

# Cultural & Countryside

Education Newsletter

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Welcome to the eighth Cultural & Countryside Newsletter. The aim is to give you convenient at-a-glance information about forthcoming exhibitions, productions and education projects which may be of interest to you and your students. Over the last few months we have enjoyed working with many East Ayrshire schools on various projects and hope to see you at more of our educational events throughout the upcoming season.

## Rock Photography

The Baird, Cumnock

Thursday 28th & Friday 29th March, 11am—2.30pm

Suitable for Secondary Photography/Art/Design

FREE

### Education Workshops:

We are offering students from 2 secondary schools in East Ayrshire the opportunity to work with a photographer to explore the exhibition What Presence! The Rock Photography of Harry Papadopoulos.

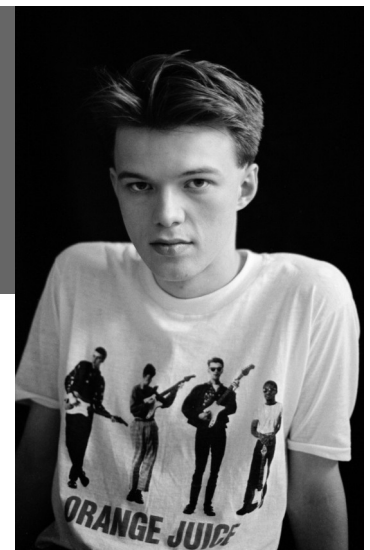


Image credit – Harry Papadopoulos, Edwyn Collins

The workshops will provide students with a tour of the exhibition and the opportunity to create their own photographs inspired by music either past or present. Working with professional photographer, Alicia Bruce, the workshops will make a valuable contribution to any aspiring young photographer's portfolio.



These workshops are for students from secondary schools in East Ayrshire, staff must also attend. Places are free and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and must be booked in advance.

For further information or to make a booking please contact **Kate Davies, Cultural Development Coordinator – Visual Art and Exhibitions on 01563 554340.**

# Winter Spring Highlights 2013

EAYT presents.....

Peter Pan  
Cumnock 8-16 years,  
Wednesday 13th February 2pm & 7.30pm  
Kilmarnock 12 –16 years  
Saturday 16th February 2pm & 7.30pm  
£7 per person (concession available)



EAYT invites Kilmarnock theatre goers to fly away to where dreams are born with their musical production of *Peter Pan*. Join us on our quest to never grow old as we battle the evil Captain Hook and see if you can resist the temptations of Neverland, a place where children can fly and exciting, frightening adventures happen every day.

Peter Pan, like its namesake, is a tale which never ages. Generations of children and parents are familiar with the story of the boy who won't grow up, visits the Darling children in their nursery and whisks them off to Neverland, where they befriend the Lost Boys and join the battle against the nefarious Captain Hook.

So come join us. Second star to the right and straight on to the Palace Theatre!

## EAYT

The ethos of EAYT is that of a professional theatre company which is driven by excellence and access where young people feel comfortable and learn through positive experiences. The young people are given the opportunity to develop skills and learn from experienced tutors where they work in a professional manner as young actors and theatre makers.

EAYT aims to give the broadest range of high quality theatre experiences in a positive and supportive environment so that young people can develop their skills not only in theatre and performance but also in terms of communication and creativity.

Three terms of ten weeks (which follow school term times) take place annually. Each term will cost **£30** for Mini EAYT and **£50** for the Junior and Senior EAYT. There are discounts for second child places and limited free places for families on income support.

**For further information or to enquire about joining then please contact the Cultural Development Coordinator- Performing Arts, Michelle Laats on 01563 554358.**



Images from last year's production of Oliver and backstage shots of preparations.

# Winter Spring Highlights 2013

## Workshops at the Dick.....

A Different Way of Working:

The Prints of Wilhelmina Barns-Graham and St Ives Painting

Mon 18th, Tues 19th & Weds 20th March

10am—1pm Main Gallery & North Museum FREE

As part of 'A Different Way of Working: The Prints of Wilhelmina Barns-Graham and St Ives Painting' at the Dick we are offering 3 primary classes from East Ayrshire schools the opportunity to work with an artist to experiment with printing and painting.

Taking inspiration from the colourful work in the exhibition, pupils will develop their own ideas and make paintings or prints in bold colours and forms.

The workshops will provide pupils the opportunity to tour the exhibition and then take part in the practical session. There will be a short snack break and lunch break during the workshop session.

These workshops are for Primary 6 and Primary 7 classes. Places are free and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and must be booked in advance. **For further information or to make a booking please contact Kate Davies, Cultural Development Coordinator – Visual Art and Exhibitions on 01563 554340.**

## Unsigned Unlimited

Mondays during term time from 7th January

Art Halls 1 + 2 ,The Grand Hall

£45 per term (limited subsidised & free places available)

This exciting project is funded by East Ayrshire Council and Creative Scotland Youth Music Initiative.

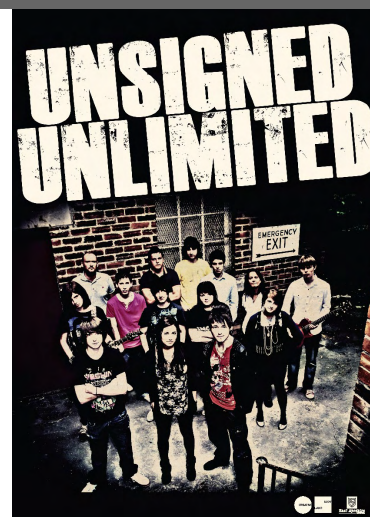
Open to 14-21 year olds, the project looks at songwriting, invention, composition, recording and live performance.

Now twinned with the Pump Up The Jam project at the Tolbooth, the groups have travelled to meet their partners and have taken part in specialist writing for TV and film workshops.

Contact box office on 01563 554900 for further information.



Image credit: Millennium Series Red II, Wilhelmina Barns-Graham



# Winter Spring Highlights 2013

## At Dean Castle & Country Park.....

### Spring Nature Camp

Monday 8th April to Friday 12th April

11am—3pm

£50



Spring Nature Camp is a unique and exciting 'educational adventure' for young people 8 years and older. This week long, day camp offers a once in a lifetime opportunity for a behind the scenes look at the workings of Dean Castle Country Park and the Countryside Ranger Service. Everything from conservation, habitat and wildlife to feeding and meeting the urban farm animals. There will be loads of unique photo moments packed into this unforgettable week of fun.

This week long camp will give you the opportunity to become an official Junior Ranger as you take part in a variety of activities and challenges that will lead to a John Muir Award. At the end of the week, you will give your first guided walk as you graduate to Junior Ranger status. Taking part in this camp is a great way to celebrate the Year of Natural Scotland.

### The John Muir Challenge

Sunday 21st April

11am—4pm

FREE

What better way to celebrate the Year of Natural Scotland by dedicating a day to John Muir. John Muir was a pioneering, influential Scotsman who was passionate about the wild. He dedicated his life to protecting wild places and he campaigned successfully for the establishment of National Parks in USA.

On the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Muir's birth, the challenge is to be one of 175 people to discover, explore and conserve Dean castle Country Park in the largest practical conservation event we have ever held. So if you are a budding conservationist or just want to take part, please contact us at [info@deancastle.com](mailto:info@deancastle.com) or 01563 554734.

## Dean Castle & Country Park.....

Dean Castle & Country Park offers an extensive and varied events programme throughout the year. You can take part in fun environmental education with the Countryside Ranger Service who will answer any natural history questions you may have.

Pick up a copy of our events leaflet **or visit [www.deancastle.com](http://www.deancastle.com)** for further information or to download the education pack.



# School Visits & Tours

## School Visits.... Free to East Ayrshire Schools

### Dick Institute

**Location:** Dick Institute, Elmbank Ave, Kilmarnock KA1 3BU **Date:** all year round

**Time:** By arrangement, during normal opening hours (Tue – Sat 11am-5pm)

**Capacity:** 1 class **Duration:** by arrangement

The Dick Institute has displays of local and social history, natural history including rocks, fossils, minerals and taxidermy which has recently been refurbished. Special focus on displays on the local textile industry. Two large galleries with a programme of exhibitions and events. See the Guide magazine or [www.enjoyeastayrshire.com](http://www.enjoyeastayrshire.com) for further details of venue & programme. Able to be coordinated with a visit to the Library service (separate booking required).



### Dean Castle & Country Park

**Location:** Dean Castle & Country Park, Kilmarnock KA3 1XB **Castle Tours - Winter**

**Weds—Sun between 10am – 12pm Duration:** 1 hour **Capacity:** 1 tour = 20

**people max. 2 tours can operate during a one hour visit. Groups larger than 40**

**can split into a second hour and can book a ranger tour of the surrounding**

**country park.** The visit includes a guided tour around the Castle, the ancestral

home of the Boyd Family. Replicas for handling and trying on are available, plus displays of arms and

armour, early musical instruments and tapestries. The Countryside Rangers tours provide fun

environmental education focusing on projects and activities which encourage personal, social and

community education and have been designed in line with the Curriculum for Excellence.

Visit [www.deancastle.com](http://www.deancastle.com) & [www.enjoyeastayrshire.com](http://www.enjoyeastayrshire.com)



### Burns House Museum

**Location:** Burns House Museum, Castle St., Mauchline **Date:** all year round

**Time:** By arrangement, during normal opening hours (Tue – Sat 10am-4pm)

**Capacity:** 1 class **Duration:** by arrangement The Burns House Museum features original

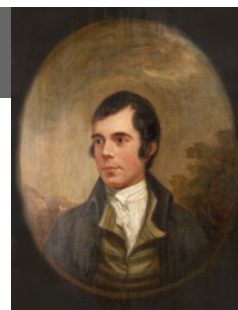
manuscripts written in Burns' own hand, with objects associated with him and his

contemporaries. The museum is sited in the house where Burns and his wife Jean

Armour lived. Audio Visual on Burns' life, plus recordings of some of his works. Museum

also features displays of Mauchline Ware and Curling stone manufacture.

And don't forget the Annual Bard's Birthday school workshops in January.



### Loan Kits

Free Loan Kits available for 2 week slots. Call 01563 55 4350 for details and bookings. Minibeasts, Basic Geology, Wartime Suitcases, Knights and Ladies Knights and Castles, Victorian Home and School, Ancient Egypt, Tudors, Celts and Past Toys.

### Cultural and Countryside Contacts

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