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I'm playing **Pulse at Turners Falls** in Massachusetts on 1 and 2 December – an invitation from the theatre company [Serious Play](#) in Northampton, MA. Tickets available [here](#). I hooked up with Serious Play a couple of years ago when they presented guitarist John Sheldon's show 'The Red Guitar' at the Edinburgh Fringe. John, who was given his first guitar by James Taylor (!), presents a wonderful story. Not to be missed when he's back at the Fringe in 2018!

While I'm out here, I'm also featuring in the **15th annual [A Christmas Celtic Sojourn](#)**, singing Auld Lang Syne along with a host of well known and less well known Christmas songs. Scottish composer Ali Burns's song The Holy Holly will also be featured along with some wonderful jigs, reels and stepping. It's a spectacular show! Can't wait.

So, **I've had a great year in many ways** - making shows, playing gigs, exploring new edges and performance opportunities. Politically this country feels like it's in meltdown but personally my tenacity and love of life and music has never been stronger.

Looking to 2018, in January I'll be playing in Australia with Himmerland, then back with Barrowland Ballet for Wolves in Spring, singing and playing again, but this time with my daughter Ellen! A very special opportunity for us both. I'll also be taking Pulse to London.

But more than anything, I'm excited about the **new solo show** that I'm working on, which will be ready for a full run at Edinburgh Fringe 2018. It promises to be funny and not a little enlightening about a song that so many know but few understand... a syne of the times?!

Go gently dear folks and hope to see you in 2018, if not before then.

Mairi x

Songcraft and Singing with Cera Impala and Mairi Campbell

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17 - 23 June 2018 on Isle of Lismore, Argyll, Scotland

**cost: £420, which includes 6 days' tuition, accommodation and meals
limited to 10 participants**

STILL SPACES AVAILABLE... This course, for songwriters with some experience, will guide you on a quest to find new inspiration and lead you out of your usual songwriting pathways, armed with all the tools you'll need for the journey. We'll use exercises to distill big ideas into more original observations, helping you kickstart your creativity and hone your own voice.

Cera Impala can turn a song inside out and upside down. She is a queen of song form, with years of writing, teaching and a music career that spans 20 years of gigging, writing and making lots of friends! She sings with the Bevvie Sisters, Scotland's top female vocal trio and tours across the globe with her own band.

Carnie cottage, on the Island of Lismore, is Mairi's family home. There is a cottage where we eat and a studio where we do the work. There'll be plenty of opportunity to explore the island, connect with the ancient history and vibe of the place and write a song a day!

Spaces are limited to 10 participants and you can book now via [Mairi's shop](#).

Upcoming gigs

1 & 2 December – Mairi Campbell: Pulse, at Shea Theater Arts Center, Montague, Massachusetts

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12-22 December – A Christmas Celtic Sojourn, venues in Massachusetts

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18-21 Jan 2018 – Himmerland with Mairi Campbell – Illawarra Folk Festival

17 Feb 2018 – Wolves featuring Mairi Campbell – Edinburgh Festival Theatre
2.30pm matinee and 7.30pm

18 Feb 2018 – Wolves – MacRobert Art Centre, Stirling

19 Feb 2018 – Wolves – Eden Court, Inverness

23 Feb 2018 – Wolves – The Brunton Theatre, Musselburgh

24 Feb 2018 – Wolves – Paisley Arts Centre, Paisley

11 Mar 2018 – Mairi Campbell: Pulse – London – more info soon

23 April 2018 – Mairi Campbell in concert Solingen, Solingen World Music Festival

For all of Mairi's gigs plus booking links please visit mairicampbell.scot/gigs

All the best for now,

Mairi, Kate (producer) and Marianne (admin) xx

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PS Public money for the arts is now scarcer. If you'd like to support Mairi to continue to make music and take it to communities in Scotland and further afield, please visit Mairi's [PayPal.me](https://www.paypal.me/mairicampbell)

Mairi's music, including the single Auld Lang Syne and the album Pulse, is available in [her shop](#).



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