

BIGGAR little FESTIVAL 2022



20th anniversary
SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Celebrating the Arts

OCTOBER 13- 23rd 2022



www.biggarlittlefestival.com



WELCOME

to the Biggar Little Festival

2022

Dear All,

Welcome back! I am so happy and delighted to welcome you all to Biggar Little Festival 2022.

After the challenges of the last couple of years, it is wonderful to announce to you all that we have a full and exciting program to offer for this our 20th Anniversary year. During 2020 and 2021 we had online events, our Biggarlinks Art Trail, the Biggar Little Picnic and the Loaningdale Arts and Crafts weekend, and I express my thanks to all who volunteered, supported and took part in those lovely events to keep the flame of the Festival alive.

As you see from our fabulous program cover by Imogen, our Biggar Little Festival Young Artist 2022, we are looking to the future and towards the young talents who will be taking part in Biggar Little Festival for the next 20 years and beyond. Congratulations Imogen age 10, from Black Mount Primary School for becoming our cover artist and well done too to Callen Age 9 from Libberton Primary and Cameron Age 6 from Tinto Primary who were each awarded as the Young Artist of the year in their age groups. You will see their work in the Biggar Day Out section of the program.

Biggar Little Festival 2022 takes place from the 13th - 23rd October with 10 days of exciting events for all ages. From our favourite local heroes, to visiting performers, theatre groups and authors, we have our most varied festival yet. There are exhibitions, an Artists Studio Trail with 21 artists, exhibitions, workshops, children's events, and of course all the fun of The Biggar Day Out. Truly something for everyone.... enjoy browsing this program and book early!

As always, we extend a big thank you to our Patrons, our Sponsors, our amazingly tireless volunteers and of course, to everyone who comes along and joins in to make the Biggar Little Festival a great 10 days. I look forward to seeing you at the Festival.

James Softley

CHAIRMAN
BIGGAR LITTLE FESTIVAL



AKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Since the Biggar Little Festival was begun by the visionary David Roberts and his team 20 years ago, the people of the town of Biggar and the surrounding area have always worked with great enthusiasm to help it to continue and to grow.

Our sincere thanks go to the following for their help and contributions to Biggar Little Festival.

The Gillespie Centre (Box Office Facilities)

Gordon Young for providing bar facilities

Ted Gordon for auditing Biggar Little Festival accounts.

South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture

Carol Taylor - piece of artwork for raffle prize

The Alchemists Forge - piece of jewellery for raffle prize

Shieldhill Castle - raffle prize

Stephanie Whatley (our tireless administrator)

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 help for the Biggar Little Festival 2022, please contact:

info@biggarlittlefestival.com

*Thank you.
We hope you all enjoy the
Biggar Little Festival 2022*

PRE-FESTIVAL



CURTAIN UP!

Thursday 6, Friday 7,
Saturday 8 October

Biggar Corn Exchange
7.30pm (10pm)
£11

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Warm up to Biggar Little Festival with this pre-festival event from Biggar Theatre Workshop, running for three nights on the first weekend in October.

A farcical comedy by Peter Quilter, *Curtain Up* tells the story of a group of women who inherit equal shares in an old ruined theatre and have to get involved in all kind of chaos and madness to try to save it from destruction. The play is light-hearted, fun entertainment which has had audiences laughing in Britain for over a decade.

RAFFLE

The annual Biggar Little Festival Raffle is always a great contributor to raising funds to support the Festival.

Once again we have very kindly been offered unique and special prizes of a piece of artwork by Carol Taylor, a piece of jewellery from The Alchemist's Forge and an afternoon tea at Shieldhill Castle.

Tickets will be on sale in the run up to the Festival at Hamilton's Newsagents, and in the Box Office and across venues through the Festival.

Please look out for further details of the raffle on our social media pages as the Festival nears.

INFORMATION CENTRE AND BOX OFFICE

Tickets will be available online from Monday 1 August at www.biggarlittlefestival.com or by telephone on 0131 2260001.

The Festival Information Centre and Box Office opens on Saturday 1 October at the **GILLESPIE CENTRE**, 74 High Street, Biggar ML12 6DL.

Opening hours are 10.00am to 2.00pm Monday to Saturday (also open on Sunday 16 October during Biggar Day Out). Tickets for events are also available to purchase on-line.

A booking fee of £1 is included in the listed price and is payable on all tickets at any point of sale.

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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FOR THE CHILDREN

STREET ART by BIGGAR SCHOOLS

Saturday 15 October
to Sunday 30 October

Biggar High Street



Biggar should be very proud of their children in the Primary and High School. Once again they are working hard to produce Art Work for the Street Gallery in High Street shop windows during Biggar Little Festival. The theme this year is France, whose artists, architects and art movements have been very influential over our art in the past centuries.

Take time to walk around the town to enjoy this perennially popular display of young imagination and creativity, and thank you to all the local businesses who generously offer their space and support for this lovely event.

THE MCDUGALLS' PARTY TIME

Saturday 15 October
11.00am (12.00pm)

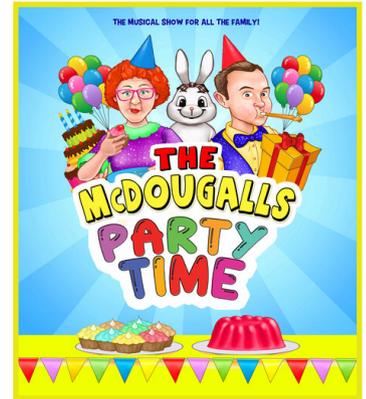
Biggar Municipal Hall

£6
Suitable for Families and
children up to about 8

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Join Max, Auntie Aggie and Morag the Rabbit as they get ready to throw the biggest and best party ever - and you're invited to join the celebrations! There will be games, songs, dances and lots of fantastic family fun. The party invitations have all been sent, but which magical characters will turn up?

A spectacular stage show, packed with super singalong songs, audience participation and musical mayhem. The perfect party treat for your little ones this year. Come dressed for the party!



LEIGH MILNE'S MAGIC AND PUPPET SHOW

Saturday 22 October
1.30pm – 2.30pm

St. Mary's Hall

£6 £20 (Family 4+)
Suitable for age 3+

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Funny magic man Leigh Milne has kids - and parents - mesmerised and transfixed with his fun and funny show.

There will be fabulous magic, amazing ventriloquism and hilarious puppets.



FOR THE CHILDREN

PURVES PUPPET THEATRE

Parent And Kids Puppet Making Workshop
WONDERFUL WILDLIFE!



Children will make their favourite wildlife creature with help from their Parent or Guardian and the Purves Puppets Puppeteers. All materials provided. Open for lunches and playing in the theatre playpark afterwards.

Purves Puppets welcome you to pop in on Open Doors Day for a free tour around the wonderful Victorian-style theatre. The tearoom will be open selling lunches and cakes!

Saturday 15 October
11.00am – 1.00pm
Lunches served afterwards.

Children £8 (Adults free)
Suitable for age 6 -10

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Open Doors Day – Guided Tours

Sunday 16 October
10.45am – 4.00pm
Guided Tours 11am, 1pm & 2pm

FREE
Any Age

PIPS AND PANDA IN MAGICLAND

Wednesday 19 October
Thursday 20 October
1.30pm – 3.00pm
(lunches from 12.00)

Adults £12 Children £10
Suitable for ages 1-7

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Wonderful colourful performance by the Purves Puppets! Pips the little monkey and silly old panda go on a journey to Magicland to find twinkle, Mr Magic's cheeky white rabbit. On the way they meet underwater creatures, watch wonderful magic tricks, and sing songs with the Music Man.

Pips & Panda look forward to seeing you there!



"SHERLOCK HOLMES and THE CASE OF THE MYSTERIOUS LETTER" Children's Puppet Making Workshop

Children will make all the characters for the performance, with sound effects, script reading and performing on our theatre stage. Parents or guardians will come back to watch the final performance. Open for lunches and playing in the theatre playpark afterwards.

Friday 21 October
10.00am – 12.30pm
(Lunches served afterwards)

£10 Children (includes snack)
Suitable for children ages 6-10



Sherlock Holmes
and the case of the
mysterious letter

To book please contact Purves Puppets:

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BIGGAR DAY OUT

Sunday 16 October

Various Venues
11.00am - 5.00pm

sponsored by
The Biggar Gallery

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

Look out for street entertainment including bouncy castle, face painting, magic, puppets, balloon sculpture, a Silent Disco Tour and even a real FIRE ENGINE!



Jumping For Joy, DG Funky Faces, Leigh Milne Magic, Biggar Pipe Band and The Scottish Fire Service are just some of those taking part in Biggar Day Out.

CAMERON - Age 6
Tinto Primary School

Artworks from the Biggar Little Festival YOUNG ARTISTS 2022 will be exhibited in the windows of The Biggar Gallery who kindly also sponsored this very special project celebrating the young talents from many of our local primary schools.



BIGGARDAYOUT

STORY TRAIL.... THE BIGGAR LITTLE TIGER....

Sunday 16th October
2.00pm (3.00pm)

Departs from Atkinson-Pryce
Books

FREE
Suitable for Preschool,
Infants, Primary School

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Become Super Heroes and follow our tiger and friends on a musical mission to Save The Planet! Have fun in The Burnbraes and see what you can do? Great entertainment for Preschool and Infant Primary School children accompanied by an adult. Audience participation welcomed. Dressing up as a Super Hero is optional.



BIGGARDAYOUT



KIRK SERVICE

Sunday 16th October
11.15am (12.15pm)

Biggar Kirk
FREE
All ages

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All are welcome to a family friendly Worship Service to thank god for His gift of artistic ability.

OPEN DOORS at the PUPPET THEATRE

Purves Puppets, Biggar's famous puppet theatre open their doors to visitors.

Sunday 16 October
10.45am – 4.00pm
Guided Tours 11am, 1pm & 2pm

Biggar Puppet Theatre
FREE All ages



ARTS AND CRAFTS and FOOD FAIR

Sunday 16 October

3 The Municipal Hall
6 and St Mary's Hall
£1 All ages



Discover perfect gifts with an array of local crafts and taste delicious gourmet foods made from local produce in the Arts and Crafts and Food fair spread across these two venues.

OPEN MIC at the CORN EXCHANGE

Sunday 16th October
1.00pm onwards

Biggar Corn Exchange

FREE
All ages

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Enjoy a break and rest your feet at the free 'Open Mic' event in the Corn Exchange' and find a warm welcome in local shops, bars and restaurants.



BIGGARDAYOUT

LOCAL FOODS and CRAFTS



Stall holders will include Biggar Botanics, Blind Witch Crafts, Lyne Organics, Macs Yarn Embroidery, Curly Dee Design, Milton Makes, The Olive Tree Delicatessen Toddlescrafs, Wagtails Wood Art and many more.

*Biggar Day Out
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The Biggar Galley*



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YOUR ARTWORK

@TheBiggarGallery

CalLEN - Age 9
Liberton Primary School

COMEDY

AN EVENING WITH FRED MACAULAY

Enjoy an evening of stand-up from 'one of the best comedians Britain has produced' (Richard Osman) for one night only at Biggar Little Festival.

Fred presented his daily BBC Scotland radio programme MacAulay and Co. for 18 years and has since performed a number of sell-out runs at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and other comedy festivals around the world.

Friday 14 October
Biggar Municipal Hall
8.00pm
Price £21 Suitable 16 +

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BIGGAR LITTLE STAND UP at THE CORN EXCHANGE

Wednesday 19 October
8.00pm

Biggar Corn Exchange
Price £17
Suitable for age 16+

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An experienced compere and stand-up, Jay has an easy manner on stage, instantly connecting with her audience - clever material delivered with effortless charm and packing a bite every bit as bad as its bark. Jay has worked on a number of hit BBC Four and BBC Scotland radio shows and is one of the longest running panellists on Radio Scotland's Breaking the News.

'Warm, wise, witty and occasionally waspish'
The Scotsman

JAY LAFFERTY



ROSCO MCCLELLAND

Twice nominated Best Newcomer at the Scottish Comedy Awards, and winner of Scottish Comedian of the Year in 2016, Rosco's endearing onstage presence has impressed judges and audiences alike. Rosco's naturally humorous delivery and surreal observations ensure a remarkable performance, every time.

'McClelland's gravelly and animated onstage presence emitted continuous laughter from the audience' - The Skinny

CHRIS FORBES

Star of BBC's Scot Squad and award-winning comedian, is one of the most in demand comics in Scotland. Chris is best known for his role as P.C Charlie MacIntosh in BBC Scotland's hit comedy 'Scot Squad' and his role as the 'other Murray brother' in his viral BBC skits with legendary tennis coach Judy Murray.

'Brilliantly observed...laugh out loud stuff... a natural comedian.' - Herald



CHRISTOPHER MACARTHUR-BOYD

Christopher MacArthur-Boyd - Born and bred in Glasgow, Christopher is a rising star of Scottish stand-up. Fast becoming a Fringe Festival favourite, Christopher's debut hour, Home Sweet Home, was officially the best reviewed of any Scottish stand-up at the Festival.

Christopher has followed this up by winning Best Breakthrough Act at the 2019 Scottish Comedy Awards and being listed the 59th funniest person in Scottish history.





Saturday 15 October
8.00pm (11.00pm)

Biggar Municipal Hall
£25 Age 12+

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JAMES GRANT and THE HALLELUJAH STRING QUARTET

James Grant is one of the most renowned and respected performers Scotland has ever produced.

Drawing from a broad palette of pop, folk, soul, country and blues influences, and interweaving his solo compositions with Love and Money favourites, James twins darkly literate, melodically lush songcraft with his richly potent vocals and virtuoso guitar work, leavening his performances with dashes of wickedly acerbic humour.

There will be new compositions and some cool covers alongside some Love and Money classics - with the added lushness of The Hallelujah String Quartet, this is music to stir the soul.

James Grant will be supported by American singer DIANE GARISTO, accompanied on keyboards and vocals by world music specialist ELISE MORRIS.



DROUTHY NEEBORS

A night of musical mayhem and guaranteed laughs, full of Scottish and Irish traditional music played with blood curdling aggression and attitude, to soulful melodic expression, and everything in between. Humour and audience participation are key to Drouthy Neebors performances!

Thursday 13 October
9.00pm (11.00pm)

6 St Mary's Hall
£11 Age 14+

Friday 14 October
8pm (9.45pm)

Gillespie Centre – Café Area

£11 School age £7

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BIGGAR BLUES NIGHT

From Muddy Waters to John Lee enjoy an intimate café style concert celebrating the Blues – with singer PJ Lynch with some special guests.



FESTIVAL CLUB



Throughout the Festival local bands will be providing FREE entertainment at various venues for your pleasure. Go and support them and round off your day at the Festival with a drink and some music. These ever popular gigs are a perfect way to catch up with missed events, meet up with friends and chill out courtesy of Biggar Little Festival.

Friday 14 October
9.00pm till late

The Elphinstone Hotel
FREE

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Saturday 15 October
9.00pm till late

The Crown Inn
FREE

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Friday 21 October
9.00pm till late

The Crown Inn
FREE

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Saturday 22 October
9.00pm till late

The Elphinstone
Hotel
FREE

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VAN MORRISON TRIBUTE CONCERT

Saturday 15 October
8.00pm (9.45pm)

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Gillespie Centre – Café Area
£11 School age £7

A celebration of one of the great songwriters- from 'Brown Eyed Girl' to the magical 'Moondance' – Irish singer PJ Lynch takes you through the amazing catalogue of song from Van the Man.



MUSIC

BRASS BAND SPECTACULAR with NEWTONGRANGE SILVER BAND

Monday 17 October
7.30pm (10.00pm)

Newtongrange Silver Band, one of Scotland's foremost brass bands, will entertain with a varied, award-winning programme.

Loaingdale House

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Adults £11
Concessions £8.50



Monday 17 October
7.45pm (9.15pm)

THE JOHN HINSELWOOD BAND CALLED BACK

Legion Hall (BYOB)

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£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, linked by 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 HINSELWOOD (vocals, guitar), ED McGLONE (electric bass, Chapman Stick, vocals), FIONA WELLSTOOD (narrator).

The Poems of Emily Dickinson

DIANE GARISTO - STONED SOUL PICNIC *American Women of Song*

Tuesday 18 October
8.00pm (9:30pm)
Saturday 22 October
7:30pm (9.00pm)

Arcadia Music Cafe
£13

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The Enduring Music of Joni Mitchell, Carole King and Laura Nyro. Stoned Soul Picnic is a feast of great music celebrating groundbreaking women of song. Renowned American singer Diane Garisto has shared the mic with such musical icons as Paul Simon, Steely Dan, Nile Rodgers and Malcolm McLaren, and was a member of Laura Nyro's well known backing trio, The Harmony Group. In recent years Diane has performed at The Edinburgh Festival, and headlined at Celtic Connections. Joining Diane will be keyboard player and vocalist, ELISE MORRIS, an richly accomplished musician whose original recordings have landed on many Top Ten Jazz charts in recent years.



SENSES AND NONSENSSES with THE SENSE-SATIONAL - DUKES OF UKE



Have you been missing the Dukes of Uke? Have they been out of sight, out of mind? Well, in the blink of an eye, they are back with their new show, which features all of our senses. So, follow your nose to the Corn Exchange to have your senses assaulted.

This ukulele sensorama will feature songs related to all 5 senses (and possibly even a 6th sense!!). You may find there is more ukulele than sense on the show, but touch wood, you will feel all the better for it...and rest assured, it will all be done in the best possible taste! Uke know it makes sense!

Thursday 20 October
7:30pm

Saturday 5 November
7.30pm

Biggar Corn Exchange
£11
Suitable for all ages

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DOUGIE MacLEAN

Friday 21 October
8.00pm (11.00pm)

Biggar Municipal Hall
£23 12+

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Clydesdale Folk Club presents an evening of Scottish Folk Music with the one and only Dougie Maclean. Probably Scotland's pre-eminent singer-songwriter and a national musical treasure, Dougie has developed a unique blend of lyrical 'roots based' song writing and instrumental composition.

He is internationally renowned for his song 'Caledonia', and his songs have been covered by Paolo Nutini, Amy MacDonald, Ronan Keating, Mary Black, Frankie Miller, Cara Dillon, Kathy Mattea and many other top performers.

Dougie will be supported by the trio BrÒg featuring legendary piper GARY WEST on pipes, whistles, vocals and guitar; virtuoso fiddler GREG BORLAND on fiddle and bass, and the sensational SANDY BRECHIN on accordion.



MUSIC



BOB DYLAN TRIBUTE

Friday 21 October
8.00pm (9.45pm)

Gillespie Centre – Café Area
£11 - School age £7

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A selection of fine local singers pay tribute to the mighty Bob Dylan, with many of his best loved songs and a bit of fun too.

Saturday 22 October
8.00pm (9.45pm)

Gillespie Centre – Café Area

£11 - School age £7

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JOHN MARTYN TRIBUTE

Following previous sold out shows celebrating the sublime talent of John Martyn, singer PJ Lynch (with special guests) covers the songs of pure beauty from 'Sweet little Mystery' to 'I'd Rather be the Devil'.



SCOTTISH OPERA - OPERA HIGHLIGHTS

A troupe of talented singers are bringing an original, vibrant, piano-accompanied production of opera hits and rarities straight to you.

The performers will include Scottish Opera's 2022/23 Emerging Artists, and the music is carefully programmed by Scottish Opera's Head of Music Derek Clark.

With a show that combines operatic favourites with lesser known repertoire, you will not find such a treasure trove of opera anywhere else!

Saturday 22 October
7:30pm (9:30pm)

Biggar Municipal Hall

£16
£6 (under the age of 26)

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Sunday 23 October 2022
7:30pm (9:30pm)

Biggar Municipal Hall

£10.00 (adult)
£7.50 (over 65 / High School age)
£2.50 (Primary School age)

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BIGGAR LITTLE ORCHESTRA

An evening of light classical music suitable for all the family.

Formed in 2015, the orchestra are extremely happy to return to the Festival once more with a concert of classical music suitable for all the family. Conducted by Robert Dick, this promises to be an excellent evening of live orchestral music performed by players from Biggar and beyond!



MATT CARMICHAEL



Wednesday 26 October
8:00pm (10:30pm)

Biggar Municipal Hall
£16

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Suitable for age 10+

Saxophonist Matt Carmichael has been making a big impression on audiences since he emerged on the Scottish jazz scene as a teenager with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland. Matt formed his quartet with multi-award-winning pianist Fergus McCreadie, bassist Ali Watson and Tom Potter, a winner of the UK-wide Young Drummer of the Year competition, in 2016. Fiddler and BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2017 Charlie Stewart has added an extra dimension to the band and underlined its music's appealing Scottish lilt.

'Gorgeous Sound' - BBC Radio Scotland
'World Class' - Tommy Smith

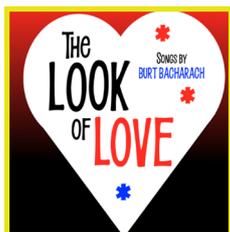
YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION

Thursday 27 October
7.00pm (9.30pm)

Biggar High School 13

Adults £7 Children £5
Suitable for age 10+

We're delighted that this annual event (arranged by Biggar High School and sponsored by Biggar Rotary Club) can run again after a two-year gap. It is a unique and enjoyable opportunity to hear and see some of our talented young people performing for us.



THE LOOK OF LOVE

A free lunchtime concert featuring the music of Burt Bacharach by popular local performers, Ian Murray (from the Duke's of Uke), Alison Bishop, Linda Gillespie, John Inglis and Brendan Norris.

Saturday 29 October
Corn Exchange
11.30am (12.30am)

Biggar Corn Exchange

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FREE

THEATRE

THE TRAGEDY OF MACBETH IN ONE ACT



Thursday 13 October
7.30pm (8.30pm)

Gillespie Centre
£6
Suitable for age 10+

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Lanark Grammar Theatre Club present a One Act adaptation of the The Tragedy of Macbeth by William Shakespeare for one performance only!

DANCING WITH THE DEVIL

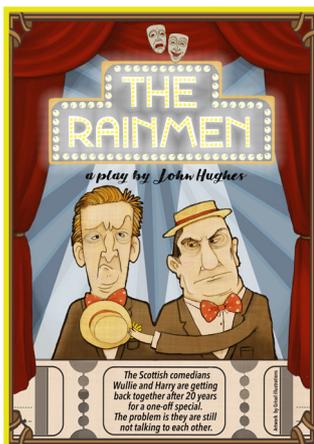
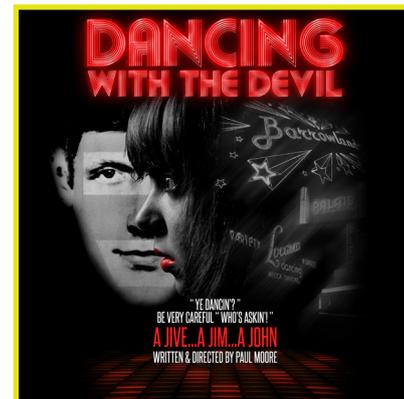
written and directed by Paul Moore

Friday 14 October
7.30pm (9.45pm)

Biggar Corn Exchange
£16
Suitable for age 14+

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An intriguing drama, with music.
The Barrowland Ballroom. 1968...Rife with rhythm, romance and rumour.
With a sensational & live soundtrack to the 60s when rumour was rife, on and off the dancefloor... of a serial killer. 'Ye dancing? Be careful who's askin!'
A Jive, a Jim. A John. Bible John.
A City gripped with fear and still looking for answers to the man behind that fear.



THE RAIN MEN

a play by John Hughes

Saturday 15 October
8.00pm (9.30pm)

Biggar Corn Exchange
£10
Suitable for all ages

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Wullie and Harry are two elderly comedians who were once a popular Scottish music hall comedy act known as The Rain Men.
After 30 years together, they parted ways on unfriendly terms and have not spoken to each other since.
Now 20 years later their agent is trying to get them to revive the double act for a one-off music hall special at The Panopticon Theatre in Glasgow but the old animosity is still there.

THEATRE AND FILM

Tuesday 18 October
7.30pm (9.30pm)

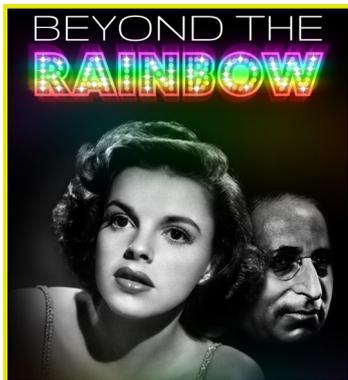
Biggar Corn Exchange 1
£16 Suitable for age 14+

Bob Cunningham (David Hayman) is in a hospital bed on the hospital's top floor. It is the long dark, stormy night of the soul – in an understaffed ward, a single room. He's broken... but so is the world around him, but why is he so afraid of what the morning will bring?

Bob reflects on his own life, and on the NHS, Covid, the rise of the right, Independence, Afghanistan, climate change... everything he has believed and worked for all his life lies in tatters. As he lies there, motionless.

It's the culmination of a dramatic trilogy. The Pitiless Storm (2014), the political; The Cause of Thunder (2017), the personal; Time's Plague, a matter of life and death.... Bob's deepest, spiritual journey. Can septuagenarians still change their minds? Can the sick be healed and ready to battle on? Rage, rage, rage till you drop....

TIME'S PLAGUE with David Hayman
written by Chris Dolan - directed by David Hayman Jr



Tram Direct Theatre Company

BEYOND THE RAINBOW
written and directed by Isobel Barrett

Judy Garland charmed everyone with her acting and singing talent. But what lay behind the persona? What influence did Louis B Meyer, the MGM magnate, have on her journey to stardom? As we follow their time together, we realise the highs and lows of stardom and what brought this great entertainer to her knees and eventual downfall. Many of Judy's famous songs are included. "Somewhere over the Rainbow", "I got Rhythm", "Dear Mr Gable" and many more.

Saturday 22 October
7.30p.m (9.30p.m)
Interval of 15 minutes

Biggar Corn Exchange
£16.00
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Suitable for age 12+

Monday 17 October
7pm – 9.36pm
(Doors open 6.30pm)

Purves Puppet Theatre

All Tickets £6 15
Suitable for ages 12+

FILM - WEST SIDE STORY by Steven Spielberg 2021

Spielberg's adaptation of the 1957 musical, West Side Story explores forbidden love and the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds. With Ariana Debose's Oscar winning performance as Anita. Tearoom opens for popcorn, drinks, and cakes from 6.30pm.



To book please contact Purves Puppets:

 01899 220631

 admin@purvespuppets.com

 www.purvespuppets.com

WORKSHOPS

**Saturday 15 October
and Sunday 16 October
2.00pm – 4.30pm**

**Earthware Pottery
4 Baird Way,
Biggar.
ML12 6ZB**

**£60
Suitable for ages 18+**

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CERAMIC FLOWER WORKSHOP

Learn to make a clay pinch pot and flowers to create an everlasting, cheerful display of ceramic flowers in a vase. Viv will guide you through the process to create the vase and flowers and then help you glaze in colours of your choice. The workshop will be fun and relaxing and suitable for absolute beginners, with tea and coffee provided. Your pottery will be fired in her studio and finished for collection after 2 weeks, or posted to you for the cost of P&P.

Places limited so please book.



FIRE FOOD OUTDOOR COOKING WORKSHOP

**Saturday 15 October
2.00pm - 4.00pm**

Loaningdale House

£25

Suitable for ages 14+

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Join Wild Things Scotland CIC for an afternoon of exploring the exciting world of open fire cooking. Members of the team from Wild Things will share some of their knowledge around the skills and techniques necessary for successful fireside cooking. Cooking over an open fire can be a useful skill for outdoor lovers but on a deeper level it can help us to connect to the traditions of our ancient ancestors. Wild Things hope to reignite some of that magic for the group at Loaningdale House this autumn.

Over the afternoon we will look at:

How to create a safe space	Once the fires are lit and roaring you will create a fireside feast to enjoy as a group.
Fire lighting techniques	This will include:
Equipment	Main Course - Condiment
Technique and fuel	Dessert - Warm beverage

Group size limited to 12. Please book early.

To book a place contact:

 **07535721598**

 **claire@wildthingsScotland.co.uk**

WRITING FOR THE STAGE

**Sunday 16 October
11.00am - 12.30pm
Biggar Bowling Club
£13 Suitable for ages 18+**

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Would you love to try playwriting but don't know where to begin? Join award-winning playwright Martin Travers for a fun and informal 90 minutes as we give writing for the stage a whirl.

A founding member of Braw Clan Theatre Company based in Biggar, his plays include Scarfed for Life and Whatever Happened to the Jaggy Nettles?, which won the Best Play for Young Audiences from the Writers' Guild this year.

To take part all you need is a pencil and your imagination!

Braw Clan is the world's only Scots language theatre company. From whispered tales around a flickering fire to a brutal monologue on a naked stage, we tell electrifying stories inspired by the people of Scotland.

THE PLAY'S THE THING

**Sunday 16 October
2.00pm - 3.30pm
Biggar Bowling Club
£13 Suitable for ages 18+**

Read a hilarious play out loud in the company of others – no acting experience necessary! Join playwright Martin Travers for an informal read-through of his award-winning play Scarfed for Life, a modern parable set against the first Old Firm game of the season. Funny, hard hitting and thought provoking, the play is taught in high schools across Glasgow as part of the Sense Over Sectarianism project. You'll receive a free copy of the play, which includes strong and sectarian language, and no advance reading is required. To take part all you need is your specs.

TAKING TO THE STAGE

**Tuesday 18 October
11.00am - 12.30pm
Biggar Bowling Club
£13 Suitable for ages 18+**

Whether you're an aspiring performer or simply want to build self-confidence, this class offers a gentle introduction to acting in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Ideal for those with little or no experience, join professional actor Clare Yuille to explore playful, practical acting games and techniques.

Clare is a founding member of Braw Clan. Her credits include the Royal Lyceum, the Tron, Vanishing Point, the Royal Exchange, ITV and the BBC.

To take part all you need is comfortable clothes and the willingness to give it a bash.

Places limited so please book.

WORKSHOPS

THE ALCHEMIST'S FORGE



Wednesday 19 October
Thursday 20 October
9.30am to 4.30pm

Shieldhill Castle
£175.00
Lunch Included
Suitable for ages 16+ years

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Enjoy the stunning surroundings from this wonderful venue and handcraft your very own sterling silver pendant with renowned Scottish jewellery designer Sam Glendinning of The Alchemist's Forge.

To book a place contact:

☎ **07943 070579**

✉ **info@thealchemistsforge.co.uk**

🌐 **www.thealchemistsforge.co.uk**

All materials provided.
Delicious lunch included in the ticket cost.
Places limited to 6 per day.

BRAVE ART!



Wednesday 19 October
Thursday 20 October
10am – 1.00pm
(please arrive 15min early)
1.00pm – 2.00pm lunch

Shieldhill Castle
£80 per workshop
Lunch Included

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Suitable for all ages

Find your Brave Art in a castle! How to take your courage, let go and find your creative side to make art. In this workshop you will learn techniques to be bold and brave and learn how good design makes good art. Fun, hands-on and absolutely no experience necessary.

To book a place contact:

☎ **07711 903537**

✉ **kirstenfarris@btopenworld.com**

🌐 **www.kirstenfarrisart.co.uk**

All materials provided.
Delicious lunch included in the ticket cost.
Places limited to 12 per day.

Thursday 20 October
2.00pm (4pm)

Arcadia Music Cafe 9
£30

BEST PERFORMANCE - A POP VOCAL WORKSHOP with DIANE GARISTO and ELISE MORRIS



If you love to sing, but wish you had more confidence, come along to join this Pop Vocal workshop with two of the music industry's top singers, Diane Garisto and Elise Morris.

Diane Garisto's career spans many years of working with such musical icons as Paul Simon, Steely Dan, Carly Simon, George Benson, and many others. Elise Morris toured with Joe Jackson and is an accomplished jazz recording artist whose albums have landed on several Top Ten Jazz charts in recent years. Together Garisto and Morris will share some key points of vocal warm up, breathing, and how to get the best performance out of your voice. Bring a pop vocal chart and get some great tips. All ages welcome.

Places limited so please book.



SWING DANCE WORKSHOP AND CONCERT with CATHY HARRISON and THE BIGGAR BIG BAND featuring ANTHONY BOWERS



Friday 21 October
7.30pm (10.30pm)

St Mary's Hall

£10

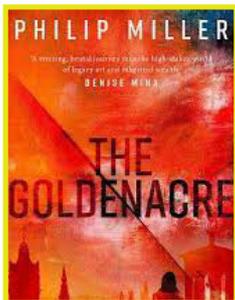
Suitable for 12+

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Beginning with a dance workshop: 7.30 - 8.30pm

Whether you're new to dance band music or you misspent your youth dancing the night away, join the workshop for an evening of swing. Edinburgh based dancer, Cathy Harrison, will kick things off with a swing dance workshop to teach you all the moves you need. Then, suitably ready to let your hair down, let Anthony Bowers and the Biggar Big Band accompany you to a bygone era so you can face the music and dance.

LITERATURE



PHILIP MILLER - THE GOLDENACRE

Monday 17 October
7.30pm



Biggar Library
£7

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Atkinson-Price Books hosts an evening with author Philip Miller.

The Goldenacre - a masterpiece by the painter and architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh - has been given to the people of Scotland. The beautiful canvas, the last work by the artistic genius, enthral the art world, but behind it lies a dark and violent mystery...

JAMES HUTTON and THE EVOLUTION OF THE EARTH

Wednesday 19 October
7.30pm

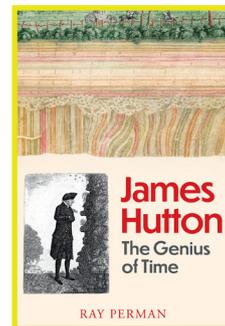
by Ray Perman

Biggar Library
£7



Atkinson-Price Books hosts an evening with author Ray Perman.

Among the giants of the Scottish Enlightenment, the name of James Hutton is overlooked. Yet his Theory of the Earth revolutionised the way we think about how our planet was formed and laid the foundation for the science of geology. He was in his time a doctor, a farmer, a businessman, a chemist yet he described himself as a philosopher - a seeker after truth.



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To book please contact Atkinson-Price Books

01899 221225

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Atkinson-Price Books



WORDS WORDS WORDS

Come along and listen to new poems, short stories and more from local writers, Lindsay Macgregor, Neil Paynter, Thelma Good and Trish Reith. It will be an evening of humour, absurdity, tribulation and local colour. In between our short readings there may be prizes! And there may also be surprises...So join us and sit back and listen to our words, words, words from Biggar and beyond.

Thursday 20 October
7.30pm (8.30pm)

Gillespie Centre
£6 Age 18+ years

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'READATHON' in aid of MACDIARMID'S BROWNSBANK

Biggar based independent publisher Red Squirrel Press in partnership with MacDiarmid's Brownsbank invites you to join us to read your poetry, fiction, non-fiction, memoir etc. for ten minutes for £10. Everyone welcome. Please book via Biggar Little Festival and all proceeds will go directly to MacDiarmid's Brownsbank.

Friday 21 October
7.00pm (11.00pm)

The Elphinstone Hotel
£11

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EXHIBITIONS



UNITY IN VARIETY

Wednesday 12 October
to Saturday 12 November

Open Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, Saturday
10.00am - 4.00pm

Carol Taylor Artist's Studio & Gallery,
4 Colliers Court,
Douglas ML11 0RX
FREE

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A group exhibition of exceptional, diverse and unique artists. An opportunity to view a show from mature, experienced and professional local artists. The late Kim Redpath's stunning watercolour, life drawings; Andy Cross's exciting, expressive oil paintings of landscape and still lifes; Victoria Braithwaite's large, beautiful botanical watercolour paintings; Poppy Browne's colourful, lively felted pictures of birds and landscape; Ellen McCann's sculptures, inspired by the various stages of the life cycle of plants and how landscape is shaped by the elements and Maggie Lord of Skaramanda's colourful, Celtic Jewellery.

THE BEAUTY OF THE BEAST ART EXHIBITION

Wednesday 12 Oct to Tuesday 18 October
Tuesday – Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday 1.00 – 5.00pm

Preview Evening Wednesday 12 Oct 6.30-8.00pm

Biggar & Upper Clyde Museum
FREE

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A colourful and contemporary exhibition of animal art by artist Anj Jamieson. Portraying her love of animals in acrylic and mixed media, Anj aims to capture each subject's beauty and character. Inspiration is drawn from the local wildlife, horses and farm animals around her home, but also including the odd animal from afar, such as lions and wolves! Original art, prints, cards and more will also be for sale.



MEDWYN ART EXHIBITION

Saturday 15 to Sunday 16 October
10.00am to 4.00pm

Legion Hall
FREE

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An exhibition of work from fine art to fractured and everything in between by members of the Medwyn Art Group.

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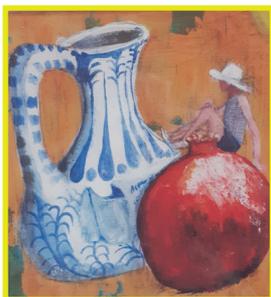
BIGGAR CAMERA CLUB PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The Biggar Camera Club have for a number of years had an exhibition at the Biggar Little Festival including a number of photographs from each member. It may be from any subject taken anywhere, usually in the last couple of years. Photographs are displayed on the camera club's display panels and also on a television showing of a few hundred images, which is always very popular with visitors to just come in and sit and relax.

Saturday 15 to
Sunday 16 October
11.00am to 4.00pm

Biggar Youth Project,
Clydesdale Close
FREE

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BIGGAR ART GROUP EXHIBITION

An exhibition and sale of work by members of Biggar Art Group. A variety of works in mixed media showing a range and diversity of styles.

Sunday 16 October
11.00 am to 4.00pm

Municipal Hall
(Upstairs room)
FREE

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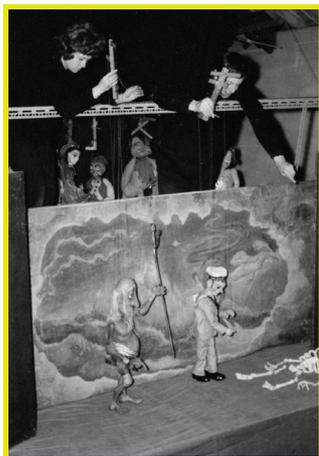
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF PURVES PUPPETS and THE CINEMATIC MODELS OF CLIFFORD HEAP

Saturday 22 October
Sunday 23 October
1.30pm – 3.00pm

Purves Puppet Theatre
FREE

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Suitable for ages 7+



Walking exhibition of the Purves Puppets, starting from Ian Purves's childhood when he first got interested in making puppets with his father in the Second World War era. We will be showing pictures of our work from all over the world, different puppets and displays that tell the tale of the Purves Puppets history from the beginning.

Clifford Heap was a puppeteer and traveling performer who started in the late 1940's, performing with his son Douglas and two other puppeteers. This exhibition shows a set of his models for the play by Hans Andersen - "The Tinderbox", they are spectacular in their detail and cinematic lighting. Fairground at night and an explosion in the dungeon, were just two of these amazing scenes!



SHIELDHILL CASTLE ART EXIBITION



Friday 21 October
10.00am to 4.00pm

Shieldhill Castle
FREE

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Shieldhill Castle will be opening their doors for the public to view and purchase work by both Kirsten Harris Art and Sam Glendinning of The Alchemists Forge.

The castle will also be open for bar lunches and refreshments.

DRAWING ON THE GARDEN - BIGGAR BOTANICAL ARTISTS

Friday 21 to Sunday 23 October

Friday and Saturday 10.00am to 4.00pm
Sunday 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Biggar and Upper Clydesdale Museum
FREE

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Celebrating the return to drawing and painting, and the wonders of the garden and nature, join Biggar Botanical Art Group artists in a weekend of displayed work, portfolios and table demonstrations by Group members.



#TENARTISTS

Friday 21 to Sunday 23 October
10 am to 5pm

Langloch Farm,
Hyndford Road Lanark ML11 9TA
FREE

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Artists from the local small towns and villages in the Biggar area have come together to exhibit their work.

Ceramics, paintings, sculptures, prints, textiles, glass. Such a wide variety of art in one place.

The building has disabled access, lift and toilets and Cafe with seating.



Explore beautiful landscape and discover amazing art...

Fri 21, Sat 22, Sun 23 October
See individual studio listings for times.

From Douglas and Crawfordjohn in the west to Stobo in the east and from Blyth Bridge and Greenshields in the north to the edge of Culter Fell in the south, the Biggar Little Festival Open Studios Trail is a road of discovery where you will find unique pieces of art, fine craftsmanship and an incredible range of skills. For all the artists who live and work in this beautiful area, it is the landscape and nature which offers an endless source of inspiration for their creativity and their work.

*Please note: Most, but not all studios are open on Friday 21 October.
Some studios are also able to offer extra opening times earlier in the week.*

Please check individual listing times and dates to plan your visit.



MAISY ALICE ART

Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 4.00pm

**Netherurd House,
Blyth Bridge.
EH46 7AQ**

F

Maisy has recently moved to the area from Yorkshire, and the surrounding landscape has become a huge source of inspiration for her artwork. As well as paintings influenced by the local area, the Isle of Arran is also the subject of lots of her work. Maisy uses a wide range of media, including but not limited to acrylics, oils and watercolour. Her style of work ranges from detailed realism pieces to more expressive, abstracted work. She is also available for commission-based work.

Leaving Biggar on the A702 towards Edinburgh, 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 the signs to the studio.

Wheelchair accessible.

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 **maisyaliceart@gmail.com**
 **www.maisyaliceart.co.uk**
 **@maisyaliceart**



LIZ BERTRAM-GOSSAN CERAMICS

Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 4.00pm

**Waterhead Reservoir Cottage,
Birchwood Road,
Coulter.
ML12 6QB**

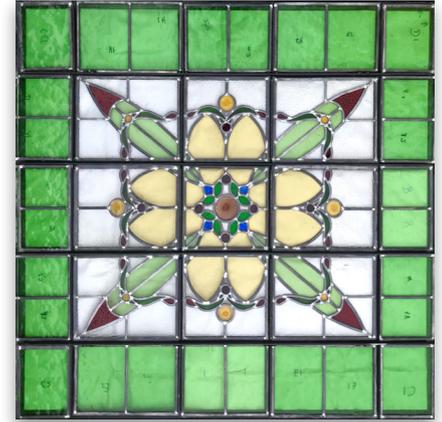
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Liz lives and works in the hills near Biggar. She hand builds individual ceramic pieces which are fired to stoneware temperatures, and also creates individual ceramic wall art, some combined with beautiful hard wood. Liz likes to work with spheres and gentle curves and tries to create a sense of movement in her work. More recently she has enjoyed carving into the clay to create three dimensional celtic knot pieces. Liz is sharing her space with her daughter, Glass by Hannah.

Satnav/postcode will not bring you to her studio. Having reached the Satnav destination, follow the arrows over the cattle grid onto the private road towards Coulter Reservoir and continue for 2 miles, then you will see her white house, on the hillside beyond the white gate.

No wheelchair access.

 **07400 183655**
 **egabgossan@gmail.com**
 **Liz Bertram-Gossan Ceramics**



BIGGAR GLASS WORKS

Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 4.00pm

**98 High Street,
Biggar.
ML12 6DH**

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Once again Stephanie Whatley is looking forward to welcoming you into her stained-glass workshop in its prime location just off the High Street. For the 20th anniversary of the Festival you will be able to see her new work including fusing, traditional glass painting techniques and leaded glass panels.

Especially exciting this year are some new sculptural pieces she worked on in collaboration with Andrew Winton who will be sharing her space for Open Studios weekend.

Follow the small driveway between Aroma café and Barry the Barbers, keep to the left and look for arrows.

Wheelchair access: No, narrow door/ space but on ground level.

 **biggarglassworks@gmail.com**
 **www.stephaniewhatley.com**
 **Biggar Glass Works**
 **@biggarglassworks**
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THE CAMEL'S CAP

Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 5.00pm

**South Lindsaylands,
Lindsaylands Road,
Biggar.
ML12 6NR**

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Elly Sutherland produces textile art and crafts, specialising in free motion embroidery. She incorporates new and vintage fabrics, layered with detailed stitching to produce pictures, cards and homeware. She is particularly inspired by flowers, birds and seascapes. Visitors are welcome to come and chat about all things sewing, and even have a go on the machine!

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

Wheelchair accessible.

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✉ **ellysuth@hotmail.com**
🌐 **folksy.com/shops/TheCamelsCap**
f **The Camel's Cap**
📷 **@thecamelscap**



CORRA SEA GLASS AND CRAFTS

Mon 17th - Thurs 20th Oct
11.00am - 4.00pm
Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 4.00pm

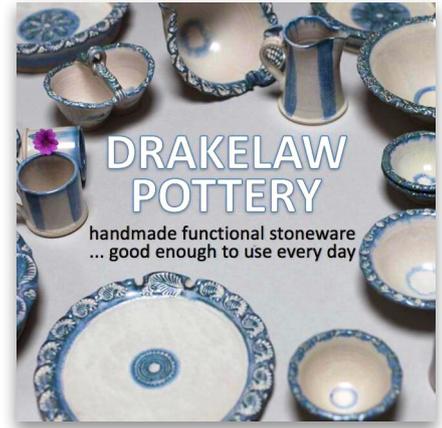
**West Lodge,
Corehouse,
Nr Lanark.
ML11 9TQ**

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Corra Sea Glass & Crafts, established in 2018, creates unique jewellery & rustic decorative crafts using glass, pottery, wood, driftwood & willow. The sea glass & driftwood being sourced from beaches around Scotland. Original paintings & prints of local scenes and wildlife are also available. Everything is individually hand made with an emphasis on recycled materials and all are one of a kind designs.

From the A73 at Hyndford Bridge continue on the A70 towards the M74. After approximately 2.5 miles, turn right onto Kirkfieldbank Road. Turn right at the junction with Eastertown Road to keep on 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.

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f **Corra Sea Glass and Crafts**
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DRAKELAW POTTERY

handmade functional stoneware
... good enough to use every day

DRAKELAW POTTERY

Wed 19th - Thurs 20th Oct
1.00pm - 4.00pm
Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 5.00pm

**Drakelaw Pottery,
Craighead Road,
Near Crawfordjohn.
ML12 6SQ**

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Liz Steele at Drakelaw Pottery welcomes visitors to her workshop and showroom on the outskirts of Crawfordjohn. Liz makes a range of decorative and functional stoneware which are all oven, microwave and dishwasher proof and good enough to use every day. Each unique piece is hand thrown and decorated with impressed motifs, which are then coloured with slip to enhance the patterns. The range of pots include many sizes of bowls, mugs, jugs, serving dishes and more. Try making and decorating a small pot for yourself whilst enjoying refreshments and home baking. Everyone welcome.

Drakelaw Pottery is 2 miles along Craighead Road, off the B7078 near Abington Services. The property is on the bend. Parking in woods, house and layby. No wheelchair access.

☎ **07904 438696**
✉ **drakelawpottery@yahoo.co.uk**
🌐 **drakelawpottery.etsy.com**
f **Drakelaw Pottery**



EARTHWARE POTTERY

Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.30am - 4.30pm

4 Baird Way,
Biggar.
ML12 6ZB

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Viv, at Earthware Pottery, welcomes you to visit the studio, see the potters wheel, kiln and materials and find out about the process of clay to fired pot. She has been working with clay for many years and currently makes a wide range of pottery and ceramic pieces, including mugs, pebble vases, bowls, dishes, jewellery and her paper clay ceramic Machair flower bouquets. All her pottery is made by hand using the potters wheel and hand building and as each item is made individually and with great care, every piece of pottery is unique and special to use.

From Biggar centre head north on Edinburgh Road, turn left into Loaningdale Avenue, then right into Elphinstone Crescent and follow round to Baird Way.

No Wheelchair access.

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 f Earthware
 @earthware_pottery



NEIL GHANI

Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.30am - 4.30pm

3 Greenshields Cottages,
Greenshields.
ML12 6RB

E

Neil Ghani is a local artist specialising in abstract art, in particular abstract expressionism influenced by the spirit of Pollock, Klein, Rothko and Kandinsky. His goal is for his art to continuously grab your attention making you think "Wow, that's cool!" Neil uses colours to capture warmth and joy and uses techniques to give a sense of energy and vitality to his work. He tries to sprinkle in a little anarchic playfulness too. So, if you've got a blank wall, and want something colourful to grab your attention, Neil's work might be for you. Typical size is 120cm x 100cm. At the same location you are also able to explore Jaquie Kilburn's work, who is sharing this venue with Neil.

From Biggar, take B7016 to Carnwath. Shortly after Shieldhill exit, take second exit to Newbigging. Greenshields is a group of 9 cottages. Neil's is first on the left.
No wheelchair access.

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STAINED GLASS BY HANNAH

Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 4.00pm

Waterhead Reservoir Cottage,
Birchwood Road,
Coulter.
ML12 6QB

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Inspired by the sea, Hannah makes stained glass art incorporating beautiful glass and driftwood found on her adventures. She also creates pet portraits and her commissions will be open at the Open Studios to create some of your furry friends! Hannah will be sharing a venue with Liz Gossan.

Satnav/postcode will not bring you to her studio. Having reached the Satnav destination, follow the arrows over the cattle grid onto the private road towards Coulter Reservoir and continue for 2 miles, then you will see her white house, on the hillside beyond the white gate.

No wheelchair access.

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 f Stained Glass by Hannah
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LADYGILL ARTS AND CRAFT

**Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 5.00pm**

**Ladygill House
Roberton
ML12 6RR**



Moira is looking forward to welcoming old friends and new back to the 'Open Studios'.

You will be able to view her latest collection of 'one off' pieces of sterling silver jewellery.

Moira's pieces continue to reflect her fascination for wood and stone formations and her love of shape and texture. She has taken inspiration for her latest pieces from flowers and flora.

Moira is happy to undertake commissions and enjoys liaising with clients to produce a unique and special piece to treasure.

She will also be exhibiting her original pen drawings and collage and pen studies.

From Biggar, head south on A73, pass Roberton village. Studio is 500 yds on right.

From M74, take J13 and A73 towards Lanark. Studio is one mile on the left.

Wheelchair accessible.

 **07926 628156**

 **moirapedreschi@btinternet.com**



JACQUI KILBURN

**Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.30am - 4.30pm**

**3 Greenshields Cottages,
Greenshields,
ML12 6RB**



Jacqui Kilburn is inspired by the beautiful landscapes and nature in the area and also farther afield up on the West Coast. She paints in a variety of styles from representational to more abstract and enjoys experimenting with new techniques. When you visit Jacqui you will also be able to see her husband's Neil Ghani's work as they are sharing a venue.

From Biggar, take B7016 to Carnwath. Shortly after Shieldhill exit, take second exit to Newbigging. Greenshields is a group of 9 cottages. Jacqui's is first on the left.

No wheelchair access.

 **07746 804743**

 **jacqui.kilburn@btinternet.com**

 **www.jacquikilburn.com**

 **Jacqui Kilburn Art**



JULIE MORRIS

**Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 6.00pm**

**The Limes,
62 Station Road,
Thankerton,
ML12 6NZ**



Julie Morris is a watercolour artist who works from home and exhibits in Galleries throughout Scotland. She has had her paintings shown in mixed Exhibitions at the Royal Scottish Academy. She began working as a full time artist for a Thimble Guild Company in Biggar. At first she hand painted on china and wooden thimbles and later, on paper. The artwork was then transferred onto ceramics and fired in a kiln. Julie left in 2018 and started painting landscapes and architecture which she has a keen interest in and continues to paint these subjects today.

Julie is sharing a venue with Richard Price.

Turn into Thankerton at the crossroads on the A73 at the junction where Tinto Tea Rooms are. Drive into Thankerton taking a left over the railway line at Boat Road, then take 1st left down Tams Brae and left at T junction onto Station Road.

No wheelchair access.

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 **www.juliemorrisart.co.uk**

 **Julie Morris Art**

 **@juliemorrisart**



JENNY MOWAT

Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
11.00am - 5.00pm

**Old Boat Farm,
Thankerton
ML12 6NU**

D

Jenny Mowat is an art student studying in Glasgow in her third year of study. She takes her inspiration from the natural world, the landscape surrounding her home and from the sounds around her. She works in a variety of mediums and enjoys mixing different techniques to create unique results.

From the A73, go through the centre of the village of Thankerton towards the river. The studio is located next to Clyde Valley Picture Framing.

Wheelchair accessible.

 **07874 617115**
 **Brackenwoodtoby@outlook.com**



RICHARD PRICE STUDIO

Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 6.00pm

**The Limes,
62 Station Road,
Thankerton,
ML12 6NZ**

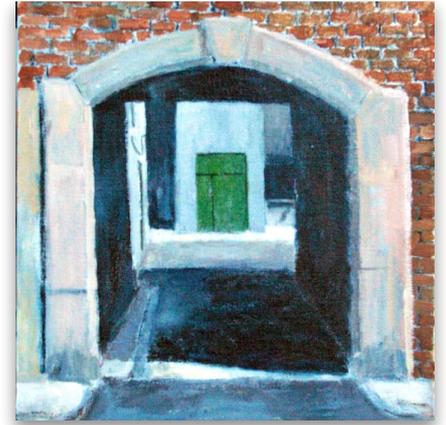
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Sculptor and ceramicist Richard Price is welcoming visitors to his garden studio and gallery in the village of Thankerton, showing stoneware and raku ceramics alongside his colourful paintings. There will be demonstrations throughout the weekend of watercolour painting, pottery making and, weather permitting, outdoor raku firing. Pop in for an enjoyable chilled visitor experience with creative chat and work for sale at studio prices. Richard is sharing his space with Julie Morris.

Turn into Thankerton at the crossroads on the A73 at the junction opposite Carlisle Road where Tinto Tea Rooms are. Drive into Thankerton taking a left over the railway line at Boat Road, then take 1st left down Tams Brae and left at T junction onto Station Road.

No wheelchair access.

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KEN RUSSELL

Mon 17th - Thurs 20th Oct
1.00pm - 2.00pm
Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 4.00pm

**Janefield,
2 Lindsaylands Road,
Biggar,
ML12 6EQ**

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Painter Ken Russell is exhibiting the wide range of paintings he has made since his last Open Studios two years ago. His work, in mixed media on canvas board is presented unframed. Having remained at home for the last 2 years he would appreciate masks being worn in their house. Ken and Moira Russell are exhibiting together in their venue.

From Biggar High Street, turn by the Cross Keys onto the Wynd. The studio is situated at the top of the Wynd facing the A702.

No wheelchair access.

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 **k.russell111@btinternet.com**



MOIRA RUSSELL

Mon 17th - Thurs 20th Oct
1.00pm - 2.00pm
Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 4.00pm

Janefield,
2 Lindsaylands Road,
Biggar,
ML12 6EQ

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There is lots of new work to see as Moira's Studio has not been open to the public for the last two years! Come and see what has inspired her colourful and varied acrylic paintings and what she is busy with now. The legendary plant based chocolate fudge will be on offer once again. Moira and Ken Russell are exhibiting together in their venue.

From Biggar High Street, turn by the Cross Keys onto the Wynd. The studio is situated at the top of the Wynd facing the A702.

No wheelchair access.

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COLIN SEMPLE

Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.30am - 5.00pm

The Old School,
Stobo,
EH45 8NU

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Colin Semple is based at the Old School in Stobo where he designs and makes unique furniture and smaller pieces using locally sourced hardwoods. Work is mostly done on a commission basis but pieces will be available for sale over the weekend. Colin always aims to show off the natural grain and texture of the wood he works with and designs tend to feature flowing curves.

Situated on the B712, The Old School is close to Stobo Kirk. Look for the roadside sign and parking is at the rear of the Old School.

Wheelchair accessible.

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ISOBEL STRUTHERS

Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 4.00pm

Meadowbank,
14 Southback Road,
Biggar.
ML12 6AL

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Isobel Struthers works with embroidery and felting and is a member of the Embroiderer's Guild. Painting for pleasure, she may use pastels, felt or thread according to what she feels best suits her subject. She has taken part in many embroidery projects in the town and has exhibited her pictures, pet portraits and beaded jewellery widely in craft and art fairs across the region.

Located in the heart of Biggar. Turn into John St, by the side of the Corn Exchange, then left into Southback Road.

No wheelchair access.

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 **Isobel Struthers Art and Embroidery**



CAROL TAYLOR MA RCA

**Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 5.00pm**

**4 Colliers Court,
Douglas,
South Lanarkshire,
ML11 0RX**

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One of our best known painters, Carol Taylor offers a warm welcome to her studio and gallery in Douglas. There visitors can discover her large and small canvases inspired by landscape, the Scottish weather, the incredible changes in light, dramatic skies, beachcombing and the sea, together with her work in other techniques including wood engravings and limited edition giclee prints of delicate botanical studies. Situated in the historical conservation village of Douglas, her gallery also offers a framing service and fine craftwork and a visit there is always a special day out.

*From J12 of the M74 motorway, take the A70 towards Ayr for just one mile and follow the signs to the gallery in the centre of the village on the right.
No Wheelchair access.*

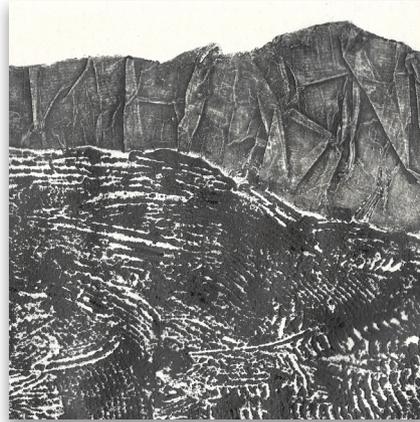
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JENNIFER TURNER

**Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 4.00pm**

**125 High Street
Biggar
ML12 6DL**

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Designer, artist and printmaker Jennifer Turner makes paintings, etchings and contemporary works on paper using experimental collagraphy techniques. Her work ranges from fine dark etchings of moody crows to soft light colour in paintings of landscape and weather. Only recently settled in Scotland, she is fascinated by the abstract qualities and textures of rocks and vegetation in the landscape and inspired by the amazing geological history of the Southern Uplands. Jennifer is looking forward to welcoming visitors to her first Open Studio in Biggar.

Located in the centre of Biggar on the High Street opposite the Olive Tree and next to the Ice Cream Shop.

Wheelchair access: Yes. Ground floor, small step but ring bell for ramp.

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ANDREW WINTON

**Fri 21st, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd Oct
10.00am - 4.00pm**

**98 High Street,
Biggar,
ML12 6DH**

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This is Andrew's very first time participating in the Open Studios and he wants to thank Stephanie Whately for the opportunity to be sharing her studio space. Andrew works mostly with metal sculptures and basic blacksmithing art and looks forward to displaying some partially completed sculptures which will give an idea to the process of making horse shoe sculptures. He and Stephanie have also started doing metal and glass sculpture collaborations which will be on display as well. Andrew will be doing forging demonstrations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 11am and 2pm.

Follow the small driveway between Aroma café and Barry the Barbers, keep to the left and look for arrows.

Wheelchair access: No, narrow door/ space but on ground level.

 **07814 538508**

 **Andrew D Winton Farrier&Blacksmith**

 **@adwfarriery**

WHAT'S ON

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	PRICE	PAGE
Thurs 6, Fri 7, Sat 8 Oct	7.30pm	Curtain Up	1	£11	3
Thurs 13 Oct	7.30pm	The Tragedy of Macbeth in One Act	2	£6	20
Thurs 13 Oct	9.00pm	Drouthy Neebors	6	£11	15
Fri 14 Oct	7.30pm	Dancing with the Devil	1	£16	20
Fri 14 Oct	8.00pm	An Evening with Fred MacAulay	3	£25	12
Fri 14 Oct	8.00pm	Biggar Blues Night	2	£11/£7	15
Fri 14 Oct	9.00pm	Festival Club	8	FREE	15
Sat 15 Oct	11.00am	The McDougalls' Party Time	3	£8	6
Sat 15 Oct	11.00am	Parent and Kids Puppet Making Workshop	15	£8	7
Sat 15 Oct	2.00pm	Ceramic Flower Workshop	17	£60	22
Sat 15 Oct	2.00pm	Fire Food Outdoor Cooking Workshop	18	£25	22
Sat 15 Oct	7.30pm	Rain Men	1	£16	20
Sat 15 Oct	8.00pm	James Grant and the Hallelujah String Quartet	3	£25	14
Sat 15 Oct	8.00pm	Van Morrison Tribute Concert	2	£11/£7	15
Sat 15 Oct	9.00pm	Festival Club	7	FREE	15
Sun 16 Oct	11.00am - 5.00pm	Biggar Day Out	Various	FREE	8-11
Sun 16 Oct	11.15am	Festival Service	5	FREE	10
Sun 16 Oct	11.00am, 1.00pm, 2.00pm	Purves Puppet Theatre Guided Tours	15	FREE	10
Sun 16 Oct	11.00am	Writing for the Stage	16	£13	22
Sun 16 Oct	12.00 noon	Craft and Food Fair	3 & 6	£1	10
Sun 16 Oct	1.00pm	Open Mic	1	FREE	10
Sun 16 Oct	2.00pm	The Play's the Thing	16	£13	22
Sun 16 Oct	2.00pm	Ceramic Flower Workshop	17	£60	22
Sun 16 Oct	2.00pm	Storytrail – The Biggar Little Tiger	10	FREE	9
Mon 17 Oct	7.00pm	West Side Story	15	£6	21
Mon 17 Oct	7.30pm	Brass Spectacular	18	£11/£8.50	16
Mon 17 Oct	7.30pm	Philip Miller - The Goldenacre	14	£7	24
Mon 17 Oct	7.45pm	Called Back	11	£16	16
Tues 18 Oct	11.00am	Taking to the Stage	16	£13	22
Tues 18 Oct	7.30pm	Time's Plague	1	£16	21
Tues 18 Oct	8.00pm	Stoned Soul Picnic	9	£13	16

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Wed 19 Oct	9.30am	The Alchemist's Forge Workshop	19	£175	23
Wed 19 Oct	10.00am	Brave Art! Painting Workshop in a Castle	19	£80	23
Wed 19 Oct	1.30pm	Pips and Panda in Magicland	15	£12/£10	7
Wed 19 Oct	7.30pm	James Hutton and the Evolution of the Earth	14	£7	24
Wed 19 Oct	8.00pm	Comedy Lineup Show	1	£17	13
Thurs 20 Oct	9.30am	The Alchemist's Forge Workshop	19	£175	23
Thurs 20 Oct	10.00am	Brave Art! Painting Workshop in a Castle	19	£80	23
Thurs 20 Oct	1.30pm	Pips and Panda in Magicland	15	£12/£10	7
Thurs 20 Oct	2.00pm	Best Performance: A Pop Vocal Workshop	9	£30	23
Thurs 20 Oct	7.30pm	Senses and Nonsenses	1	£11	17
Thurs 20 Oct	7.30pm	Words Words Words	2	£6	24
Fri 21 Oct	10.00am	Children's Puppet Making Workshop	15	£10	7
Fri 21 Oct	7.00pm	Readathon	1	£11	23
Fri 21 Oct	7.30pm	Swing Dance Workshop and Concert	6	£10	23
Fri 21 Oct	8.00pm	Bob Dylan Tribute Concert	2	£11/£7	18
Fri 21 Oct	8.00pm	Dougie MacLean	3	£23	17
Fri 21 Oct	9.00pm	Festival Club	7	FREE	15
Sat 22 Oct	1.30pm	Leigh Milne's Magic and Puppet Show	6	£6	6
Sat 22 Oct	7.30pm	Opera Highlights	3	£16/£6	18
Sat 22 Oct	7.30pm	Beyond the Rainbow	1	£16	21
Sat 22 Oct	8.00pm	Stoned Soul Picnic	9	£13	16
Sat 22 Oct	8.00pm	John Martyn Tribute Concert	2	£11/£7	18
Sat 22 Oct	9.00pm	Festival Club	8	FREE	15
Sun 23 Oct	7.30pm	Biggar Little Orchestra	3	£10/£7.50	18
Wed 26 Oct	8.00pm	Matt Carmichael	3	£16	19
Thurs 27 Oct	7.00pm	Young Musician Competition	13	£7/£5	19
Sat 29 Oct	11.30am	The Look of Love	1	FREE	19
Sat 5 Nov	7.30pm	Senses and Nonsenses	1	£11	17
EXHIBITIONS	Various	8 Festival Exhibitions - Please see detailed listings.	Various	FREE	25-27
OPEN STUDIOS	Various	21 Open Studios - Please see detailed listings.	Various	FREE	28-35

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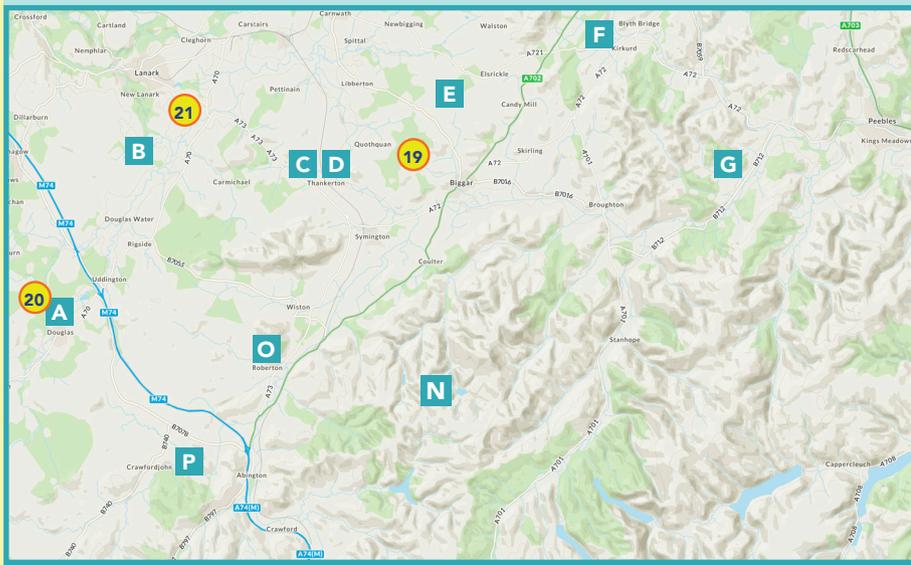
FESTIVAL VENUES

- 1 Biggar Corn Exchange
- 2 Gillespie Centre & Festival Box Office
- 3 Biggar Municipal Hall
- 4 Biggar & Upper Clydesdale Museum
- 5 Biggar Kirk
- 6 St Mary's Hall
- 7 The Crown Inn
- 8 The Elphinstone Hotel
- 9 Arcadia Music Café
- 10 Atkinson-Pryce Bookshop
- 11 Legion Hall
- 12 Biggar Youth Project
- 13 Biggar High School
- 14 Biggar Library
- 15 Biggar Puppet Theatre
- 16 Biggar Bowling Club
- 17 Earthware Pottery
- 18 Loaningdale Music & Arts Centre
- 19 Shieldhill Castle
- 20 Carol Taylor Artist's Studio & Gallery
- 21 Langloch Farm

OPEN STUDIOS VENUES

- A** Carol Taylor, Douglas
- B** Corra Sea Glass and Crafts, near Lanark
- C** Julie Morris, Richard Price, Thankerton
- D** Jenny Mowat, Thankerton
- E** Neil Ghani and Jacqui Kilburn, Greenshields, near Biggar
- F** Maisie Alice, Blyth Bridge
- G** Colin Semple, Stobo
- H** Earthware Pottery, Biggar
- I** Isobel Struthers, Biggar
- J** Jennifer Turner, Biggar
- K** Biggar Glassworks and Andrew Winton, Biggar
- L** Ken Russell and Moira Russell, Biggar
- M** The Camel's Cap, Biggar
- N** Liz Bertram Gossan and Stained Glass by Hannah, Coulter
- O** Ladygill Arts and Craft, Roberton
- P** Drakelaw Pottery, near Crawfordjohn

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