPIE CENTRE**, 74 High Street, Biggar ML12 6DL.

Opening hours 10.30am to 12.30pm 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 as appropriate. Our staff and volunteers are on hand to assist as required.

Please let us know if you have any accessibility requirements and we will endeavour to assist if possible.

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### **BIGGAR PUPPET THEATRE** PIPS AND PANDA AND THE MAGIC EGG



Saturday 14 October Tuesday 17 October Friday 20 October Saturday 21 October Saturday 28 October 1.30pm (3pm) **Biggar Puppet Theatre** £12 Children £10 Suitable age 1-7

Pips and Panda are camping on the beach where Panda has built a big sandcastle.

They are about to have their tea when something odd happens and they notice something strange up in the sky!

Later they discover a magic egg which begins to cause some trouble and lots of fun! What's inside? Where does it come from? You'll have to wait and see! Pips & Panda look forward to seeing you there!

### HALLOWEEN PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP AND SCOOBIE-DOO MOVIE DAY

Workshop 11.am (1pm)

£12 Suitable age 6-10

Wednesday 18 October

Movie 2 pm (3.30pm)

Combined workshop/movie ticket £18



Make a puppet ghost then perform on our stage in ultraviolet light! Mums and Dads come along to join in the fun! Children's snack, drink, and all materials provided.

Then settle in for the spooky Scoobie-Doo movie to get you in the mood for Halloween!

Following a break up and being apart for two years, Fred, Daphne Velma, Shaggy and their dog Scooby-Do reunite to investigate strange occurrences at a resort on Spooky Island. Rated PG.



#### To book please contact Purves Puppets:







### PUPPET MUSEUM COLLECTION TOUR & STAGE SETS OF CLIFFORD HEAP **Exhibition and Guided Tour**

Thursday 19 October 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm Suitable 6+



Enjoy a guided tour of our puppetry collection as seen in the BBC's "Antiques Road Trip" including Pelham Puppets, TV characters and a Fairy Godmother who is over 200 years old! Try some puppets and see cinematic models by Clifford Heap, a puppeteer and travelling performer well known in the 1940s. His models for Hans Anderson's play "The Tinderbox" are spectuclar in their detail and cinematic liahtina.

#### PURVES PUPPETS GUIDED THEATRE TOURS with Books and Bric-a-Brac Fair





Bric a Brac Sale and Book Fair 10am - 4pm FREE

Pop in to the Biggar Puppet Theatre and we will welcome you with a tour of our wonderful Victorian-Style theatre, and a short demonstration of our puppets. Guided Tours start at 11am & 2pm. In the tearoom there will be the Books and Bric-a-brac Fair to browse and discover.

Enjoy the puppet shop and garden.

The tearoom will be open selling lunches and cakes! Car parking on site.

#### IT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD! ALIEN PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP





Our "Pips and Panda and the Magic Egg" story meets some Alien visitors and now it's your chance to make an alien puppet and perform on our stage in Ultraviolet Light! Mums and Dads come along to join in the fun! Children's snack, drink, and all materials provided. Suitable for 5-7 years Pips and Panda show starts at 1.30pm after the Workshop. (Admission extra)

To book please contact Purves Puppets:

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# STREET ART BY BIGGAR SCHOOLS FAVOURITE AUTHORS

Monday 16 October to Sunday 29 October Biggar High Street



The ever popular Street Art Gallery returns once again and this year will feature the theme of Reading and Favourite Authors.

Art work from Nursery to Primary 7 at Biggar Primary and the art and design department from Biggar High will be on display in the windows of shops and businesses all along Biggar High Sreet.

Take time to walk around the town to enjoy the wonderful imagination and creativity of Biggar's school children and thank you to all the local businesses who so generously offer their space and support for this lovely event.

# BIGGAR LITTLE FESTIVAL YOUNG ARTISTS 2023

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The Biggar Gallery



Over 300 pupils from seven local primary schools took part in our annual Young Artists Competition to find a design for our Festival program cover and poster. With 36 Special Awards Winners and an overall winner for each eage group we were spoiled for choice.

Well done Georgie, Isla and Anya, seen here at our Gillespie Centre Tea Party where they were presented with their award winning designs beautifully printed and framed by The Biggar Gallery. Look out for the Young Artists' work on display at BLF and being used in this festival program.

Thank you to all the children who have made art for the Biggar Little Festival.

We hope you all have a lovely time at the festival and hope it inspires you to make more lovely art for next year too.

#### **ACT ABOUT CHILDREN'S THEATRE COMPANY** HANSEL AND GRETEL

Saturday 28 October 11am (12 noon) 1pm (2pm) Biggar Corn Exchange Under 1s free suitable for all ages.



Tough times in the Von Wurly household.

Hansel and Gretel set out on an adventure to try and take the heat off poor mum and dad. They heard there was some food to be found in the deep dark forest! An old wives tale about a sweet house made of .....sweets! With nothing to lose the kids head out on a fantastic adventure and get more than they bargained for.

Join in the fun and help Hansel and Gretel get in and out of trouble.

Music and fun for all the family. 2 performances: 11am and 1pm.

Tickets: www.biggarcornexchange.org.uk

#### WISTON LODGE **SCREAM SUNDAY**



Sunday 29th October 3.30 - 6pm Wiston Lodge Millrigg Road Wiston **ML12 6HT** 

All ages



Spooky fun including story telling, scary trail, pick a pumpkin to carve, facepainting, dooking for doughnuts, and toasting marshmallows around the

This family event has activities for all ages, but use judgement for younger children on the scary trail.

Join us as twilight descends over the woods at Wiston Lodge for another frightfully fun Halloween afternoon! Brave the Tricky Trail, a spooky woodland walk that will scare you silly. Our fantastic story-teller will weave spell-binding tales. Families can pick a pumpkin to carve either here or at home.

There will be food avaiable for purchase.

The afternoon will finish with the community drum circle drop-in, also listed separately in music as 'Drums in the Dark' (see p24) and is included for all Scream Sunday ticket holders.



BIGGAR DAY OUT has all the fun of the fair and is a great day out for all the family!

Sunday 22nd October Various Venues 11.00am - 5.00pm

(Each tour lasts about 30 mins) **Biggar Puppet Theatre** 

### KIRK SERVICE Begin your Sunday at Biggar Kirk

11.15 am (12.15) Biggar Kirk **FREE** All ages

11am & 2pm



A family friendly Worship Service to thank God for His gift of artistic creativity. All are welcome.

#### **BIGGAR PUPPET THEATRE TOURS**

St MARY'S HALL CHILDREN'S ZONE....

12.00 - 4.30pm St Mary's Hall All ages



Come along to St Mary's Hall for crafts and a







### **BIGGAR DAY OUT** POP UP PARTYTHO..... TRON!

1.00 - (4.00pm) St Mary's Hall All ages

Join in the fun with Ryan and the Funtron 3000... Tasked with delivering the Funtron party machine to an important UN convention on partying for world peace in nearby Peebles, Ryan gets lost looking for Dolphins in Dolphinton and finds himself in Biggar!

Musical statues, musical bumps, party games, disco dancing and fun....pop in anytime.





Sunday 22nd October 2pm (3pm) Departs Atkinson Pryce Bookshop High Street FRFF

Suitable for pre-school and infant school children
All children need accompanying adults



imagination.

Why not dress as a unicorn too....and we'll have a magical time with our

This suits pre-school and infant school children. All children need accompanying adults.

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Street entertainment including
THE BIGGAR PIPE BAND
THE AROMA CHOIR FLASHMOB
and perhaps a few surprises....



Enjoy shops special openings and surpise offers.

Stop for afternoon tea and find a warm welcome in Biggar's cafes, bars and restaurants.

# KITE MAKING at the GILLESPIE CENTRE



1.00 - (4.00pm) Gillespie Centre All ages





1.00 - (5.00pm) Biggar Corn Exchange All ages £1

Bring an instrument or just your voice and step up to the mic...

## **CRAFTS AND FOODS FAIR**

**Locally Made Foods And Crafts** 

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12.00 (5.00pm) Municipal Hall & St Mary's Hall

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& St Mary's Hall All ages £1

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Scotland - Henna painting Beyond Blue Studios - Handmade notebooks Betty Moonlight Artist - Pyrography Biggar Botanics - Scented soaps 1st Biggar Explorer Scouts - Tartan crafts

The Crafty Fox - Kitchen linens

Doone and Dhu - Embroidery and knitting

**Drakelaw Pottery** 

**EJ Crafts - Soft toys** 

FiFi la Bonk - Cashmere and silks

Fiona Foley - Stained glass

Fiona Moffat Art & Jewellery

Heather Nelson - Toys and children's bags

**Hobby Hut Crafts - Boxes and horseshoes** 

Kathryn Mcmorran - Handmade cosmetics

Kimcairn Upholstery - Handmade cushions

Ladybirdgems - Jewellery

Lyne Organics - Home fragrances

Maisieluna Polymer Clay - Jewellery

Marnie Jones Studio Botanical - Jewellery and prints

Material Geeks - Wooden houses

Milton Makes - Jewellery

Niamh Illustrations - Prints and cards

The Olive Tree Delicatessen - Cheeses

**Pentland Aromatics - Skincare and fragrances** 

Shabby & Pretty - Decoupage and driftwood

Shopafrolic - Bags and accessories

Silver Spoonery - Cutlery art

Suzanne Burns - Knitted hats and jewellery

Woodcrafts - handcrafted wood

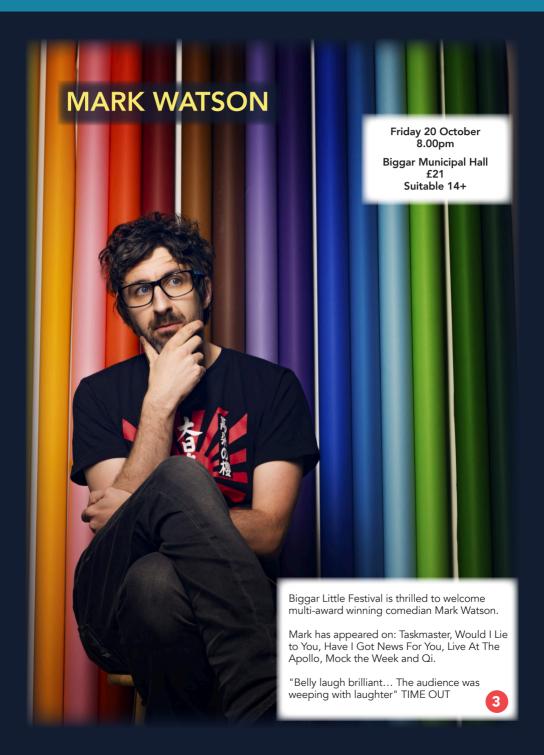








## **COMEDY**



## **COMEDY THEATRE and FILM**

# PAUL MOORE "THE PROVY WUMMIN" Written & Directed by Paul Moore



Suitable for age 14+



A new musical comedy and satire, putting the "Cost of Living" firmly in its place. Set in 1979 as Britain gets used to a woman at the head of the table, Margaret Morrison is The Provident Woman...the friendly face with help at hand in the shape of a "loan" to make those ends meet, leaving women very often at their wits end, alone in a cycle of debt. With a hit soundtrack to the 70s and appearances by the ladies from Avon, Ann Summers and The Tupperware, this is "First Wives Club" meets "Still Game" with a sobering hint of Margaret Thatcher.

An Arts Enigma Production.

Tickets available at www.biggarcornexchange.org.uk

#### SCOTT GIBSON "SLEDGEHAMMER"



Friday 27th October 8pm (9:30pm) Biggar Corn Exchange £15.00 Suitable for 16+

Scott Gibson, Glasgow's critically-acclaimed and award-winning son, is back with a brand new hour of darkly comedic storytelling.

Delivered in his trademark, breathlessly inimitable style, Gibson guides you through the turbulent world of Love, sex and relationships. Expect deep, dark and meaningful dives into what it means to be in love, to feel loved and dating women in their 40's. Covering everything from life in 'The New World' to the confusing bond between women and their hair.

Tickets available at www.biggarcornexchange.org.uk

# THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY Starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton





Saturday 28th October Sunday 29th October Biggar Corn Exchange 7.30pm (9.30pm) £8

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A seemingly unremarkable man in his 60s named Harold one day learns his old friend Queenie is dying. He embarks on a walk, only to keep going for 450 miles until he reaches Queenie's hospice, much to the despair of his wife Maureen.

An intriguing British drama with an excellent cast based on the 2012 book of the same name.

Who better to fill the leading role than Jim Broadbent.

Tickets available at Brownlies of Biggar.

### **MUSIC**

# BIGGAR MUSIC JAZZ CONCERT ROSSANO SPORTIELLO



3 Wednesday 18 October
7.30 pm
Biggar Municipal Hall
£16
Children/Students free
All ages

Rossano Sportiello was born in Vigevano, Italy, studied classical piano but realised that Jazz was his main interest.

He met up and played with some of the current great American Jazz musicians. In 2005, Rossano was awarded the Priz du Jazz by the French Acadamie du Jazz, and in 2009, the Ascona Jazz Award for his mastery of Jazz Piano.

Based in New York, he returns home every year to play in Europe. Rossano has toured Scotland twice before. This time he will give seven concerts and we are delighted one of them will be at Biggar Little Festival.

# Atkinson Pryce present THE BOOKSHOP BAND





Friday 20th October
7.30pm
Biggar Library
£12
Suitable for any age.

Join Beth and Ben for an evening of award-winning music inspired by books.

The Bookshop Band began as an artist collaboration with an independent bookshop and has since seen them travel the world's bookshops and stages with their music. They have worked with authors including Margaret Atwood, Philip Pullman and Hilary Mantel and last year their music received a nod from the Oscars.

We are delighted to welcome them back to Biggar and we hope to see you there.

Tickets: Atkinson Pryce Bookshop and www.atkinson-pryce.co.uk

#### **BEACH CROWS**



Friday 20th October 8.00pm (10.30pm) Arcadia Music Cafe £11

Beach Crows are the songwriting duo Tom Anderson and Al Nicholas. Their forthcoming album Water of Life is an eclectic mix of folk influenced rock and blues with a heady dose of seventies mellow. The core of their music is an imaginative blend of acoustic guitars, using alternative tunings and unusual rhythms. Al's intricate John Martyn style washes lay the ground for Tom's virtuoso guitar and the whole sound is underpinned by Nick Townsend's (Lost Boys) solid basslines and the outstanding drum work of Damon Sawyer (100/70 Split -Ten Years After, Marmalade).

# CONCERTS IN THE KIRK ROB HALL & PHILIPP VAN ENDERT



Friday 20th October
8pm (10pm)
Carstairs Parish Church
Carstairs Village
£10
Under 16/Students £5
All ages

Pre-eminent German jazz guitarist Philipp van Endert joins Scotland's multi-instrumentalist Rob Hall (sax, clarinet & piano) for a varied programme of lyrical, adventurous music alongside reinterpreted repertoire from the jazz canon. With extensive touring experience, they have between them produced dozens of recordings, featuring such luminaries as Kenny Wheeler and Jim Mullen, and penned new music from soloists to orchestras. A rare opportunity to hear these two fine musicians combine in the gorgeous acoustic and inspiring setting of Carstairs Parish Church. Light refreshments will be available in the interval.

#### STONEHOUSE MALE VOICE CHOIR



Saturday 21st October 2pm (4pm)
Loaningdale House £10
Under 18s free All ages

Stonehouse Male Voice Choir was formed in 1936, in a local builder's yard, when two or three joiners began singing during their lunch break. The Choir's repertoire is wide and varied and caters for all tastes, ranging from classical to church music and from show music to light popular music.

# THE LOOK OF LOVE The Music of Burt Bacharach



Saturday 21st October 7.30pm Biggar Corn Exchange £12 Under 16 £9

A celebration of the music of Burt Bacharach including many of his best loved songs. Enjoy an evening of wonderful tunes performed by local musicians.

Tickets: www.biggarcornexchange.org.uk

## **MUSIC**



Brothers Patrick and Gregory Kane formed Hue and Cry in the late 80's making a huge impact with their debut album 'Seduced and Abandoned' and their platinum successful album "Remote", together with hit singles Labour of Love', 'Looking for Linda' and 'Violently'. With primetime television success on Hit Me Baby One More Time and recent sell out live tours, the legendary duo continue to create great live music throughout the UK. Expect a fabulous night.

- "They've lasted because they are brilliant" Radio 2.
- "After thirty years they sound better than ever" Lorraine
- "Timeless & classic pop anthems" Greatest Hits Radio
- "They had the crowd on their feet chanting" Daily Record.

# FESTIVAL CLUB

FREE live music to round off your festival nights









- Friday 20 October 9.00pm till late The Crown Inn
- Saturday 21 October 9.00pm till late The Elphinstone Hotel
- Friday 27 October 9.00pm till late The Elphinstone Hotel
  - Saturday 28 October 9.00pm till late The Crown Inn

Round off your day at the Festival with a drink and free music. At the ever popular weekend nights' Festival Club local guest artists and bands will be providing live music alternately in the The Crown bar or upstairs at the Elpinstone.

Meet up with friends, catch up on the day's events and enjoy the rest of the night.

Thank you to The Crown and the Elphinstone for welcoming Festival Club

# Arts at Loaningdale presents AN EVENING WITH WORBEY AND FARRELL





Sunday 22nd October 7.30pm (10pm) Loaningdale House £18

Suitable for all ages

Steinway artists with a wicked sense of humour, Steven Worbey and Kevin Farrell offer a barnstorming blend of sparky comedy and utterly sensational piano playing.

Following their sell out show at the Loaningdale Spring Piano Festival, internationally aclaimed artists Worbey and Farrell pay a return visit to Biggar for an evening of musical merriment.

"Jaw dropping talent" Kate Copstick, The Scotsman Refreshments will be served in interval.

# THE JOHN HINSHELWOOD BAND CALLED BACK The poems of Emily Dickinson



Monday 23rd October 7.45pm (9.15pm) NO INTERVAL 11 Legion Hall (BYOB) £10

Emily Dickinson wrote almost 2,000 poems, most of which remained unpublished before her death in 1886. Since then, she has achieved cult status in American literary history. Lanarkshire based songwriter John Hinshelwood recently released a critically acclaimed CD of songs he composed using Dickinson's poems. The songs, supplemented by linking narrative and readings on the poet's life and times, form the focal point of the show.

The performers are Tim Black (guitars, mandolin, vocals), John Hinshelwood (vocals, guitar), Ed McGlone (electric bass, Chapman Stick, vocals), Fiona Wellstood (narrator).

### ANNE GAIR LOTHIAN AND BAND OUT OF THE BLUE A Celebration of Joni Mitchell



Tuesday 24th October 7.30pm Biggar Corn Exchange £14



An evening celebrating the music of Joni Mitchell, exploring her most loved album Blue, and other favourites from her extensive songbook. The Andalucian dulcimer, synonymous with tracks like 'A Case of You' will feature in the show.

Although some of the performance will be in solo acoustic format, local musicians will also feature on bass, piano, guitar and backing vocals to provide a truly memorable experience of some of the best iconic songs of the 20th century.

Tickets: www.biggarcornexchange.org.uk

# CLYDESDALE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND CONCERTS IN THE KIRK

Tuesday 24th October 7.30pm (9.30pm) Carstairs Parish Church Carstairs Village £10



#### £5 (Under 16/ students/restricted view\*)

\*20 restricted view balcony seats (full stage can be seen on screens)

An exciting opportunity to hear Clydesdale's leading concert band perform a wide range of repertoire from inspired arrangements of popular classics to big screen orchestrations, hymns, Scottish favourites and more. Formed by leader John Bryce to fulfil a need for large scale ensemble experiences in rural South Lanarkshire, the band meets in Carluke and caters for all ages, recently adding a Junior section to their numbers.

The venue of Carstairs Parish Church has recently been beautifully renovated with warm acoustics and comfortable seating. Light refreshments will be available in the interval.

# SCOTTISH OPERA OPERA HIGHLIGHTS



Tuesday 24th October 7.30pm (9.30pm) Crawfordjohn Hall £18 £6 (under 26)

Scottish Opera returns with a troupe of talented singers, bringing an original piano-accompanied production to your doorstep this

Performed by a cast that includes Scottish Opera Emerging Artists with music meticulously curated by Scottish Opera's former Head of Music, Derek Clark. Opera Highlights combines repertoire favourites with lesser-known pieces, you will not find such a treasure trove of opera anywhere else!

Tickets available at www.scottishopera.org.uk

# THEMELESS AND SEAMLESS THE DUKES OF UKE



Wednesday 25th October Saturday 4th November 7.30pm (10pm) Biggar Corn Exchange

£15

Suitable for all ages

The Dukes of Uke return with a new show, which is unburdened by a theme, so anything goes. They will simply be playing songs they enjoy and love to perform.

It is also 'seamless' which, according to the thesaurus, means logical, smooth, coherent, consistent, ordered, flawless, harmonious, ideal, uninterrupted. These are all adjectives which have never before been used to describe a Dukes of Uke show! One thing's for sure, the Dukes of Uke will not be singing any 'themeless songs' in 'seamless thongs' Or will they.....?

Tickets: www.biggarcornexchange.org.uk

## **MUSIC**

# BRASS BAND SPECTACULAR NEWTONGRANGE SILVER BAND



Thursday 26th October 7:30pm (9:30pm) Biggar Kirk

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Free entry Suggested donation £10 Suitable for age 7+

Newtongrange Silver Band are delighted to be back in Biggar presenting a varied programme of brass band music at this year's Biggar Little Festival.

As recent holders of Scotland's Championship Band of the Year, the band look forward to surprising you with their huge range of tone, colour and the virtuosity of their soloists.

# BIGGAR BLUES NIGHT PJ LYNCH AND FRIENDS

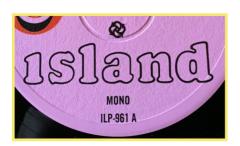


Thursday 26th October 8pm (9.30pm)
Biggar Corn Exchange £12
School age £8

An evening of classic blues songs, hosted by singer PJ Lynch with some very special guests.

Tickets: www.biggarcornexchange.org.uk

# ISLAND PINK TRIBUTE CONCERT PJ LYNCH AND FRIENDS



Friday 27th October 8pm (9.45pm)
Gillespie Centre (Café style) £12 School age £8

Celebrating classic songs from The Pink Label era of Island records – late 60s/early 70s – with the beautiful songs of early John Martyn, Sandy Denny, Cat Stevens and many more!

# THE MIGHTY JOES FROM LAUREL CANYON TO SEATTLE A Musical Journey Along America's West Coast



Friday 27th October 8pm (10.30 pm) Arcadia Music Cafe





Join Biggar's own Mighty Joes on a magical, musical journey through time along America's West Coast from the cool climes of Washington State to the sunny skies of California. Alongside some very special guests the Joes will be exploring the rich musical heritage and enduring cultural legacy of the West. Weaving through the psychedelia of San Francisco to the folk rock of Laurel Canyon and all the way to the grunge of Seattle in the North. It promises to be a hip, groovy trip!

# BOB DYLAN TRIBUTE CONCERT PJ LYNCH AND FRIENDS





Saturday 28th October 8pm (9.45pm) Gillespie Centre (Café Style) £12

School age £8

A selection of classic tracks from one of the true masters of songwriting. From 'Blowin' in the Wind' to the heartbreaking ballads. Come and join singer PJ Lynch and special guests for an evening of fun and great song.

# THE BIGGAR BIG BAND IN CONCERT BIGGAR BIG BAND, featuring Anthony Bowers





Let Anthony Bowers and the Biggar Big Band get you in the mood with an eclectic blend of jazz, swing and Latin numbers - and dance the night away!

### **MUSIC**

# Folk Concert AN EVENING WITH EABHAL and ADAM HOLMES

A folk concert featuring two of the finest young folk acts in Scotland.

Adam Holmes is a rising star who has been making a name for himself as a singer/songwriter gaining him nominations for Scottish Album of the Year in 2014, 2017 and 2018. Adam has shared the stage with the likes of Van Morrison, Martin Simpson and Richard Thompson amongst others.



Saturday 28th October 8.00 pm Biggar Municipal Hall

Suitable for 16+



Eabhal, from the Isle of Uist is probably the most talked about young bands on the Scottish Folk scene and will be performing both traditional and self penned songs and tunes.



# DRUMS IN THE DARK WISTON LODGE DRUM CIRCLE



Sunday 29th October 5.30pm (6.15pm) Wiston Lodge

Suitable for all ages

Find your beat with our drum facilitators during an exhilarating taster session.

Drum circles are great for strengthening friendships, finding connections and developing the imagination. They are the basis of story telling and a powerful way to find a new voice. No experience is necessary as our facilitators will lead.

The session will bring our separate Halloween afternoon event to a close, but participants wishing to take part in just the drumming drop-in can arrive from 5.15pm.

### **GRASSROOTS BANDS AT BLF**

Grassroots music is the heart and soul of a good Scottish festival and we are thrilled to have three great bands on one ticket for a great final night. Opening with our newest young band from Peebles, 8 Days, rocking on with Biggar's own fabulous Mighty Joes and closing BLF 2023 on a high with the incredible Coaltown Daisies.

Arrive anytime, but be sure get your tickets early so you don't miss out.

SUNDAY 29th October 6.00 pm (10pm) Biggar Municipal Hall £12



Under 18 £8

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The Biggar Gallery

#### 8 DAYS



8 Days are a young alternative rock band from Peebles composed of Fin Price (vocals and guitar), Sam Jones (bass/vocals) and Ailsa Jarvis (drums). 8 Days have played MacArts, Galashiels, The Innerleithen Music Festival and Maroon'd festival.

### THE MIGHTY JOES

The Mighty Joes mix guitar, mandolin, harmonica, shruti box and percussion with tight vocals, combining original material and eclectic covers, from contemporary and traditional Celtic and Americana grooves to alternative rock/pop stylings. The Mighty Joes have recently played at Stonehouse Folk Club, Strathyre Music Festival, Strathaven's Hangarfest and Dunbar Music Festival.



### THE COALTOWN DAISIES



The Coaltown Daisies are a duo of singer songwriters who write and perform dynamic folk, soul and americana music.

Winners of the coveted CalMac Culture Music prize, the Coaltown Daisies are known for their highly engaging live performances at Celtic Connections and many other festivals around Scotland.

- "Wow!" Iain Anderson (BBC)
- "I love this music!" Baylen Leonard (Country Hits Radio)
- "Brilliant!" Glenn Tilbrook (Squeeze)
- "Great songs!" Boo Hewerdine (The Bible)

### POETRY AND LITERATURE

SCOTLAND'S VOICES, PAST AND FUTURE
Alan Riach, James Robertson
Biggar a
and Gerda Stevenson

TURE Friday 20th October 7.30 pm (9 pm) Biggar and Upper Clydesdale Museum

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£5 Concession (OAP, unemployed & students) Suitable for all ages



Celebrating the lives and works of the late Aonghas MacNeacail and Carl Macdougall. Both were Writers in Residence at Brownsbank Cottage in the 1990's. Both produced great works of beauty and importance for the contemporary Scottish Literary Canon. The first half of the show will showcase their work and contextualise their significance.

The second Half will feature Alan Riach presenting his new volume of Poems 'The MacDiarmid Memorandum" with readings and context.

SNUG POETS
WORDS WORDS
Local poets read from their own work

Thursday 26th October
7.30pm (8.30pm)
Gillespie Centre
£6
Suitable for 18+



Come along to an evening of new poems, short stories and more from local writers Trish Reith, Thelma Good, Neil Paynter and Lindsay Macgregor. In between our short readings there will be prizes...so join us and sit back and listen to our words, words, words from Biggar and beyond.

RED SQUIRREL PRESS & FRIENDS In Aid of MacDiarmid's Brownsbank WN (Bill) Herbert, Sean O'Brien, Colin Will, Lindsay Macgregor, Andy Jackson and Elizabeth Rimmer

Saturday 28th October 4.00pm Biggar and Upper Clydesdale Museum £6

Suitable for 18+



Biggar-based publisher Red Squirrel Press invites you to an afternoon of Red Squirrel Press poets and friends in aid of MacDiarmid's Brownsbank.

Featuring some of the best-known names in poetry, WN (Bill) Herbert, Dundee Makar and Professor of Poetry, Sean O'Brien, multi award-winning poet and Emeritus Professor, Colin Will, writer, musician, former Scottish Poetry Library and StAnza International Poetry Festival Chair, award winning Biggar-based poet Lindsay Macgregor, Andy Jackson, poet, anthologist, co-editor of Poetry Scotland and Elizabeth Rimmer, poet, editor and occasional translator.'

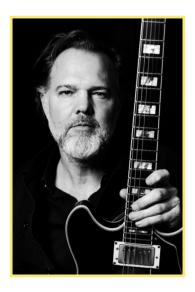
## **WORKSHOPS - Music and Dance**

#### JAZZ GUITAR WORKSHOP DAY LED BY PHILIPP VAN ENDERT

10.30am - 4.30pm
The Music Workshop
Schoolhouse
Orarstairs Junction
ML11 8QY
£95 per place\*

Saturday 21st October

\*cost includes light refreshments (teas/coffees/juice)
Suitable for age range 16+/adults.



A fabulous opportunity for guitarists to spend a day learning from one of Germany's top jazz artists, guitarist and composer Philipp van Endert www.pve.de in the conducive and relaxed environment of The Music Workshop in Carstairs Junction which has hosted many jazz courses and events over the years. The day will culminate in an informal in-house performance with rhythm section.

The event is best suited to guitarists who have a proficient 'working knowledge' of their instrument and some experience of improvising or playing by ear. Places are limited to 6 students, early booking is advisable. Suitable for age range 16+/adults.

Participants should bring a packed lunch, guitar, small amp and/or a long jack cable to plug into our PA desk.

For booking and more info please visit or email www.themusicworkshop.co.uk (Click on Saturday Sessions tab) or contact us at info@themusicworkshop.co.uk

# LET'S DANCE - CIRCLE DANCING FOR ALL Community Dance

Saturday 21st October 10.45am - 11.45am Gillespie Centre £7 P1 - P7 Free Suitable for any age



Come and join our circle to have fun dancing to music from around the world. Suitable for the Young and Young at Heart. From African beats to European Horas, South American Salsas,Rhythms from the Middle East and Scottish reels. Move to the beat of your heart and exercise both body and soul. Our mantra is 'No mistakes just variations'. Our lighthearted session is suitable for all fitness levels. No experience or partner required.

# **WORKSHOPS - Music and Comedy**

# SCRIBBLE - MUSIC AND DRAWING DJ's, Dancing and Doodling Session

Saturday 28th October
7pm till close
8 Elphinstone Hotel
£6
Suitable for all ages



No pressure, daft drawing challenges soundtracked by cross genre DJ sets for dancing and doodling. Soul to Hip hop, House to Disco, Rock to Reggae. @scribble\_live

#### STUART MITCHELL - FUNNY BUSINESS

Sunday 29th October 12 (3pm)

Biggar Corn Exchange £30
£25 (over 60s)
Suitable for 16+



Join award-winning comedian and Biggar resident Stuart Mitchell - who you may have seen on TV or in the Spar - as he teaches the art of using humour in your everyday life. Whether you are in theatre, a writer or thinking about trying stand-up comedy, this workshop is for you. Stuart has coached business leaders on how to increase their likeability factor so sign-up and find out why humour is a secret weapon in business, the arts and in life.

Tickets: www.biggarcornexchange.org.uk

#### PLAY AND SING WORKSHOP THE DUKES OF UKE

Saturday 4th November
2pm (3.30pm)
Elphinstone Hotel
£15
Suitable for all ages



lan will be joined by other members of the Dukes plus wonderful local bass player Alex Marfinescu for a play along workshop. We'll be tackling a selection of the best numbers from Songbooks 7, 8 and 9 - chosen on the day with no rehearsal! Spare copies of the books will be available if required. It's a session for people who have been through the beginner stage of playing, so mostly simple chords but with one or two new elements introduced. The emphasis will be on playing and singing together rather than teaching but musical pointers will be given.

Bring a music stand if you have one, and please also bring copies of lan's song books 7, 8 and 9 if you have them.

## **WORKSHOPS - Arts and Crafts**

# EARTHWARE POTTERY PEBBLE VASE



Saturday 21st October 2pm - 5pm Earthware Pottery Studio 4 Baird Way Biggar MI 12 67B

ML12 6ZB £60 Max 6 people

In this pottery workshop you will hand build a Pebble Vase using a white earthenware clay.

Cut out holes for the flower stems and decorate the surface using different techniques of applying underglazes.

The finished pieces will be fired, clear glazed and available to collect, or posted for the cost of P&P within 2 weeks.

# EARTHWARE POTTERY LUMINARY HOUSE



Sunday 22nd October 1.30pm - 5pm Earthware Pottery Studio

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4 Baird Way Biggar ML12 6ZB £65 Max 6 people

In this pottery workshop you will hand build a small ceramic luminary house using paper clay.

Cut out the door and windows for the light to shine out and apply surface design and decoration using stamps and underglazes. The finished pieces will be fired, clear glazed and available to collect, or posted for the cost of P&P within 2 weeks.

# BEYOND BLUE STUDIOS BOOK BINDING WORKSHOP: JAPANESE STITCHED NOTEBOOKS



Monday 23rd October 2023 10.30am - 12.30pm



Suitable for 16+ Max 12 people

Local book designer, Beth, will teach you how to use basic book binding tools to make beautiful Japanese-style stab bound notebooks. Using a range of papers, threads and decorative techniques, you will create a set of artistic A6 notebooks for you to take away. A wonderful gift for others or perhaps to keep and use yourself. All materials provided.

Beth can teach this technique to those under 16 if they have help from a supervising adult.

## **WORKSHOPS - Arts and Crafts**

# JENNIFER TURNER COLOUR SPLASH PAINTING WORKSHOP



2pm - 5pm
125 High Street
Biggar
ML12 6DL
£30
Suitable for 16+
Max 6 people

Wednesday 25 October

Loosen up your creativity with this Colour Splash painting workshop. Working on different surfaces including recycled materials, you will learn new tricks to create exciting effects for painting and decorative projects and will take home a finished piece of your own colourful artwork. Suitable for beginners and experienced artists alike.

# BEYOND BLUE STUDIOS BOOKBINDING WORKSHOP MAKE YOUR OWN MINI BOOKS



Thursday 26 October 2023 2pm - 4pm Biggar Library £30 Suitable for 16+ Max 12 people



This workshop has an emphasis on having fun while making little books. Made out of upcycled leather or vegan pleather and a collection of buttons and beads you will get to learn some of the basics of bookbinding while starting your very own stash of handmade books.

Ideal for stocking fillers, little gifts or to keep for yourself, these little pocket books are a great way of using up your own oddments of paper and once you know how to make these, you will never be short of a notebook again! All materials provided.

No experience required.

All materials provided.

# SECRET GARDEN FLOWERS AT SHIELDHILL FLORAL HALLOWEEN PUMPKINS



Saturday 28 October 10.30am (12.30pm) Shieldhill Castle Hotel Quothquan Biggar ML126NA £56 Shieldhill Lunch from £10

Learn to make a wonderful Halloween floral display in the beautiful setting of Shieldhill Castle Hotel.

Lynn will share her skills and you will have a lovely floral Halloween pumpkin arrangement to take home.
All materials provided.

Then stay and treat yourself to lunch in Shieldhill's historic dining room...

Festival Lunch from £10



# Explore beautiful landscape and discover amazing art...

See individual listings for dates and times.

Artists and Makers come together to show and sell their work in The Biggar Little Festival Art Trial 2023 with individual and joint open studios and exhibitions. Venues in Biggar and in locations across the surrounding area offer a trail of artistic discovery in beautiful surroundings.

Take a little time to browse our listings and individual opening times to plan your visits and enjoy a warm welcome from the artists and makers who are inspired to live and work in this beautiful region.

# POP UP ART BIGGAR ART GROUP and MADAINN ART GROUP



Biggar & Upper Clydesdale Museum 156 High Street Biggar MI 12 6DH

A showcase of completed artwork and work in progress by members of Biggar Art Group and Madainn Art Group. Some work will be for sale, including cards, prints and originals, in a variety of styles to suit all tastes!

Wed Oct 18	Thu Oct 19	Fri Oct 20	Sat Oct 21	Sun Oct 22
10am - 4pm	10am -4pm	10am - 4pm	10am - 4pm	10am - 4pm



# THE PEACE OF WILD THINGS ART EXHIBITION - ANJ ART



Biggar & Upper Clydesdale Museum 156 High Street Biggar ML12 6DH



An exhibition of mixed media paintings by animal artist  $\mbox{\sc Anj}$  Jamieson.

Understanding the peace and wellbeing that is experienced when immersed in nature, this collection of colourful and contemporary paintings explores the artist's connection to the flora and fauna that live around her home, as well as animals that inspire her from afar.

Original artwork available for sale along with prints, greetings cards, cushions and more.

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@anj\_the\_artist





### MEDWYN ART GROUP





Exhibition of group members' work from fine art to fractured and everything in between!

Join them in the Legion Hall to see the exhibition and enjoy a tea /coffee

Leave High Street at the Corn the Exchange, walk past public toilets, take first right then 100 yd .

Sat Oct 28 Sun Oct 29 10am - 4pm 10am -4pm



#### **BIGGAR CAMERA CLUB**



The Old Auction Ring Clydesdale Close Biggar MI 12 6AD

An exhibition from a group of local photographers, keen to explore all aspects of photography. They will be running photo editing workshops throughout the exhibition and happy to help edit or explain the process to anyone who comes along.



Biggar Camera Club

Sun Oct 22 Sat Oct 21 11am - 4pm 11am -4pm



#### ISOBEL STRUTHERS



Meadowbank 14 Southback Road. Biggar ML12 6AL



Isobel has lived in the Biggar area all her life, many people will know her from the craft fairs she has attended for many years. She has always been interested in a variety of crafts including embroidery, beadwork, painting and more recently needle felting as she is attracted to the vibrant colours available in the wool. She is inspired by our beautiful countryside, the flowers in our gardens and the local wildlife including our pets and she enjoys painting dogs and cats in a variety of mediums.

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Isobel Struthers Art and Embroidery

No wheelchair access

Sun Oct 22 Fri Oct 27 Sat Oct 28 Sun Oct 29 10am - 4pm 10am -4pm 10am - 4pm 10am - 4pm

#### **FARTHWARF POTTERY**



Earthware Garden Gallery 4 Baird Way Biggar ML12 6ZB



Viv's pottery and garden gallery will both be open and welcoming visitors.

You will be invited to explore the set up and equipment of a creative studio and also to follow the mosaic path and take a look around the peaceful gallery in its lush garden setting. Hand made pottery will be on display and for sale.

Viv will be there to explain her work practice, the inspirations for her pottery and the techniques she uses to create colourful, hand crafted and unique ceramics that are perfect for any home.

There will also be the option to try your hand at throwing a small pot on a wheel and information on future classes and workshops in the studio.

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earthware.biggar@gmail.com

**Earthware** 

@earthware\_pottery

No wheelchair access.

Sat Oct 28 Sun Oct 29 10am - 5.50pm 10am -5.30pm

#### **BIGGAR BOTANICAL ARTISTS**





There will be lots of work on display and demonstrations to see throughout the event.

The students of Biggar Botanical Artists welcome you to join them in their studio for the weekend.

They will be showcasing their classic Botanical Art as well as many different examples of subjects and mediums that the students also create.



No wheelchair access.

Sat Oct 28	Sun Oct 29
10am - 5pm	1pm -4pm

Biggar Botanical Artists

#### JENNIFER TURNER



Designer and artist Jennifer Turner welcomes visitors to her studio space on Biggar High Street where she will be displaying a selection of some of the many pieces of original hand painted artwork she has produced over a long career working with design companies worldwide, together with recent paintings, etchings and printmaking featuring trees, landscapes and birds.

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www.jennifertuner.co.uk

@ @jenniferturnerart

 Sat Oct 21
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 Fri Oct 27
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 12 - 4pm
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 10am - 4pm

125 High Street Biggar ML12 6DL

No wheelchair access.



## **ART TRAIL**

#### KEN RUSSELL



Janefield, 2 Lindsaylands Road Biggar ML12 6EQ



Ken's new work is of an abstract nature and examines relationships and diversities, shape and colour. He paints in acrylics and mixed media creating pieces which are dramatic and striking in his studio in Biggar. He welcomes you to his home.

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@kenrussellartbiggar

No wheelchair access.

Thu Oct 26	Fri Oct 27	Sat Oct 28	Sun Oct 29
10am -4pm	10am - 4pm	10am - 4pm	10am - 4pm

#### **MOIRA RUSSELL**



Janefield, 2 Lindsaylands Road Biggar ML12 6EQ



Moira's recent work is based on woodland - specifically the plants which grow in Little Mitchellwood - a community woodland on the edge of Biggar. The work takes the form of mixed media paintings and artist's books which Moira creates in her home studio. She would be delighted to welcome you to see her work and discuss her processes.

No wheelchair access.

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#### THE CAMEL'S CAP



South Lindsaylands, Lindsaylands Road, Biggar, ML12 6NR

Elly specialises in free motion embroidery, which is essentially using her sewing machine needle like a pencil to draw and write, creating embroideries using snippets of fabric and layering different colours of thread. She likes to incorporate embroidery from vintage linen and preloved fabric from curtains and clothes for a unique look to every piece. She then turns these embroideries into items for the home. Her work mostly features birds, flowers and lighthouses.

Situated one mile from the centre of Biggar on Lindsaylands Road, next to the two newbuild houses.

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The Camel's Cap

@thecamelscap

Sat Oct 28 Sun Oct 29 10am - 5pm 10am -5pm



#### **SARAH DAWNEY**



J Symington House Biggar Rd Symington, Biggar ML12 6LW

Taught and mentored by Robin Child, Arthur Neal and Eleanor White, and influenced by artists such as Diebenkorn and de Staal, Sarah is moving from representational towards more abstract work. She is a member of The Rosvyk Collective in Hungerford and also the Madainn Group here in Biggar.Sarah works in oil, acrylic and collage inspired by the power of the landscape, the sea, and the changing weather. Paintings will be on display and for sale in her studio and you are welcome to walk round the garden.

No wheelchair access.

Sat Oct 28 Sun Oct 29 10am - 5pm 10am -5pm

www.sarahdawnay.com
@ @sarah.dawnay

### MANSEFIELD ARTS AND CRAFTS of SYMINGTON



Mansefield Manse Road Symington ML12 6LN



Eileen welcomes you to her home studio.
This year, as well as her painting of animals, florals and abstracts, she will be showing her most recent crafts - painted wood slices and rocks, paintings on turkey feathers and handmade mini albums.

No wheelchair access.

3 Snowberry Fields

Thankerton ML12 6RJ

Sat Oct 28 Sun Oct 29 11am - 5pm 11am - 5pm

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@mansefieldartsandcrafts

#### **TANTU CERAMICS**



Following on from the incredible support she has received over the last year, Brodie would like to welcome visitors to her workshop in Thankerton. Brodie makes a range of decorative and functional pieces, glazed with a variety of colourful, melting glazes to make each piece unique.

Each piece is thrown on the wheel and glazed by hand. Pop in and enjoy a look around her home studio and browse her work for sale.

@Tantu.ceramics

Fri Oct 20 10am - 4pm	
Fri Oct 27 10am - 4pm	



#### **RICHARD PRICE STUDIO**



Thankerton Pottery and Gallery

The Limes Station Road Thankerton ML12 6NZ



Richard Price Studio is the garden-based pottery studio and gallery of artist and potter Richard Price.

On the open days, there are both indoor and outdoor demonstrations of pottery making, raku firing and watercolour as well as exhibitions and original work for sale. Weather permitting, there may be some interactive sessions as well.

A lovely welcoming venue.

- www.richardpricestudio.com
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- @richardpricestudio

No wheelchair access.

The Limes Station Road Thankerton ML12 6NZ

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Thankerton Pottery and Gallery

#### **JULIE MORRIS**



Julie Morris has been a professional artist for thirty years. Her career began when she worked full time for a thimble guild mail order company in Biggar doing illustrations and artwork for labels, brochures and thimbles including individually hand painted thimbles and trinkets.

Since its closure she has been painting Scottish landscapes and old buildings in watercolour for Art Galleries around Scotland. Julie works from her own sketches and photographs. She has a keen interest in local history and likes to add bits of old maps to her work.

No wheelchair access.

Sat Oct 28 Sun Oct 29 10am - 4pm 10am - 4pm

www.juliemorrisart.co.uk

Julie Morris Art
@ @juliemorrisart

## CLYDE VALLEY PICTURE FRAMING ART EXHIBITION



Clyde Valley Picture Framing Old Boat Farm Thankerton Biggar ML12 6NU



Clyde Valley Picture Framing is located in Thankerton beside Boat Bridge, and here you will find a mixed exhibition of paintings, lino cuts, screen prints etc from a variety of artists from around Scotland and further afield.

Enjoy a coffee while you browse a wide selection of original art both framed and unframed with prices ranging from just £10 to over £200.

Find us on Google maps.

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Clyde Valley Picture Framing

Fri Oct 27 Sat Oct 28 Sun Oct 29 10.30am - 5pm 10.30am - 5pm 10.30am - 5pm



#### **ALLAN BURNETT**





Clyde Valley Picture Framing Old Boat Farm Thankerton Biggar ML12 6NU

Allan Burnett is a local, self-taught artist and since retiring he has been able to devote more time to his passion. He takes inspiration from local landscapes, in particular those with a personal connection. After attending intense painting workshops, he has adapted traditional scapes to become more expressive and semi abstract. The media he chooses to work with is predominantly watercolour however he has been experimenting with mixed media.

He is available for commissioned work on request.

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allanburnettartwork@gmail.com

Allan Burnett Artwork

Sat Oct 28	Sun Oct 29
10am - 4pm	10am -4pm



#### PIOTR CYBULSKI PHOTOGRAPHY



N Clyde Valley Picture Framing Old Boat Farm Thankerton Biggar ML12 6NU

Piotr is a photographer based in Thankerton. In his work he likes to focus on exploring the natural world where he is drawn to the uniqueness of things that are often considered 'ordinary'.

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10.30am - 5pm	10.30am - 5pm	10.30am - 5pm



#### **JENNY MOWAT**





Clyde Valley Picture Framing Old Boat Farm Thankerton Biggar ML12 6NU

Jenny Mowat is a 4th year student studying art in Glasgow. She takes her inspiration from the natural landscape around her home and the flora and fauna that lives there.

She works in many mediums including watercolours, acrylic, chalk and charcoal, she also loves hand making prints.

She will be working at her easel throughout the exhibition and looks forward to chatting with visitors to her studio.

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### **ART TRAIL**

#### **TFN ARTISTS** #TenArtists

Langloch Farm Hyndford Road Lanark **ML11 9TA** 



#Ten Artists are an informal group of artists and makers who all show their work regularly in the Lanark area and in Biggar Little Festival events. This is their second year showcasing their diverse range of work in the lovely setting of Lanloch Farm.

Items for sale include paintings, crafts, guilts, lino cuts, felt paintings, pottery and glass.

**Beatrice Cassidy Margaret Hamilton** Kith & Kiln Rosemary Lander Veronica Liddell **Evelyn McEwan** Dianne McNaughton Susan McMillan **Andy Stewart** 

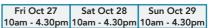
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- andrewwstewart581@hotmail.com

Langloch Farm has ample parking, disabled/wheelchair access, a lift,



toilets and a lovely cafe featuring delicious home baking and cooking.





#### **FORGED, FIRED & STAINED**

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61 Waterloo Road Lanark MI 11 70W

#### **Demonstrations:**

11am Forging Demonstration

1pm Leaded Glass demonstration

3pm Pottery Wheel Demonstration

Enter a world of wonder and creativity at the studio of Etched Glass & Ceramics in Lanark! Christine is sharing her open studio with collaborating artists offering is a rare opportunity to witness the exceptional artistry of these talented individuals and the tools they use to create their artworks.



#### Stephanie Whatley - Biggar Glass Works

Stephanie Whatley is a glass artist from Biggar. Her mesmerising fusion of lead came, traditional glass painting techniques, and fused glass, deliver a truly extraordinary visual experience.

- www.stephaniewhatley.com
- Biggar Glass Works
- @biggarglassworks

#### Andrew D. Winton - Farrier and Blacksmith

Andrew, a skilled farrier and blacksmith, has discovered the beauty of artistic fabrication, producing intricate and diverse metal pieces, which he and Stephanie have used to craft stunning sculptures and commissions.







#### **Christine Brown - Etched Glass and Ceramics**

Christine uses a unique procees of sand-blasting in her work with porcelaine and etched glass creating equisite one of a kind lamps, vases and optical crystal paperweights.

- Lanark-glass@live.co.uk
- **G** Christine Brown Etched Glass and Ceramics
- @ @christine\_etchedinscotland

#### **Ian Hamilton - Under the Siverbirch Ceramics**

lan and Christine's "pot of art" is a must-see.

Ian is a blind potter who expertly throws the pots which Christine then trims, glazes and etches to produce individually-crafted and visually striking functional pieces.



Limited wheelchair access.

Fri Oct 27	Sat Oct 28	Sun Oct 29
11am - 4pm	10am - 5pm	10am - 5pm



#### **CORRA SEA GLASS AND CRAFTS**



West Lodge Corehouse Lanark ML11 9TQ



Corra Sea Glass and Crafts creates unique jewellery and crafts using Scottish sourced sea glass, pottery, driftwood and willow as well as paintings and prints of local scenes and wildlife. Every item is individually handmade and one-of-a kind design.

From A73 at Hyndford Bridge, continue on the A70 towards the M74. After about 2.5 miles, turn right onto Kirkfieldbank Rd. Turn right at the junction with Eastertown Road to keep on the Kirkfieldbank Road for 2.5 miles, then turn right onto Corehouse Drive. West Lodge is the gatehouse for Corehouse Estate and has parking adjacent.

No wheelchair access.

Fri Oct 27
10am - 4pm

- 4pm

Sat Oct 28 10am - 4pm

Sun Oct 29 10am - 4pm

🚹 corraseaglassandcrafts @corraseaglassandcrafts

#### SUE NEAL ART



Davingillban 136 Lanark Road Crossford ML8 5QQ



Having lived for many years in France, Sue is now settled in the Clyde Valley with a working studio and gallery to welcome visitors. She has exhibited extensively, having studied at Sheffield and Paris, with pieces now in collections worldwide from Singapore to South America. Her influences are mainly from nature, in various media, favouring oil and acrylic creating vibrant statements.

Follow the clyde valley tourist route (A72), and Sue is in Crossford, on the main Lanark road, next to the village park. (parking too!!).

No wheelchair access.

Mid Henshilwood Farm,

Sat Oct 21 Sun Oct 22 10am -4pm 10am - 4pm

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Sun Oct 29 10am - 4pm

**Braehead ML11 8HB** 

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#### **ARTYBITS**



www.artybitstoorder.co.uk ArtyBitsChrissyFifield

Pop into the studio and enjoy a cuppa with ArtyBits. Based just outside the village of Braehead, ArtyBits specialises in hand pyrography, acrylic paintings on wood and slate and exploring a mix of mediums. You can drop in, ask questions and find out about our workshops, Adult and Kids club and studio shop.

> Sat Oct 21 Mon Oct 23 Sat Oct 28 10am -1pm 10am - 1pm 10am - 1pm

Sun Oct 29 10am - 1pm



#### **ELLEN McCANN**



Ministers Walk Elsrickle ML12 6OZ



"The sculptures have been inspired from plants in transition - gently moving towards opening. Forms caught in a brief moment delivering an invitation to imagine what they might become."

Ellen welcomes you to visit her studio in Elsrickle and see how her sculptures are formed. There will also be drawings and collages on display. The stoneware sculptures are fired to 1250° and can be placed outside as well as inside.

The studio is situated down a track between church and the village hall in Elsrickle. There are parking spaces at the hall.

**(C)** 07710 550329

🚹 Ellen McCann Artist

www.ellenmccannsculpture.com

No wheelchair access.

Sat Oct 28 Sun Oct 29 10am - 5pm 10am -5pm

#### **MAISYALICEART**



Netherurd House Blyth Bridge West Linton EH46 7AQ



Maisy's paintings are inspired by local scenery and her work often features familiar landscapes of the local area, as well as the Isle of Arran. She works in a range of media, with a focus on acrylic and ink, and with this comes a variety of styles. As well as original pieces, Maisy also has prints of her artwork and is available for commissions.

Leaving Biggar towards Edinburgh (A702), turn right at the Big Red Barn and continue until you come to the Netherurd sign. Then, turn left down the driveway towards Netherurd House and follow signs to the studio.

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Other times available by appointment

 Fri Oct 27
 Sat Oct 28
 Sun Oct 29
 Mon Oct 30

 10am - 4pm
 10am - 4pm
 10am - 4pm
 10am - 4pm



#### **SYLVIE STAINTON**



STUDIO 7 Cranstoun Dyke Kilbucho Broughton ML12 6JQ



Sylvie sculpts in stone and carves in wood. She also paints with mixed media. Her work is guided by a deep connection to nature and its soul. She works by observing the wood or stone, without a preconceived idea, and lets the being inside emerge.

The poscode will not take you to Sylvie's studio.

From Biggar via Station Road follow sign for Broughton to Kilbucho Road. The studio is after Forge cottage on the left. From Broughton take the Kilbucho Road which is a sharp right turn after the brewery. Follow the Road until you reach the scarecrow. Turn left and the studio entrance is the first gate on the right.

No wheelchair access.

3 words: Monday.bulky.mailbox

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Sat Oct 28 Sun Oct 29 10am - 6pm 10am - 6pm

#### BERTRAM-GOSSAN CERAMICS and GLASS BY HANNAH



W Waterhead Reservoir Cottage Birthwood Road Coulter MI 12 6OB



Inspired by Holey Stones and Barbara Hepworth's work, Liz has created a series of abstract sculptures which are suitable for outdoors. Her celtic pieces, landscape pots, wall hanging planters and birds will also be available to purchase.

Liz will demonstrate some slab making techniques she uses from 1-1.30pm each day.

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Hannah takes inspiration from the sea and nature and uses wood to enhance her stained glass designs. Hannah also creates pet portraits and small pieces that are perfect for gifts.



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The studio is located at Coulter Reservoir. Satnav/postcode will take you 2 miles from the studio, keep following the arrows over the cattle grid onto the private road towards Coulter Reservoir until you see the white house on the hillside. Parking is beyond the white gate.

No wheelchair access.

Fri Oct 20	Sat Oct 21	Fri Oct 27	Sat Oct 28	Sun Oct 29
10am - 4pm	10am -4pm	10am - 4pm	10am - 4pm	10am - 4pm

#### LADYGILL ARTS & CRAFTS



Ladygill House Roberton MI 12 6RR



Pop in and see Moira at her studio in her home at Roberton. You'll be able to see her latest range of one-off pieces of sterling silver jewellery which reflect her love of shape and texture. She'll be happy to chat to you about the ideas behind her designs, processes involved in their production and commissions for that special bespoke piece. Moira's original pen drawings, pen and collage studies and 'Desk Top Art' will also be on sale.

Directions:

From Biggar: A702 South then A73 North for 2miles Lanark: A73 South

M74: Exit junction 13 -Take A73 towards Lanark for 2 miles

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Fri Oct 20	Sat Oct 21	Sun Oct 22
10am - 5pm	10am - 5pm	10am - 5pm
Fri Oct 27	Sat Oct 28	Sun Oct 29
10am - 5pm	10am - 5pm	10am - 5pm



## JANET TURVILLE AND GARETH GRIFFITHS



Ryefield House Howgate Road Roberton, Biggar ML12 6R



Janet and Gareth moved from the Midlands to Scotland in 2021. Janet worked as a knitwear designer before studying Fine Art at the University of Nottingham.

She reuses found materials. Worn-out jumpers become collages or hangings. Victorian cartes-de-visite are processed on fabric as ethereal cyanotypes. Broken and burnt glass is made to resemble archaeological finds. Janet is inspired by memory, landscape and place.

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Gareth is a bookbinder who produces handmade notebooks and journals. He has learned the lost craft of marbling to produce his own papers for covers and endpapers. His work is rooted in traditional craft. Each book is wholly unique.

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From Biggar take A73 to Roberton. Turn right after bridge. Ryefield House is 500 metres on the left.



No wheelchair access.

Fri Oct 27	Sat Oct 28	Sun Oct 29
10am - 5pm	10am - 5pm	10am - 5pm

# PHOEBE COPE 'The Life of the People of Biggar & Beyond' A Local History Project

Meet by Appointment



This is a callout to inhabitants of the local area to be depicted in a drawn study series.

The aim is to make a record of the essence of this area, in all its variety. Pheobe has a particular interest in those who still work outdoors.

Phoebe Cope has much experience drawing from life and has exhibited in the Royal Society of Portrait Painters, The Royal Scottish Academy, Royal Hibernian Academy and Royal Academy. Phoebe also runs a weekly workshop. Please contact her for more details.

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Please get in touch with Phoebe by email if you or someone you know would like to participate.

Each portrait takes around 30 mins - over a cup of tea.

## FRAMING WISTON LODGE Exhibition of Photographers and Artists with a Connection to Wiston Lodge





Wiston Lodge is celebrating 15 years as a charity and has invited photographers and artists who have helped it grow to show off their work.

Much creativity has been inspired by the Victorian lodge house and 52-acre woodland estate.

The exhibition includes a series of structures across the grounds designed and built by first-year student architects from Strathclyde University. Students have stayed at Wiston Lodge every October since 2009 to complete their first assignments. This collaboration, along with photos and art by staff and visitors with a Wiston Lodge connection, is a key part in the charity's story.

Visitors are invited to come and see how Wiston Lodge is framed through artistic creativity.

Our exhibition is free but donations are welcome to support the work of the Wiston Lodge charity.



Wiston Lodge

@WistonLodge

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Refreshments available to buy.

Fri Oct 27 Sat Oct 28



# We hope you all enjoy the Biggar little Festival Art Trail

Biggar Little Festival would like to thank all the amazing Artists and Makers whose incredible creativity and skill has contributed to make this our biggest and most varied Art Trail yet.

We wish our artists success and our visitors enjoyable and fruitful visits to all our studios and venues.

## **WHAT'S ON**

#### PLAN YOUR FESTIVAL

DATE and TIME	EVENT	ABOUT	VENUE	TICKET	PAGE
Saturday 14 Oct	ober Pre Festival Event				
1.30 (3pm)	Pips and Panda and the Magic Egg	Children's Theatre	13	£12/£10*	6
Tuesday 17 Octo	ober Pre Festival Event				
1.30 (3pm)	Pips and Panda and the Magic Egg	Children's Theatre	13	£12/£10*	6
Wednesday 18 C	October Pre Festival Events				
11am (1pm)	Puppet making Workshop	Children's Workshop	13	£12	6
2pm (3.30pm)	Scoobie-Doo The Movie	Children's Movie	13	£7	6
7.30pm	Biggar Music Jazz Concert - Rossano Sportiello	Music Jazz	3	£16 * Free	16
Thursday 19 Oct	tober				
11am (1pm)	Puppet Museum Stage Sets and Tour	Theatre Tour	13	£8	7
Friday 20 Octob	er				
1.30 (3pm)	Pips and Panda and the Magic Egg	Children's Theatre	13	£12/£10*	6
7.30pm (9.45)	Scotland's Voices, Past and Future	Poetry Literature	4	£7/£5*	26
7.30pm	The Bookshop Band	Music	12	£12	16
7.30pm (9.45)	The Provy Woman	Theatre Comedy	1	£18	15
8.00pm (10.30)	Beach Crows	Music	9	£11	16
8.00pm	Concerts in the Kirk Rob Hall and Philipp Van Endert	Music Jazz	18	£10/£5*	17
8.00pm	Mark Watson	Comedy	3	£21	14
9pm (till late)	Festival Club	Music	7	Free	19
Saturday 21 Oct	ober				
10.30am (4.30)	Philipp Van Endert Jazz Guitar Workshop	Music Jazz	19	£95	27
10.45am(11.45)	Circle Dancing for All	Dance	2	£7/Free*	27
1.30 (3pm)	Pips and Panda and the Magic Egg	Children's Theatre	13	£12/£10*	6
2pm (5pm)	Pebble Vase Pottery Workshop	Crafts	E	£60	29
2pm (4pm)	Stonehouse Male Voice Choir	Music Choir	14	£10/Free*	17
7.30pm	The Look of Love	Music	1	£12/£9*	17
8.00pm	Hue and Cry	Music	3	£25	18
9pm (till late)	Festival Club	Music	8	Free	19

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#### **PLAN YOUR FESTIVAL**

DATE and TIME	EVENT	ABOUT	VENUE	TICKET	PAGE
Sunday 22 Octo	ber				
BIGGAR DAY O	BIGGAR DAY OUT				
10am (10.30) 2pm (2.30)	Puppet Theatre Tours with Book Fair and Bric-a-brac sale	Theatre Visit	13	Free	7
11.15am(12.15)	Biggar Kirk Festival Service	Worship	5	Free	10
12 - 4.30	St Mary's Hall Children's Zone	Crafts Children	6	£1	10
12 - 4.30	Food and Craft Fair	Foods Crafts	36	£1	13
1pm - 4.00	Kite Making Workshop	Children	2	£1	12
1pm - 4.00	Pop Up PartythonTron!	Children	2	Free	10
1pm - 5pm	Open Mic	Music	1	Free	12
1.30pm (5pm)	Luminary House Pottery Workshop	Crafts	Е	£65	29
2pm (3pm)	Story Trail I Wish I'd been Born a Unicorn	Children	10	Free	11
7.30pm (10pm)	An Evening with Worbey and Farrell	Music Comedy	14	£18	20
Monday 23 Octo	bber				
10.30am(12.30)	Japanese Bookbinding Workshop	Crafts	12	£30	29
7.45pm (9.15)	The John Hinshelwood Band Called Back	Music Poetry	11	£10	20
Tuesday 24 Octo	ober				
7.30pm	Anne Gair Lothiam Out Of The Blue	Music	1	£14	20
7.30pm (9.30)	Clydesdale Community Concert Band Concerts in the Kirk	Music Choir	18	£7	21
7.30pm (9.30)	Scottish Opera Opera Highlights	Music Opera	17	£18/£6*	21
Wednesday 25 C	October				
2pm (5pm)	Colour Splash Painting Workshop	Art Craft	G	£30	30
7.30pm (10pm)	The Dukes of Uke Themeless and Seamless	Music	1	£15	21
Thursday 26 Oc	tober				
2pm (4pm)	Minibooks Bookbinding Workshop	Crafts	12	£30	30
7.30pm (8.30)	Snug Poets Words Words	Poetry Literature	2	£6	26
7.30pm (9.30)	Newtongrange Silverband Brass Band Spectacular	Music	5	Donations	22
8pm (9.30)	PJ Lynch and Friends Biggar Blues Night	Music	1	£12/£8*	22

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DATE and TIME	EVENT	ABOUT	VENUE	TICKET	PAGE	
Friday 27 October						
8pm (9.30)	Scott Gibson - Sledgehammer	Comedy	1	£15	15	
8pm (9.30)	PJ Lynch and Friends Island Pink Tribute	Music	2	£12/£8*	23	
8pm (10.30)	The Mighty Joes	Music	9	£11	23	
9pm (till late)	Festival Club	Music	8	Free	19	
Saturday 28 Oct	ober					
10am(12pm)	Alien Puppet Making Workshop	Children's Workshop	13	£12	7	
10.30am(12.30)	Secret Garden Flowers at Shieldhill Floral Halloween Pumpkin Workshop	Floral Workshop	15	£56	30	
11am (12pm)	Act About Theatre Company	Children's	1	£7	9	
1.00pm (2pm)	Hansel and Gretel	Theatre				
1.30 (3pm)	Pips and Panda and the Magic Egg	Children's Theatre	13	£12/£10*	6	
4.00pm	Red Squirrel Press and Friends	Poetry	4	£6	26	
7.00pm (-late)	Scribble DJs, Dancing and Doodling	Dance Drawing	8	£6	28	
7.30pm (9.30)	Biggar Little Cinema The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry	Film	1	£8	15	
7.30pm (9.30)	Biggar Big Band in Concert	Music Dance	6	£10	23	
8.00pm	An Evening with Eabhal and Adam Holmes.	Music Folk	3	£21	24	
8pm (9.30)	PJ Lynch and Friends Bob Dylan Tribute Concert	Music	2	£12/£8*	23	
9pm (till late)	Festival Club	Music	7	Free	19	
Sunday 29 Octo	ber					
12.00 (3pm)	Stuart Mitchell Funny Business	Comedy Workshop	1	£30/25	28	
3.30pm (6pm)	Wiston Lodge Scream Sunday	Children	16	£5	9	
5.30pm (6.15)	Wiston Lodge Drums in the Dark	Drum Circle	16	£1	24	
6.00pm (10.00)	Grassroots Bands Night - 8 Days, The Mighty Joes,The Coaltown Daisies	Music Bands	3	£12/£8*	25	
7.30pm (9.30)	Biggar Little Cinema The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry	Film	1	£8	15	
Saturday 4 Nove	ember Post Festival Event					
2.00pm (3.30)	The Dukes of Uke Play and Sing Along	Music Workshop	8	£15	28	
7.30pm (10.00)	The Dukes of Uke Themeless and Seamless	Music	1	£15	21	
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#### VISIT BIGGAR and RAFFLE

#### **VISIT BIGGAR**

Biggar lies 28 miles to the south of Edinburgh on the A702, in South Lanarkshire and close to the boundary of the Scottish borders. With the Pentland hills to the north and the Southern Scottish Uplands to the south, it is surrounded by beautiful landscape and scenery.

A warm welcome awaits visitors in Biggar's cafes, restaurants and pubs and excellent local produce can be found in local shops and delicatessens.

The Elphinstone Hotel and the Kirkstyle Hotel both privide excellent accomodation in the town centre and the four star Shieldhill Castle Hotel is just a short drive away. Bed and breakfast or self catering accomodation can be found in the town and the surrounding area.

#### THE BIGGAR LITTLE FESTIVAL RAFFLE

The ever popular annual Biggar Little Festival Raffle will have a fantastic selection of prizes including a very special piece of art from one of our most popular Biggar Little Festival Artists, Evelyn McEwen.

A big thank you to Atkinson-Pryce Book Shop,The Barony Restaurant, Beauty by Shona, Biggar and Clydesdale Museum, Biggar Gin, Healthy Pets, Hendrie's Barbers, The Kirkstyle Hotel, New Image Hair Salon, Rowan Designs Florists, Shieldhill Castle Hotel and West Linton Golf Club for all their donations of raffle prizes this year!

Thank you!

Tickets will be on sale in the Gillespie Box Office and in venues throughout the festival and the raffle will be drawn in the first half of our Grassroots Bands Night on Sunday October 29th, the last night of the Biggar Little Festival.







## **VENUES**

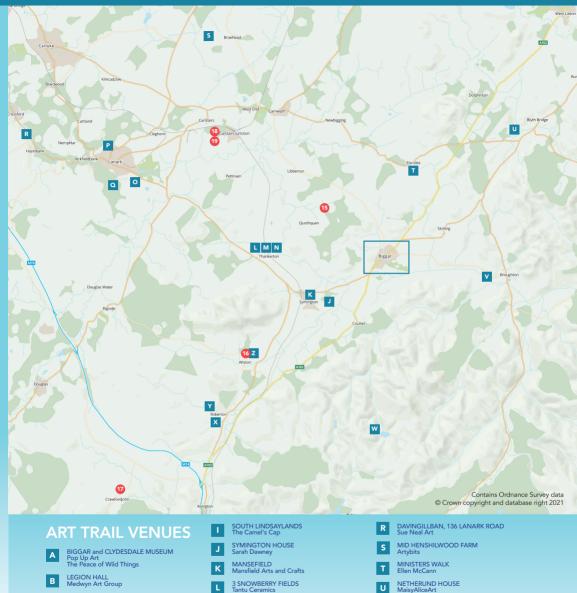


## **FESTIVAL VENUES**

- Biggar Corn Exchange
- Gillespie Centre & Festival Box Office
- Biggar Municipal Hall
- Biggar and Upper Clydesdale Museum
- Biggar Kirk
- 6 St Mary's Hall
- The Crown Inn
- 8 The Elphinstone Hotel
- Arcadia Music Cafe
- 10 Atkinson Pryce Bookshop

- 11 Legion Hall
- 12 Biggar Library
- 13 Biggar Puppet Theatre
- **14** Loaningdale Arts
- 15 Shieldhill Castle
- **16** Wiston Lodge
- 17 Crawfordjohn Hall
- (18) Carstairs Parish Church
- **19** Carstairs Schoolhouse

## **VENUES**



- THE OLD AUCTION RING Biggar Camera Club
- 14 SOUTHBACK ROAD Isobel Struthers
- 4 BAIRD WAY Earthware Pottery
- MASONIC HALL Biggar Botanical Artists
- 125 HIGH STREET Jennifer Turner
- 2 LINDSAYLANDS ROAD Ken Russel Moira Russell

- THANKERTON POTTERY AND GALLERY Richard Price Julie Morris
- CLYDE VALLEY PICTURE FRAMING Alan Burnett Piotr Cybulski Jenny Mowatt
- LANLOCH FARM 0
- 61 LANARK ROAD Forged Fired and Stained
- WEST LODGE , COREHOUSE Corra Sea Glass and Crafts

- NETHERUND HOUSE MaisyAliceArt
- STUDIO 7, CRANSTOUN DYKE Sylvie Stainton
- WATERHEAD RESERVOIR COTTAGE Liz Gossan and Hannah
- LADYGILL HOUSE Ladygill Arts and Crafts
- RYEFIELD HOUSE Janet Turville and Gareth Griffiths
- WISTON LODGE Framing Wiston Lodge

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