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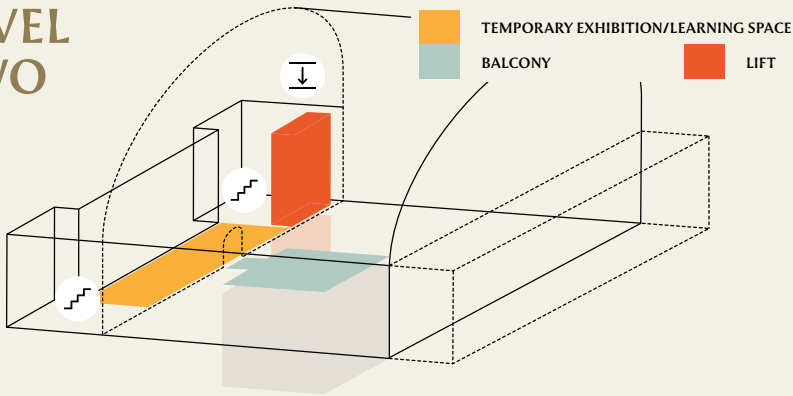
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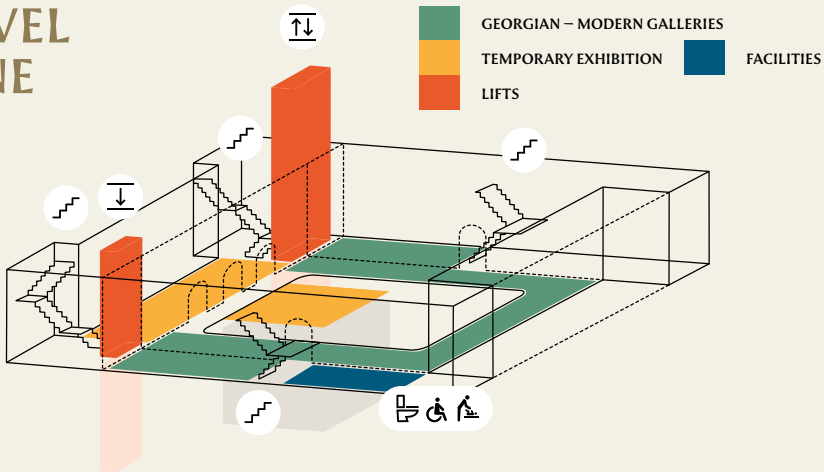
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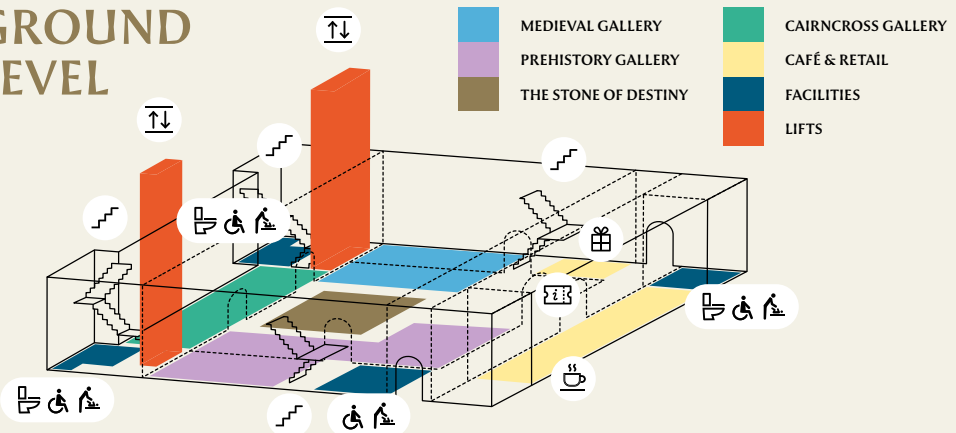
## LEVEL TWO



## LEVEL ONE



## GROUND LEVEL



# WELCOME FROM THE PROVOST

**I AM DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE FAIR CITY OF PERTH ON THIS MOST EXCITING WEEKEND. AFTER MUCH ANTICIPATION, IT'S TIME TO OPEN THE DOORS TO OUR NEW MUSEUM.**

I am delighted to welcome you to the Fair City of Perth on this most exciting weekend. After much anticipation, it's time to open the doors to our new museum.

Perth and Kinross has been recognised as the most welcoming region on earth for 2024, so expect warm smiles and hearts, whatever the weather!

Perth's rich history makes it a city of stories, of tales, of medieval and Royal connections, where Scotland's monarchs were crowned for centuries, of Jacobite battles and marching suffragettes.

Today that history and romanticism is woven through grand museums, art galleries and outdoor installations, artisans, and trails.

And with the opening of Perth Museum and the return of the Stone of Destiny, we are proud to open a new chapter in our city's history.

Our new museum is full of fascinating objects and stories that put Perth and Kinross at the centre of Scotland's story.

At its heart will sit the Stone of Destiny one of most significant historical objects, returning to Perthshire for the first time in over 700 years. Alongside the Stone, you will find our stunning

Collections of National Significance as well as iconic loans and exhibitions from the UK and abroad. For more information on what you can see inside the museum and information on tickets, go to page 6.

Be enchanted by UNICORN, our debut exhibition which explores the story of Scotland's national animal, from antiquity to the present, through art, science, social movements and popular culture. For more information about tickets to UNICORN, go to page 5.

Outside the museum, we've packed in a city full of fun, with free workshops, entertainment, music, poetry and more. Make sure you book ahead where you can as tickets are limited for some activities. You can find out what's taking place in the city centre on pages 7 to 15. Don't miss Dragonfyre on Saturday evening, free to view, but you must have a ticket to get entry.

Our sister venue, Perth Art Gallery has gone a little Unicorn crazy with free family activity, so make sure you check out their schedule on pages 17 to 20.

Make Perth your place to be.

**Xander McDade**

**Provost of Perth and Kinross**

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF CITY HALL

**THE NEW PERTH MUSEUM IS HOUSED IN THE FORMER PERTH CITY HALL, AN ICONIC EDWARDIAN BUILDING WHICH HAS BEEN AT THE HEART OF SOCIAL, CIVIC AND POLITICAL LIFE IN THE AREA FOR ALMOST 100 YEARS.**

But the history of City Hall stretches back more than a millennium. The site on which it stands was originally part of the burial ground for the ancient St. John's Kirk, which you can still visit next to the Museum. The site was gifted to the town by Anne of Denmark, wife of King James VI. The yard became a marketplace and later, a bowling green.

By the 1760s, a Flesh and Butter Market had been built on the site, and plans for the first Perth City Hall were drawn up. When it opened in 1844, City Hall was the second biggest public events venue in Scotland. It was demolished in 1908.

In 1909, the foundation stone for the current building was laid, and two years later, it opened as the new City Hall.

Music and politics were at the heart of City Hall for nearly 100 years. The biggest acts of the day once performed on stages in what is now the main hall and museum café.

Countless local dance events, school concerts, music competitions, and ceilidhs took place here. Perth Festival of the Arts brought some of the biggest names in classical music to this venue.

The 30-year association with City Hall ended in 2004 with an acclaimed performance by soprano, Kiri Te Kanawa.

With the completion of Perth Concert Hall in 2005, City Hall became redundant as an events venue and closed. It lay empty for over a decade. Plans for it to be demolished and replaced with a civic square, or repurposed as a hotel or food market were all considered but later abandoned. In 2016 a proposal was put forward to redevelop the building into a museum as a new home for the Stone of Destiny and Perth & Kinross's Recognised Collections of National Significance.

After eight years of development, the former City Hall has been transformed into Perth Museum by architects Mecanoo. The site has always been a place where the world comes to meet the people of Perth, and is a fitting location to explore the stories, people, and objects that put this place at the centre of Scotland's story.

# UNICORN

**BE ENCHANTED BY UNICORN,  
THE DEBUT EXHIBITION AT  
THE NEW PERTH MUSEUM  
EXPLORING THE STORY  
OF SCOTLAND'S  
NATIONAL ANIMAL.**

Explore the rich significance of this beloved mythical creature from antiquity to the present day, through art, science, social movements, and popular culture. Across four themed galleries, discover the unicorn's enduring presence throughout history and its role as a symbol of Scotland's changing heritage and identity, through iconic loans from around the world, interactive displays, and seven newly commissioned artworks exploring the unicorn as a modern symbol of the LGBTQI+ community.

There are spectacular and historical loans from prestigious UK and international collections, such as the Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A) in London and Castel Sant'Angelo in Rome. There will also be objects and stories of personal significance from the local community. From ornaments and images to memorabilia and toys, the display will highlight the continuous power of this symbol in contemporary culture. The exhibition will also feature various activities and events for children, young people, and adults, generously supported by the Northwood Trust. Tickets are available to buy in the Museum or online via Perthshire Box Office.





# THE STONE OF DESTINY

**RETURNING HOME TO PERTHSHIRE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 700 YEARS, IS THE STONE OF DESTINY, AN ANCIENT SYMBOL OF MONARCHY AND KINGDOM.**

A king-making stone, it was used in the inauguration of Scottish monarchs at Scone, 3 miles upriver of Perth on the River Tay. Also known as the Stone of Scone, it is still used to crown kings and queens of the United Kingdom today, including the coronation of King Charles III in May 2023.

Now, at the heart of the new Perth Museum lies the Stone of Destiny, free for all to see. You can book your free ticket to see The Stone of Destiny via Perthshire Box Office website from 22nd March 2024, or in person on the day at Perth Museum. Spaces are limited and subject to availability.

# FREE WORKSHOPS FROM THE CAIRNCROSS GALLERY ARTISTS

**THE CAIRNCROSS GALLERY IN PERTH MUSEUM IS HOME TO A SERIES OF SIX COMMISSIONS THAT TELL STORIES FROM PERTH AND SCOTLAND IN NEW WAYS.**

Six artists were commissioned to work with communities across Perth and Kinross and produce Standards. Standards were banners that played a crucial role in identifying troops, rallying soldiers and conveying messages on the battlefield. These Standards tell stories of Jacobite's, of slavery and freedom and of the Clearances.

The Cairncross Gallery artists are joining us this weekend to give exclusive workshops that will introduce you to their work and how they told these stories. All are free, but please book in advance wherever possible. The Standards are free to view within Perth Museum.

## **STITCH YOUR RESPONSE TO 'DAMN REBEL BITCHES' WITH NIKKITA MORGAN**

**Friday 29th March | 10am | Average Gallery, 135 High Street, Perth | Free, booking required**

This workshop will introduce a selection of hand embroidery techniques. Working as a group you will stitch a word, phrase or image onto a large piece of cloth, creating a collaborative response. Suitable for over 14s. Book your space by emailing [PJarratt@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:PJarratt@pkc.gov.uk)

## **PLAYFUL PORTRAITS WITH LAURA DARLING**

**Friday 29th March | 2:30pm  
| Average Gallery, 135  
High Street, Perth | Free,  
booking required.**

In this drawing workshop led by illustrator Laura Darling, you will take inspiration from historical imagery to produce a collection of playful portraits. Suitable for all skill levels, aged 13 and over. Book your space by emailing [PJarratt@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:PJarratt@pkc.gov.uk)







## CHARACTER DRAWING AND COMIC MAKING WITH DYLAN GIBSON AND RULZION RATTRAY

**Saturday 30th March | 10am | Average Gallery, 135 High Street, Perth | Free, booking required**

Inspired by tales of Perthshire's Jacobite past, create your own comic art featuring Highland warriors. You will design your own character and create your own comic cover showcasing them in action. Suitable for children, aged 8+, and their families. Book your space by emailing [PJarratt@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:PJarratt@pkc.gov.uk)

## QUARTO PRESS WORKSHOP

**Saturday 30th March | from 1.30pm | Average Gallery, 135 High Street, Perth | Free, drop in**

Try your hand at traditional letter press printing with The Quarto Press. Drop in throughout the day. Suitable for over 12s.

## WEAVING WORKSHOP WITH ASHLEIGH SLATER

**Sunday 31st March | 1pm – 3pm | Average Gallery, 135 High Street, Perth | Free, booking required**

Come and try your hand at this drop in event and try your hand at weaving. Did you know that weaving was once a thriving occupation Perthshire? Book your space by emailing [PJarratt@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:PJarratt@pkc.gov.uk)







# The Scottish Crannog Centre

On Friday 11th June, 2021, the Crannog that had become an iconic symbol of the region was destroyed by a devastating fire.

Three years later we will open the new Crannog Centre at Dalerb on April 1st.

There will be seven Iron Age buildings all built using traditional techniques. There is a new visitor centre with a cafe and a purpose built museum. Visitors will see our thatchers adding reed from the Tay, heather from the area and turf from a local golf course.

There has been a thousand fingerprints and voices in creating the new centre.

We cannot wait to welcome visitors to see and feel again the magic of The Scottish Crannog Centre.

[www.crannog.co.uk](http://www.crannog.co.uk)

## DRAGONFYRE

Saturday  
30th March

The legend that was told centres on Kinnoull Hill above the city of Perth, which was regarded as an especially dangerous place to explore. Not just for the steep cliffs to the south, but because it was home to a ferocious dragon who made its base in a deep cave in Kinnoull Hill. It would torment the local countryside, snatching up livestock in its powerful jaws and carrying off bonnie, young lassies.

This dragon had a diamond like stone in the middle of its head which was believed to be the source of its power. As the dragon was slain, the stone was forgotten about and lost. Beltane, the firey Festival of the Dragon, was held on Kinnoull Hill. Young men and women would march through the town, beating drums and playing pipes on their way to the hill.

There, they would try and climb up to the dragon's cave as a spectacularly dressed figure looked on, with only a handful succeeding. In the 16th century, after the Scottish Reformation, the Festival of the Dragon was banned and the cave mostly ignored. Until now...

A blend of storytelling, puppetry, circus and fire at the Norie-Miller Walk.

[www.adventurecircus.org/dragonfyre](http://www.adventurecircus.org/dragonfyre)



# STORIES FROM PERTH

Mill Street Plaza, PH1 5HZ

**PERTH IS A CITY FULL OF STORIES - OF POLITICS AND POWER, AMAZING WOMEN WHO PROTEST AND PROTECT, OF NATURE AND NURTURE. ALL THESE STORIES AND SO MANY MORE ARE TOLD WITHIN PERTH MUSEUM WITH THE COLLECTION OF OBJECTS, ARTEFACTS, AND EXHIBITIONS. OPENING WEEKEND IS A UNIQUE CHANCE TO TELL THESE STORIES IN DIFFERENT WAYS, OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF THE MUSEUM, FROM TRADITIONAL STORYTELLING TO MODERN DANCE, MUSIC AND THEATRE. PLAYING FOUR TIMES OVER THE WEEKEND, DO NOT MISS THESE UNIQUE PERFORMANCES FROM SOME OF THE MOST EXCITING TALENT IN SCOTLAND. ALL FREE TO SEE.**

## **JAMES I BY BRUCE FUMMEY**

**Saturday & Sunday | 12pm & 2:30pm**

Perth's favourite historian has developed a new piece of work to tell the tale of James I. King, prisoner, tyrant, visionary and murder victim, he was eventually crowned upon the Stone of Destiny in 1424. James I divides opinion even to this day, so this telling of his extraordinary story will be fascinating. A solo show from the brilliant Bruce Fumme, taking time out his UK tour.

## **FREDERICK DOUGLASS BY COURTNEY STODDART**

**Saturday & Sunday | 12:20 and 2:50pm**

Frederick Douglass - emancipated slave, writer, social reformer, and statesman - had several visits to Perth, speaking three times at the City Hall - now Perth Museum - bringing stories of the horror of slavery and hopes for political change to Scotland and challenging people to think in a different way.

Poet and actor, Courtney Stoddart, performs their newly written piece of poetry to commemorate the man and his important visits to the city as part of the opening celebrations.

## GEORGINA BALLANTINE BY NEVE RENWICK

**Saturday & Sunday | 12:40pm and 3:10pm**

Georgina Ballantine from Caputh, was a Scottish nurse, registrar and salmon fisher. In 1922, Ballantine landed a 64lb (29kg) salmon on the River Tay, the largest recorded from a British river with rod and line. The cast of the salmon – and Georgina's story – is a favourite in Perth, but it has never been told in this way before, through a newly commissioned dance piece from Crieff's Neve Renwick.

## SUFFRAGETTES BY PERTH FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

**Saturday & Sunday | 1pm and 3.30pm**

A star object in Perth Museum is the National Union of Women's Suffrage Society Banner, from around 1900, used as part of a protest against the brutal and invasive procedure of 'force-feeding' which took place in Perth Prison. 3,000 women marched toward the prison, singing the Robert Burns song 'Scots Wha Hae', an unofficial Scottish national anthem often sung as a call to rebellion.

Perth Museum and Perth Festival of the Arts have collaborated on a commission for a new protest song inspired by the march, with words and music by Debra Salem. The song will be performed for the first time this weekend by Debra and Craigie Choir.

## THE TRAVELLER BY JESS SMITH

**Saturday & Sunday | 1:20pm and 3:50pm**

Perth and Kinross is proudly home to the largest population of gypsy travellers in Scotland and the queen of them all, Jess Smith, has spent her life striving to tell their stories to help bring understanding about her people and their way of life. Jess is a master storyteller and it's a treat to welcome her to Perth.

## AN EXCHANGE OF WORDS BY JD HENSHAW

**Saturday & Sunday | 1:40pm, 4:10pm**

Perth Town Hall has always been a place to gather, to hear voices sharing disparate opinions, to wrestle with the issues of the time. As Perth Museum takes on that role of giving a voice to our shared history, voices that have echoed in its walls stir once more. Considering the role of Margaret Thatcher in the history of our country, who returned to Perth repeatedly after winning elections throughout the late 70s and 80s, we hear her words and her ardent opponent outside of parliament, Arthur Scargill. Remixing and recontextualising their own words from key early speeches, this dynamic new piece of short theatre is presented by multi-award-winning playwright and director, JD Henshaw, with Sweet Productions.



# THE HIGHLIGHT SPOT

King Edward Street, Perth

**ACROSS PERTH AND KINROSS, WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE INCREDIBLE TALENTED PERFORMERS – AND WE WANT TO SHOW THEM OFF. THE HIGHLIGHT SPOT WILL BRING MUSIC, DANCE AND A LOT OF FUN TO PERTH HIGH STREET ON 30TH AND 31ST MARCH. PLEASE NOTE TIMINGS ARE APPROXIMATE.**

## SATURDAY

### FIOBHA | 12PM

Come and enjoy the sounds of Scotland with the brilliant ceilidh band, Fiobha. We strongly encourage dancing.

### PERTH CONCERT HALL VOICES | 12.30PM

The joyous sound of Perth Concert Hall Voices group will fill the High Street.

### PERTSHIRE UKULELES | 1PM

Playing classic hits, the Perthshire Ukulele group will brighten your Saturday.

### INSPIRE DANCERS | 1.30PM

Inspire Dance Studios, a local dance school home to Scottish and world champion dancers take to the stage.

### FAIR CITY BATON TWIRLERS | 2PM

Fair City Baton Twirlers will show off their skills and entertain us all.

### PITLOCHRY FESTIVAL THEATRE'S SHOW CHOIR | 2.30PM

Talented, fun and ready to be centre stage, Pitlochry Festival Theatre's Show Choir will be a hit of the high street.

### TRUE GENTS | 3.30PM

A local folk/pop band with Perth at their heart, the True Gents will bring the fun with their original songs.

### TARNEYBACKLE | 4PM

Blackford based duo Tarneybackle have been playing together for over 20 years and produced six albums, they'll finish off the day one celebrations with a banger or two.

## SUNDAY

### DUNKELD & BIRNAM TRADITIONAL YOUTH MUSIC GROUP | 12PM

Newly established in April 2023 for young persons aged P5 - S6, these budding young musicians have been refining skills in playing trad music and members will play a selection of Scottish tunes from the ever-growing repertoire.

### PERTH UHI PERFORMERS | 1.30PM

Perth UHI train talented young people to perform at their best – come and see the next generation of superstars.

### TRADITIONAL STEP DANCING | 2PM

Scottish Step Dancing was almost lost to Scotland after the Clearances, but the brilliant Kinfauns dancers are keeping the tradition alive.

### AD LIB ARTS | 2.30PM

Singing their hearts out for us, Ad Lib Arts will take to the stage.

### PERTH STRATHSPEY & REEL SOCIETY | 3.30PM

It's time to tap your toe to some traditional Scottish music.

### TAY CEILIDH BAND | 4PM

Perth born and bred and ready to finish off the celebratory weekend, get your dancing shoes ready for the Tay Ceilidh Band to play us away.

# MADE IN PERTH

**PERTH CREATIVE EXCHANGE IS A VIBRANT CULTURAL HUB, HOME TO ARTISTS AND MAKERS WHO ARE PRODUCING SOME OF THE MOST EXCITING WORK IN THE HEART OF UNESCO'S CITY OF CRAFT. OVER THE OPENING WEEKEND, AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH PERTH CREATIVE EXCHANGE, SOME OF SCOTLAND'S ARTISTS ARE HOSTING FREE WORKSHOPS OVER OPENING WEEKEND. ALL WORKSHOPS ARE FREE, SUPPORTED BY PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL, BUT MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE. THESE WORKSHOPS TAKE PLACE AT CREATIVE EXCHANGE, STORMONT STREET, PERTH, PH1 5NW.**







## **CALLY NURSE - SEAWEED ART**

**Saturday 30th March | 10am to noon |  
Ages 14+**

Join Fife artist Cally Nurse to find out how to work creatively with seaweed. The two-hour workshop is about using seaweed as a material for mixed media art. We will make postcard sized artworks using Scottish seaweed and look at identifying fresh samples, learn how best to prepare them - drying, pressing and sealing. No experience necessary. This workshop is not recommended if you have seafood allergies. Email: [callynurse@gmail.com](mailto:callynurse@gmail.com) to book.

## **JAN HENDRY - WILD PAINT**

**Saturday 30th March | 2pm to 4pm |  
Ages 14+**

Jan Hendry will take workshop participants through the process of making paint from earth pigments from Scotland, as used by our prehistoric ancestors and artists up till the present day. Jan loves improvising with art materials, found materials, discarded objects and stationery. Favourite processes include drawing, painting (and making paint), monoprint, collage and making books. Email [jahendry@sky.com](mailto:jahendry@sky.com) to book.

## **ALISON PRICE - DRAWING CHRISTINE OF THE ISLES**

**Sunday 31st March | 11am to 1pm |  
Ages 16+ | limited places**

Learn to draw figures with artist Alison Price. She will lead a taster session, guiding you through some quick gesture drawing and onto longer poses of our very own aristocratic lady, Christina of the Isles, from the court of Robert the Bruce. Our model will be dressed in her Warrior/Hunting Dress so will be a unique and fascinating subject.

## **AILEEN SHERRY - BEGINNERS PRINTING ON TEXTILES**

**Sunday 31st March | 2.00pm until  
4.30PM | Ages 14+**

Create a printed abstract art wall hanging using paper stencils and simple screen-printing techniques. Aileen has over 25 years' experience in design, costume making and decorative textiles. Please wear suitable clothing as fabric paint used may stain. Email: [aileensherry23@gmail.com](mailto:aileensherry23@gmail.com) to book

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# CULTURE PERTH & KINROSS PRESENTS

**TO CELEBRATE PERTH MUSEUM OPENING, CULTURE PERTH & KINROSS HAVE PLANNED TWO WEEKS OF FANTASTIC EVENTS, FEATURING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, UNICORNS, JACOBITES AND MORE! BOOK IN ADVANCE VIA [PERTHMUSEUM.CO.UK/EVENTS](http://PERTHMUSEUM.CO.UK/EVENTS) TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT. BOOKING FEE (10%) EXCLUDED. TICKETS ARE NON REFUNDABLE.**

## **MAKE YOUR OWN MĀORI MUSICAL INSTRUMENT**

**Saturday 30th March | 10am |  
Perth Art Gallery | £7**

In collaboration with Te Papa Tongarewa Museum, New Zealand, come along to Perth Art Gallery to learn about, and be inspired by, Māori culture. You will learn how to make a ukutangi, a Māori singing treasure, using air drying clay in this hands-on workshop. Suitable for families.

## **MYTHICAL BEASTS AND OTHER CREATURES**

**Saturday 30th March | 1.30pm |  
Perth Art Gallery | Free**

Pop along to this exciting craft afternoon at Perth Art Gallery and explore the theme of mythical beasts and other creatures. Dragons, unicorns, monsters, and kelpies. What's your favourite? Suitable for all ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



## BLAST FROM THE PAST

**Saturday 30th March | 11am – 4pm |  
Perth City Centre**

As you wander through the city you might notice some ancient characters, ask them where they are from and find out more about their time and what you can find on display in the new museum.

## THE UNICORN EXPERIENCE

**Saturday 30th March; 12-4pm |  
Sunday 31st March; 11am – 4pm |  
Outside Perth Museum | Free**

In honour of our debut exhibition, we have invited some real unicorns along to join the party. Don't forget to share your photos with us #PerthUnicorn

## HERALDIC SYMBOLS

**Sunday 31st March | 11am – 4pm |  
Perth Art Gallery | Free**

Join The Heraldry Society of Scotland and learn all about the symbols in Scottish history. Meet a medieval Royal Herald! Why not have a go at making your own heraldic shield to take home with you. Be sure to share your creations with us. #SymbolsOfPerth Suitable for all ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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## AMAZING ANIMAL STORYTIME

**Monday 1st & 8th April | 10:30am  
– 11am | Perth Art Gallery | Free,  
donations welcome**

Do your little one's love listening to stories? Join us as we take you on a story time adventure featuring some of the animals from the collections. Suitable for children ages 3-5. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## HANDS ON HISTORY WITH THE PICTS

**Monday 1st April | 11am & 2.30pm |  
Perth Art Gallery | £4.50**

Get to grips with the Picts. Who were they, where did they go? Find out about the people of Northern and Eastern Scotland who were invaded by Romans and the Vikings but still saw their culture expand. Learn about why they are still important today and bust the myths that surround them. Suitable for all ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

## MYTHICAL ANIMAL CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

**Thursday 4th April | 11am | Perth Art  
Gallery | Free, donations welcome**

Create your own magnificent mythical creature at this fun creative writing workshop with children's author, Lindsay Littleson, author of Guardians of the Wild Unicorns. Suitable for ages 8 and over.





## HANDS ON HISTORY WITH THE JACOBITES

**Friday 5th April | 11.30am & 2.30pm |  
Perth Art Gallery | £4.50**

Hold hands with history as our Jacobite soldier tells tales of rebellion and battle. Discover how traditional highland clothes were worn, see the weapons carried by these fearsome warriors, and get hands on with some of the artefacts and armaments. Suitable for all ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

## JACOBITE CITY TOURS

**Saturday 6th April | 10.30am, 12noon,  
2pm & 3.30pm | Starting at Perth  
Museum | £9**

Walk in the footsteps of Perth's past and discover more about its connections to the Jacobite Wars. Find out where the Bonnie Prince took up residence during his stay here and of Perth's gift to the victorious Duke of Cumberland. Suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult.

## LIGHT ART

**Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th April | 12pm  
| Perth Art Gallery | Free, drop-in**

Hannah and Amanda are hard at work creating a fabulous fluorescent unicorn. Pop along and add your own design to this community art installation which will remain on display in Perth Art Gallery until Sunday 14 April, and help create the backdrop for our Unicorn Dance Party. Suitable for all ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

## MEDIEVAL CITY TOURS

**Sunday 7th April | 10.30am, 12pm, 2pm,  
3.30pm | Starting at Perth Museum |  
£9 per person**

From clan battles to the murder of a King, the punishment of a Wolf, and religious revolution, Perth has played an important role in Scotland's medieval past. Come walk in the footsteps of Perth's great past. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## MYTHICAL BEAST 'FLIP FLAP' BOOK WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

**Thursday 11th April | 11am | Perth Art  
Gallery | Free, donations welcome**

Join illustrator Esther Kent to create colourful imaginary creatures and make your very own 'flip flap' mythical beasts' mini book to take home. Family workshop for age 6 and over.





## **HANDS ON HISTORY MEDIEVAL STYLE**

**Friday 12th April | 11.30am & 2.30pm |  
Perth Art Gallery | £4.50**

Meet one of King Robert's Knights from the Scots Wars of Independence and learn all about life in the king's court, the feudal pyramid, Robert's path to kingship and the aftermath following his death. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## **WEAVING THE UNICORN**

**Saturday 13th April | 11.30am & 2.30pm  
| Perth Art Gallery | £4.50**

Meet the silk wife and her assistant to find out about how important their jobs were in the Renaissance period. Watch as they prepare silk and wool for all manner of applications that would be used in tapestries, furnishings and clothing. They may even let you have a go yourself... Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## **MEDIEVAL CITY TOURS**

**Saturday 13th April | 10.30am, 12pm,  
2pm, 3.30pm | Starting at Perth  
Museum | £9 per person**

The city of Perth is steeped in Medieval history: step back in time with Andrew De Moray himself to find out more about the life and times of the people who lived and worked in this great city that was almost the capital of Scotland. Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## **UNICORN DANCE PARTY**

**Sunday 14th April | 1.30pm | Perth Art  
Gallery | £9 adults & £7.50 under 12s**

Melody and Luna are two sparkling unicorns who need your help to find some new unicorn friends. They have decided to throw a party and they need you to join them as they dance along to some of their favourite songs and hope that the unicorns, they are looking for turn up. Families are invited to come along, clap their hands and dance their hearts out in this interactive show. It's a party you don't want to miss! Dressing up is encouraged. Suitable for families. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.





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The Box Office and Shop showcases work made by over 30 local artists and makers, offering visitors the chance to buy a unique gift or artwork.

It also hosts a range of creative activities and workshops to engage people of all ages and interests.

A trip to Strathearn Arts guarantees a wonderful experience so why not pay a visit and find out for yourself.

Strathearn Arts  
6 Comrie Street, Crieff, PH7 4AX

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# PARTNER EVENTS

**NOT ONLY ARE THERE SOME FANTASTIC EVENTS TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE CITY CENTRE AND IN PERTH ART GALLERY, BUT THERE IS ALSO EVEN MORE FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT TO BE HAD WITH OUR PARTNERS, INCLUDING, PERTH THEATRE AND CONCERT HALL, SCONE PALACE, THE BLACK WATCH CASTLE AND MUSEUM, STRATHEARN ARTS, AND ST. JOHN'S KIRK.**

## **PERTH THEATRE AND CONCERT HALL**

### **CASABLANCA: THE GIN JOINT CUT**

**Wednesday 14th March – Saturday 30th March | 2.30pm (Saturday 30th only), 7.30pm | Perth Theatre | Tickets from £12**

A lovingly disrespectful homage to one of the best classic films of all time! Casablanca has some of the most iconic scenes and best lines ever written - so why not play it again? But this time set in a tiny gin joint with three actors playing all the parts. This fast paced, action-packed comedy will have you raising a Bogart-style eyebrow, shedding a Bergman-like tear and drowning out the Nazis with a rousing chorus of The Marseillaise.

### **A FLAVOUR OF PERTHSHIRE**

**Saturday 30th Mar 2024 | 10am – 4pm | Perth Theatre Café | Free; drop-in**

To celebrate the opening of Perth Museum, and Perth Theatre's production of Casablanca: The Gin Joint Cut, we're raising a glass to all that is great about food and drink in Perthshire! A selection of local suppliers including Allan's Chilli Products, Pentone Family, John's Scone Mad, Perth Gin, Simply Flo and Val's Scottish Tablet Treats will offer tastings and tempting treats to audiences and passers-by.



## PERTH FOOD TOURS

**Saturday 30th March | 1pm | Leaving from Perth Theatre Café**

Perth Theatre is working with Perth Food Tours to offer discounted tours leaving from Perth Theatre at 13:00 on Saturday 30 March. Join fellow foodies on a three-hour walking (and eating!) tour of Perth City Centre, sharing local history and fun facts while stopping at specially selected venues for a taste of Scotland. Email [hello@perthfoodtours.co.uk](mailto:hello@perthfoodtours.co.uk) or call them on 07519 363125 by 5pm on Wednesday 27 March to book at the special reduced rate of £55 per person. Maximum of 10 people per tour.

## AGMP PRESENTS: CLEARWATER CREEDENCE REVIVAL: BAYOU COUNTRY TOUR

**Saturday 30th March | 7.30pm | Perth Concert Hall | £31 standing; £33 seated**

Creedence Clearwater Revival are one of the most iconic rock groups of all time. Their all-time classic hits such as Proud Mary, Bad Moon Rising, Have You Ever Seen The Rain, Born On The Bayou, Fortunate Son, Down On The Corner, Up Around The Bend along with CCR and John Fogerty fan favourites are powerfully reprised by Clearwater Creedence Revival. Standing 14+, under 16's with an adult.



## SCONE PALACE

### DESTINY AWAITS: SCONE PALACE OPENING WEEKEND

**Friday 29th March – Sunday 31st March  
| From 10am | Scone Palace | tickets from £12.50**

To celebrate the return of the Stone of Destiny to Perthshire, Scone Palace will host an exciting range of family friendly activities from Friday 29th until Sunday 31st March. Craft your Own Crown before proceeding up to the famous Moot Hill to be crowned in the Crowning Place of Scottish Kings and Queens. Bring your own decorated egg to roll down Moot Hill, go for an Egg Hunt in the Murray Star Maze and count all the chicks and bunnies hiding in the Palace. Suitable for all ages.





# THE BLACK WATCH AND CASTLE MUSEUM

## SPRING AT BALHOUSIE CASTLE

**29th March – 12th April | 11am – 12pm  
and 2pm - 3pm | The Black Watch  
Castle and Museum | £5 per ticket (one  
child & one accompanying adult)**

Embark on a nature-filled adventure this Easter! Join us for four unique crafts, including Creepy Crawly Quest and Castle Garden Adventure, where kids explore the castle grounds and create crafts inspired by creatures, insects, and spring flora. Engage in Feathered Friends Fun and Eggcellent Blossom crafts, which will encourage outdoor exploration and let their creativity flow with fun activities. Plus, on Wednesday 3rd April, enjoy object handling sessions in the Museum. Immerse your family in the beauty of Balhousie Castle and its surroundings. Ideal for families with children aged 3-12.

## EASTER FUN AT BALHOUSIE CASTLE

**30th March | 10am – 2pm | The Black  
Watch Castle and Museum | £10 per  
ticket (one child & one accompanying  
adult)**

Join us for some Easter fun at Balhousie Castle for a joyous day filled with activities. Embark on The Great Easter Egg Hunt in our Castle gardens, explore the Museum with the Easter Egg trail, unleash your creativity at Easter cookie decorating, and take part in our themed crafts and outdoor activities. Ticket includes all-day access to the Museum. An egg-citing adventure for families, promising a delightful Easter Experience. Ideal for families with children aged 3-12.



## STRATHEARN ARTS, CRIEFF

### THE CITY SINNERS: THE MUSIC OF GRAM PARSONS AND EMMYLOU

**Sunday 31st March | 7.30pm |  
Strathearn Arts, Crieff, PH7 4AX |  
£15.75 incl. booking fee**

The City Sinners feature some of the top players on the Scottish country/ Americana scene, fronted by critically acclaimed singer songwriters John Hinshelwood and Louise Mcatee, recently reformed to celebrate the 50th anniversary in 2024 of the release of "Grievous Angel".

### THE GLENTURRET SERIES PRESENTS SESSION A9

**Friday 12th April | 7.30pm |  
Strathearn Arts, Crieff, PH7 4AX |  
£27 incl. booking fee**

Over the last 20 years, Session A9 have earned their reputation as one of the best live bands in the country, adored by fellow artists and the wider public alike. It's no wonder they are frequently described as a "Scottish Supergroup". The Glenturret Series is sponsored by The Glenturret Distillery, supercharging Strathearn Arts' music programme which attracts the best musicians, bands and performers to Crieff.

## ST JOHN'S KIRK OF PERTH

### ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION CPD – PRINCIPLES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR TRADITIONAL AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS: GILDING MASTERCLASS

**Wednesday 24th April | 2pm |  
St John's Kirk of Perth | £60**

Limited number of spaces available to attend this very special masterclass held in the most unique location. Be one of the first to stand next to the newly restored weathercock before he is reinstated on the spire of St John's Kirk. Hear all about the restoration from the company responsible for his repair and regilding and learn how to gild your very own piece to take home.

**Free tours of St John's Kirk will be  
available on Saturday 30th March.**



SCONE  PALACE

# DESTINY Awaits



*29th - 31st March*

Join us for a fun-filled Easter weekend  
and discover your destiny



Scan the QR code or visit our website to find out more.

[SCOPE-PALACE.CO.UK](http://SCOPE-PALACE.CO.UK)







## HAIRY HIGHLAND COO TRAIL 2024

From 28 June - 6 September, a herd of 30 Highland Cow sculptures designed and painted by talent artists will take over Perth and Kinross, forming a free, 10-week art trail of discovery for local people and visitors of all ages to explore and enjoy. The sculptures are displayed in locations around Perth and Kinross, transforming our community into an open-air gallery that sparks joy in all who visit. Visitors can use a bespoke map and mobile app to help them navigate the trail, discover new places and unlock exciting rewards and discounts provided by sponsors.

The Coo trail will contribute to the social, cultural, and economic growth of Perth and Kinross by attracting visitors to our beautiful area.

Following a farewell weekend where they will be shown together, the Coo's will be auctioned at a special event to raise funds for Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) to support children with life-shortening conditions and their families.

To find out more about the Hairy Highland Coo Trail, CHAS and how to get involved please visit: [hairyhighlandcootrail.co.uk](http://hairyhighlandcootrail.co.uk)





# Unicorn

## PERTH MUSEUM

Unicorn: The Debut Exhibition  
*Opening 30 March 2024*

Tickets: [perthmuseum.co.uk/unicorn](https://perthmuseum.co.uk/unicorn)

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