

Virtually ORKNEY FOLK FESTIVAL

27-30 MAY 2021

PROGRAMME

All times are UK/BST, and when the concerts go 'live'. The festival programme will be available for a full week after initial broadcast, until Sunday 6 June.

THURSDAY 27 MAY

Opening Concert • 7.30pm

Blazin' Fiddles
Siobhan Miller
Hullion
Douglas Montgomery*
Billy Jolly*
Erika Shearer*
The Brewers

FRIDAY 28 MAY

Youth Concert • 5.00pm

With social distancing restrictions in Orkney recently relaxed, allowing greater numbers of folk to gather – we are delighted to present a hot-off-the-press Youth Concert, featuring:

The Burray Band
St Andrew's Primary School Beginners Fiddle Players
St Andrew's Primary School Fiddle Club
The St Margaret's Hope Primary School Fiddlers
Kirkwall Grammar School S1 Fiddlers
Peedie Hadrirgaan
Norn
Hadrirgaan
and others . . .

International Concert • 7.30pm

SVER
Madison Violet
Blum & Haugaard Band
Edwina Hayes
Frank Keenan*
Jo Philby
Andy Cant*

SATURDAY 29 MAY

Workshops

Jennifer Wrigley's Orkney Fiddle • 9.30am
Colin Nicholson's Orkney Accordion • 11.00am
Fran Gray's Ukulele • 1.00pm

As with any 'normal' festival year we are holding a few workshops for mixed abilities. These will be held via Zoom – free to anybody who has bought a weekend pass, on a first come first served basis.

Orkney Folk Festival Choir • 12.00pm

Over the last few weeks, the Orkney Folk Festival Choir have been rehearsing and recording remotely, led by certified Estill Master Trainer, choir leader and musical director Aimee Leonard. Tune in to see the project come together, and sing along at home.

Graham Rorie:

The Orcadians of Hudson Bay • 2.00pm

A new suite of music composed by Orcadian fiddle and mandolin player, Graham Rorie, *The Orcadians of Hudson Bay* is inspired by islanders who travelled to The Hudson's Bay Company in Northern Canada to make their living in the fur industry during the 18th and 19th centuries. This **online world premiere** features an all-star band, of James Lindsay (double bass), Kristan Harvey (fiddle), Padruig Morrison (accordion), Rory Matheson (piano) and Signy Jakobsdottir (drums and percussion).

Orkney Concert • 7.30pm

Saltfishforty
Fara
Gnoss
Sarah Jane Gibbon and Emma Grieve
Lyra
Bruce Mainland*
Fionn McArthur*
Jennifer Austin*
Tom Muir*

The Stomp • 10.30pm

Skerryvore
The Chair

SUNDAY 30 MAY

Fiddlers' Rally • 12.00pm

Our annual Fiddlers' Rally has been a cornerstone of the festival since our very first in 1983. For nearly four decades, the Rally has brought together musicians from throughout Orkney and further afield, for massed performances of traditional tunes, led by the West Mainland Strathspey and Reel Society. This year we are very excited to be hosting a virtual Fiddlers' Rally, and have invited musicians from far and wide to join by recording themselves playing along to six sets of tunes.

Sunday Supplement • 2.00pm

Talisk
Dean Owens and the Southerners
Jenny Keldie and Brian Cromarty
Tannara
Eric Linklater and Jennifer Austin
Kenny Ritch Snr.*
Skeldro

Farewell Concert • 6.30pm

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Acts are not necessarily listed in the order in which they appear on each show

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