



Hi folks,

I've enjoyed a right old mix of music action this month. As part of the Scottish Storytelling Festival, I played a selection of songs and tunes with Svend-Erik Engh's show 'Once upon a time there was a war' which we also took across to Buessan on the Isle of Mull. Only down side was my car headlights packing in when we reached the hall!

I enjoyed a couple of happy outings with Freeland Barbour and The Occasionals dance band - always a pleasure. Windygates fiddle and accordion club were a revelation with all the accordionists that appeared on the night. There should have been a warning.

On a more domestic note, Dave and I are repurposing the flat with working spaces for us both. It's the old story of what happens to the kids' rooms when they've left home.

And looking forward to 2024: Auld Lang Syne January tour dates and Lismore fiddle retreat deets below...

Mairi x

Auld Lang Syne January tour



Scroll down for details and tickets for my January '24 tour of **Mairi Campbell: Auld Lang Syne**. I'm really looking forward to sharing this show again.

And for my London pals, I'll be down to play the show on January 14th at Kings Place. Hope to see you there.

Auld Lang syne: 'Mairi's adventures with Scotlands' most famous song'
★★★★★ "...virtuosic Mairi Campbell transcends the role of performer... voice is like no other... incredible storyteller..." Edinburgh Guide
★★★★★ "...irresistible love-letter to the song..." Edinburgh Reporter
★★★★★ "spine-tingling score...exquisitely satisfying" Musical Theatre Review
★★★★★ "...wonderfully crafted... affecting production" All Edinburgh Theatre

Vote for Lismore Dance Band



The Lismore dance band proud to be part of our dynamic Scottish music scene and honoured to be nominated for Community Project of the Year for the Scots Trad Music Awards 2023.

The list of other nominees in our category (number 6) is a great read, and an even better experience I can tell you!

A couple of weeks ago I was at a TAM session in Edinburgh. The room was packed with folks crafting and doing their thing - knitting, making and then the other half fiddling and playing tunes. It was a great vibe.

As for Feis Ros Ceilidh Trail, they're doing amazing work. Well done Lismore Dance Band and thanks to our wonderful community for supporting our venture.

Our next dance is on the 16th December at the Lismore Hall.

Here are the nominees for the Trad awards:
School of Dàimh at the Arisaig Hotel

The TAM Sessions - Claire Gullen and Kirstie McLanaghan
A Tune For The Foodbank (Inverness)
Mull Music Makers (Patsy Reid)
Angus Mackenzie / Eilean a' Cheòl

[Vote here - category 6](#)

Announcing 2024 Lismore fiddle retreats



Dates are now set for two 2024 Lismore fiddle retreats!

Suitable for mixed ability adult learners - maximum 10 participants. You must be able to play at least three tunes by ear. Reading music is helpful but not necessary and I support you wherever you are in your fiddle journey.

Dates 2024

Monday 13th to Friday 17th May

Cost £480.

This includes 20 hours of class/teaching over four days, lunches and evening meals to suit all dietary restrictions. Meals are made by a wonderful chef who is coming to cook for us!

Accommodation not included

Due to the new licensing laws I can no longer host at the cottage but I will support all participants to find suitable accommodation to meet their needs and budget. This ranges from having a bed in the Lismore bunkhouse (5 mins walk), airbnb at Sarah and Yorick's (1.5 mile away), the bothy down by the sea, rent a cottage or bring your tent or van and stay up at the bunkhouse.

Email me at mairi@mairicampbell.scot for more info and to book a place.

Payment options include paying in instalments.

More information

Meet me at the threshold



The "Meet me at the threshold" solo concerts in October went really well. I loved discovering such resonance in the room - both musically and emotionally.

Here's what one audience member wrote:

"Words can't really express what I experienced in you show. I was mesmerised and enchanted, drawn in. Your stone to me is a "Hag Stone" and on I listened to you sing and speak and heart share. The visual images, your paintings - each one drew me in. Multi-dimensional.

"I have several hag stones from Orkney and Shetland. They see the whole universe through the hole in the stone, to dive deeply through it, a threshold, a portal, liminal space, sacred, ancient, shape shifting, storytelling, voices of the ancestors, healing, singing, sounding, keening, grieving, sorrowing soulful. Thank you."

Upcoming concerts

and workshops

Saturday 13 January – Kings Place, London, 4.30pm [Scottish Song Workshop with Mairi Campbell](#)

Sunday 14 January – Kings Place, London, 7pm [Mairi Campbell: Auld Lang Syne](#)

Wednesday 17 January – The Little Theatre, Nairn - times and ticket link TBC

Thursday 18 January – Tullynessle & Forbes Hall, Aberdeenshire - times and ticket link TBC

Saturday 20 January – Cumbernauld Theatre 2.30pm - ticket link TBC

Friday 26 January – Theatre Royal, Dumfries 7.30pm - ticket link TBC

Saturday 27 January – Scottish Storytelling Centre, Edinburgh, 7.30pm - ticket link TBC

Other dates

22 November: The Cast: Mairi Campbell and David Francis at Edinburgh folk club, Ukrainian Centre, 14 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh - [more info and tickets](#) **SOLD OUT**

Sat 16 December - Lismore dance band, Lismore Hall - donation on the door

Wed 24 January 2024 - Solo concert, Irvine folk club - times and ticket link TBC

Sat 17 February 2024 - Lismore dance band, Lismore Hall - tickets on the door

Sat 24 February 2024 - Solo concert, Carradale Hall, Carradale, Argyll and Bute - tickets on door

Sun 3 March 2024 - Solo concert | Heritage Centre, isle of Lismore | Tickets

Sat 30 March 2024 - Lismore dance band, Lismore Hall - donation on the door

Mon 1 April 2024 - Lismore fiddle retreat - email Mairi to book

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Mon 13 May 2024 - Lismore fiddle retreat - email Mairi to book

Fri 2-26 Aug 2024 - Mairi Campbell: Living Stone, Scottish Storytelling Centre, Edinburgh as part of The Fringe - more info to follow

Fri 2-26 Aug 2024 - Exhibition of Mairi Campbell's paintings, Scottish Storytelling Centre, Edinburgh as part of The Fringe - more info to follow

Keep an eye on the 'What's on' page for the latest ticket links.

[Visit my 'What's on' page](#)

That's it for now, take care and feel free to reach out and say hello, it's always nice to hear from folks.

As always, all the best. Hopefully see you soon.

Mairi and the team x

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