



# Penicuik Community Arts Association

## Newsletter for Members and Friends

### August 2023

**Dear Members and Friends,**

Things are shaping up well for Penfest 2023! Penfest is our annual Arts Festival. It's usually quite a modest event these days, but this year, Graham McDonald is working with me to offer Penicuik a feast of music events this year - a Music Festival within Penfest!

We're presenting concerts from the Edinburgh Renaissance Band; the Pentland Music School; the annual Piano Festival; the Penicuik Silver Band and their juniors; a fabulous evening of jazz from the Carlops Jazz Band, school jazz bands and singer Eileen Hunter; the Castaways singers; Penicuik High School musicians "Burnt Out Records"; Jessies Well folk duo and friends; and a return of the popular Shetland fiddlers with Graham McDonald.

Other events include the Penfest 2023 traditional ceilidh with food, blether, and the opportunity to show off your party pieces; and hopefully a special Penicuik Cinema evening with short films directed by local artists (professional and amateur).

Last, by no means least, there will be the much loved Annual Open Art Exhibition. All entries will be considered for the Penicuik Turner and People's Choice prizes. Details can be found on our website (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/>), and artists packs with instructions for submitting work can be downloaded from the website or sent to you if you email us with a request ([penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com)). As usual, we invite any artist to contribute up to three pieces of art work.

The full Penfest 2023 programme follows, and further details will be on posters at the Arts Centre and on our website.

## PENFEST 2023 Programme

Members Only Preview of Open Exhibition	Fri 22 Sep 6pm	Arts Centre
PENFEST 2023 OPEN EXHIBITION open to the public - opportunity to buy - vote for the People's Choice prize-winner.	Sat 23 Sep - Sun 1 Oct Mon - Sat 10am - 3:30pm. Sun 1 Oct 2pm - 5pm (during celiidh)	Arts Centre
Edinburgh Renaissance Band	Fri 22 Sep 8pm	St James Church
Open Studios	Sat 23 Sep 11am - 4pm	see poster online
Piano Festival	Sat 23 Sep daytime	St James Church
Music School Concert	Sat 23 Sep 7:30pm	St James Church
Open Studios	Sun 24 Sep 11am - 4pm	as above
Accoustic Music at the Storehouse	Sun 24 Sep 12:30 - 2pm	Penicuik Storehouse
Penicuik Silver Band & Junior band	Sun 24 Sep 7:30pm	North Kirk church
Jazz concert with Penicuik High and Beeslack School sJazz bands, the Carlops Jazz Band; & singer Eileen Hunter.	Mon 25 Sep 7:30pm	St Mungo's hall
Castaways - popular vocal group	Wed 27 Sep 7:30pm	St Mungo's hall
Burnt Out Records - Penicuik High School Musicians and friends	Thu 28 Sep 7:30pm	Hub
<b>Busking at the Storehouse</b>	<b>Fri 29 Sep 2-3:30pm</b>	<b>Penicuik Storehouse</b>
Gay and Tim Blott and friends	Fri 29 Sep 7:30pm	Arts Centre
Open Studios	Sat 20 Sep 11am - 4pm	as above
Graham McDonald and Shetland Fiddlers: (with Mary McInroy to support)	Sat 30 Sep 7:30pm	St James Church
Open Studios	Sun 1 Oct 11am - 4pm	as above
Festival Ceilidh - party pieces, food, Art Exhibition prize-giving 3:30pm	Sun 1 Oct 2pm-5pm	Arts Centre
Penicuik Cinema - local films?	Sun 1 Oct 7pm	Town Hall

## News about PCAA Membership Fees

The PCAA committee has agreed a different definition for “Concession”.

Instead of concessionary membership fees being automatic if you are of a certain age, the lower rate will now apply to ANYONE WHO IS STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY. This means anyone on benefits, on a student grant, living on a student loan, or whose income is ONLY the state pension.

**Retired people who are comfortably off with reasonable income over and above state pension will be asked to pay the standard membership price.** This is only £15 a year and should cause no hardship for people in this situation.

There will be no questions asked, no means testing, and everything will be confidential. We will trust our current and future members to be honest (in either direction!) when deciding what membership rate to pay.

***This definition of “concession” matches the new ticket pricing for events, where the concessionary ticket price is for anyone on low income as described above.***

## Storytelling news

We're delighted to let you know that we've received a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund for a year of “Oor Toon” Storytelling project. We'll be advertising storytelling club nights and workshops in a month or two.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we're also running a peer-support storytelling group once a month starting in October. Please let us know if you'd like to be on the mailing list! (email [penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com))

## Classical Concert Series 2023-2024

We've received funding from Chamber Music Scotland for three concerts, and from the Tunnell Trust for Young Musicians for one concert. Please see the programme which follows.

# PCAA Classical Music Concert Series 2023 - 2024

Tickets will be £15, £10 concession

Except where indicated, concerts are subsidised by Chamber Music Scotland

22/10/2023	3pm	Resol Quartet	String Quartet
26/11/2023	3pm	Ad Libitum	Violin & Accordion
26/01/2024	7:30pm	JKL duo	Guitar and Flute; music inspired by Burns
25/02/2024	3pm	Stroud-Zhang Duo (funded by Tunnell Trust)	Violin & Piano

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## Exhibition from Nancy Bryce at Fort Kinnaird

PCAA member Nancy is exhibiting at the Leith Collective, a hub for local artists and makers of bespoke items. She says the venue is very near Boots and her exhibition runs until 5th August - so there are two weeks left to catch it!

## Musselburgh Open Studios

Nancy also tells us that Musselburgh Artists Open Studios will be on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th August over 13 venues. There are 11 venues to visit, view the artwork and art will be for sale. The venues will be open between 11am and 4pm on these dates. For more information, contact the Musselburgh Art Club ([musselburghartclub@proton.me](mailto:musselburghartclub@proton.me)).

