# **V**years of bringing folk home

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# The Festival Schedule

#### Wed 9

TICKETS: £9
DOORS: 1PM

## The McDougall's Summer Show Tour THE TOWN HALL

The perfect treat to end the summer holidays for the wee ones. Run by West Kintyre Promotions. Visit www.mcdougallstheatre.com for all the show info.

#### Wed 9

TICKETS: £12 DOORS: 7:00PM

#### Beinn an Tuirc Gaelic Night argyll arms hotel

Kathleen MacInnes with Mike Vass headline with Christine MacIntyre as Bean an Tighe & many local artists for a great night of tunes, stories, songs.

# Thu 10

TICKETS: £8 DOORS: 7:00PM

## Young Folk Night HERITAGE CENTRE

This hugely popular event features some of the finest young musical talent. A delightful event that showcases the future of Kintyre's musicians.

# Fri 11

TICKETS: £18 / £9 DOORS: 7:30PM

## The Festival Ceilidh VICTORIA HALL

Join in the Friday night Ceilidh fun with the Skara Ceilidh Band, Wee Toon Tellers, The Dalriada Connections Band and Kintyre Schools Pipe Band. Don't forget, under 12's get in for just £9.00.

#### **Sat 12**

TICKETS: FREE DOORS: 12:30PM

# **Kintyre Schools Pipe Band & Festival Parade**

KSPB performs at the head of The Quay, then leads the Festival Parade procession as they march along Main St, Longrow, Aqualibrium Ave... ending at Kinloch Green to kick off Doon the Green. Everyone is welcome to join in.

#### **Sat 12**

TICKETS: FREE DOORS: 1:00PM

#### Doon the Green KINLOCH GREEN

The popular open-air event returns with an afternoon of family fun with entertainment from Dr Hip and the Blues Operation, Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, Funky Chicken fun, James McCorkindale's Dancers, Taekwondo exhibition, beer tent, charity and commercial stalls and much more TBC. Licensed event – it is illegal to take alcohol into the bar area.

#### **Sat 12**

TICKETS: FREE DOORS: 1 - 5.30PM

### Festival Club & Mega Session KILBRANNAN BAR

The place to be for an outstanding acoustic session. Artists from across the festival come together to create an unmissable traditional symphony.

#### **Sat 12**

TICKETS: £15 DOORS: 7.00PM

#### The Trad Concert HERITAGE CENTRE

An all-seated, traditional evening featuring The Fiona Hunter Trio (Fiona Hunter, Mike Vass & Tom Gibbs) with support from the Argyll Ceilidh Trail. Christine MacIntyre will MC.

#### **Sat 12**

TICKETS: £28 DOORS: 9.00PM

#### Glen Scotia West Coast Rocks VICTORIA HALL

We are truly delighted to welcome back Skipinnish to headline this year's concert. Joining Skipinnish will be Ceòl an Aire and opening band TBC. Once again, 3 fantastic bands giving us the full on West Coast Festival experience. Alison M Leith will MC.

#### **Sun 13**

TICKETS: £14 DOORS: 1.30PM

#### Dalriada Connections HERITAGE CENTRE

A celebration of Scottish, Irish and Pan Celtic musical links with a double headline of Mairi Campbell, and Archie McAllister & Sileas Sinclair. Lorne MacDougall, Ross Conner + more. Ciaran Mulholland will MC and perform. Thanks to Kilkerran Distillery for sponsoring the miniatures at this event.

#### **Sun 13**

TICKETS: £22 DOORS: 7.30PM

#### Kilkerran Survivors Night VICTORIA HALL

Slainte Davaar Allstars headline this legendary concert and are joined by the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band making a much anticipated return to perform at this year's concert. They will be joined by we.R.soul and much more. Alison M Leith will MC.



#### Get your tickets

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# **Introducing the Artists**



Skipinnish are riding an ever-growing wave of popularity. The last few years have been the bands biggest since their beginnings in 1999. Recent years have seen this band hit the very top of the music scene in Scotland. With hit after hit of self-penned songs and an impressive history of festivals to their name, their potent mix of powerful bagpipe, fiddle and accordion-led tunes encompass the best of contemporary Celtic Music.



From South Uist, Kathleen released two albums to critical acclaim, winning Gaelic singer of the year in 2006 and album of the year 2012 at the Trad Awards. She featured on Ridley Scott's Hollywood Blockbuster Robin Hood and recently guested with Skye-based Niteworks. 2023 sees the release of her third album. Mike Vass is one of the most creative forces on the Scottish music scene and will join on fiddle.



Skara Ceilidh Band are an accomplished, fourpiece line-up of experienced fiddle, pipes, guitar and drums. All musicians hail from Scotland, yet their line-up rotates in and out the most exciting musicians on the scene. Each band member tours and performs worldwide with well-known bands, including Skipinnish and Breabach. An unmissable live performance that's never the same twice.



Slainte Davaar Allstars will once again headline this year's Kilkerran Survivors Night. Every year, the band recruit new and incredibly talented musicians to join them on stage to produce an outstanding performance. If past years are anything to go by, Campbeltown's supergroup will close out the 30th live Festival celebration with an exquisite set — this one is not to be missed.



Wee Toon Tellers make for an exciting return to play the main stage at this Festival Ceilidh Night, having performed on every stage at the Mokfest. The band have promised a set-full of songs and tunes from their vast repertoire, which can be heard on their 2LPs — 'Jarred and Feathered' and '10 Years Matured.' We are delighted to have them back in front of a live and hugely appreciative audience again in our 30th year.



The Argyll Ceilidh Trail is five young, up-andcoming musicians showcasing their music across Argyll. The musicians will be on the road for four weeks, visiting Inveraray, Arran, Mull, Tiree and Oban and we are delighted to have them perform at this year MOK Fest. The instrumental arrangement of the band includes piano, fiddle, accordion, pipes, whistle and Gaelic song. Pictured is the ACT 2022 Band.

#### Live Music Fringe Bars & Social Clubs



Winner of the MG Alba Scots Trad Music Award's Scots Singer of the Year title in 2015, Fiona first came to the wider folk music audience's attention when she joined Scot's song champions Malinky in 2005. Further acclaim came when Fiona sang with the large-scale Grit Orchestra, which celebrated the music of techno-folk musician Martyn Bennett. Joining Fiona will be Mike Vass on fiddle and Tom Gibbs on piano.



Mairi Campbell is a pioneering and awardwinning Scottish musician and interpreter of Scots songs, contributing significantly to its current cannon. Her version of Auld Lang Syne was used in the hit 'Sex and the City Movie' following a live performance with Dave Frances, and in 2019 she was inducted into the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame. Mairi also performs with her 9-piece ensemble, the Pendulum Band.



Archie has been playing fiddle for 40 years. He needs no introduction to the Campbeltown audience, having played with his family members and bands, including the Wee Toon Tellers, since turning full-time in 1994. He has travelled the world playing with duos and most recently with Skipinnish. Joining Archie is Sileas Sinclair, whom has played many memorable sets, including their performance at the Jura Whisky Festivol.



Ceòl an Aire are a 5-piece trad/folk band based in Oban. Since forming in 2010, the band have been fortunate to perform on a wide array of stages, taking on trips across the UK, Europe, the USA and Asia. The band have released two EPs and a single and have played in Kintyre numerous times, but this will be their first performance at the Glen Scotia West Coast Rocks Concert.



The Kintyre Schools Pipe Band will perform at three events across this year's festival as well as two performances at the Head of the Quay, leading into the Festival Parade. The 3 events are the Festival Ceilidh Night on Aug 11th, Doon the Green and the Kilkerran Survivors Night on Aug 13th. This will be the bands' first performance on Sunday night since 2016, so it's a performance not to be missed.



we.R.soul return to perform at their fourth Mokfest, having produced some fantastic performances in the past few years at Survivors Night and 'Up the Close'. The band bring together established local musicians and fresh talent to create a sound that is a powerhouse of vocals, a lively rhythm section and dazzling horns; all fused into one.

#### Capacities and Guidelines

# About the festival

The Mull of Kintyre Music Festival celebrates its 30th live anniversary this year and continues to promote and present the highest calibre of live music. The festival has always had a unique, friendly and community atmosphere, and with the plans all in place for this year, 2023 is looking to continue with those same values whilst adding new attractions to the event.







The event draws its inspiration from the rich tapestry of talent in the area to perform alongside national and international musicians, helping attract visitors to the Campbeltown area from across the globe.

A generation has grown up with MOK Fest and have witnessed the expansion from two to seven ticketed concerts, open-air events, a Gaelic service, music sessions, heritage trail walks, whisky & gin distillery tours and tuition workshops.

This year will have some additions, including the return of Doon the Green at Kinloch Green with community stalls, live music and children's entertainment. The Festival Parade also returns on Saturday afternoon with community floats led by Kintyre Schools Pipe Band.

The 2023 festival once again promises to showcase some of the best local, national and international musicians; we'll see you there.

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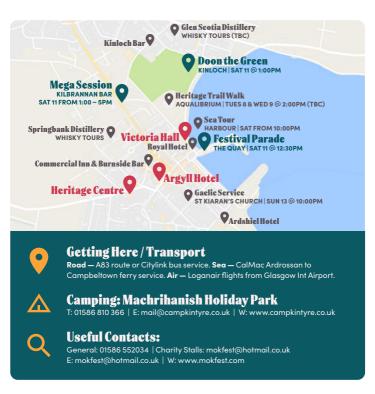
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# **Event Locations & Further Info**



Special thanks: We would like to share a heartfelt "thank you" to all the local businesses and individuals too numerous to mention.

J.I.G. Events is an Event, Marketing & Project Management company and has managed the festival for many years. Other clients include; Kintyre Cultural Forum, Landmark Trust, Argyll & the Isles Tourism Cooperative, Explore Kintyre & Gigha and Campbeltown Old Pals Group.

Sound Acoustic Services have expanded to television work over the past few years & have also provided the sound technology at many events over the years. The Mull of Kintyre Music Festival remains one of the company's favourite events.

I–Light have provided the lighting for the festival since 1993. Based in Nairn, they supply lighting & special effects for stage & theatrical productions as well as architectural illumination and production services for events throughout Scotland.

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Licensing Laws: Consumption of alcohol out-with a designated area is in place. Permission for a "designated area" for the consumption of alcohol has been granted to the Mull of Kintyre Music & Arts Association to include a cordoned off area on Kinloch Green on Saturday 12th between 12pm - 6pm. The consumption of alcohol out-with the area of Kinloch Green and out-with allocated times will be deemed an offence. We will be grateful if members of the public observe this bylaw in order to create a relaxed, enjoyable weekend for everyone and maintain a good image of the town for potential visitors and for future festivals and events.