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Community Arts Penicuik (CAP) SC054024

Newsletter July 2025

Dear CAP members and friends,

We're very excited to let you know that CAP has been awarded its first grant - from Chamber Music Scotland - to run a series of concerts 2025 - 2026. There will be some treats in store! We'll give you full details at the beginning of September.

This year CAP is once more offering the Penicuik Turner Prize for the best work in our Annual Open Art Show as judged by a professional artist. This year the judge will be Jane Kelly.

Because of our recently changed circumstances, this year we are asking work to be submitted in a standard format: 6 inches x 8 inches, unframed.

If you think this is rather small just think of the vast landscapes Turner and Constable managed to evoke on this scale!

Works should be submitted by 22nd August 2025 3 - 4pm at the Storehouse, 22 High Street, Penicuik, EH26 8HW.

Alternatively, you're invited to post your entries, complete with their forms with your full details, to Jackie McDonald, 4a Kirkhill Gardens, Penicuik, EH26 8JE.

We do hope you will accept this challenge and support the new organisation as it tries to keep up the work of the old Penicuik Community Arts Association, providing outlets for the artistic talent in our area.

We sincerely hope that by next year we will have identified a gallery capable of hosting a full Penicuik Turner Prize.

Artists packs with full details are available from our website www.penicuikarts.org/, from Pen-y-Coe Press and from the Storehouse.

You can also email exhibitions.communityarts@gmail.com.

Please take a look at the Penfest events below and save the dates! CAP events need the support of its members and friends so that we can continue to offer arts and music "on our doorstep".

Best wishes for a wonderful summer,

Sue

What's coming up?

Sunday 6th July - Friday 29th August 10am - 4pm (5:30pm Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays)

Exhibition "Together" featuring new work from Jackie McDonald and Jenni Thompson, at the Storehouse - 22 High Street, Penicuik, EH26 8HW

Friday 22nd August 3 - 4pm

Hand in your entries for the Mini-Open Exhibition 2025. All entries will be judged for for the Penicuik Turner and People's Choice Prize competitions. This year, Jane Kelly is our judge.

Hand in is at The Storehouse, 22 High Street Penicuik EH26 8HW. To make alternative arrangements please email Jackie on exhibitions.communityarts@gmail.com

Saturday 30th August - Saturday 6th September

Open Exhibition for the mini Penicuik Turner and People's Choice prizes at the Storehouse

Saturday 30 August 10am - 4pm and Sunday 31 August 7 - 9:30pm (during cinema)

Artists Out and About: an exhibition by Penicuik Sketchers in the Town Hall

Saturday 30th August 3 - 4pm

Opening and Preview of Open Exhibition at the Storehouse

Saturday 6 September 10am - 4pm and Sunday 7 September 7 - 9:30pm (during cinema)

Artists Out and About: an exhibition by Penicuik Sketchers in the Town Hall

Saturday 6th September 3 - 4pm

Closing event for the Open Exhibition and **prize-giving** at the Storehouse

Saturday 6th September 7:30pm

Local Musicians Concert (£10/£5) - venue t.b.c.

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September

Open Studios throughout town

Sunday 7th September 7pm

Paper Portraits screening at the Town Hall (£6)

Saturday 13 September 10.30am - 1pm; 2pm - 3.30pm

Writing workshop with Gerda Stevenson; poetry or short text on the theme of "New Beginnings". More details soon.

Saturday 13th September 7:30pm

Festival concert - Community Choir & friends (£10/£5) in North Kirk (£10/£5)

Tickets will be available from Pen-y-Coe Press and online

(<https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/>)

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