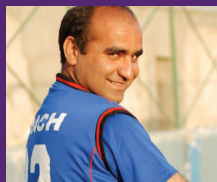

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Beyond Borders is a new Scottish initiative dedicated to facilitating small nation dialogue and cultural exchange by using Scotland's own heritage.

As I travel around the world I am particularly struck by how deeply rooted small nation cultures are, despite often being subject to persecution, occupation and conflict. Beyond Borders seeks to celebrate these cultures and help them overcome conflict by using Scotland's unique cultural and political heritage as a platform for exchange. It is extraordinary how many small nations look to Scotland for inspiration, as it manages to protect both its cultural identity and secure a devolved political settlement. I believe Scotland can act as a beacon to other small nations and peoples seeking to protect their own life and culture through non-violent means.

Beyond Borders works across seven mediums - literature, performing arts, visual arts, heritage, film, sports and dialogue. Throughout August 2010, we are running a series of exhibitions, film screenings, literature discussions, political debates and live performances that explore common themes such as homeland, landscape, occupation, memory, love, war, humour, dialogue and reconciliation.

We urge you to take a look at our programme of events in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the Scottish Borders at Traquair House and travel beyond borders to new worlds by experiencing a unique set of international cultural events and icons here in Scotland.

*Mark Muller Stuart QC – Executive Director
Beyond Borders Productions Ltd*

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① Books, Borders & Bikes —
Sat 14 – Sun 15 August. 10.45am – 6pm.
Literature festival that will showcase writers and intellectuals from Palestine, Kurdistan, Zimbabwe, and Sierra Leone and combine classic literary events with storytelling walks and bike rides. **Venue:** Traquair House, Innerleithen (Scottish Borders). **Tickets:** From £3 (01896 830 323). For more info see page 6.



② The Spacemakers —
Fri 30 July – Tues 24 August. Various times.
Works by the architecture studio *decolonizing.ps* (London/Bethlehem), Jawad al Malhi (Jerusalem) and Taysir Batniji (Gaza/Paris). Public programme of events to include artist talks, film screenings and performances. www.delfinafoundation.com
Venue: Tent Gallery at Edinburgh College of Art & sleeper (Edinburgh). **Tickets:** Free exhibition, booking required for related events.



③ Traquair Fair —
Sat 31 July – Sun 1 August. 10am – 6pm.
The 30th Traquair Fair will highlight the best of home grown culture as well as showcasing other small nations throughout the world such as Cuba, Afghanistan, Palestine and Georgia. www.traquair.co.uk
Venue: Traquair House (Scottish Borders). **Tickets:** Adult day tickets £20, Child/Conc £14, Family tickets £46, Children under 5 go free. Call 01896 830 323.



④ Tashweesh —
Mon 2 – Thurs 5 August. Various times.
The three Palestinian artists who make up the new audio-visual group Tashweesh – Ruanne Abou-Rahme, boikutt, and Basel Abbas – are being brought to Scotland to perform for the first time this August. www.tashweesh.com
Venue: Forest Cafe (Edinburgh), CCA (Glasgow), Tent Gallery @ ECA (Edinburgh). **Tickets:** Free event, booking not required.



5 Do We Look Like Refugees?! —
 Thurs 5 — Mon 30 August. 11.35am – 12.30pm.
 Verbatim theatre practitioner Alecky Blythe works with the Rustaveli Theatre in Georgia and the National Theatre Studio to share stories from Georgian refugees at the Edinburgh Fringe. www.assemblyfestival.com
Venue: Assembly @ George Street (Edinburgh).
Tickets: £5-£12 (0131 623 3030).



6 Capturing Kurdistan —
 Fri 6 — Sun 8 August. 12pm – 5pm.
 Exhibition featuring work by photojournalists who have worked across the Kurdish regions and a screening of Mark Cousins' documentary *The First Movie*, filmed in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq. www.beyondborders2010.com
Venue: Artists in Exile (8–10 Osborne Street Glasgow, G1 5QD) & CCA (350 Sauchiehall Street Glasgow G2 3JD). **Tickets:** Free event, booking not required.



7 Threshold —
 Mon 9 — Fri 20 August. 4.30pm.
 Performance company 19;29 have given us a clue which is a stepping stone to their actual performance: Have you ever felt trapped in a role you didn't choose to play? Escape by following signs to this 'mixed up' house: Hora Ex Sou Try. www.1929.org.uk
Venue: Mystery. **Tickets:** £15 (0131 662 6892).



8 Beyond Borders @ The Filmhouse —
 Mon 16 — Sun 22 August. Various times.
 A film programme featuring some of the finest feature films and documentaries from Georgia and Palestine, and a screening of *Mugabe and the White African*. www.filmhousecinema.com
Venue: Filmhouse Cinema (Edinburgh).
Tickets: £6.90, £5.20 conc. (0131 228 6382).



9 Allegations —
 Fri 20 — Mon 30 August. Various times.
 This new play from the 2009 Harare International Festival of the Arts reveals the injustices of farm invasions in Zimbabwe. www.zoofestival.co.uk
Venue: Eastgate Arts Centre, Peebles (Scottish Borders) / The Zoo (Edinburgh). **Tickets:** £8-£12 (Eastgate: 01721 725 777, The Zoo: 0131 662 6787).



10 Mediating Conflict —
 Sat 21 August. 3pm – 4.30pm.
 A round-table discussion on Conflict Resolution in collaboration with the Festival of Politics, featuring Sir Menzies Campbell QC, Des Browne, Senator David Coltart and Martin Griffiths. Chaired by Mark Muller Stuart QC. www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk
Venue: The Scottish Parliament (Edinburgh).
Tickets: £6, £3.50 conc. (0131 473 2000).

Books, Borders & Bikes

Traquair House

14 – 15 August 2010

Travel Beyond Borders at our two-day, international literary festival in the historical surroundings of Traquair featuring a remarkable collection of Scottish broadcasters, international writers and cultural leaders of iconic small nations from around the world.

Whether you arrive by car, foot or by bike with our resident storytellers, “Books, Borders & Bikes” promises to be a unique event where landscape, identity and literature intertwine as you discover the beguiling tales of writers, thinkers, and peoples from small nations around the world in the some of the most stunning scenery and heritage in the Scottish Borders.



Walk and talk with prize-winning Palestinian author Raja Shehadeh, as he discusses his new memoir, love of the hills and hopes for Palestine.



Spend an afternoon with radical lawyer, Michael Mansfield QC, and find out what it's like to represent everyone from the Birmingham Six, Barry George, Mohamed al-Fayed on to the families of Jean Charles de Menezes and Bloody Sunday.



Listen to novelist and broadcaster Aminatta Forna as she recounts her powerful literary and biographical stories of love and loss during Sierra Leone's civil war.



Cycle to Traquair from Abbotsford or Neidpath Castle with Scottish storytellers Colin Moncrieff and John Nichol, and hear the Borders' landscape whisper its enchanting tales.



Join Magnus Linklater in discussion with writer James Ferguson and filmmaker and journalist Tim Albone, as they discuss different perspectives on Afghanistan.



Hear Senator David Coltart, cricketer Henry Olonga, and film director Andy Thompson as they all consider Zimbabwe's future.



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Saturday 14 August – Books, Borders & Bikes

- 10.45 – 12.15 **The Literary Walk** – Join local writer Fiona Houston for a literary walk around the hills of Traquair and meet Scottish artists Silvia Woodcock-Clarke, Caroline McNairn, Andrew Brown, and Joseph Maxwell Stuart in situ.
- 10.30 – 12.15 **Storytelling Bike Ride** – Cycle to Traquair from Neidpath Castle with Scottish storyteller Colin Moncrieff, and hear the Borders' landscape whisper its enchanting tales.
- 11.30 – 12.15 **Woodland Walk** – Roam the meadows, streams and ancient woods of Traquair with family storyteller **Mary Kenny**, as she makes 900 years of history come alive.
- 12.15 – 13.00 Join witty Columbian philosopher **Oscar Guardiola-Rivera**, with Geoffrey Baskerville to see why Latin America should rule the world!
- 13.15 – 14.15 Meet prize-winning writer **Petina Gappah** with her exquisite portraits of life in contemporary Zimbabwe, and exiled former cricket Captain **Henry Olonga** author of “Blood Sweat and Treason”, and explore how living outside one’s country changes the perspective of the writer and sportsman.
- 14.15 – 15.00 **The PEN Debate** – Listen to **Sakharov Prize Winner Leyla Zana** as she talks about surviving 10 years in a Turkish jail for speaking Kurdish in parliament and considers the future of Turkey’s Kurds. Leyla Zana and Scottish writer aonghas macneacail then discuss the pleasure and peril of writing outside of your indigenous language.

- 15.15 – 16.00 Immerse yourself in the lyrical tales of the Highland Clans with Scottish Borders’ premier historian and broadcaster **Alistair Moffat**.
- 16.15 – 17.00 Spend an afternoon with **Michael Mansfield QC**, and find out what it’s like to represent everyone from the Birmingham Six, Barry George, Mohamed al-Fayed on to the families of Jean Charles de Menezes and Bloody Sunday. Mark Muller Stuart QC investigates.
- 17.30 – 18.30 **Photography Exhibition & Reception with Leyla Zana** – Gaze at Jawad al Mahli’s cityscapes of Palestine and find out more about the Kurds in our photography exhibition ‘Capturing Kurdistan’.

Readings in Scottish PEN Teepee

- 15.00 – 15.45 **Departures & Arrivals** with Jenni Daiches and Donald Smith
- 16.00 – 16.45 **Border Crossings** with Margaret Elphinstone and aonghas macneacail

Sunday 15 August – Books, Borders & Bikes

- 10.45 – 12.15 **The Literary Walk** – Join Fiona Houston for another literary hill walk with Palestinian author Raja Shehadeh.
- 10.30 – 12.15 **Storytelling Bike Ride** – Cycle to Traquair from Abbotsford with Scottish storyteller John Nichol and hear the Borders' landscape whisper its enchanting tales.
- 11.30 – 12.15 **Woodland Walk** – Roam the meadows, streams and ancient woods of Traquair with family storyteller Mary Kenny as she makes 900 years of history come alive.
- 12.15 – 13.00 Join **Aminatta Forna**, whose father was executed during the Sierra Leone's civil war, as we explore how memory, love, identity and landscape interweave in her latest novel *The Memory of Love*. Writer and filmmaker **James Runcie** interviews.
- 13.15 – 14.00 **Tales from Afghanistan** – Join Magnus Linklater in discussion with James Ferguson, author of *Taliban* and Tim Albone, former Sunday Times Foreign Correspondent and film director of *Out of the Ashes*, about what lies in store for Afghanistan, its people and the West's presence in the country.
- 14.15 – 15.00 **Raja Shehadeh** – '*Palestinian Walks: Notes on a Vanishing Landscape*' won the 2008 George Orwell Prize for its frank insight into the Israeli occupation and its impact on the Palestinian people and landscape. Join Raja as he talk about his new memoirs and hopes for Palestine.

- 15.15 – 16.00 **A place in the Sun: Where now for Zimbabwe?** – Magnus Linklater, MDC Minister of Culture, David Coltart, former Cricket Captain, Henry Olonga, and the film director of *Mugabe and the White African*, Andy Thompson, as they consider Zimbabwe's future.
- 16.00 – 17.20 **Out of the Ashes** – Watch Tim Albone's uplifting and memorable film about the Afghan Cricket Team and its bid to join the World Cup.
- 16.15 – 17.00 **Laying down the law: What role for the Literary Advocate?** – Three lawyers and authors share their views; with Petina Gappah, Michael Mansfield QC and Raja Shehadeh.
- 17.15 – 18.00 **Thought Leaders: Small Nations, Big Cultures** – Join a roundtable discussion with Caroline McCormick, BB Director of Literature, about the role of small nations in contemporary culture and politics, as she launches the Beyond Borders Residency Initiative for 2011.

Readings in Scottish PEN Teepee

- 15.00 – 15.45 **Border Crossings** with Tom Pow and Morelle Smith.
- 16.00 – 16.45 **Departures & Arrivals** with Linda Cracknell and Christine De Luca.

Books, Borders & Bikes – Booking

To be held at Traquair House,
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To book a day-pass for Books, Borders & Bikes, or for any individual event, please visit: www.traquair.co.uk
or call: **01896 830 323**

Bike Hire can be arranged locally through Alpine Bikes.
Please call: **01896 830 880**

Bookings can also be made through Main Street Trading Bookstore, St Boswells: www.mainstreetbooks.co.uk

General Bookings

For more detailed timings, to book tickets and for full event information, please visit: beyondborders2010.com

Tickets

- Pre-booked day-pass for all talks and exhibitions: £12 (£14 on day).
 - Pre-booked day-pass with literary walks £15 (£17 on the day).
 - £6 for all individual events.
 - £6 for storytelling bike trails from Abbotsford and Neidpath.
 - £3 for all storytelling walk trails.
- Children go free on all trails. No concessions.

About Beyond Borders

Throughout the course of the next year Beyond Borders intends to roll out a number of dialogue events, artistic residencies, writer exchanges both in Scotland and abroad, as well as leadership programmes where cultural and political leaders of other small nations can learn about devolution and draw upon by the unique expertise of Scottish and International Committees, as well as our Board of Patrons, all of whom have held high public office either in Parliament, Government, International bodies and the Arts.

If you are interested in supporting the work of Beyond Borders by becoming a Friend or joining our Scottish and International Committees or board of expert advisors please do not hesitate to contact us.

Key Beyond Borders Staff

Mark Muller QC – *Executive Director and Director of Books, Borders & Bikes*
Aaron Cezar – *Director of Visual Arts*
Caroline McCormick – *Director of Literature*
Catherine Muller Stuart – *Director of Heritage*
Leonora Wood – *Project Manager*
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Baroness Smith is the Chair of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and President of Scottish Opera. Her other positions include being an Advisory Council Member of the Russo-British Chamber of Commerce and a Trustee of the Mariinsky Theatre Trust. She has unparalleled experience of Scottish cultural affairs.



Lord Steel is a Liberal Democrat peer. He was leader of the Liberal Party from 1976 until 1988 and the first Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament between 1999 and 2003. Both he and his wife Judy are strong supporters of the arts in the Borders. And he retains a deep interest in African affairs.



Sir Menzies Campbell MP CBE QC is the MP for North East Fife and was Leader of the Liberal Democrats from March 2006 until October 2007. He is also a prominent advocate, Chancellor of the University of St. Andrews, and was a successful Olympic athlete. He has extensive experience of foreign affairs.



Helena Kennedy QC is one of Britain's most distinguished lawyers. She has spent her professional life championing civil liberties and promoting human rights. She is also a former Chair of the British Council and a trustee of the British Museum with enormous experience of international cultural affairs.



Angus Robertson is Scottish National Party (SNP) and Member of Parliament (MP) for Moray having first been elected in 2001. Robertson is the SNP Parliamentary (Westminster Group) Leader and Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs and for Defence and retains an abiding interest in small nation dialogue.



Des Browne was a Labour MP from 1997 to 2010 and a member of the Cabinet under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, serving as both Defence and Scottish Secretary until 2008. He also served as a minister in Northern Ireland and has extensive experience in conflict resolution, Scottish constitutional and legal affairs.



Sir Kieran Prendergast is a seasoned British diplomat, who was born in Scotland, and served as Ambassador in Zimbabwe, Kenya and Turkey until 1997-05 when he became Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs at the UN. In 2005 Kofi Annan thanked him for his “outstanding service” and “invaluable advice.” He is currently a Senior Advisor to the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva.

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