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# Celtic

## CONNECTIONS

In partnership with **INNIS & GUNN**  
— BREWED BY SCOTLAND —

**16 Jan – 2 Feb 2025**

**At a Glance**

## Thursday 16 Jan

19:30

**Opening Night:  
Celebrating Glasgow 850**

📍 Main Auditorium

## Friday 17 Jan

17:00

**MacGregor's Gathering**

The National Piping  
Centre

19:30

**Oysterband 'A Long Long  
Goodbye'**

Saint Luke's

**Orchestral Qawwali  
Project and support**

📍 Main Auditorium

**Josienne Clarke Sings  
the Songs of Sandy  
Denny**

Drygate Brewery

**Lewis  
McLaughlin  
and support**

Òran Mór

**Mec Lir, Kinnaris Quintet  
& Four Men and a Dog**

The Barrowland Ballroom

**Gretchen Peters and The  
Black Denims**

The Barony Hall

**Songwriters In The  
Round: John Douglas,  
Kirsten Adamson & Boo  
Hewerdine**

Cottiers Theatre

**Saltfishforty and  
Moynihan**

The Mackintosh Church

**Madison Cunningham  
and support**

Pavilion Theatre

**Abraham Cupeiro**

City Halls – Recital Room

20:00

**Karan Casey: 'The  
Women, We Will Rise'  
and CaN Dubh**

📍 Strathclyde Suite

**Late  
Night Sessions**

23:00

17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30,  
31 Jan, 1 Feb  
Drygate Brewery

## Saturday 18 Jan

13:00

**Battle of the Folk Bands**

Drygate Brewery

**The Glasgow that I used  
to Know: A Celebration  
of the Songs of Adam  
McNaughtan**

📍 Strathclyde Suite

17:00

**MacGregor's Gathering**

The National Piping  
Centre

**Blues hour: Jon Muq**

City Halls – Recital Room

19:30

**John Smith and Georgia  
Ruth**

Cottiers Theatre

**Jupiter & Okwess and  
ROSEYE**

Saint Luke's



**corto.alto + friends:  
MADE IN GLASGOW**

The Barrowland Ballroom

**The GRIT Orchestra**

📍 Main Auditorium

**Hannah Rarity with Iona  
Lane & Ranjana Ghatak**

Drygate Brewery

**Cahalen Morrison &  
Friends and Naomi  
Bedford & The  
Ramshackle Band**

The Mackintosh Church

**Blue Rose Code and  
Rhona MacFarlane**

Pavilion Theatre

**Tsuumi Sound System  
with Frigg**

Òran Mór

**Frankie Gavin and De  
Dannan and Tina Jordan  
Rees Band**

The Barony Hall

20:00

**Trail West and support**

Old Fruitmarket

**Llan de Cubel and  
Capstan Quartet**

📍 Strathclyde Suite

**Jill Jackson & The  
Southern Heartstrings  
and support**

Òran Mór: Auditorium

**Robin Adams and Calum  
Gilligan**

The Glad Cafe

## Sunday 19 Jan

13:30

**New Voices: Michael  
Biggins**

📍 New Auditorium

19:30

**Frigg with BBC Scottish  
Symphony Orchestra**

City Halls

**Brownbear and support**

Saint Luke's

**Matt Carmichael:  
Dancing with Embers**

The Barony Hall

**The Zawose Queens and  
Sorren MacLean**

Òran Mór

**Flyte and Katie Gregson-  
MacLeod**

The Mackintosh Church

**Tim O'Brien & Jan  
Fabricius with Seamie  
O'Dowd & Dermot Byrne  
and Katie Spencer**

📍 New Auditorium

**Lyle Lovett and his  
Acoustic Group with  
special guest Jon Muq**

📍 Main Auditorium

**Ron Pope 'Neon and Glass World Tour' and Emily Scott Robinson**

Drygate Brewery



20:00

**The McDades with Cua**

📍 Strathclyde Suite

**Lindisfarne and support**

Old Fruitmarket

**Start To End perform Prefab Sprout – Steve McQueen**

Òran Mór: Auditorium

**waverley.**

The Glad Café

**Good Looks**

The Hug and Pint

**Danny Kyle  
Open Stage**

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17:00 - 19:00

GRCH: Exhibition Hall

FREE

**Monday  
20 Jan**

19:30

**Rhiannon Giddens & Dirk Powell**

City Halls



20:00

**Dermot Byrne, Ross Ainslie, Tim Edey & Éamonn Coyne and Chris Stout & Steph Geremia with Ali Hutton**

📍 Strathclyde Suite

**Simon Joyner and Eve Davidson**

The Hug and Pint

**Tuesday  
21 Jan**

14:00

**Dementia Friendly Concert: Niamh MacKaveney & Calum McIlroy**

📍 Strathclyde Suite

19:30

**Dialogues: Su-a Lee, Duncan Chisholm, Hamish Napier & Donald Shaw**

The Mackintosh Church

20:00

**Corrina Hewat: Song of Oak & Ivy with Alastair Savage & Alice Allen**

📍 Strathclyde Suite

**Georgia Cécile & Special Guests**

Old Fruitmarket

**Lloyd Cole**

📍 Main Auditorium

**Festival  
Club 2025**

23:00  
17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 31 Jan,  
1 Feb  
The Glee Club

**Wednesday  
22 Jan**

19:30

**kitti and support**

Drygate Brewery



**The Furrow Collective with Salt House**

The Mackintosh Church

**In The Tradition**

📍 Main Auditorium

**A Giant on the Bridge**

Tramway

**Bernard Butler and support**

Òran Mór

20:00

**Iona Fyfe and Hekate**

📍 Strathclyde Suite

**Cyril Cyril**

The Hug and Pint

20:20

**Film: Kim Carnie Out Loud with Q&A**

Glasgow Film Theatre

**Thursday  
23 Jan**

19:30

**Eabhal with The Canny Band**

The Mackintosh Church

**Joshua Burnside and Lemoncello**

Saint Luke's

**John Metcalfe: Tree with Lucie Hendry & Justyna Krzyżanowska: Flora and Fauna**

Tramway

**We Are Here Scotland: Aref Ghorbani, Simone Seales and Miwa Nagato-Apthorp**

City Halls – Recital Room

**Cala with Fras & Special Guests**

Òran Mór

**Breabach with Scottish National Jazz Orchestra**

📍 Main Auditorium

**Irish Mythen with Paul McKenna**

The National Piping Centre

20:00

**Steve Wickham & Ray Coen**

The Hug and Pint

**Mischa Macpherson and Sarah Markey**

 Strathclyde Suite



**Peat & Diesel and The Seeger Sessions Revival**

Emirates Arena

**Friday  
24 Jan**

19:30

**Song Club: Nell Mescal, Katie Gregson-MacLeod, Eleanor Moss & Special Guests**

Saint Luke's

**Winter Bloom: Brighde Chaimbeul, Assynt & Sian**

Pavilion Theatre

**Scottish Chamber Orchestra with Julie Fowlis, Éamon Doorley, Zoë Conway, John Mc Intyre and Máirtín O'Connor**

 Main Auditorium

**The Seeger Sessions Revival and Irish Mythen**

Òran Mór

**Elephant Sessions and The East Pointers**

O2 Academy

**Orkney Anniversary Special: The Chair 20th with FARA 10th**

The Barrowland Ballroom

**Alisa Amador & Support**

The National Piping Centre

**The Friel Sisters with Nuala Kennedy & Eamon O'Leary**

Tramway

20:00

**Curlew and Aurora Engine**

The Glad Café

**Ross Miller Band with Fell Line**

 Strathclyde Suite

**No Crows**

The Hug and Pint

**The Magic Numbers and Niamh Bury**

Old Fruitmarket

**Norman Willmore & Corrie Dick with Hannah Read**

Drygate Brewery

**Saturday  
25 Jan**

12:00

**Scottish National Whisky Festival: Session 1**

SWG3

12:30

**Piping Concert: Inveraray & District Pipe Band and Finlay MacDonald Band**

 Main Auditorium

13:00

**RCS Traditional Music Showcase and Plockton Music School**

 New Auditorium

16:30

**Scottish National Whisky Festival: Session 2**

SWG3

17:00

**Adam Sutherland & John Somerville**

City Halls – Recital Room

19:30

**Malinky & Friends 25th and Session A9**

 Main Auditorium

**Old Blind Dogs and É.T.É**

The Barony Hall

**Ablaye Cissoko & Cyrille Brotto with Triptic**

The Mackintosh Church

**Aziza Brahim and The Tapi Project**

Òran Mór

**Shane Cook & The Woodchippers and Tern**

 Strathclyde Suite

**Hawktail & Väsen and Córás Trio**

City Halls

**Ímar and Malin Lewis**

Pavilion Theatre

**Doughnut Music: Beautiful Cosmos with Diljeet Bhachu**

The Glad Café

**The Langan Band and Wayward Jane**

Saint Luke's

**Moving Cloud: TRIP & Brighde Chaimbeul with Scottish Dance Theatre**

Theatre Royal

**Sacred Paws and Birdvox**

Drygate Brewery

**Elizabeth Davidson-Blythe & Daniel Quayle with Eleanor Dunsdon & Gregor Black**

The National Piping Centre



**Bethlehem Calling: An Evening of Stories, Music and Pipers from Palestine**

Tramway

19:45

**Burns Night Concert**

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

20:00

**Canntaireachd and Fíarock**

 New Auditorium

**WorldFolk: Croft No. Five & Rumba de Bodas**

Old Fruitmarket

**No Windows + Mokusla and Curiosity Shop**

The Hug and Pint

## Sunday 26 Jan

13:00

### New Voices: Ciorstaidh Beaton

G New Auditorium

14:30

### Family Céilidh

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

19:30

### Ross Ainslie & The Sanctuary Band and Leonard Barry Trio

G New Auditorium

### Roaming Roots Revue presents Icons Vol.1

G Main Auditorium

### Special Consensus 50th Anniversary

Òran Mór

### St. Rochs Celtic Connections Extravaganza

City Halls

### Blazin' Fiddles with Simon Thoumire, Dave Milligan & Alana NicAongais

The Barony Hall

### Josh Rouse: Nashville 20th Anniversary

Drygate Brewery

### Eric Bibb and Gráinne Hunt

The Mackintosh Church

### Hayden Thorpe & Propellor Ensemble perform NESS

City Halls – Recital Room

### Cèilidh a Bhaile Mhòr

The National Piping Centre

20:00

### Rachel Walker and Aaron Jones & Support

G Strathclyde Suite

### Lake Street Dive and Alisa Amador

Old Fruitmarket



### Helen Ganya and Mezanmi

The Hug and Pint

## Monday 27 Jan

19:30

### Roaming Roots Revue presents Icons Vol.1

G Main Auditorium

## Tuesday 28 Jan

14:00

### Dementia Friendly Concert: Josie Duncan & Màiri MacMillan

G Strathclyde Suite

19:30

### Flos Collective X Laura Jane Wilkie: Vent

Drygate Brewery

### C Duncan and Adam Ross

Saint Luke's

### Hunter, McMustard & Mellow Party with Dumfries Community Choir

Òran Mór: Auditorium

### Willie Watson and support

Cottiers Theatre

### LÙBAN: Sean Shibe & Aidan O'Rourke and Kate Young

The Mackintosh Church

### Femi Kuti & The Positive Force and support

G Main Auditorium

### Thirteen North: 'Connected', with Craig Armstrong, Seán Óg Graham and Ryan Molloy

G New Auditorium



20:00

### Ruth Moody and Hushman

G Strathclyde Suite

## Danny Kyle Open Stage

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FREE

## Wednesday 29 Jan

18:00

### Songs of Plants: The Folklore and Songs of Plants with Margaret Bennett

National Library of Scotland, Kelvin Hall

19:30

### Broken Chanter and support

Cottiers Theatre

### BMX Bandits and QUAD90

Saint Luke's



### Clarissa Connelly and Julian Taylor

The Mackintosh Church

### If I Could Only Remember My Name: The Music of David Crosby

G Main Auditorium

## Emily Barker and Ernest Aines

Drygate Brewery

## The Great Pleasure and support

Òran Mór

## Sam Kelly & Guests

National Piping Centre

20:00

## Little Acres

The Glad Café

## Catrin Finch & Aoife Ni Bhriain and Hegedu

G Strathclyde Suite



## Late Night Sessions

23:00

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Drygate Brewery

## Thursday 30 Jan

17:30

## Book Launch: Brave New Music – The Martyn Bennett Story

G The Green Room

19:30

## An Danna Dub and Dlù

Tramway

## Hayseed Dixie and support

Saint Luke's

## Mary Coughlan and support

The Mackintosh Church

## Niall McNamee and support

The Glad Café

## Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy and Frances Morton

The Barony Hall

## Robert Vincent and Xan Tyler

Cottiers Theatre

## The Cactus Blossoms and Taylor Ashton

Drygate  
Brewery

## Creeping Bent 30 / C81 - C86 - GO !!

Òran Mór

## KT Tunstall – EYE TO THE TELESCOPE – 20

G Main Auditorium

## EMEL and support

Òran Mór: Auditorium

## Donald Grant & Friends: "The Night Overtook Us" with Scottish Ensemble & Special Guests

G New Auditorium

## Brian Kellock: By Special Request

City Halls: Recital Room

20:00

## Bog Bodies

The Hug and Pint

## Ainsley Hamill: Fable with Rachel Newton: Sealladh

G Strathclyde Suite

## TRIP Big Band & Niall McCabe

Old Fruitmarket

## Festival Club 2025

23:00

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1 Feb  
The Glee Club

## Friday 31 Jan

19:30

## Cara Dillon 'Coming Home'

Pavilion Theatre

## Transatlantic Sessions

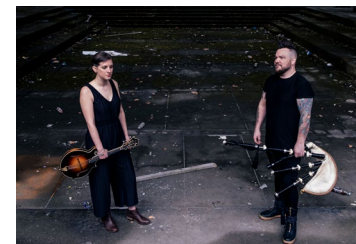
G Main Auditorium

## KT Tunstall – EYE TO THE TELESCOPE – 20

The Barrowland Ballroom

## From the Ground and The Shackleton Trio

Òran Mór



## Peatbog Faeries and Ampouailh

Tramway

## Iona: In the Footsteps of Columba – Paul Anderson & Friends

The Barony Hall

## Donald WG Lindsay & Alasdair Roberts

The National Piping  
Centre

## BODIES and support

The Mackintosh Church

## Catriona Price: Routes to Roots with El Guapo

Drygate Brewery

## Kíla and Deira

Saint Luke's

## Jacob Alon

King Tut's

19:45

## Kris Drever & Chris Stout with David Murphy & Ether Ensemble

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum



20:00

## David Grubb

The Hug and Pint

## An Lanntair @ 40

G Strathclyde Suite

## Vanishing and support

The Glad Café

21:30

## All-Star Cèilidh Dance

Old Fruitmarket

## Saturday 1 Feb

13:00

**Coorie Doon:  
A Scottish Lullaby Story  
with Jackie Kay**

G Strathclyde Suite

**TMSA Young Trad Tour**

G New Auditorium

17:00

**Tom Mcconville &  
Michael Biggins**

City Halls: Recital Room

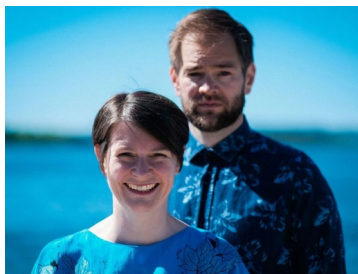
19:30

**Alistair McCulloch Trio  
and Beatha**

The National Piping  
Centre

**Summers/Silvola &  
Bozzini Quartet**

The Mackintosh Church



**Beth Malcolm  
'Folkmosis' and  
Matt McGinn**

The Barony Hall

**Gnoss with Lauren  
MacColl**

G New Auditorium

**After The Last  
Waltz**

King Tut's

**KAN and Caamaño &  
Ameixeiras**

Saint Luke's

**The Great Irish  
Songbook: Dervish &  
Special Guests**

Pavilion Theatre

**The Bluebells**

The Barrowland Ballroom

**Tapir! and support**

Drygate Brewery



**Ibibio Sound Machine  
and N'famady Kouyaté**

Tramway

**Karine Polwart: The  
Back of the Winter**

G Main Auditorium

**the ollam and Astro  
Bloc**

SWG3

**Kelly Finnigan & The  
Atonements and support**

Òran Mór

19:45

**Mystery of the Bulgarian  
Voices with Windborne  
& Special Guests**

Kelvingrove Art Gallery  
and Museum



20:00

**Ceòlas @ 30**

City Halls

**Parker Millsap**

The Hug and Pint

**Michael McGoldrick &  
Tim Edey with Allison  
de Groot & Tatiana  
Hargreaves**

G Strathclyde Suite

## Sunday 2 Feb

13:00

**New Voices: Ciaran Ryan**

G Strathclyde Suite

17:00

**BBC Radio Scotland  
Young Traditional  
Musician of the Year  
Final 2025**

City Halls

19:30

**Field Music and support**

Òran Mór

**Pictish Trail and support**

The Mackintosh Church

**Lady Blackbird and  
support**

Pavilion Theatre



**Transatlantic Sessions**

G Main Auditorium

**Brian Finnegan:  
Shepherds and Ellen  
MacDonald**

G Strathclyde Suite

20:00

**Dean Owens &  
The Sinners**

Òran Mór: Auditorium

**NoGood Boyo**

The Hug and Pint

**Nu-Age Sounds –  
PLANET WORLD**

Old Fruitmarket



**When Fish Begin To  
Crawl**

G New Auditorium

**Danny Kyle  
Open Stage**

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## Brew & A Blether

**Glasgow Royal Concert Hall**  
21, 22, 23, 28,  
29, 30 Jan  
13:00

Join Deirdre Graham, Hannah Rarity or Adam Sutherland in this rare chance for audience members to learn more about the unique life stories of the people behind the music.

Come and listen with a cup of tea and a wee treat in the home of Celtic Connections.

## Song Sessions

FREE

House of Song is a free intimate song session hosted by the TMSA, where anyone can take part. **Friday and Saturday nights from 22:30 at Novotel Glasgow Centre.**

## Workshops

From accordion to banjo, guitar to Waulking songs, alongside Mini Manoeuvres family parties and interactive Gaelic and Scots nursery lullabies for babies and toddlers, we have a variety of workshops for all ages and abilities.

Find out more at [celticconnections.com/workshops](http://celticconnections.com/workshops)

## Music Tours

Join **Glasgow Music City Tours** for the **Merchant City Trad Trail** as they share tales of the songwriters and storytellers who have shaped the city's vibrant folk culture. **On 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31 Jan and 1 Feb.**

## Celtic Connections on Campus

Mon 20 – Fri 24 Jan  
12:30

FREE no ticket required

Join us at Glasgow Caledonian University's campus for a showcase of the brightest up-and-coming talent both in front of the mic and behind the scenes.

Held in the Re-union Bar and Grill in the Students' Association building, this is a firm favourite for many – a perfect start to your festival day.

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