

SUMMERHALL

Wed 6 & Thu 7 August

Linda NicLeòid's a caraidean | Linda Macleod & Friends

Originally from North Uist in the Western Isles of Scotland, Scottish Gaelic singer Linda Macleod has spent many years researching and performing Gaelic songs associated with her family and native homeland. Linda specialised in local song research at the University of Glasgow and graduated with an MPhil in Gaelic in 2011. Through her time studying and working in the city, Linda has made many musical friends and she is delighted to be accompanied by two fellow islanders. Shona Masson is a native of Portree in Skye and a highly acclaimed piano and fiddle player. Seonaidh MacIntyre of Loch a' Chàrnain in South Uist is an equally respected singer and skilled whistle and small pipes player; he is also a member of the Scottish Dance Band of the Year, Trail West.

Fri 8 & Sat 9 August

Gillebrìde MacMillan

Gillebrìde MacMillan is a native Gaelic speaker from South Uist in the Outer Hebrides. He is a multi award winning Gaelic singer and he released a critically acclaimed album *Air Fòrladh/On Leave* in 2011. He also features as Gwyllyn the Bard in the US tv series 'Outlander' based on the bestseller books by Diana Gabaldon. He is joined by Deirdre Morrison (fiddle) and Ewan MacPherson (guitar) in these concerts.

www.gillebride.com

Wed 13 & Thu 14 August

Alasdair Whyte | Alasdair MacIlleBhàin

Brought up on the Inner Hebridean island of Mull, Alasdair's primary interests lie in interpreting traditional songs from his native area and composing new Gaelic songs. He released his debut album, *Las*, with the Watercolour Music label in winter 2012 and has since recorded with Struileag/Shore to Shore. "The best debut album from a Gaelic artist in years, *Las* is a beautiful, beguiling and irresistible mix of tradition and innovation." Kevin MacNeil (*The Stornoway Way; A Method Actor's Guide to Jekyll and Hyde*) Alasdair is joined on stage by fellow Muileach Ross B. Wilson and Shetlander Terry Balfour.

Fri 15 and Sat 16 August

Joy Dunlop

With an exquisitely expressive voice and a deep connection to the traditions of the Scottish Highlands, Joy Dunlop is "long established as one of the finest Gaelic singers on the current circuit," (Songlines) Her solo album *Dùsgadh* won both the Scots New Music Awards Roots Recording of the Year and Fatea Tradition Award. She launched

her second album, *Faileasan* (Reflections) in January 2013, garnering rave international reviews, "Joy Dunlop's new CD is exciting and sexy enough that it may make you want to learn Gaelic." (Trad Connect). The Joy Dunlop Band comprises guitarist Sorren Maclean, piper and whistle player Lorne MacDougall and pianist/harpist Andrew Dunlop.

www.joydunlop.com

Mon 18 & Tue 19 August

Gillie Mackenzie

Gillie Mackenzie is a singer and songwriter who has spent much of her life performing and teaching Gaelic songs. She is particularly influenced by the Gaelic songs, stories, landscape and culture of the people of Lewis in the Western Isles where she grew up. Her first solo album, *Griais*, named after the village where she grew up, was released to wide critical acclaim. Gillie will be joined for these concerts by Ewan MacPherson and Lauren MacColl. www.gilliemackenzie.co.uk

Wed 20 & Thu 21 August

Màiri Macleod

Màiri is a singer and clàrsach player with a Highlands & Islands background (Dad from Isle of Lewis, Mum from Caithness). As a performer, teacher and composer, her portfolio covers many instrumental and choral genres. Her recent achievements have included a commission from An Comunn Gaidhealach, the Clarsach Society's Young Composer 2010 and coming third in the Camac Trophy at the Lorient Festival Inter-celtique. She has released two CDs and her publishing company is developing the harp repertoire with a variety of compositions and arrangements.

Mon 25 August

Allan Macdonald

Allan will play with the band he brought together to perform music from *Highland Voyage*, the iconic 1960s Para Handy recordings. The band consists of Iain MacLeod, (mandolin and vocals) who has performed on numerous platforms including a period with Shooglenifty; Russell Hunter (piano and vocals) who is famed in the dance-band scene as well as the folk scene as a trad and jazz pianist; Allan MacDonald (pipes, melodeon and vocals) whose legacy is in the Gaelic musical and piping tradition. They will perform excerpts from the *Highland Voyage* repertoire as well as some instrumental pieces.