CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES (Nov 2013 - Jan 2014)

The '**Calendar of Activities**' highlights some of the exciting activities on offer from Fife Cultural Trust and members of Fife's Creative Learning Network (FCLN), running from September 2013 – end of January 2014.



FIFE CULTURAL TRUST – LIBRARIES

Our Libraries Service is currently planning for Book Week Scotland and Scottish Book Week activities. A teaser of what is coming ...

Book Week Scotland: Peter Pan Book & Film Event

| | Date(s) | 29 November 2013 |
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| • | Start/Finish Times | tbc - details will be marketed to schools directly |
| | Venue | tbc - details will be marketed to schools directly |
| IN FIFE | Ticket Prices | tbc - details will be marketed to schools directly |
| LIBRARIES | Suitable for (age) | Primary 1 – Primary 7 |
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We will show two film versions of Peter Pan and each class that signs up will receive a copy of the book as a class reader. Various editions will be selected, depending on the age of the children.

There will be discussions of how the film and book achieve their effects, examining the changes made for the films, looking at illustrations and their impact and examining characters, plot and historical background. We will provide suggestions for further discussion and creative development in class, and ideas for children to do their own research.

To book this activity, contact:

Details will be marketed to schools directly.

Book Week Scotland: Author Visits

| | Date(s) | 25 – 28 November 2013 | |
|-----------|--------------------|--|--|
| • | Start/Finish Times | tbc - details will be marketed to schools directly | |
| | Venue | tbc - details will be marketed to schools directly | |
| IN FIFE | Ticket Prices | tbc - details will be marketed to schools directly | |
| LIBRARIES | Suitable for (age) | Nursery to Secondary | |
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Authors have been booked to perform in various theatres, libraries, and a few schools. They include Tommy Donbavand, The Etherington Brothers, Matt Dickinson, John Fardell and Linda Strachan. Events will be offered to all schools, but this time there will also be library events with a family focus (out of school hours).

To book this activity, contact:

Details will be marketed to schools directly.

Scottish Book Week: Greyfriars Bobby Book Film Event and Author Appearances

| | Date(s) | end of January 2014 |
|-----------|--------------------|--|
| • | Start/Finish Times | tbc - details will be marketed to schools directly |
| | Venue | tbc - details will be marketed to schools directly |
| IN FIFE | Ticket Prices | tbc - details will be marketed to schools directly |
| LIBRARIES | Suitable for (age) | Nursery to Secondary |

Scottish Book Week is the most popular time of year for schools to participate in events with Scottish content.

We will show a film version of Greyfriars Bobby and each class that signs up will receive a copy of the book as a class reader. Various editions will be selected, depending on the age of the children. There will be discussions of how the film and book achieve their effects, examining the changes made for the films, looking at illustrations and their impact and examining characters, plot and historical background. We will provide suggestions for further discussion and creative development in class, and ideas for children to do their own research.

Authors will be booked to perform in various theatres, libraries, and a few schools and the emphasis will be on Scottish content and authors.

To book this activity, contact:

Details will be marketed to schools directly.

FIFE CULTURAL TRUST - MUSEUMS

Visit newly re-opened Kirkcaldy Galleries

| | Date(s) | October – December 2013 |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| • | Start/Finish Times | To suit schools |
| | Venue | Kirkcaldy Galleries |
| AT KIRKCALDY | Ticket Prices | FREE |
| GALLERIES | Suitable for (age) | Primary School Age Children |

Kirkcaldy Galleries reopened this summer after major refurbishment, and has a host of new displays and facilities for school groups to explore. Come along and enjoy Moments in Time – which takes a look at Kirkcaldy's fascinating past through some of the key moments in the town's history, from the first Links Market to the last fatal duel.

Our curators will provide a short guided tour which can be tailored to your interest – anything from Victorian inventiveness to local industry - and our new activity room provides a space where further activities such as object handling can take place.

To book this activity, contact:

Kirkcaldy Galleries Alice Pearson - 01592 583204 <u>Libraries.museums@fife.gov.uk</u> www.fifedirect.org/museums

Victorian Christmas Workshop

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| | Date(s) | 2 – 13 December |
| • | Start/Finish Times | 2 sessions daily: 10.30am – 11.30am & 1.45pm – 2.45pm |
| | Venue | Kirkcaldy Galleries |
| AT KIRKCALDY | Ticket Prices | FREE |
| GALLERIES | Suitable for (age) | Primary 1 – 3 |

Come along to Kirkcaldy Galleries and enjoy a Victorian Christmas! School groups will have a chance to enjoy our special Century of Childhood exhibition, before getting their hands on some real and replica toys.

After playing traditional games of they will learn where some of our festive traditions come from, before enjoying a Christmas carol around our Victorian Christmas tree!

To book this activity, contact:

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FIFE CULTURAL TRUST - ON AT FIFE

ON AT ADAM SMITH THEATRE

The Little Mermaid

Fife's Premier Pantomime

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Date(s) Start/Finish Times Venue Ticket Prices Suitable for (age)

Fri 6 December – Sat 11 January 2014 Various Adam Smith Theatre From £11 All Ages

Dive into one of the most magical pantomimes of all time and join our fun loving and mischievous mermaid as she sets sail on the adventure of a lifetime, determined to make her dreams come true. Overflowing with marvellous music, stunning sets, spectacular costumes and of course lashings of laughs, The Little Mermaid promises to be great fun for the whole family this Christmas.

Don't miss Fife's favourite Dame! Billy Mack who returns as Dame Coral Reef in this treasure chest of treats!

To book this activity, contact:

Fife Cultural Trust – ON at Adam Smith Theatre 01592 583302 www.onfife.com

ON AT CARNEGIE HALL

Pinocchio

| | Date(s) | Fri 29 November – Tues 24 December 2013 |
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| • | Start/Finish Times | Various |
| | Venue | Carnegie Hall |
| AT | Ticket Prices | From £7.50 |
| | Suitable for (age) | 3 yrs + |

A Magical Musical Christmas Adventure for the Whole Family.

One of the world's most famous fairy tales comes to life live on stage in our most spectacular Christmas production yet....

Join Pinocchio on his fantastic adventures and a thrilling quest that will test his bravery, loyalty and honesty; all the virtues he must learn to become a real boy.

The show will be full of the traditional Carnegie Hall festive cheer, guaranteed to make you laugh and sing-a-long. Complete with dazzling sets, exquisite costumes and a brilliant cast, Pinocchio will be an exhilarating theatrical treat for young and old alike.

Don't miss this brand new Christmas version of the tale of everyone's favourite wooden puppet – for everyone aged 3 and up.

To book this activity, contact:

Fife Cultural Trust – ON at Carnegie Hall 01383 602302 www.onfife.com

ON AT LOCHGELLY CENTRE

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Catherine Wheels

Lifeboat



Date(s) Start/Finish Times Venue Ticket Prices Suitable for (age) **Sat 9 November 2013** 7pm Lochgelly Centre £5.50, Conc £4.50 9 yrs +

Set in World War II, Lifeboat is a true story of courage, a story of survival and a story of enduring friendship. On Friday 13 September 1940, a ship, The City of Benares, sets sail from Liverpool for Canada. On board were 90 evacuees escaping the relentless bombings and dangers of war torn Britain. Four days into the crossing, the ship was torpedoed and sank. Only eleven of the evacuees survived.

Two fifteen year old girls, Bess Walder and Beth Cumming, spent 19 terrifying hours in the water on an upturned lifeboat. They willed each other to survive.

Lifeboat tells their remarkable story.

To book this activity, contact:

Fife Cultural Trust – ON at Lochgelly Centre 01592 583303 www.onfife.com

ON AT LOCHGELLY CENTRE

Based on the award-winning picture book by Julia Donaldson & Lydia Monks

What the Ladybird Heard



Date(s) Start/Finish Times Venue Ticket Prices Suitable for (age)

Sun 24 & Mon 25 November 2013 Sun 2pm, Mon 10.30am & 1.30pm Lochgelly Centre £10, Schools/Groups £8.50 2 yrs +

Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len have a cunning plan to steal the farmer's fine prize cow. But they reckon without the tiniest, quietest creature of all: The Ladybird, who has a plan of her own! Join the woolly sheep, the hairy hog, the fat red hen and the dainty dog in this brand new stage adaptation with live music, puppetry, plenty of audience participation and lots of laughs!

Praise for the book:

"Bursting with colour and verve" **Daily Telegraph** "A terrific and witty adventure" **The Guardian**

To book this activity, contact:

Fife Cultural Trust – ON at Lochgelly Centre 01592 583303 www.onfife.com

ON AT LOCHGELLY CENTRE

Scottish Opera

Platypus and Boots

| | Date(s) | Fri 6 & Sat 7 December 2013 |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Start/Finish Times | 10.30am & 1.30pm |
| | Venue | Lochgelly Centre |
| AT | Ticket Prices | £6 |
| IOCHGELLY | Suitable for (age) | 3-5 yrs |
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Dear Family

I've arrived safe and sound in Scotland and am looking forward to a wonderful winter holiday! I've even bought some tartan boots to fit in! Wish you were here x

Sydney the Platypus has travelled all the way from Australia to visit Glasgow and see snow for the first time. But it's not easy being a tourist, especially when you look a little different and can't understand the local lingo. All in all he's a bit of a fish out of water, in desperate need of some friends. Come and help him find his way around the city and make his holiday one to remember!

Created specially for 3 to 5 year olds, *Platypus in Boots* is a fun-filled mix of music, comedy and puppets, based on the misunderstandings that can come from words – but is ultimately a celebration of differences. With a host of Glasgow characters, snowball fights and a Brussels Sprout Von Trapp sing-along, it's Christmas fun, but not quite as we know it...

Created by writer and theatre-maker **Martin O'Connor**, and **Rachel Drury**, creator and composer of Scottish Opera's groundbreaking shows for babies and toddlers – *BabyO* and *SensoryO*.

To book this activity, contact:

Fife Cultural Trust – ON at Lochgelly Centre 01592 583303 www.onfife.com

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ON AT ROTHES HALLS

The Singing Kettle Christmas Wishing Well

| Date(s) | Thurs 5 – Sun 8 December 2013 | |
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| Start/Finish Times | Thurs 10am & 1pm, Fri 2pm & 5pm, Sat 11am & 2pm, Sun 12pm & 3pm | |
| Venue | Rothes Halls | |
| Ticket Prices | £13, Family Save £48, Groups 10+ £9 (+1 free with 10) Thurs & Fri / £10 Sat | |
| | & Sun | |
| Suitable for (age) | All Ages | |
| | Start/Finish Times Venue Ticket Prices | |

The Singing Kettle will be at their brilliant best for this sensational new festive Show. It's overflowing with superb audience participation, amazing costumes and lots and lots of christmassy fun. Join Anya, Kevin and Gary as they visit Kettle Village Square in search of the magic Christmas Wishing Well.

Singalong with non-stop favourite songs including *Christmas Is Coming, Jingle Bells, My Aunt Came Back and Burping Bears.* There'll be new songs too, as well as loads of surprises from start to finish.

Christmas Wishing Well is enthralling for both young and old and is the perfect treat to get everyone in the festive spirit. Some lucky children will end up on stage to join in the action and there's may even be a visit from a very special guest with a white beard in a red suit!!

Don't delay and book today, for this captivating, Singing Kettle festive extravaganza, that's all you can wish for this Christmas. Remember to wear a Santa Hat and bring a Bucket for the Well.

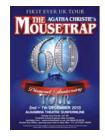
...... a delight for kids, parents and grandparents alike. The laughter, singing and inter-action is contagious. Edinburgh Evening News

To book this activity, contact:

Fife Cultural Trust – ON at Rothes Halls 01592 611101 www.onfife.com

ALHAMBRA THEATRE DUNFERMLINE

The Mousetrap



Date(s) Start/Finish Times Venue Ticket Prices Suitable for (age) 2 - 7 December 2.30pm (4,5,6,7 only) & 7.30pm Alhambra Theatre, 33 Canmore Street, Dunfermline £12.50 School Groups Secondary & Up

The legendary, record-breaking, Box Office smash hit thriller celebrates 60th anniversary

Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap A classic. A landmark. A legend.

The Mousetrap is famous around the world for being the longest running show of any kind in the history of British theatre - with over 25,000 performances it's a play to be proud of. And to celebrate 60 incredible years on stage, it's going on tour for the first time, with a star cast to give you a once in a life-time opportunity to see this masterpiece here at the Alhambra Theatre.

The scene is set when a group of people gathered in a country house cut off by the snow discover, to their horror, that there is a murderer in their midst. Who can it be? One by one the suspicious characters reveal their sordid pasts until at the last, nerve-shredding moment the identity and the motive are finally revealed.

In her own inimitable style, Dame Agatha Christie has created an atmosphere of shuddering suspense and a brilliantly intricate plot where murder lurks around every corner.

"The cleverest murder mystery of British Theatre" The Telegraph

To book this activity, contact:

Alhambra Theatre 01383 740384 info@alhambratheatre.com www.alhambradunfermline.com

Jack and the Beanstalk

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| | Date(s) | 11 – 28 th December (excl 25, 26) |
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| TOAT | Start/Finish Times | 10.30am (12, 13, 17, 18 only) / 1pm (11, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28) |
| JAICIA | | 7pm each evening |
| Deamstank | Venue | Alhambra Theatre, 33 Canmore Street, Dunfermline |
| T DOOL | Ticket Prices | £7.50 School Groups |
| CZOBIES | Suitable for (age) | For all the family |
| ALHAMBRA THEATRE DUNFERMLINE | | |

Something BIG is coming this Christmas! Join Jack and the rest of the Trott Family Circus in Jack and the Beanstalk this December at the Alhambra Theatre. The panto is sure to amaze with jaw-dropping sets, spectacular costumes and fantastic special effects.

Following on from the runaway success of last year's Cinderella, this year's panto is back, bigger, funnier and sillier than ever before.

To book this activity, contact:

Alhambra Theatre 01383 740384 info@alhambratheatre.com www.alhambradunfermline.com

MUSEUM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS (MUSA)

Archaeology Workshop

| Carl St | Date(s) | 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27 September & 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 November 2013 |
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| ALCON S | Start/Finish Times | 10am – 11.30am |
| A STATEMENT | Venue | MUSA, 7A The Scores, St Andrews |
| | Ticket Prices | FREE |
| - Total | Suitable for (age) | P1-P7 |

Take part in a mini-dig in our archaeology pit and find out how archaeologists bring the past to life. Sessions can be tailored to suit the time period being studied at school so pick the Learning Loft option that suits your topic. Please ask pupils to wear warm clothing that can get messy as part of the activity is outside.

Learning Loft Options

Dinosaurs: reconstruct a plaster caste fossil and make a dinosaur mask Romans: build a Roman pot and work in groups to design a giant tombstone Egyptians: write hieroglyphics on Papyrus and make an Egyptian mummy mask Picts: experiment with stone rubbing and paint your own ancient pebble artwork Greeks: decorate a Greek pot and make an ancient coin

To book this activity, contact:

MUSA 01334 461663 <u>museumlearning@st-andrews.ac.uk</u> www.st-andrews.ac.uk/musa

Heraldry Workshop

| | Date(s) | 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27 September & 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 November 2013 |
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| musa | Start/Finish Times | 10am – 11.30am |
| Musson of the University of St Andrews | Venue | MUSA, 7A The Scores, St Andrews |
| | Ticket Prices | FREE |
| | Suitable for (age) | P1-P4 |
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Explore ancient Medieval design after an inspiring visit to our new exhibition of Medieval Maces from across Europe. Pupils will create their own coat of arms, turning them into banners that will be paraded at the end of the workshop.

To book this activity, contact:

MUSA 01334 461663 <u>museumlearning@st-andrews.ac.uk</u> <u>www.st-andrews.ac.uk/musa</u>

Medieval Classroom

| | Date(s) | 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27 September & 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 November 2013 |
|--|--------------------|--|
| | Start/Finish Times | 10am – 11.30am |
| | Venue | MUSA, 7A The Scores, St Andrews |
| | Ticket Prices | FREE |
| | Suitable for (age) | P1-P4 |
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Go back in time and experience school days in Medieval times. Your pupils will get to try calligraphy and the session finishes with a mini graduation. Pupils will also have the opportunity to visit our new exhibition of beautiful Medieval Maces.

To book this activity, contact:

MUSA 01334 461663 <u>museumlearning@st-andrews.ac.uk</u> <u>www.st-andrews.ac.uk/musa</u>

Mini-Museum



2013Start/Finish Times10am - 1VenueMUSA, 7Ticket PricesFREESuitable for (age)P1-P7

9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27 September & 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 November 2013 10am – 11.30am MUSA, 7A The Scores, St Andrews FREE

Come to MUSA and find out how to make your own mini museum. Pupils will work with objects from our collection to learn how to make exiting displays, write labels and information panels, design posters and set up a museum shop.

To book this activity, contact:

Date(s)

MUSA 01334 461663 <u>museumlearning@st-andrews.ac.uk</u> www.st-andrews.ac.uk/musa

Animals

| | Date(s) | 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27 September & 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 November |
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| | | 2013 |
| | Start/Finish Times | 10am – 11.30am |
| | Venue | Bell Pettigrew Museum, St Andrews |
| | Ticket Prices | FREE |
| | Suitable for (age) | P1-P4 |
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Visit the fantastic Bell Pettigrew Museum of Natural History in the Bute Building. Pupils will get the chance to handle some specimens and then make drawings of the collection including birds, reptiles, mammals, corals and shells from around the world.

To book this activity, contact:

MUSA 01334 461663 <u>museumlearning@st-andrews.ac.uk</u> www.st-andrews.ac.uk/musa

SCOTTISH FISHERIES MUSEUM

Sam Smith – Boats, Beasts and Beauties

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| 1.01.20 | Date(s) | 14 September 2013 – 5 January 2014 |
| - John | Start/Finish Times | Mon – Sat 10am – 4.30pm, Sun 12pm – 4.30pm |
| CONST | Venue | Scottish Fisheries Museum, Anstruther |
| Nill and | Ticket Prices | Adult £7, Conc £6, Child FREE (group rates available) |
| T(Canado | Suitable for (age) | All |
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An exhibition of the work of Sam Smith (1908-1983), an artist best known for his hand-carved painted wooden toys and sculpture. His work often depicts themes of the sea, particularly boats and harbours.

Many works are toys for grown-ups with 'adult' depths of meaning. His figures can be seen as satirical, revealing deeper instincts beneath social conventions, all with a keen sense of the comical and an eye for the absurd.

"Children's toys are mainly about pretending to be grown-up. The things I make are about what it's like when you get there."

To book this activity, contact: Scottish Fisheries Museum 01333 310628 <u>enquiries@scotfishmuseum.org</u> www.scotfishmuseum.org

Exhibition: Emily Noakes and Caroline MacDonald



Date(s) Start/Finish Times Venue Ticket Prices Suitable for (age) **3 – 30 November 2013** Mon – Sat 10am – 4.30pm, Sun 12pm – 4.30pm Scottish Fisheries Museum, Anstruther FREE All

An exhibition of photographs capturing Fife and the East Neuk in all its moods. Works are for sale.

To book this activity, contact: Scottish Fisheries Museum 01333 310628 <u>enquiries@scotfishmuseum.org</u> www.scotfishmuseum.org

Exhibition: George Smith

| | Date(s) | 2 – 31 December 2013 |
|--------------|--------------------|--|
| | Start/Finish Times | Mon – Sat 10am – 4.30pm, Sun 12pm – 4.30pm |
| | Venue | Scottish Fisheries Museum, Anstruther |
| | Ticket Prices | FREE |
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An exhibition of new works by self-taught local artist George Smith who uses spray paints to create other-worldly landscapes and fantastical images. Works are for sale.

To book this activity, contact:

Scottish Fisheries Museum 01333 310628 <u>enquiries@scotfishmuseum.org</u> www.scotfishmuseum.org