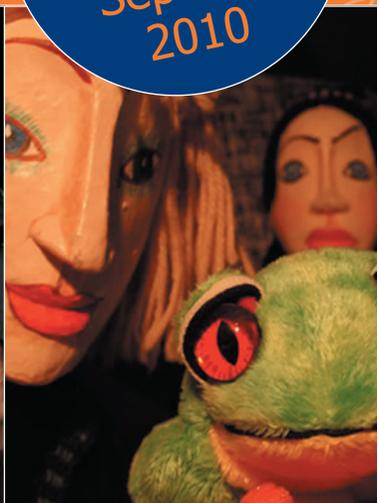


Scottish Storytelling Centre

**WHAT'S
ON**
Sep-Nov
2010



"The story is told eye to eye, mind to mind and heart to heart"

Scottish Traveller proverb

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Welcome

to our tantalising Autumn events programme with entertaining ingredients to suit everyone's taste! The home of Scotland's Stories provides a great mix of regular and one-off events that explore the magic of live storytelling.

September sees a new exhibition depicting **Painted Stories from Bengal** along with the opportunity to explore **The Story of the Storytelling Centre** with tours and talks. We contribute to Scotland's **Mental Health Arts and Film Festival** in October as well as exploring 'Eastern Routes' with our annual **Scottish International Storytelling Festival**.

Electric Tales, which marries comedy and storytelling, returns in November along with stories for adults in **Dark Tales**. Plus riveting theatre productions **Faith Healer** and **The Matchmaker** ensure chilly nights will be forgotten this season.



Edinburgh: World Heritage City



We are open 10am-6pm Monday to Saturday

Visiting the Centre is free, with a small charge for entry to the John Knox House. As a four-star attraction we provide you with a café, a Storytelling Court, a free exhibition space and bookshop.



Families are welcome!

Highchairs and baby changing facilities are available. Events with this symbol are particularly suitable for children and families.



The Centre is accessible

to wheelchair users, there are audio loops in our performance areas and Braille signage throughout. Please let us know if you'd like any of our publications in a different format or if you need help once you're here.



Opening times

Mon-Sat 10am-6pm
(July to August also open
Sundays from 12pm-6pm)

Come and discover the fascinating history and dramatic conflicts of the oldest house on Edinburgh's Royal Mile, exploring the life and times of firebrand reformer John Knox and Mary, Queen of Scots.

This beautiful 15th century building, with ornate carvings and painted ceiling, is now part of the Storytelling Centre. Allow yourself 30mins-1hr to visit the House and exhibition. The upper floors are not accessible to wheelchair users, but we have an interactive panel on the ground floor to ensure that nobody misses out.

Admission prices

Adult £4.00 . Concession £3.50 . Children £1.00 . Audio Tour £1.00
We also accept the Edinburgh Pass.

Large group? Why not come inside and arrange a tour for your party



September events

Historical theatre

Wed 1 - Sat 4 Sep
5pm (50mins)
Age 14+ £8/£6

Mary and John Knox

Iconic yet intimate, real and eerie. Two alternating shows explore Scotland's most prolific figures. **Mary, Queen of Scots: The Last Letter** with Anna Hepburn (Wed & Fri) and **John Knox: Turn Again** with John Shedden (Thu & Sat).

Exhibition

Sat 7 Aug - Sat 25 Sep
Mon-Sat 10am-6pm
Free

Masharef: Vistas

The Palestinian landscape is beautiful but sadly endangered. To reconnect Palestinian people with their land, the Shat-ha group walk in the Ramallah countryside every week. Amongst them are five hikers with talent and cameras: Bassam Almohor, Emile Ashrawi, Gerard Horton, Issa Freij and Karen Sears.

Training

Sat 4 Sep
10am (3hrs) £17.50
(£15 Network members)

Beginning with Children: 3-6 year olds

It's not just the stories but the opening of minds, hearts and imaginations. Join storyteller Bea Ferguson for a half day beginners' workshop introducing the skills involved in sharing stories, songs and rhymes with 3-6 year olds.

Training

Sat 4 Sep
2pm (3hrs)
£17.50
(£15 Network members)

Beginning with Children: 7-10 year olds

How can you act as an enabler for creative expression and story sharing? Join storyteller Senga Munro for a half day beginners' workshop introducing the skills involved in building relationships and exploring experiences through storytelling with 7-10 year olds.

Open Day

Sun 5 Sep
12pm (5hrs)
£10 inc. buffet lunch and refreshments

Scottish Storytelling Network Open Day

Join us for an inspiring day of workshop tasters, talks and discussions, and storytelling for anyone interested in using storytelling within their work or community. Find out more about the Centre's work in education, health and wellbeing, heritage and environment and share your own ideas for storytelling in your area. Open to new and prospective members. Book lunch in advance or just drop in for free.

Training

Wed 8 Sep
4pm (2hrs)
£17.50
(£15 Network members)

Storyboxes: Maximising Successful Active Learning

Storyboxes enable teachers to stimulate storymaking, storytelling, and talking and listening skills through structured interactive, creative activities. Storyboxes facilitate the aims of a Curriculum for Excellence and have great potential for cross curricula involvement. Be inspired by young storytellers and explore the storybox concept.

Storytelling

Wed 8 Sep
7pm (2hrs)
£4

Storytelling Café: Journeys

Why not join us for this informal evening session of stories and song – or whatever you want to bring to the 'stage'. Hosted by Ewan McVicar, with contributions from willing volunteers. Sit back, relax and enjoy!



September/October events

Storytelling
Fri 10 Sep
7pm (2hrs)
£8/£6

Stories from a West Bank Village

Earlier this year Jan Sutch Pickard, a poet and storyteller from Mull, spent three months living in a Palestinian village as part of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel. She tells stories that she heard round the brazier on winter evenings, or among the olive trees, or walking with neighbours along the road: traditional tales, stories of village life and accounts of life under Occupation.

Training
Sat 11 Sep
10am (3hrs)
£17.50
(£15 Network members)

Practical Storytelling with Children

This workshop is aimed at those working in after school clubs, playworkers and nursery staff. We will look at a range of simple storytelling skills for use in work contexts, learn how to construct basic programmes and share ways of applying storytelling to a Curriculum for Excellence.

Storytelling
Thu 16 Sep
11am (50mins)
£6 per child



Story Space

Exciting tales, music and movement in the Storytelling Bothy for children aged 2-5 years, led by storyteller Nia Jones Green. Accompanying adult free.

Storytelling
Tue 21 Sep
10 & 11.30am (40mins)
£5 per child



Tiny Tales

An entertaining morning for wee ones to discover the joy of tales, with storyteller Grace Banks. Age 6 months to 3 years, accompanying adult free.

Storytelling
Fri 24 Sep
7.30pm (2hrs 30mins)
By donation (suggested £3)

Guid Crack: New season launch

A new season, a new Guid Crack. The end of the summer, but the beginning of new stories and songs to warm the heart and soul. With guest teller Michael Kerins at the Waverley Bar on St. Mary's Street.

Guided tour and lecture
Sat 25 Sep
Tours at 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm (30mins each).
Talk at 12pm (1hr)
All ages
Free but ticketed

The Story of the Storytelling Centre (part of Doors Open Day)

Come along to this free guided tour and learn about the design of this multi-functional building and its key features. *(Note: tour not suitable for those with mobility difficulties)*. Plus a one-off opportunity to attend a lunchtime lecture by the Centre's architect Malcolm Fraser – hear how Malcolm's vision for this building became a reality. Both events have a limited capacity – please book your ticket in advance.

Storytelling & poetry
Sat 25 Sep
7pm (2hrs 30mins)
£9/£7

Caithness Horizons

Experience Scotland's Northlands in story, poetry and drama. Caithness is a treasure chest of riches reaching from the prehistoric time through Celts and Vikings to vibrant contemporary culture. This event includes the launch of *Egil, Son of the Night Wolf* and *Atomic City*, by Caithness playwright and poet George Gunn.

Exhibition
Sat 2 - Sat 30 Oct
Mon-Sat 10am-6pm
Free

Painted Stories from Bengal

Gurupada Chitrakar is a master storyteller whose painted stories include topical and cross-cultural subjects as well as traditional Indian myths and stories. Colourful painted scrolls illustrate the song lyrics of Patua storytellers.



Theatre
Wed 6 & Thu 7 Oct
7.30pm (1hr 15mins plus post-show discussion)
£9/£7

A Promised Land Theatre Objektiv

Rivka Feldman, a Holocaust survivor, was friend to Jane Haining, the Scottish missionary murdered in Aushwitz. She enters Scotland illegally, carrying a gun. Is there still a land of hope, and what is Jane's true legacy? This tense drama by Raymond Raszowski Ross throws light on continuing conflicts. From Scottish company Theatre Objektiv. Followed by discussion.





October events

Training
Sat 9 Oct
2pm (3hrs)
£17.50
(£15 Network members)

Poetry Trail
Sat 9 Oct
2.30pm All ages
£5/£3

Music and song
Tue 12 Oct
2pm (2hrs) All ages
Free - just drop in

Creative Approaches to Christmas Stories

Drawing on the Christian, interfaith, multicultural and seasonal aspects of Christmas stories, participants will be introduced to a range of creative narrative resources. Explore the use of these stories as stimuli to active learning and celebrating Christmas as a community festival.

Poetic History (National Poetry Day tie-in event)

Discover the poetic history of the Old Town on this walking tour led by poet Ken Cockburn. A chance to explore this great area; a home and inspiration to many people and poets alike. Limited numbers so book early!

Café Ceilidh: Changing Seasons

Join Linten Adie and friends from the Scots Music Group for a delightful afternoon of song and music in our light and airy Court.



Scottish Mental Health Arts & Film Festival 1-22 October

Storytelling
Wed 13 Oct
7pm (2hrs)
£4

Storytelling Café: Health & Healing

An evening of relaxing, healing stories in our informal café setting. Sit back and enjoy – or join in with a tale of your own. Hosted by storyteller Michael Williams, this is sure to be an engaging evening for everyone.

Storytelling and arts
Mon 18 Oct
12pm (3hrs)
All ages
Free - just drop in

Express Yourself

Come along and be part of this free drop-in storytelling session for all the family. Hear and share some tales with storytellers Marie Louise Cochrane and Ailie Finlay then work together to create a piece of art inspired by the Centre's October exhibition of traditional Bengali scrolls.

Storytelling and discussion
Tue 19 Oct
7pm (1hr 30mins)
Free but ticketed

The Alchemy of Illness

To feel ill and troubled has happened to all of us. The body fails us and it takes a long time to recover. Relief and reflection can be found in the written word by oneself and others. Medical historian Joanna Paterson draws on original 18th century sources to provide fascinating insight into illness narratives over time, as these voices are skilfully brought to life through live dramatic re-telling.

Storytelling theatre
Mon 18 & Tue 19 Oct
3.30pm (45mins)
Age 6+
£6/£4, family
ticket £15
(4 people)



Peach, Oscar and the Dragon's Tears *Tightlaced Theatre*

All of the land is suddenly plunged into endless night under the smokey wings of the indestructible Dragon of Darkness. Can he ever be defeated? A little girl called Peach and her friend Oscar the Cat set out to find a way. A lively story full of larger than life characters for anyone over the age of six. Written and performed by actor and storyteller Robert Howat.



Puppet theatre
Wed 20 & Thu 21 Oct
2pm (50mins)
Age 3-7
£6.50/£4.50



The Frog Princess *The Puppet Lab*

Three royal brothers are ordered by their father, the King, to marry. Each prince must shoot an arrow high and far into the air, and must take as his bride whosoever finds and returns it. But all is not what it seems when a frog returns the arrow belonging to one of the brothers...

Storytelling
Thu 21 Oct
11am (50mins)
£6 per child



Story Space: Eastern Routes

A special Story Space exploring themes from the Scottish International Storytelling Festival for children aged 2-5 years, with tale weaver Sylvia Troon. Accompanying adult free.

Training
Fri 22 Oct
10am (3hrs)
£17.50
(£15 Network members)

Starting with Stories

This beginners' workshop led by Linda Bandelier provides an inspiring and interactive introduction to storytelling, with tips for telling, remembering and imagining. Make the most of your natural storytelling skills and look at where to find stories, learning a story, and making it your own.



October/November events

Training
Sat 23 Oct
10.30am (6hrs)
£32
(£26 Network members)

Training
Mon 25 Oct
10.30am (6hrs)
£32
(£26 Network members)

Intermediate Skills: Crafting and Voicing the Story
Join Marion Kenny for a workshop focusing on the dynamics of the human voice, bodily awareness and stage presence. This fun day will combine demonstration, participation and discussion, drawing upon your natural storytelling skills. Participants are asked to bring along a story no longer than ten minutes, drawing on the Storytelling Festival theme of 'Eastern Routes'. Not suitable for beginners.

Storyrich: Storytelling and Creative Teaching, P1-7
A Curriculum for Excellence can achieve goals only through imaginative and reflective teaching. A practical and inspiring day on the use of storytelling in the classroom, led by Ruth Kirkpatrick and Fergus McNicol.

Scottish International STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Eastern Routes 22-31 October 2010

Scotland's world-class celebration of traditional story, with music and song, looks east this year, bringing ancient cultures to Scotland's own hearthside. For a weekend or week long experience of the storytelling arts here and worldwide, the festival is not to be missed.

<i>Fri 22 Oct</i>	7pm	Naturally Inspired: Festival Gala	
<i>Fri 22 Oct</i>	9pm	Festival Club at The Waverley Bar	
<i>Sat 23 Oct</i>	1pm-9.30pm	China Day	Performance, talks and music
<i>Sun 24 Oct</i>	2pm-9.30pm	Japan Day	Performance, talks and music
<i>Mon 25 Oct</i>	7pm	East Meets West	Storytelling Supper
<i>Tue 26 Oct</i>	5pm	Meet the Storyteller	
<i>Tue 26 Oct</i>	6pm	Alan Bruford Memorial Lecture	
<i>Tue 26 Oct</i>	7.30pm	The Bothy	Stories and Songs of Lowland Scotland
<i>Wed 27 Oct</i>	5pm	Meet the Storyteller	
<i>Wed 27 Oct</i>	7pm	Eastern Routes	Stories from Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore
<i>Thu 28 Oct</i>	5pm	Meet the Storyteller	
<i>Thu 28 Oct</i>	7pm	The Ceilidh House	Stories and Songs of Highland Scotland
<i>Fri 29 Oct</i>		 Tell-a-Story Day	Storytelling and storymaking for all ages
<i>Fri 29 Oct</i>	5pm	Meet the Storyteller	
<i>Fri 29 Oct</i>	7pm	Source	Ancient Tales from India and Scotland
<i>Fri 29 Oct</i>	9pm	Festival Club at The Waverley Bar	
<i>Sat 30 Oct</i>	1pm-9.30pm	India Day	Performances, talks and visual arts
<i>Sun 31 Oct</i>	3pm	Travelling East	A spiritual journey in words and music
<i>Sun 31 Oct</i>	7pm	Night of the Circle	East meets West on All Hallow's Eve



Storytelling
Tue 26 Oct
10 & 11.30am (40mins)
£5 per child



Training
Fri 29 Oct
10.30am (6hrs)
£32
(£26 Network members)

Storytelling
Thu 4 Nov
8.30pm (1hr 30mins)
£8/£6

Tiny Tales: Eastern Routes
Claire Hewitt explores the landscapes of Tibet and India through story and song. Aged 6 months to 3 years, accompanying adult free.

Building a Repertoire: Making a Show
Having the right story for the appropriate occasion, putting together a whole performance around a theme – key skills for the successful storyteller. Explore in detail how to gather material which will work in a wide range of situations, without compromising your personal vision. Led by Bob Pegg.

Dark Tales
Join storytellers Robert Howat and Fiona Herbert, with their very special guests David Campbell, Gerry Durkin, Jack Martin and James Spence for a frightful night of horror and wicked humour. Strictly adults only.



more events



November events

Exhibition

Sat 6 Nov - Sat 4 Dec
10am-6pm
Free

Storytelling

Wed 10 Nov
7pm (2hrs) £4

Theatre

Fri 12 & Sat 13 Nov
Fri 7pm, Sat 2.30pm &
7pm (1hr 30mins plus
interval) £9/£7

Training

Sat 13 Nov
10.30am (6hrs)
£32
(£26 Network members)

Storytelling

Thu 18 Nov
11am (50mins)
£6 per child



Theatre

Fri 19 & Sat 20 Nov
Fri 7pm, Sat 2.30pm &
7pm (1hr 30mins plus
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10am & 11.30am (40mins)
£5 per child

Storytelling & comedy

Thu 25 Nov
7.30pm (1hr 30mins)
£6/£4

Storytelling

Fri 26 Nov
7.30pm (2hrs 30mins)

Music and song

Sat 27 Nov
3pm (2hrs) £8/£6

Music and song

Tue 30 Nov
2pm (2hrs) Free

The Varona and The Seagull

These images are the unaided art work of students who attend a school for partially sighted children in Russia. Based on Michael Kerins' story 'The Varona And The Seagull'. Dealing with aspects of diversity and rejection, the artwork delivers hope, beauty and optimism. All proceeds from sales will be split between The Royal Blind School Edinburgh and School 139 in Perm, Russia. www.slatecharity.com

Storytelling Café: 'Luck of the Irish'

Donald Smith launches November Nights with some Scots Irish crack.

Faith Healer Blue Tiger Theatre

Three stories and three lives unfold in Brian Friel's masterpiece of Irish theatre exploring the power of faith. In the heart of the Healer's performance, is there mystery or darkness? Is theatrical agent Teddy an incorrigible performer or the real storyteller? It all builds to an inevitable yet shocking climax. Part of November Nights. A classic of storytelling theatre.

Storymaking for Health and Wellbeing

Try out some of the tried and tested storymaking methods used by Ruth Kirkpatrick in a range of health and wellbeing settings. Explore the power of metaphor, imagery and of using a story 'as a third object'. Lose yourself and find yourself by making your own story.

Story Space: Autumn Animals

Join storyteller Ewan McVicar for tales of animal antics in the Centre's light and airy Bothy. Children aged 2-5 years. Accompanying adult free.

The Matchmaker Splinters Theatre

When Richard O'Connor finds he has the knack, his love life in Ireland and beyond starts to look up. But as Miss Crust approaches her third wedding things begin to get choppy. Splinters Theatre present their own version of the extraordinary letters of John B. Keane.

Midwives to the Story

When we tell stories we are as a midwife. The story is not ours, but we strive to deliver it to the best of our ability. This session explores ways of more vividly painting pictures – and evoking feeling – with the words we use. Led by Andy Hunter.

Tiny Tales: Scottish Stories

Scottish tales and rhymes for wee ones and adults to join in with, led by Sheila Kinninmonth. Age 6 months to 3 years, accompanying adult free.

Electric Tales

Electric Tales is back! Returning with its blend of storytelling and comedy, prepare yourself for an evening of splendiferous narrative entertainment. Three comedians and three storytellers bring their respective skills together to create funny, charming tales for your listening pleasure.



Guid Crack: St. Andrew's Day

An evening of story and song inspired by the patron saint of Scotland. A relaxing evening hosted by Noel Cochrane. By donation, suggest £3.

Faith Music: St. Andrew's Day

A multi-cultural celebration of Scotland's faiths and peoples, led by music from around the globe, made in Scotland.

Café Ceilidh: St. Andrew's Day

Join Linten Adie and friends from the Scots Music Group for a special Café Ceilidh to celebrate St. Andrew's Day.

Visit us on Edinburgh's Royal Mile



Event bookings

By phone: Call the box office on 0131 556 9579 and book your tickets by credit or debit card, to pick up when you arrive for the event.

In person: The Centre's box office is open Monday-Saturday, 10am-6pm.

Event and training enquiries

For training events contact Caroline or Joanna on 0131 652 3272.

For all other events contact Sarah on 0131 652 3273.

We try our hardest to make sure event details listed here are correct, but to avoid disappointment please check with the box office and book in advance.

Stay in touch

Why not sign up to our email bulletin and receive regular updates on events?

Or you can become a member of the Scottish Storytelling Network to receive discounts on training and access to special events.

Call our outreach team on 0131 652 3272 or visit www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk



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