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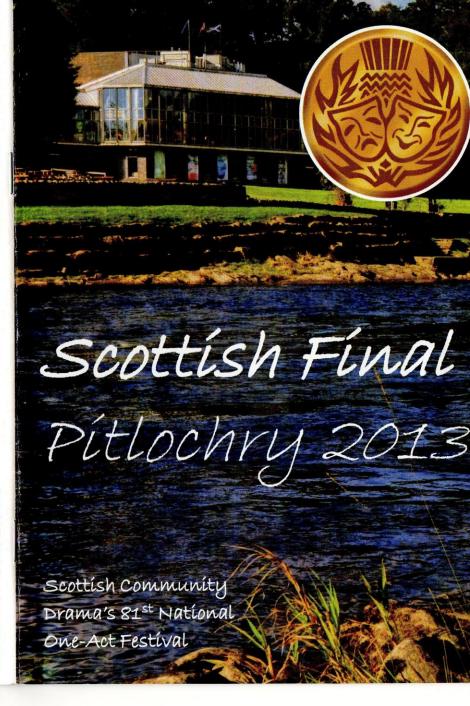
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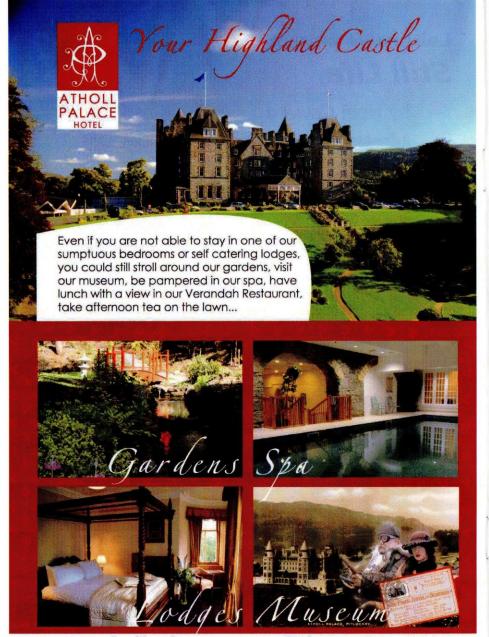
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# Welcome



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2013 Scottish Final of One Act Plays. We are delighted to return to Pitlochry Festival Theatre, which over the years has become our most popular base for our annual festival. I extend my personal thanks to the members of Northern Division and others who have given their time to organise it.

Eight teams from around the country will be competing for the coveted Wheatley Tassie and the winner will also have the honour of representing Scotland at the British Final in early July Derry/Londonderry – a visit I'm really looking forward to!

At the risk of repeating messages from earlier years, I have to thank our hard-working teams and, in addition to those acting, acknowledge the work involved in scenery construction, transport, lighting, sound and the many other jobs involved in bringing a play to the Scottish Final. On behalf of our audiences I thank you.

So now's the time to sit back and enjoy the productions and hopefully enjoy some socialising with friends too. Well that's my plans dealt with, so here's to a great Festival!

With best wishes

Gordon Hibbert

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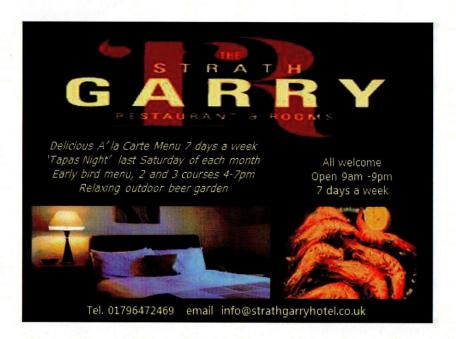
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| Stage Managers |       |   | Maggie Kennedy &        |
| A              |       |   | Derek Blackwood         |



Leitheatre was founded in 1946 and have their own rehearsal rooms and workshops in Sunnyside in Edinburgh.

They have won the Eastern Division full-length trophy several times and reached Scottish Final twice since 2000.

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# Welcome



I am delighted to welcome the Scottish Final of One Act Plays to Pitlochry Theatre.

The work that the SCDA carries out is crucial in supporting and developing amateur theatre throughout Scotland. As an advocate for its members, it helps to ensure that community drama in Scotland informs changes in Arts policies and funding decisions.

As part of a network of voluntary arts organisations in Scotland, sharing ideas; resources; best practices and offering training in all aspects of theatre, to members of all ages from 8 to 80, your contribution to our communities is immense.

I am particularly pleased to note your commitment to youth, and the emphasis on understanding the importance of working together as a team to deliver a performance. As in any walk of life, strong performance is dependent on everyone involved; the performance of those in the spotlight is dependent on the performance of those working behind the scenes.

A warm welcome to you all.

Liz Grant

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# Saturday

# **Trophies**

The following trophies will be presented:

**Wheatley Tassie** 

Athol

First place

**Porteous Trophy** 

Thustle

Second place

**David Baxter Salver** 

Stewarton

Third place

Connie Fisher Trophy Atto. . Highest direction marks

Donald T Farmer Trophy Thistle Best theatrical moment

Grampian Television Trophy Torper

Best stage decor

Scott Salver Neil Robertson ..

Best original script

St leaf flagen Award to the winner of the poster competition

The winning play will represent Scotland at the British Final in the Millennium Forum, Derry/Londonderry, on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> July, adjudicator Tom Doherty.

# the National YOUTH Final

**Ury Players** 

The last mile, by Andrew Dart

**Aberdour Players** 

The legend of sleepy hollow, adapted by Jonathan Josephson

Kirkintilloch Players

And the woman drank tea, devised by company

**Auchtertyre Primary School** 

A midsummer night's dream, adapted by Sue Russell

Adjudicator : Colin Peter

Birnam Institute, Dunkeld - 15th June 2013

### **Lochcarron ADS** present

# Hero

## by Michael Lynch

WW1 casualty field station

Captain Selkirk . . . Douglas Duncan

Sister Hart . . . Sally Ross

Nurse Penfold . . . Amy Askham

Private Underwood . . . Samuel Parsons

**Director** . . . Jan Overmeer

**Stage Manager** . . . Morag Macrae



**Lochcarron** has had a drama club since the 40's and probably before. The club was inactive during the 60's and revived in 1975 by a handful of enthusiasts, two of which are still active today.

During the 80's and 90's, the club appeared at eleven Scottish Finals and two British Finals. Most of the credit must go to their Director at the time, the late Connie Fisher. Her daughter Sally appears in this production. The club is well-supported by the community and has recently had a boom in membership, entering three plays in this year's One-Act Festival.

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# Our Adjudicator



# Brían Marjoríbanks

Brian is well-known to many of us as an experienced adjudicator. He first joined the Gateway Repertory Theatre in Edinburgh in 1964 after attending Edinburgh College of Speech and Drama. This was followed by a season at the Metropole Theatre in Glasgow with Jimmy Logan, followed by his television debut in 'Dr. Finlay's Casebook'. He then spent six months in the BBC TV series 'United'.

After this, he taught at the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, before being appointed Lecturer in Speech and Drama at Notre Dame College of Education in Glasgow.

Having played professional football with Hibernian F.C. and Heart of Midlothian F.C., Brian presented *Sportscene* on television and *Sportsound* on radio for the BBC for 17 years. He then became Controller (UK Regions) in 1983 with the Independent Television Commission, a post from which he retired early in 2000. In 2001 he was made an Honorary Doctor of the University of Stirling.

He has adjudicated the British, Scottish and the Scottish Youth Finals of the One Act Festival. He has also adjudicated the All Ireland Finals and the Ulster Finals of the Three Act Festival. He has also been an international juror at the Prix Italia Television Festival in both Sicily and Venice and returned to Sicily to chair the international panel in the prestigious news, current affairs and documentary category.

# The Festival at a Glance

### Thursday

Stewarton Drama Group present

Excess Baggage by Nancy McPherson

Livingston Players present

The Donahue Sisters by Geraldine Aron

Atholl Players present

Visitors from London by Neil Simon

informal get together with late bar in the theatre

# Friday

Kilmuir Gaelic Drama Club present

Am Foisache (The Fortune Teller)

by Iain Macdonald

Thistle Theatre Company present

The Trees They Grow So High by Tony Powell

Forfar Dramatic Society present

Hogmanay by James Scotland

followed by quiz with soup & bread in the theatre

## Saturday

Lochcarron Amateur Dramatic Society present

Hero by Michael Lynch

Leitheatre present

Still Life by Noel Coward

Final adjudication and awards

followed by hot buffet in the theatre

## **Forfar Dramatic Society** present

# Hogmanay

## by James Scotland

A cell at Cambusdonald Abbey, 1460

| Stage Manager     | <br>David Allen    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Director          | <br>Winnie T Brown |
| A woman.          | <br>Kay Brown      |
| Jennie Hamilton   | <br>Leah Gow       |
| Reverend Mother   | <br>Marley Laurie  |
| Abbot Martin      | <br>Martin McKay   |
| Sister Innocentia | <br>Carolyn McLean |
| Sister Diligence  | <br>Laurie Wilson  |
| Brother Simon     | <br>Ewan Phillip   |
| Brother Donatus   | <br>Bill Atkinson  |
| Brother Barnabus  | <br>Bruce Martin   |



Forfar Dramatic Society was founded in 1930 and continues to present live theatre in Forfar and the surrounding area. The Club stages two full-length plays and two one-act plays each year, one of the latter being chosen as the Club's entry to the SCDA One-Act Play Festival.

They are delighted to be taking part once again in the Scottish Finals. The Society's most successful entries in the past, 'Sunset Song (Act 2)' and 'Fallen Heroes' both won trophies at the Scottish Finals, in 2000 and 2001 respectively.





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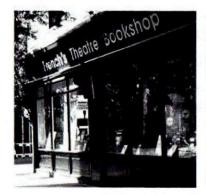


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### Thistle Theatre Co. present

# The Trees They Grow So High

by Tony Powell

| Stage Mana | ger | <br>Alan Currie        |
|------------|-----|------------------------|
| Director   |     | <br>Lynsey Currie      |
| The Boy    |     | <br>Ross Aitken        |
| The Woman  | *.* | <br>Rebecca McLaughlin |
| I ne Man   |     | <br>Graham Currie      |



Thistle Theatre Company is based in Greenock and was established in 2004. They perform a variety of theatre styles throughout the year, including one act plays, full length and musical productions.

The company has a strong association with SCDA and its festivals, so they look forward to representing Inverciyed District and Western Division at Pitlochry and meeting friends old and new.

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# who are we ...

We are the **Scottish Community Drama Association** and we promote, support and encourage amateur drama throughout Scotland. We have member clubs and individuals from the Orkney Isles to the Borders and, amongst other activities, we hold an annual festival of one-act plays. Here at the Festival Theatre in Pitlochry over three days we are presenting the culmination of our one-act play festival with the best two clubs from each of our four divisions, competing to become the best in Scotland this year.

If you would like to support us why not become an individual member, it is only £25 annually and every new member helps the whole organisation. It is very easy to join, either pick up an application form in the foyer, fill it in and hand to one of our officials, or go to our website **www.scda.org.uk** where you can join using PayPal, even if you do not have an account you can use your credit or debit card.

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### Stewarton Drama Group present

# Excess Baggage

## by Nancy McPherson

The Secret Sanctuary Health and Beauty Spa

| Hilary   |       |       | Julie Blackburn  |
|----------|-------|-------|------------------|
| Pauline  |       |       | Caren McLean     |
| Grace    |       |       | Morag Smith      |
| Sonya    |       |       | Alison Barr      |
| Denise   |       |       | Laura McPherson  |
| Tiffany  |       | • • • | Michelle Barnett |
| Director |       |       | Nancy McPherson  |
| Stage Ma | nager |       | Sam Alcroft      |



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Stewarton Drama Group is a thriving Ayrshire group, now into its 40th season. They rehearse in a converted school and conjure up a varied programme, including a full-length play in October, a community pantomime in December, one-act plays in February and an end-of season production in May.

This is their ninth time competing at the Scottish Final, winning in 2008 with 'One Good Beating' and going on to win the British Final in Wales. They are thrilled to be performing in the beautiful Pitlochry Festival Theatre with a play written by one of their members. They hope all the teams have a really good festival and look forward to meeting friends old and new. Contact them at www.stewarton-drama-group.co.uk

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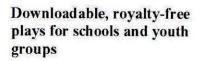


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## Kilmuir Gaelic DC present

# **Am Fiosaiche** (The Fortune Teller)

# by Iain Macdonald

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Lachlainn Brime | <br>Alexander Macdonald |
| Bean Lachlainn  | <br>Mary Macleod        |
| Bean Choinnich  | <br>Maggie Willoughby   |
| Feortag         | <br>James Macdonald     |
| Commeach Bounar | <br>iain Macdonaid      |



Stage Manager

Coinneach Rodhar

**Kilmuir Gaelic Drama Club** have been performing in their present form since 1991 and in the past 20 years they have performed at every district festival on Skye, many Highland Finals and two Scottish Finals.

**Hughie Davison** 

They are a small club, with around a dozen members, producing two one-act plays each year (Gaelic and English). Usually this is the only Gaelic play entered in the SCDA festival. They rely on action comedy to make it understandable to a mainly English-speaking audience, but that's okay as long as we can have a laugh in any language.

Kate Halliday

Annie Townsend



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# The Donahue Sisters

## by Geraldine Aron

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Annie

Rosie

Dunya / Denise . . . Sammy Jo Dodds

**Director** . . . Ronnie Barnes

**Stage Manager** ... Brian Edwards



Livingston Players have over 50 members, aged from 16 to 70. Established in 1970, they are members of SCDA and NODA.

They have won many awards, most recently the Eastern Division full-length competition with 'Calendar Girls'. They last performed 'The Donahue Sisters' in 2004.

They stage three annual shows, including a musical, at Livingston's Howden Park Centre. Several of their former members have achieved success on the professional stage, including Amanda Beveridge and Susan Boyle. Visit them at www.livingstonplayers.org.uk

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by Neil Simon

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Diana Nichols . . . Fran Norris

**Director** . . . Trixi Macaulay

Stage Manager . . . Dave Campbell



Atholi Players, "Pitlochry's other Theatre Company", were formed in 1995 with the amalgamation of Pitlochry Amateur Dramatic Society and Gallery Players (formerly East Church Drama Group). In their various forms they have had a long pedigree of involvement with the One Act Festival and this is their fifth Scottish Final since their re-formation.

They are particularly pleased that this year's event is in their own home town. They hope that the visiting teams will enjoy their stay in Pitlochry and that we can all look forward to a stimulating and enjoyable Scottish Final.