

Beyond Borders
International
Festival

Weekend Programme

24th - 25th August 2024

Traquair House, Innerleithen EH44 6PW



SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST 2024

A Nature Walk Through Traquair

9:45-10:30

Submerge yourself in the beautiful Scottish borders landscape and stroll around Traquair's scenic grounds with **Fi Martynoga**.

Location: Walled Garden

The British Country House and its Secrets

10:15-11:00

Meet **Ben Cowell OBE**, Director-General of the Historic Houses association as he talks about his new book *The British Country House Revival*, with **Geoffrey Baskerville** as **Wessley Edmonds** reveals how she found a letter from the Traquair House archives uncovering the story of an enslaved boys' life. **Catherine Maxwell Stuart** introduces.

Location: Main Tent

Innovating War and Peace

11:10-11:55

Join **Eldridge Adolfo**, Senior Mediation Advisor to FBA, as he talks to **Martin Griffiths**, former Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs about the need for enhanced humanitarian diplomacy, **Andrew Gilmour** former Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, about his book *The Burning Question* on climate and conflict, and **Dr. Houda Abadi**, co-author of a new guide on Islamic peacemaking principles, as they explore how to innovate peace in an increasingly fractured world.

Location: Main Tent



The Arrival in Tradition: Recovery, Rhythm and the Popul Vuh.

12:05-12:50

Join **Oscar Guardiola-Rivera** and **Azad Ashim Sharma** for an hour of poetry and discussion with sonic accompaniment from **Mun Sing**. Celebrating the launch of Sharma's *Boiled Owls* and Guardiola-Rivera's *Under The World*, themes of addiction, recovery, arrival in tradition, indigenous thinking, and writing in a time of crisis emerge against a backdrop of Mun Sing's soundscapes that embrace dark anguish in search of groove, rhythm, and hope.

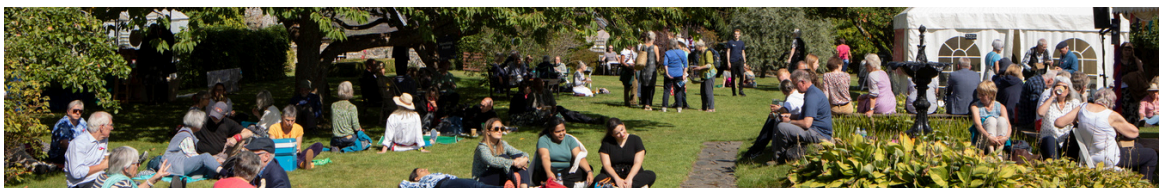
Location: Main Tent

Lunchtime: 'An Open Space'

12:50 -13:20

Two local activists share their experiences of protesting for Palestine, accompanied by questions from our youth programme and audience for an open discussion on activism.

Location: Walled Garden



SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST 2024

Lunchtime: Music from Ayane Kondo

13:20-14:00

Enjoy your lunch and listen to a musical performance by **Ayane Kondo**, a classical percussionist who blends influences of jazz, traditional music with improvised and composed work.

Location: The Chapel

Meet the Fellows

14:10-14:20

Let Director of Global Performance at Georgetown University, **Derek Goldman** introduce you to the **Beyond Borders Women in Conflict 1325 Fellows** through his mesmerizing 'In Your Shoes' methodology.

Location: Main Tent

A Citizen From Nowhere

14:25-15:15

Watch BBC correspondent **Kirsty Lang**, **Aminatta Forna OBE** and **Oscar Guardiola-Rivera** about being cosmopolitan, and whether we choose or are made to become global souls in an era of mass migration, nationalism and as a response to growing populism across the world.

Location: Main Tent

Year in the Life of Humza Yousaf

15:20-16:05

Humza Yousaf MSP talks to **Allan Little** about his fourteen months as Scotland's First Minister, the impact of the ongoing conflict in Gaza on his family and him, as well as his thoughts on the rise of the far-right in Europe.

Location: Main Tent



Rewilding the Mind

16:15-16:45

Head to the walled garden to listen to the rewilders, from the heart of our local community and beyond, talk about their work to create a conscious discussion on the environment.

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What Next for Britain and America

17:00-17:45

Join **Steve Richards** and **Tim Phillips** as they explore the impact of the recent general election for Britain and the forthcoming US Presidential elections.

Location: Main Tent

Miriam Margolyes: Uncut and Uncensored

17:50-18:35

Join veteran BBC correspondent, **Jim Naughtie**, as he takes on the irrepressible **Miriam Margolyes OBE**, about her extraordinary life and her new one woman show, *Dickens' Women*.

Location: Main Tent

Evening Music: Gnawa Trance Fusion

18:35-19:35

Finish the day with **Gnawa Trance Fusion**, a Moroccan fusion band blending the traditional Moroccan music Gnawa, with a variety of jazz, funk and folk influences.

Location: Walled Garden



SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2024

Traquair Moth Release

9:45-10:35

Be a part of Traquair's moth release and gain insight into the various types of moths inhabiting the historic grounds. Moths are a very important part of biodiversity with more than 2600 species in the UK. Come and see these much-maligned and misunderstood creatures in all their glory and prepare to be amazed by what is in your own garden after dark.

Location: Main Tent

The Golden Road

10:30-11:40

Watch eminent historian **William Dalrymple CBE** as he delivers a riveting lecture about his new book *The Golden Road*, exploring how ancient India transformed the world.

Location: Main Tent

Finding Justice

11:50-12:35

Oscar Guardiola-Rivera talks to the Head of the Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace, **Judge Roberto Carlos Vidal López**, and with **Nedžad Avdić** on how he escaped from a death pit during the Srebrenica genocide to give crucial evidence before the International Criminal Court.

Location: Main Tent

In partnership with **Beyond Srebrenica.*

Lunchtime: Music, War and Peace

12:40 -13:40

Enjoy an hour of music with meaning, join **Nigel Osborne OBE** and musicians for a procession around Traquair's tranquil grounds in celebration of peace, followed by a presentation on *Music and War* in the Walled Garden.

Location: Walled Garden



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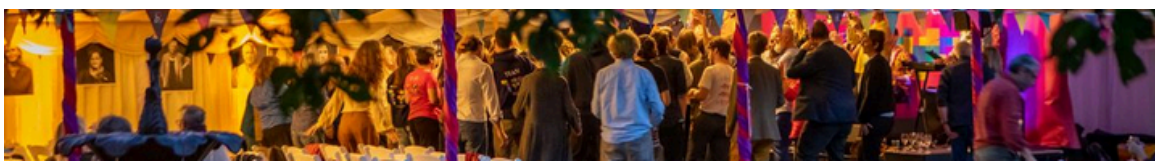
Location: Main Tent

Ukraine Three Years On

14:10-14:55

Join **Magnus Linklater CBE** as he talks to Scottish journalist, **Jen Stout**, about her vivid first-hand account of life under fire detailed in her remarkable book, *Night Train to Odesa*.

Location: Main Tent



SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2024

the87press presents: **Mushaira, Beyond the Borders**

15:50-16:40

the87press has become London's standout publisher for diverse forms of literature and their fusion with sound art. Bringing their industry leading **Mushaira** series to **Beyond Borders**, you are invited to join **Sarona Abuaker, Karenjit Sandhu, and Jessica Widner** for a poetry performance with sonic accompaniment from **Mun Sing**. Published on **the87press, Abuaker, Sandhu, and Widner's** debut's all delve into the power and politics of the erotic body, expect thematics ranging from Palestinian cultural resistance, South Asian speculative histories, and ghostly interventions into love-triangles. **Mun Sing** will provide tailored soundscapes to bring out the hidden energies of each reading.

Location: Walled Garden

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Location: Main Tent

A Diplomatic Life

16:50-17:30

Former UN envoys, **Staffan de Mistura** and **Stephanie Williams**, talk to **Nicola Sturgeon MSP** about their diplomatic experiences as they consider the future of the United Nations, with questions from a **Peebles High School** student, as part of the **Beyond Borders Youth Programme**.

Location: Main Tent

Bloody Scotland

17:45 -18:30

Sit back and enjoy an afternoon with veteran crime writers **Lin Anderson** and **Doug Johnstone** as they discuss Anderson's most recent novels *Whispers of the Dead* and *The Wild Coast* and Doug's most recent book *The Opposite of Lonely* as they explain to **Jim Naughtie** why Scotland is so bloody.

Location: Main Tent

Evening Music: Acolyte

18:30-19:30

Enjoy some evening music with award winning poet **Iona Lee** as she leads **Acolyte**, a four piece instrumental band fusing spoken word with soundscapes and storytelling to create a truly unique performance and genre-defying sound.

Location: Walled Garden



WHOLE WEEKEND EVENTS

Rewilding the Mind

Head to the walled garden to listen to the rewilders, from the heart of our local community and beyond, talk about their work to create a conscious discussion on the environment. Events through this include the **Nature Walk** and **Traquair Moth Release** as well as stalls featuring local groups, such as **Bright Green Nature**, **Destination Tweed**, and more!

Local Market Stalls

Be sure to check out our market stalls, featuring local businesses from the Borders, including **The Wee Souk**, **Findra**, **Lyne Organics**, **Sarah Keith Jewellery**, and more!

Location: Walled Garden

Exhibition: When Hugh met Caroline.

Take in the the unique exhibition detailing Scottish Borders artist **Caroline McNairn's** extraordinary relationship with her husband sculptor, **Hugh Collins**.

Location: The Pavilion, Traquair House

Women in Conflict 1325 Fellowship

The **WiC 1325 Fellowship** on the 'Arts as a Tool for Peacebuilding' focuses upon the role and use of the creative arts as a tool for peacebuilding and conflict transformation. Get to know the participants in the August 2024 Fellowship throughout the weekend and during the twice-daily **Meet the Fellows** sessions.

For more information on Beyond Borders Scotland WiC 1325 Fellowship Programme, visit <https://www.beyondbordersscotland.com/project/s/women-in-conflict/>

BBIF Youth Programme

First introduced in 2019, the Young Person's Programme at BBIF works in partnership with local schools and universities, including **Peebles High School** to bring students to the festival and provide spaces to obtain expert mentoring advice and experiences.

Atkinson-Pryce Booksellers

All weekend-long, **Atkinson-Pryce Booksellers** will be setting up a pop-up bookstore featuring a variety of books, including those written by our speakers. A number of signings will also be available with our speakers after the weekend's various talks.

Location: Courtyard

Stay Hydrated!

Throughout the weekend, water will be available throughout the festival site. We recommend bringing a reusable water bottle to fill up and keep with you.

Loulabelle's Sweet Treats

Refuel throughout the weekend with the help of Innerleithen's own **Loulabelle's Sweet Treats**. Loulabbelles offers a variety of coffee, tea and hot chocolate options as well as a number of delicious treats to snack on.

Location: Courtyard

Wood Oven Wonders

Peebles based pizza experts, **Wood Oven Wonders**, will be bringing their trailer to the festival and offering authentic and delicious wood fired pizza throughout the weekend.

Location: Courtyard

Old Walled Garden Café

Traquair House's **Old Walled Garden Café** will be open its usual hours throughout the festival weekend, providing a space for everything from coffee refuels to lunch breaks.

Location: Old Walled Garden Cafe

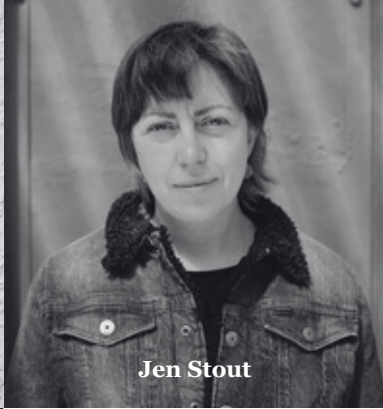
The Accidental President

A film of a personal and political portrait of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, the rightful president-elect who never took office. The falsified election results were the last straw for thousands, igniting the largest wave of protests in modern Belarusian history. Directed by Mike Lerner and Martin Herring.

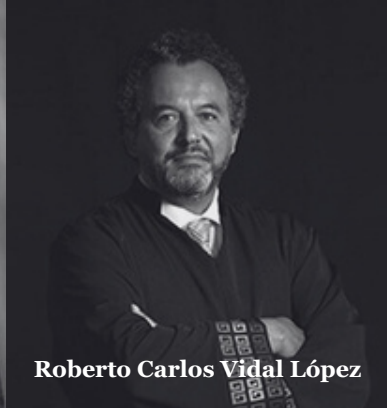
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Steve Richards



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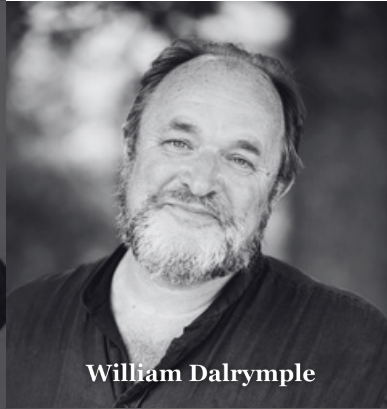
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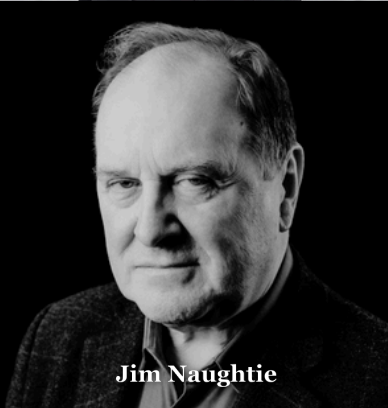
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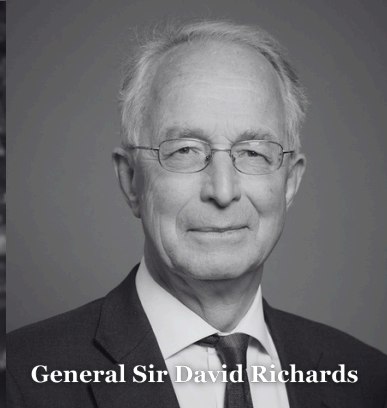
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