



Hi folks,

What a momentous time we're in. The great letting go. I hope that this end of an era paves the way to a road of peace, kindness and deep respect for all living beings.

This newsletter has information about concerts and tours coming up around Scotland plus a seasonal song at the end 'Smile or Cry'.

I will be starting an online fiddle class/session at the beginning of October - a seven week block, so look out for that in the next newsletter in a couple of weeks.

SHE/HER FRINGE SHOW ROUNDUP

I feel lucky to have enough tools to work through the ups and downs of life on stage. It's not for everyone, but it seems to be my bag these days. Stage work and amplification. One of the things I realised is that it's important to speak that which you want amplified, to raise vibration, bring us and them into loving alignment. This show was that.

This anthology of our true stories was an opportunity to mark where we each are, from musing on mill stones to passing driving tests and much in between. My thanks to the stellar cast, director Nicole Ansari Cox and her husband, the great Brian Cox for their vision and support.

And a **special thanks** to all of you who came! It was great to see friends from far and wide who managed to make it.

Mairi x

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silent film festival tour 2022

**JOURNEY TO THE ISLES:
MARJORY KENNEDY-FRASER**

1 23 SEP TIREE (AN TALLA)
2 25 SEP DUNDEE CONTEMPORARY ARTS
3 27 SEP MULL (AN TOBAR)
4 13 OCT EIGG (COMMUNITY HALL)
5 14 OCT SKYE (SABHAL MÒR OSTAIG)
6 15 OCT LEWIS (AN LANNTAIR)
7 17 OCT INVERNESS (EDEN COURT) WITH Q&A AND LIVE STREAM

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This month and next, storyteller Marion Kenny and I will be traversing the country telling of the life of Marjory Kennedy-Fraser.

It's a mesmerising glimpse into the landscapes, folktales and songs that inspired one of Scotland's great early collectors of Traditional Arts.

Kennedy-Fraser began collecting Hebridean songs in 1905, fired by a desire to preserve and celebrate the musical riches of the islands' people. These disarming films, made by Kennedy-Fraser herself, provide a snapshot of her work and the culture of the people she devoted her life to studying. All the while revealing the warmth of her personality and the profundity of her passion for the rugged beauty of the Hebrides.

Marion and I have created a score of live music to accompany the two short silent films from the 1920s and Marion will be telling the story of her life.

'Journey to the Isles' tickets

Scotland on tour



In October and November, I'll be touring solo, looking forward to seeing Scotland's stunning landscapes and sharing songs and stories up and down the country.

Hope to see you there. Book your tickets now for a concert happening near you!

"CONSUMMATE, VISIONARY MUSICIANSHIP" The Herald

"CAMPBELL OPENS HER THROAT IN A SPIRIT OF BELONGING THAT IS ANCIENT AND MODERN, AND LIFE-AFFIRMING FOR ALL OF US" The Herald

Dates:

[The Birks Cinema, Aberfeldy | October 05, 2022](#)

[The Victory Hall, Benderloch by Oban, Benderloch | October 06, 2022](#)

Tickets for Scotland on tour

So, take care and like the leaves on the trees let go when you can. Here's a song for these Autumnal days.

Smile or Cry

Lyrics David Francis

Melody: Mairi Campbell

LYRICS

The leaves in the deep green wood are now brown and gold
And the warm September breeze blows hard and keen and cold
The mist hangs on the shore in the morning light
And I never thought I'd miss you more than I missed you last night

But the pull of the flowing tide could bring me back or sweep me away
And the sun has been known to shine on the coldest Winters' day
And the howl of the Winter wind could be heard like a tender sigh
I guess it's all in the mind whether we choose to smile or cry

The swan flies over the trees on it's wide blue road
Sunlight on it's beating wings as it's quiet path unfolds

But the pull of the flowing tide could bring me back or sweep me away
And the sun has been known to shine on the coldest Winters day
And the howl of the Winter wind could be heard like a tender sigh
I guess it's all in the mind whether we choose to smile or cry

Listen

Upcoming concerts/ shows

JOURNEY TO THE ISLES: Marjory Kennedy-Fraser

[23 Sep - Tiree \(An Talla\)](#)

[25 Sep - Dundee Contemporary Arts](#)

[27 Sep - Mull \(An Tobar\)](#)

13 Oct - Eigg (Community Hall) Ticket enquiries please contact [Maggie Fyffe](#)

[14 Oct - Skye \(Sabhal Mòr Ostaig\)](#)

[15 Oct - Lewis \(An Lanntair\)](#)

[17 Oct - Inverness \(Eden Court\) with Q&A and Live Stream](#)

Dance with Mairi Campbell's Lismore Dance Band

1 October 2022, Lismore

Tickets TBC

Northern Stories Festival

[Mairi Campbell, 8 October, Latherton Hall](#)

[Mairi Campbell, 9 October, Reay Hall](#)

Mairi Campbell concerts

[The Birks Cinema, Aberfeldy | October 05, 2022](#)

[The Victory Hall, Benderloch by Oban, Benderloch | October 06, 2022](#)

[National Piping Centre, Glasgow | November 10, 2022](#)

[Assembly Roxy, Edinburgh | November 11, 2022](#)

[Scots Fiddle festival](#), Sunday 20th Nov

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Mairi and the team x

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