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Community Arts Penicuik Newsletter

April 2026

Dear CAP Members and Friends,

I hope you've had a good Easter Weekend, in spite of the very changeable and exciting weather. Community Arts Penicuik is rolling to the end of the 2025-2026 concert season - details of the last two concerts are below. Due to changes in the Board structure and operation, it's not clear yet what concerts will be offered for the 2026-2027 season, but I'm sure there will be plenty to look forward to.

The two-monthly exhibitions continue in the CAP exhibition space in the Storehouse on Penicuik High Street. We are very grateful to the Storehouse for providing CAP with this space. See below for details of current and upcoming exhibitions.

Please contact exhibitions.communityarts@gmail.com if you're interested in exhibiting, or if you'd like more details of current or upcoming exhibitions.

I'd like to thank everyone who's renewed or taken up Community Arts membership for 2026-2027. If you haven't already done so, please

do consider Community Arts Membership for 2026-2027. It's only £15 or £10 (pay less). As a member, you're entitled to a discount on prices for most ticketed events, and you have the satisfaction of supporting the Arts in all its forms in Penicuik and surrounding areas. From our point of view - it's fabulous to know that folk are willing to join and support us, and it's helpful for grant applications too, to be able to demonstrate this support. You can find membership forms in the Storehouse and in Pen-y-Coe Press. Complete forms and fees should be handed in to Pen-y-Coe Press (NOT the Storehouse). It's also easy to become a member via our website membership page by [clicking here](#).

Finally, please note that the CAP AGM is on Thursday 11th June 7:30pm in St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill Road, EH26 9EE. Come and hear how the first year of CAP has panned out and celebrate successes over a cup of tea!

Best wishes!

Sue Owen

Current CAP Chair until 11th June 2026

Please don't forget that we're inviting people to step forward to help with organising and running events!

Please contact chair.communityarts@gmail.com if you think you'd enjoy helping in this way, or in any other way - either as a Board member or not. The Board members and volunteers are friendly and helpful - it's a great team to work with!

Special Exhibition

In October, we are exhibiting the work of International Artist, Daekon Lee from South Korea. We will look to celebrate this visit with a special opening event at The Storehouse on Sunday 4th October 1pm-3pm, where the artist and his family will be in attendance. The exhibition will run until Friday 30th October.

Sell greetings cards featuring your art work

We would like to invite CAP members who are visual artists to consider selling some greetings cards of their work at The Storehouse. We ask the cards are presented ready-to-sell in a retail setting, ie sealed and priced, with the artist details on the back of each card. There will be a 30% commission fee (15% for CAP, 15% for the Storehouse), so please take that into consideration in your pricing.

Sold cards will be paid for after purchase, or returned to the artist after a four month period. Cards can delivered to the town hall art group, run by Morag Donkin Saturdays 10am-1pm (but not running 18th April). We recommend using the online service, Art2Card; <https://www.art2card.co.uk/> for a personal, professional service.

Coming up

Sunday 19th April 7:30pm - An extremely special performance of "**The Gentle Shepherd**" from Opera Caledonia. Over 300 years have passed since the publication of Allan Ramsay's pastoral comedy "The Gentle Shepherd". Through the inclusion of traditional songs and music,

Ramsay adapted his work into a ballad opera, earning it the title of "the first Scottish opera".

Set against the backdrop of the Pentland Hills, "The Gentle Shepherd" tells the story of Patie, a poor but virtuous shepherd, who falls in love with Peggy, a shepherdess.

Enjoy a concert retelling of what became Ramsay's most popular work, performed by Stephanie Stanway (soprano), Christian Schneeberger (tenor) and Derek Clark (harpsichord).

Opera Caledonia is Scotland's newest professional opera company – dedicated to presenting concerts, recitals & events across Scotland; showcasing all that Scotland has to offer as a country and an artistic platform.

The Gentle Shepherd



“the first Scottish Opera Ballad” Allan Ramsay

A concert retelling with music performed by Stephanie Stanway - Christian Schneeberger - Derek Clark



Sunday 19th April 7:30pm

Penicuik North Kirk, 95 John Street, EH26 8AG

Tickets £15/£10 (pay less)

Online: www.penicuikarts.org/shop/ and from

Pen-y-Coe Press, 7 Bridge Street, Penicuik, EH26 8LL

(Tue - Sat 12 noon - 4pm)

www.operacaledonia.co.uk

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Sunday 10th May 3pm - The Final concert of our 2025-2026 series -
The JKL DUO! Their repertoire ranges from Early to Contemporary
music, containing many of the most valuable works for Flute and
Guitar.

The JKL DUO, comprised of Jacopo Lazzaretti and Kerry Lynch, play
music straight from the heart, using the Flute and Classical Guitar to

speak to listeners all across the world. The duo released their debut album 'The International Poet' in 2023 and have been touring it extensively in concert series and festivals within Scottish cities such as Glasgow, Edinburgh, Perth, Dundee, Isle of Skye, being described as 'Simply stunning' (Skye Chamber Music).

Since the start of 2022, they have been touring Scotland with their project 'The International Poet', which features new music commissioned especially for them from some of the most celebrated works by Robert Burns by contemporary composers from around the world.



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JKL Duo

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Sun. 10th May 2026 3pm

St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill,
Penicuik, EH26 9EE



A musical banquet! A lighthearted mix of Celtic, Jazz, and Latin music; and a genre-crossing journey from Bach to Morricone on whistle, flute, bodhran, classical & electric guitar

**Community Arts Penicuik
Concert series 2025–2026**

Tickets £15/£10 (pay less)

Online - www.penicuikarts.org/shop

Or from Pen-y-Coe Press, 7 Bridge St, EH26 8LL
(Tue-Sat 12 noon - 4pm)

Do read on for further details of these events and ticket purchase; also for news of future CAP events, news of other upcoming arts related events, and our new directory of Arts & Music opportunities in Penicuik!



Until 1st May 2026

Elena Coventry's Exhibition

The CAP Exhibition Space at the Storehouse, 22 High St, Penicuik EH26 8HW.

Visitors to Elena's opening event very much admired her beautiful and striking artwork, and some pieces have already sold. The exhibition can be viewed throughout March and April.

Events and Exhibitions Listing

Sunday 19th April 7:30pm

Opera Caledonia - The Gentle Shepherd - Musicians from a world class opera company sing a story set in the Pentland Hills: the text is from local poet and playwright Allan Ramsay (1686 - 1758) and the music is from traditional Scottish repertoire. Penicuik North Kirk, 95 John Street, EH26 8AG. £15/£10. Tickets are on sale now at Pen-y-Coe Press (Tue-Sat 12-4pm) and online (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/>)

May - June 2026

CAP Exhibition in the Storehouse - Amanda Airey. Free

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JKL Duo - Whistle, flute, bodhran, classical guitar, electric guitar

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Thursday 11th June 7:30pm

Community Arts Penicuik AGM

St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill Road, EH26 9EE

July - August 2026

CAP Exhibition in the Storehouse - AnneMarie Grant. Free

Saturday 29th August - Sunday 6th September

PENFEST 2026 - save the dates.

Sunday 4th October 1pm-3pm

International artist Daekon Lee's Opening Event in the Storehouse.

Directory of local arts-related opportunities

Penicuik Folk Club - meets at Shottstown Miners Club in Penicuik - encourages people to sing or play to others round the table. Some concerts. Very informal and friendly. Contact alanmurray350@gmail.com

Nitten Folk Club - at The Dean Tavern. 80 Main St, Newtongrange, Dalkeith EH22 4NA - also encourages people to sing or play to others round the table. Lots of concerts too. More details <https://nittenfolk.com/> Contact nittenfolk@gmail.com

Scots Music Group - offers classes, workshops, ceilidhs and more. Meets at various locations in Edinburgh. See <https://www.scotsmusic.org/#info>

Early Music Forum of Scotland - for anyone who loves music from about 400 years ago and more! (from early baroque backwards...). Meets at various locations in Edinburgh and beyond. Contact events@emfscotland.org.uk

Penicuik Community Choir - speaks (or rather sings!) for itself - there's a contact form here <https://penicuikcommunitychoir.co.uk/contact-query-form/>

CAP Yarn Group - a friendly group which meets on a Wednesday morning in Penicuik to socialise while making progress on their knitting, crochet, embroidery etc projects. Contact chair.communityarts@gmail.com in the first instance.

CAP Music Group - another friendly group which meets on a Saturday twice a month (alternating mornings and afternoons) in Penicuik to make music together. For any instrument which lends itself to traditional style music - at an "intermediate" level or above. Contact chair.communityarts@gmail.com in the first instance.

Morag Donkin's Art Group - meets on a Saturday morning in Penicuik. Please contact Morag via Facebook: [please click here](#) (just close the log-in window to see the info if you don't have a Facebook account).

Jan Miller's Art for All Classes - run at Penicuik Town Hall. Phone Community Learning 01968664114

Sandra Vick's art classes - Sandra isn't running classes at present, but keep an eye on her website - [please click here](#)

Gillian Westland's art classes - run at the Glencourse Centre and Penicuik venues. Please contact Gillian via Facebook: [please click here](#) (just close the log-in window to see the info if you don't have a Facebook account)

Pentland School of Music - in Penicuik, offering one to one instrument lessons. Please contact the school via Facebook: [please click here](#) (just close the log-in window to see the info if you don't have a Facebook account)

Penicuik Photography Club - meets in the Town Hall, Penicuik, Midlothian- for anyone interested in the art of Photography and all its mediums. The members range from complete beginners to seasoned and advanced photographers. info@penicuikphotographyclub.org

Penicuik U3A groups - the local U3A runs several arts and music related groups. For information, please contact their secretary via their webform - [please click here](#).

North Esk Sessions - a weekly acoustic music session held in Penicuik, Midlothian. Join them on Wednesdays 8pm, at The Old Crown Inn. The session is open to all, regardless of age, experience or genre of music. Come along and join the fun!

Carlops Village Hall - host a range of events. <https://carlops.net/>

Eastgate Theatre, Peebles - run a full programme of concerts, films, festivals and other performances. <https://eastgatearts.com/>

PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF OTHER ARTS OR MUSIC RELATED OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LOCAL AREA! HOPEFULLY WE CAN COMPILE A DIRECTORY TOGETHER...

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