



Members and Friends Newsletter

August 2022

Penicuik Community Arts Association

Dear PCAA members and friends,

Things have been a little bit quieter at the Arts Centre during July and August, but we're not entirely dormant! Our wee cafe-gallery is open Monday - Saturday 10am to 4pm, and serves lovely coffee and teas with home bakes. Or you can stay for a lunch of home made soup, toasties, or scones. When the weather's warm, it's a treat to enjoy our small back garden - it's through the café and the kitchen's outside door - just ask the staff on duty. We are very grateful to our gardening volunteers Roma Robertson, Cathy Ritchie and Jaquie Keith for keeping the garden alive and beautiful with colourful plants and foliage and works of art along the back wall and hanging from the trees. It's a special space and we'd love you to share it.

Other news includes: this month's exhibition in the café-gallery, an update on our Storytelling project, grants for concerts during the 2022-2023 season, and last but not least - the PCAA's 45th birthday celebrations!

Do read on for more details!

Best wishes

Sue

Exhibitions in the café-gallery

Each month, you can see an exhibition from a local artist. The exhibition usually changes at the beginning of each month, sometimes with a preview event for the opening. Please check posters at the Arts Centre, on social media or on our website. August's exhibition is of work by Lorna Noble - mostly textile art, and all proceeds go to the Alzheimer's Scotland charity.

Storytelling at West Street Arts Centre

Our latest Community Project started in July. With a grant from MuseumsGalleriesScotland (via Visit Scotland for the Year of Stories 2022), the PCAA is offering six free storytelling workshops with local professional Ruth Kirkpatrick. Ruth is gently guiding us on a fun journey to become storytellers. This is different from reading something we've written out loud - it's simply "telling" a story from heart and head. Our first workshop on 19th June was very enjoyable - attended by nervous complete beginners and more confident and experienced amateurs.

The workshops are now full, but if you'd like to be on the mailing list for Friday evening club nights (14th October; 11th November; 9th December - at 7:30pm) to listen to stories, drop us an email (penicuikarts.org@gmail.com)



Our classical concerts 2022-2023

We've been successful in obtaining another two grants from Chamber Music Scotland (CMS). The first is to give Penicuik a season of classical concerts at the Arts Centre: our 2022-2023 concert series is now finalised - below is a summary of what's on offer. The CMS grant goes some way to paying the musicians, but we must sell a minimum number of tickets at £15 to break even. All musicians are of the highest professional calibre and we really are very privileged to have this type of live music available on our doorstep! If you can afford it, one way that you could help us pay the musicians is to buy a season ticket - 6 concerts for the reduced price of £75 instead of £90. Please let us know if you'd be interested in this scheme (penicuikarts.org@gmail.com).

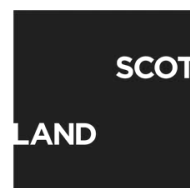
PCAA Concert season 2022-2023

Penicuik Community Arts Centre; 4 West Street, Penicuik, EH26 9HY.

Date	Performer	What to expect
12/11/22	Sequoia Duo Concert and children's workshop	Sequoia is an award-winning string duo (violin & cello), dedicated to exploring the natural world through music.
27/11/22	White Rose	Soprano, Sally Carr; Clarinet, Calum Robertson; Piano, Anna Michels for the White Rose Ensemble. The programme to include Louis Spohr's 6 German Songs, Three Vocalises by Vaughan Williams and Burns Songs arranged by Margaret Murray McLeod. The White Rose Ensemble have a particular focus on lesser-known works by Scottish composers.
19/2/23	Artisan Ensemble	String trio - bringing an exciting new dimension to Scottish chamber music, the Artisan Trio are young, imaginative and ambitious.
19/3/23	Scots Baroque Special Tour	Scots Baroque is an innovative new early music ensemble based in Glasgow, Scotland. Taking music of the baroque period as our starting point, we experiment with a fusion of techniques and genres, including improvisation, folk styles, and contemporary music written for old instruments.
16/4/23	Ailie Robertson	Local virtuoso harpist - returning by popular demand!
7/5/23	ADlibitum	Violin and classical accordion: "They were really wonderful. Two astonishing virtuosi whose playing together was masterly and their introductory chat an informative delight. They were also delightful people who appeared genuinely to enjoy the occasion." (Skye Music Club)

More details about all events and activities can be found on our website (www.penicuikarts.org).

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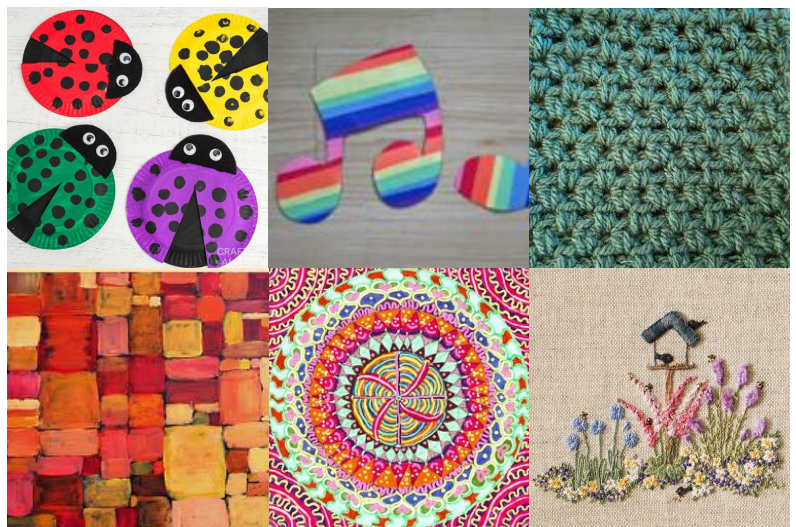
The second grant is to pay a local professional cellist (Justyna Jablonska) to give three short and free early-afternoon concerts at Cowan Court for residents and visitors during Autumn 2022. Please see the poster below and social media postings for details of the free concerts.

The PCAA's 45th Birthday Celebrations!

The PCAA celebrates its 45th anniversary this year! To mark this occasion, we are holding the annual Open Exhibition for the Penicuik Turner and People's Choice prizes. Work will be on display for the whole of October. Work should be submitted on Thursday 29th September from 2.00pm until 4.00pm and from 7.00pm until 8.00pm at the Arts Centre (Or by prior arrangement with organisers).

On Saturday 1st October at 2pm you're invited to attend a social and meet the artists. Our main celebration is on Sunday 9th October 2pm - a Birthday party with live music from local invited amateur musicians, items from the floor, and a long refreshment break including a birthday cake, exhibitions, and blether. This is a programmed free event and all are welcome to drop in and out with due consideration to anyone who is performing.

Part of the celebration will be a PCAA community wall hanging(s). We're sussing out interest in making six-inch squares in different media - embroidery, knitting, crochet, painting etc with a view to making a series of small "patchwork" panels to contribute to our 45th birthday exhibition. The designs can be anything inspired by PCAA activities or the Penicuik environment - abstract or otherwise. Please email Sue to register interest and to let us know what media you'll be using (penicuikarts.org@gmail.com). We've not had much response yet, so it would be wonderful to hear from you with a promise of just a wee 6-inch (15 cm) square!



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Penicuik Community Arts Association
presents

Music on a Friday Afternoon at Cowan Court

Three different 30-minute concerts - FREE!



JUSTYNA JABLONSKA

solo cello - classical
repertoire with some
improvisation and
Scottish tunes.

Friday 2nd September 2pm

Friday 7th October 2pm

Friday 4th November 2pm

at Cowan Court, Eastfield Drive, EH26 8BD

FREE (£2 for refreshments afterwards)

Cowan Court Residents - please sign up!

Visitors - by ticket only from Arts Centre, 4 West Street
EH26 9DL, or text 0781 505 2929

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