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Beyond Borders —
*The Platform for
Small Nation Dialogue
and Cultural Exchange*

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INTRODUCTION

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

Beyond Borders works across several mediums – literature, dialogue, law, film, politics, visual arts and music. Throughout August 2011, we are running a series of exhibitions, film screenings, literature discussions and political debates that explore some of the most urgent political and cultural topics of our time.

I invite you to take a look at our programme of events in Edinburgh and at Traquair House in the Scottish Borders and to travel beyond borders to new worlds here in Scotland.

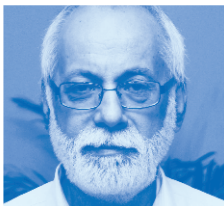
Mark Muller Stuart QC, Executive Director of Beyond Borders

LITERATURE

Books, Borders & Bikes

An international festival of literature & thought,
held at Traquair House in the Scottish Borders.
Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st August

Join a remarkable collection of Scottish broadcasters, international writers and cultural leaders of iconic small nations from around the world to discuss the literary, cultural and political issues of our time.



Saturday 20th August

A series of talks in the Main Tent at Traquair House

11:15 – 11:45 / £8

Perfect Balance – An engaging portrait of the simple joys of cycling with Bella Bathurst and Penny Smith.

12:00 – 12:45 / £8

From the Source to the Sea – Olivia Laing, talks to James Runcie about her mesmerising new book *To The River*.

13:00 – 13:45 / £8

Tales from Afghanistan – Magnus Linklater talks to William Dalrymple and Des Browne about 19th and 20th-century British rule in Afghanistan.

14:00 – 14:45 / £8

Crown and Country – Penny Smith welcomes David Starkey to talk about his latest book and the future of the Royal Family in British Life.

15:15 – 16:00 / £8

Love and Death in Gaza – Mark Muller Stuart QC talks to Dr Izzeldin Abuelaish about why he refuses to hate following the tragic death of his three daughters during the bombing of Gaza in 2009.

16:15 – 17:00 / £8

How to Win and Keep Hold of Power – Magnus Linklater in discussion with Jonathan Powell on how to wield power in the modern world.

17:15 – 18:00 / £8

The Arab Spring & the Power of Democracy – Oscar Guardiola-Rivera talks about the power of democracy with Dr Izzeldin Abuelaish, Rashed Rahman, Sir Kieran Prendergast, Ramy Essam and Marie Colvin.

18:30 – 19:15 / **Free with any festival event**

Glimpses of the Middle East – a reception hosted by Mark Muller Stuart QC and Joseph Maxwell Stuart.

Sunday 21st August

A series of talks in the Main Tent at Traquair House



some of last year's participants outside Traquair House, including Henry Olunga, former Zimbabwe cricket captain, Petina Gappah and Aminatta Forna

12:00 – 12:45 / £8

The Stuart Dynasty in the Scottish Borders – Geoffrey Baskerville in conversation with Allan Massie and Catherine Muller Stuart on the legacy of the Stuart Dynasty.

13:00 – 13:45 / £8

Zimbabwe at the Crossroads – Allan Little talks with Sir Kieran Prendergast, Mordecai Mahlungu, Petina Gappah and William Burdett-Coutts about the future of Zimbabwe.

14:00 – 14:45 / £8

Pakistan – A Failing State? – William Dalrymple talks to Rashed Rahman, Editor of the Daily Times of Pakistan.

15:00 – 15:45 / £8

Dispatches from the Darkside – Gareth Peirce in conversation with Allan Little about Guantánamo and the UK's alleged complicity in torture.

16:00 – 16:45 / £8

A debate on the future of Scotland & the Union – with acclaimed historian and broadcaster David Starkey, former leader of the Liberal Democrats Sir Menzies Campbell and Lord Steel.

17:00 – 17:45 / £8

Dividing Small Nations – Comedian, writer and broadcaster Mark Thomas talks to Oscar Guardiola-Rivera about his recent walk along Israel's Separation Barrier.

18:00 – 18:45 / £8

GREAT Women – Mariella Frostrup in conversation with Marie Colvin and Petina Gappah about empowerment of women in Africa and beyond.

19:15 – 20:00 / **Free with any festival event**

GREAT Drinks Reception – hosted by Mariella Frostrup and Jason McCue, in celebration of The GREAT Initiative, a foundation dedicated to empowering the lives of women in Africa.

Other events happening at Books, Borders & Bikes



Art Exhibitions

Please see 'ART' (p16) for more details.

- Glimpses of the Middle East: images by Teun Voeten and Joseph Maxwell Stuart.
Location **Wine Glass Café** Tickets **Free with any festival event**
- An intimate retrospective of Borders artist Caroline McNairn.
Location **The Gallery Room, Traquair House** Tickets **£8**
- Sculpture by local artist Hugh Collins & Tinei Mashaya from Zimbabwe.
Location **Traquair Grounds** Tickets **Free with any festival event**



Storytelling Cycle Rides

Saturday 20th, 9:00 – 11:00 / **£5 / children FREE**

John Nichol & Bella Bathurst

Meet at Neidpath Castle and cycle to Traquair

Sunday 21st, 9.00 – 11.00 / **£5 / children FREE**

John Nichol

Meet at Abbotsford and cycle to Traquair

The Literary Walk

10:00 – 11:45 / **£5 / children FREE**

Olivia Laing and Fiona J Houston

Join local writer Fiona J. Houston and Olivia Laing for a literary walk along the River Tweed, as they discuss the relationship between memory and landscape.

Woodland Walk

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st, 10.00 – 11.00 / £5 / children **FREE**

Traditional stories from the mists of time told amongst the trees and burns in the magical grounds of Traquair House, with local storyteller Mary Kenny. For adults and children 7+. Meet on the wine-glass lawn.

Storytelling with Mary Kenny

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st, 12.00 – 12.45 / **FREE**

Under a Cedar Tree in Traquair Grounds. For families with younger children. Meet on the wine glass lawn.

The Wine Glass Café & Book Signing Tent

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A literary hub with areas for discussion and refreshments, containing a stall by the award winning independent bookseller, The Mainstreet Trading Company, which will stock all festival authors as well as trail guides, maps, and local literature.

Booking

Location **Traquair House, Innerleithen, Peebleshire, EH44 6PW**

traquair.co.uk or please call **01896 830 323**

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

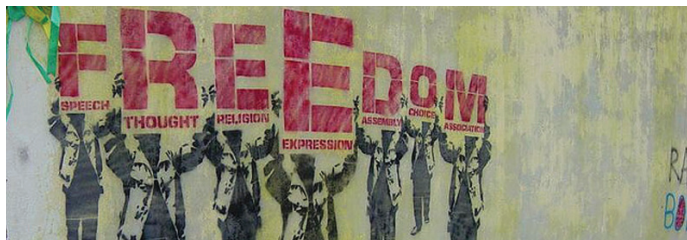
For more details about each event, please visit beyondbordersscotland.com

Tickets

- Pre-booked Day-Pass for all walks, talks & exhibitions – **£24**
- Pre booked Weekend-Pass for all walks, talks & exhibitions – **£45**
- Individual talks – **£8**
- Literary Walks, Woodland Walks and Storytelling Cycle Rides – **£5 / children go FREE**

DIALOGUE

A debate on how the power of art and satire is being used to express protest and foster revolution, at the Assembly Rooms. assemblyfestival.com



The Art of Resistance: from Belarus to Egypt

Tuesday 23rd August 10.30am

[Location **ONE, Assembly Rooms**]

Art and resistance go hand in hand; as Kurdish writer Yaşar Kemal has said, “Art is a rebellion. Art warns people against lies, oppression, meaningless never-ending wars and all forms of evil.”

The Arab Spring of 2011 deployed art in its most political and courageous form – expressed in the cartoons that adorn Benghazi, or by Egyptian singer Ramy Essam, ‘the Billy Bragg of Tahrir Square’, whose song ‘Irhal’ (‘Leave’) became the anthem of the revolt. This is equally expressed in the resistance of Belarus’ people – who live within the last dictatorship in Europe – spearheaded by the underground Belarus Free Theatre, whose secret performances risked arrest and persecution.

With **Natalia Koliada** – co-founder of the Belarus Free Theatre, **Ramy Essam** – Egyptian singer, **Raja Shehadeh** – author of ‘Palestinian Walks: Notes on a Vanishing Landscape’
Chaired by **Oscar Guardiola-Rivera** – Colombian philosopher.



Beyond Borders Dialogue Initiative

The Dialogue Initiative seeks to utilize its cultural projects and the relationships they create to promote small nation dialogue, and to foster peace and democratic reform around the world.

In particular, the Initiative draws upon Scotland's unique political settlement and cultural heritage, including the stunning beauty of Traquair House and the Scottish Borders, to host, foster and facilitate exchanges between key political, diplomatic, academic and civil society actors from countries that are engulfed in or emerging from conflict. Over the course of each year the Initiative hosts a number of international political and legal visits to Scotland and organises both open and confidential conferences, workshops, seminars, and lectures for Beyond Borders and a range of international organisations such as JSMT, British Council, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Bar Human Rights Committee, the Democratic Progress Institute, Intermediate and many more. The Dialogue Initiative draws upon the expertise and experience of a unique collection of elder statesmen and women, diplomats, international mediators, journalists, academics and commentators.

If your organization is interested in accessing these facilities please contact the team at info@bbscot.com.

LAW

International Law in Action: a lecture and panel discussion on justice and the rule of law.

in association with The Faculty of Advocates and The Bar Human Rights Committee



Monday 22nd August 6pm – 7.45pm

[Tickets **FREE** – Location **Faculty of Advocates: Mackenzie Lecture Hall**]

The Future of Zimbabwe

A lecture on the Rule of Law in Zimbabwe, and the future of democracy

With **Mordecai Mahlangu** – Senior Advocate

Mediating Justice in War and Peace

War Crimes and human rights atrocities have been allegedly perpetrated in countries such as Libya, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and Palestine. The International Criminal Court has issued a number of writs against leaders such as Gaddafi. When, and in what circumstances, should the UN intervene militarily in countries to save lives? How does the international community balance the need to resolve conflict through negotiation with the demands of justice to prosecute war criminals? Join the debate with a unique panel of experts.

With **Sir Kieran Prendergast** – former UN diplomat, **Marie Colvin** – Sunday Times was correspondent, **Raja Shehadeh** – Palestinian lawyer and writer, **Dr. Paikiasothy Savarvanamuttu** – Executive Director of the Centre for Policy Alternatives, Sri Lanka, **Mordecai Mahlangu** – Senior Advocate, Chaired by **Mark Muller Stuart QC** – Senior Advocate.

POLITICS

A panel discussion on the Arab Spring, held at the Scottish Parliament, on the progress towards democracy for Arabic countries, which for so long have had no democratic voice.

in association with the **Festival of Politics**



Where next on the Arab Spring?

Saturday 27th August 11 – 12pm

[Tickets £6 / 3 concessions – Location **Main Chamber, Scottish Parliament**]

The Middle East and North African regions are going through dramatic changes but what is next for the Arab Spring and what is the potential impact on the wider world? Is the intervention from the West enough, too little or indeed, welcomed? Libya has seen Western intervention in the bid to save lives but what constitutes to a country receiving intervention?

With **Allan Little** – BBC's Special Correspondent, **Omar Robert Hamilton** – independent film-maker, who during the Cairo revolution used Twitter to communicate images and reaction on the streets, **Mark Muller Stuart QC** – an international mediator extensively engaged in national dialogue processes relating to the Arab Spring, **Ed Ou** – photojournalist and World Press Photo winner, who documented the recent revolution in Egypt, **Dr. Florence Gaub** – Academic Coordinator of the Middle East Faculty at NATO Defense College.

FILM

Edinburgh Filmhouse

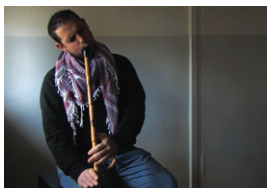
Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th August

[Tickets £7.50 / 5.50 concessions – Location EH3 9BZ – filmhousecinema.com]

£12
Deal for
Evening Pass
(£8 concession)

This year's film programme focuses on four small nations emerging from conflict: Palestine, Kurdish Iraq, Libya and Sri Lanka. In celebrating these cultures, we aim to create a vibrant international platform for cultural exchange and small nation dialogue in Scotland. Each film will be followed by a discussion featuring filmmakers and writers as they take questions from the audience and try to illuminate both the film, and the plight of each nation.

23rd Tuesday



7pm – Raja Shehadeh introduces
Luke and John Tchalenko's
The Writer and The Flautist

(2010 – 30 mins) Total time 1hr

Followed by Q&A session.

A short documentary featuring Palestinian author and human rights lawyer Raja

Shehadeh in which the idyllic West Bank landscape is contrasted with the devastating Arab-Israeli ideological divide.



8.45pm – Mark Cousins introduces
The First Movie (2009 – 73 mins)

Followed by a Q&A session.

This magical realist documentary film is set in the village of Goptapa, Kurdish Iraq. Goptapa was targeted by Saddam Hussein's chemical bombardment in 1988. Mark

Cousins showed movies from around the world to the village's children; then they made their own short films. The results are inspiring. The film has shown around the world.

24th Wednesday



7pm – 21 Years of Revolution

(2009) Total time 1hr

A thematic evening on 21 Years of Revolution focusing on Romania and Libya

A thematic evening on 21 Years of Revolution beginning with Rupert Wolfe Murray's 'After the Revolution' (2009), documenting the street protests that took place in Bucharest in early 1990, capturing a moment of post-revolution anarchy. Mark Muller Stuart QC will then present short films from the 2011 Libyan Revolution, with images from his visit to Benghazi.

An exhibition of revolutionary cartoons from Libya is also on display at the Filmhouse. Please see ART (p16) for more details.



8.45pm – Sri Lanka's Killing Fields

(2011) Total time 50 minutes

by Callum McCrae

Callum McCrae's recent Channel 4 documentary, presented by Jon Snow, investigates war crimes that allegedly took place in the final months of Sri Lanka's 25 year-long civil war in 2009.

Followed by a discussion lead by Gordon Weiss (author of *The Cage, The Fight for Sri Lanka*) and Dr. Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu from the Centre for Policy Alternatives (Sri Lanka's foremost civil rights NGO).



Benghazi Speaks

Revolutionary Images from the Libyan Uprising

Sunday 14th August – Sunday 4th September

[Tickets **FREE** – Location **Edinburgh Filmhouse, EH3 9BZ**]

Dutch photojournalist Teun Voeten has covered conflict in Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan. ‘Benghazi Speaks’ is an exhibition born from a recent trip to Libya in Spring 2011; his images capture revolutionary graffiti and cartoons that appeared in their hundreds, adorning city walls and streets. These caricatures illustrate how the Arab Spring of 2011 deployed art in its most powerful and political form, used as a mouthpiece of protest by young men and women willing to risk their lives for an ideal – democracy and freedom.

Voeten said “Benghazi was the first major city to free itself from the Gaddafi regime. With it came new found liberty came an unheard of freedom of expression. Gaddafi – once glorified – was now ridiculed, portrayed a rat caught in a mouse trap, a monkey eating bananas. These works indicate a new existence of profound freedom of expression that will not go away.”



One Foot in Eden

An intimate retrospective of
Caroline McNairn

Friday 19th –

Wednesday 31st August

Curated by **Andrew Brown**

[Tickets £8 – Location **Traquair House**]

Scottish Borders artist Caroline McNairn (1955-2010) is considered

by many to be the best Scottish painter of her generation. This memorial exhibition is devoted to a selection of her smaller, more intimate paintings, giving a moving insight into the poetic lyricism and humanity of her unique vision, which blends local tradition with an international outlook.



The Enduring Middle East

by **Joseph Maxwell Stuart**

Saturday 20th –

Sunday 21st August

[Tickets **FREE** with any event –

Location **Wine Glass Café, Traquair Grounds**]

Following in the footsteps of
Orientalist painter David Roberts,

Joseph Maxwell Stuart exhibits oil paintings from a Roberts-inspired journey across Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon & Syria.

This exhibition will be shown in full in 2012.

ART

Sculpture with Hugh Collins

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August

[Tickets **FREE** with any event – Location **Wine Glass Lawn, Traquair Grounds**]

Local sculptor Hugh Collins will carve into a 4ft piece of red cherry wood, on the Wine Glass lawn. Hugh has described his search for “elegance as opposed to perfection”, and he asks adults and children alike to join him in sculpting this piece. “Any way it turns out, that’s how it was meant.”

Sculpture by Tinei Mashaya

Saturday 20th to Saturday 27th August

[Tickets **FREE** with any event – Location **Traquair Grounds**]

Tinei Mashaya is a talented young sculptor from Zimbabwe. Using the knowledge and skill of his ancestors, he carves vivid and inspired sculptures from the many fine stones found in his native country.



MUSIC

From Tahrir to Traquair

Egyptian singer Ramy Essam went to join the protesters in Tahrir Square in Cairo with his guitar as soon as the January 2011 uprising started. He became 'the Billy Bragg of Tahrir Square', performing countless times a day on makeshift stages and living down in the square for the entire revolution. His song 'Irhal' ('Leave') became the anthem of the revolt and a huge viral hit on the internet.

Ramy Essam will perform on Saturday 20th August at 16.00, at the Vale Club in Innerleithen, in collaboration with The Innerleithen Music Festival



Traquair Fair

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th August

The 31st Traquair Fair will highlight the best of home grown culture as well as showcasing other small nations throughout the world such as Cuba and Afghanistan.

Including

- Music in the Walled Garden Son al Son (sat) / Blazin Fiddles (Sun)
- Music on the Up n' Coming Stage – Spoonthrift / Wind Power

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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 Scottish Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Westminster SNP spokesman on Defence and Europe, 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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The Greenstone vineyard, situated north of Melbourne, was planted in 2002 by Australian viticulturalist Mark Walpole, Alberto Antonini and David Gleave; Allan Marson is a partner. The aim from the outset was to produce a wine of elegance and balance, and the ten million year old soils of this site are low in vigour, so ideal for the production of our top quality wine.

About Beyond Borders

Beyond Borders is a Scottish cultural initiative dedicated to showcasing the work of writers, intellectuals, artists and filmmakers who come from small nations around the world. Each year, Beyond Borders intends to roll out a number of dialogue events, artistic residencies and 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. We hope that participants in these programmes will draw upon by the unique expertise of Scottish and International Committees, as well as that of 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 at info@bbscot.com or visit beyondbordersscotland.com

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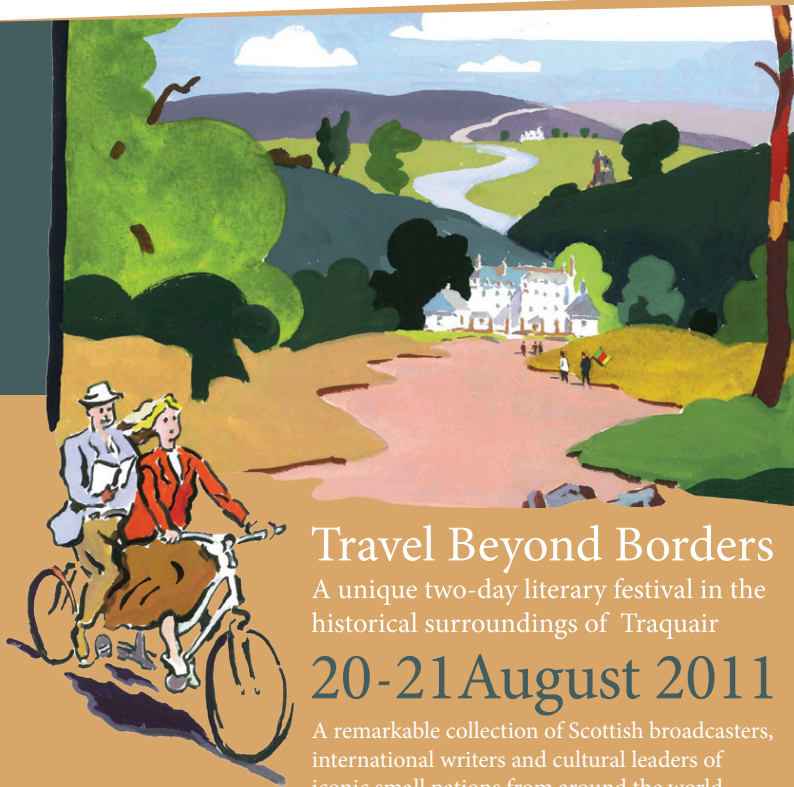
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