Beyond Borders International Festival

Weekend Programme 27th-28th August 2022

Traquair House, Innerleithen, EH44 6PW





Alastair Campbell





Irvine Welsh



Barbara Dickson



Colin Grant



Jonathan Powell



Tina Brown





First Minister



Christina Lamb

Saturday 27th August 2022

Main Tent

10.30-11.20am – Understanding Mary Queen of Scots

Join authors Rosemary Goring and Clare Hunter as they discuss the life, times, and embroidery of Mary Queen of Scots with Geoffrey Baskerville.

11.35-12.25pm - The Rise of the Festival

Listen to Hay, Edinburgh, and Jaipur Festival Chairs Caroline Michel, Allan Little, and William Dalrymple, as they discuss the rise of the festival and power of the spoken word with Oscar Guardiola-Rivera and Colin Grant.

12.40-1.30pm – Where Next for American Leadership and the United Nations in the World?

Watch Salman Ahmed,^{*} Assistant Secretary of State of the US, and BBC's Razia Iqbal, as they explore American leadership and the future of the UN in a world dominated by conflict.

2.30-3.20pm - The Long Knives

Enjoy Trainspotting author Irvine Welsh as he talks to Oscar Guardiola-Rivera about his life and new novel *The Long Knives*.

3.50-4.40pm – From Kabul to Kyiv: A Year in Global Politics

Join Steve Richards as he talks to Andriy Shevchenko,^{*} Head of the Ukrainian Media Centre, about war in Ukraine, Brian Brivati, about his new book *Losing Afghanistan*, and University of St Andrews' Professor Phillips O'Brien.

5.10-6.00pm – The Palace Papers

Watch Jim Naughtie as he grills Tina Brown about *The Palace Papers*, in which she shares searing insight into the Royal Family from the 1990s to today.

*Joining on Zoom

Walled Garden & Clouds Marquee

09.30-10.20am - Morning Meditation

Start the *Festival* with a meditation practice led by meditation and human rights expert, **Rajesh Rai**.

09.30-10.20am – Storytelling Walk

Join Mary Kenny for a stroll through Traquair's beautiful woods to hear tales of magical wonder.

12.25-12.55pm - Wilding Tea at Traquair

Join Nicola Orr as she leads a tea making workshop to showcase the wild plants and herbs within the grounds of Traquair. Create your own tea sachet and learn all about the incredible medicinal values.

1.40-2.20pm - Lunchtime Music

Enjoy your lunch in the Walled Garden as **Barbara Dickson** and **Anthony Toner** explore the idea of Place through a specially-curated set of songs for the *Festival*.

2.00-2.45pm - Poetry Walk

Join an intergenerational group of poets drawn from Traquair and the local area as they walk around the woodlands and share their poetry.

3.25-3.45pm - WritersMosaic

Join **Colin Grant** as he introduces his initiative, *WritersMosaic*, an online platform for surprising and moving new writing from a mosaic of literary voices and cultures across the UK.

4.45-5.05pm - In Your Shoes

Meet **Derek Goldman** as he discusses In Your Shoes, an inspiring, award-winning project he created and directs for The Laboratory for Global Performance and Politics at Georgetown University.

6.05-6.45pm – Evening Music

Sit back and enjoy a fusion of traditional Basque and Scottish music as **Outland Trio** and **Bidaia** take the stage.

Sunday 28th August 2022

Main Tent

10.30-11.20am – Scotland: A Global History

Watch Murray Pittock as he unpicks Scotland's global history and influence with William Dalrymple.

11.35-12.25pm – In Conversation with Raja Shehadeh, Sarah Helm, and Derek Goldman

Join Sarah Helm as she discusses Raja Shehadeh's new book on Palestine and the power of narrative with Derek Goldman from Georgetown University.

12.40-1.30pm – Stories from the Frontline: Nicola Sturgeon and Guests

FM Nicola Sturgeon talks to members of the Fellowship Programme from around the world as they give their take on recent global events.

2.30-3.20pm – Blair to Brexit Britain and Beyond

Join Alastair Campbell as he is quizzed by his old colleague Jonathan Powell about the Blair years, Brexit, and his own inner struggles to find peace.

3.50-4.40pm – Razia Iqbal Talks to Veteran War Correspondent Christina Lamb

Razia Iqbal talks to Christina Lamb about her life and most recent books on homelessness and war rape.

5.00-5.50pm – From the Basque to the Big Country: Where Now for Democratic Politics in Europe?

Join Allan Little as he talks to Urko Aiartza Azurtza, Merryn Somerset Webb, and Gerry Hassan about how to deal with populism and demands for constitutional change in Europe. Tim Phillips gives a US perspective.

5.50-6.30pm - Rock & Roll Politics

Award-winning journalist, broadcaster, and political commentator **Steve Richards** delves into the twists and turns of British politics.

Walled Garden & Clouds Marquee

09.30-10.20am - Foraging Walk

Experience a taste of the Scottish Borders as **Fi Martynoga** leads a foraging walk around Traquair.

09.30-10.20am – Walk and Q&A with Malachy Tallack

Accompany author **Malachy Tallack** for a stroll as he talks about his new book *Illuminated by Water* and the joys, frustrations, and contemplation of nature that comes with being an angler.

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1.45-2.15pm - Lunchtime Interview

Enjoy award-winning director/actor Guy Masterson as he talks to Mark Muller Stuart about his life, Dylan Thomas, and journeys with his uncle, Richard Burton. Location: Chapel

1.40-2.20pm - Lunchtime Music

Enjoy the beautiful music of Chilean-born Valentina Montoya Martínez and her partner David A. Russell in the Walled Garden as they perform feisty songs of revolution and love.

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3.25-3.45pm - Update on COP26

Stephen Dunbar-Johnson, President International of the New York Times, talks about what happened at COP26 and its legacy.

6.35-7.40pm – Evening Music

End the day in the Walled Garden with music from the **Microband!**

Throughout the weekend

Watch all of the Main Tent talks on a screen in the Walled Garden Clouds Marquee, and enjoy other events taking place in the Walled Garden and elsewhere!

Exhibitions

Bless This Voyage

An exhibition exploring a creative response by the artist Alan Watson to George Mackay Brown's prose poem 'The Sea King's Daughter' which chronicles the Maid of Norway's tempestuous sea journey in a vain attempt to inherit the Scottish crown after the tragic precipitous death in 1286 of her grandfather King Alexander the third of Scotland. An introduction to the exhibition will be given by curator Andrew Brown between 5.20-5.50pm on Sunday.

Location: Traquair House Exhibition Gallery

Traquair-Demarco Retrospective

An exhibition celebrating the Traquair dimension of the Demarco Archive of the Edinburgh Festival. **Location**: Pavillion

From the Basque to the Big Country Please see separate programme.

Rewilding Our Minds

An exhibition in the Walled Garden showcasing initiatives in the local area that promote reconnecting with nature, engaging communities, and increasing education. **Location**: Walled Garden Marquee and Walled Garden Walls

Young People/Fellow Interviews

Watch as young people from Scotland interview some of the BB women peace Fellows about their lives and work in some of the most challenging countries around the world.

Tree Planting

Throughout the weekend Traquair will be planting trees for a number of people who have passed this year.

Market Stalls

Loulabelles Lyne Organics The Wee Souk Jupiter's Grace Cammafi Tea Peebles Honey



A weekend of walks, talks, music, poetry and great food in the beautiful grounds of Traquair House.



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