

## Saturday & Sunday



### Arts & Crafts at the Festival

Get your creative juices flowing with a range of arts and crafts in the Garden.



### Music in the Garden

As well as the Bookshop Band playing on Saturday evening, some wonderful local musicians will be entertaining festival-goers in the interludes between events. Pop in for some musical gems.



### 12:00-4:00 McKechnie Institute The Art Exhibition

In a new venue this year, the popular Art Exhibition showcases the creative talent we have in Girvan and Ayrshire, featuring new, exciting artists and our magnificent regulars. Also on show is some spectacular art and photographs from the pupils of

Girvan Academy!

### 10:00-4:00 New Café Royale £5 Festival Cream Teas

A short walk from all our venues, treat yourself to a coffee, tea, or a soft drink, and a cake or a jam & cream scone, all for a fiver.



## Look out for...



### Scratch Night



### Girvan Community Flag Project



### The Arts Debate



### Helen Humphries, Founder Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Girvan Arts Festival

Welcome to the 2025 Girvan Arts Festival. With funding from Nadara, the wind farm people, we go from strength to strength, and our two comedy nights at the Harbour Bar were a great success!

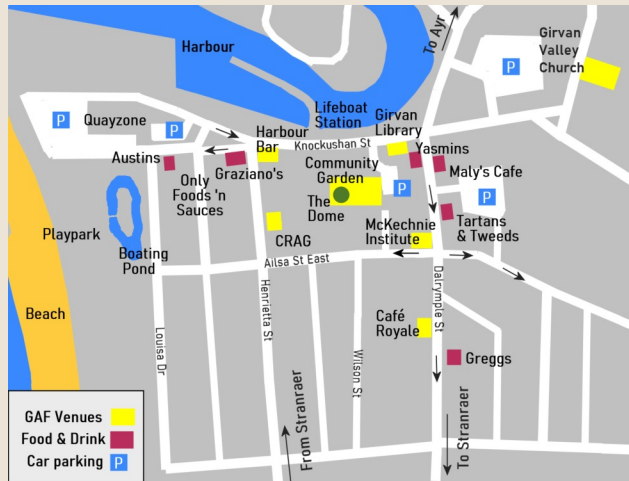
As well as a wonderful lineup for the festival weekend, we have a much wider range of projects this year including our shop window project, the Girvan Community Flag competition, a drama scratch night and the Great Girvan Arts Debate, which will kick off with a lively discussion about libraries. The art exhibition will run for a month at the McKechnie Institute, and CRAG are launching their Festival Fringe at the Wee School Art space during the weekend. See their website!



### Douglas Maxwell - A message from our Patron

In four short years the Festival has established itself as an important and joyous fixture in the town calendar. The events and activities are ever more impressive, with famous names, new voices and exciting opportunities all packed into an incredible weekend.

Throughout the year a host of exciting projects will link communities, delight audiences and inspire real cultural growth.



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2025 festival

6th - 8th June



## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June



### 7:30-9:30pm Girvan Library Film: Phantom of the Opera

Starring Gerard Butler, Emmy Rossum and Patrick Wilson, based on Andrew Lloyd Webber's stage musical of the same name, a young soprano becomes the obsession of a disfigured and murderous musical genius who lives beneath the Paris Opéra House.

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## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June



### 10:00-12:00 McKechnie Institute £10 Ian Skewis & Alan Jones: So you've written a book...

Do you have a draft manuscript lying around or are you just finishing your debut novel? This workshop is perfect for you. Editor Ian Skewis and writer Alan Jones will guide you through the next steps on your literary Journey.



### 11:00-12:00 Girvan Library (ages 3-8) Greta Yorke - Witches & Wizards

There are tales about witches, wizards and pirates when children's author Greta Yorke visits Girvan Library for the Girvan Arts Festival. Come along and listen as Greta reads her spooky stories!

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### 11:00-12:00 Community Garden £5 Humeston Byre: Farm to Fork

Find out about an Ayrshire family's long farming history and their new venture, providing good honest food that hasn't travelled half way across the country, or the world:



### 12:30-1:30 Community Garden £5 Cliff McCabe: Up the Close and personal

Ten's a Crowd is Cliff McCabe's compelling series of novels about the McCallister family. With Mum, Dad and eight kids to feed, life in a Glasgow tenement was never going to be easy.



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### 2:30-3:30 Girvan Library (ages 5 to 11) Children's Lighthouse Crafts

Wonderful creative fun for 5 - 11 year olds making lighthouse pictures, collages or models from stuff that's been thrown out. Make sure the kids are wearing old clothes because this could get messy!



### 2:00-3:00 Community Garden £5 Denise Mina: Garnethill to Girvan

Scottish Crime writing star, Denise Mina, needs very little introduction. All 20 of her crime and historical novels have been bestsellers, and have won countless awards. She'll be talking to Helen Humphries about her writing journey.



### 3:30-4:30 Community Garden £5 Dr. Brian Lavery: Headscarf Revolutionaries

Hull. The Arctic trawler fleet disasters, and the women who said enough is enough.



### 5:00-6:00 Community Garden £5 Words by the Sea: 'Coast'

Keeping alive the tradition of the spoken word with scribes, poets and storytellers. Introduced by Dr. Brian Lavery, fresh from his own event, *Headscarf revolutionaries*. Full lineup on the website.



### 6:30-8:00 Community Garden £5 Music in the Garden: The Bookshop Band

The Bookshop band's songs are inspired by the books they've read and a famous Wigtown Bookshop. Highly respected, their last album was produced by Pete Townshend, who played on their recent UK tour with them.



### The Girvan Community Garden

Most of the events will take place within the Garden, under canvas or in the dome. Volunteer-run, the Garden is a great place to chill out between events. A pop-up bar will be open, and food and hot beverages will be available at the garden cafe, along with music and pop-up crafts!

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June



### 11:00-12:00 Community Garden £5 Rod McCance: The Art in my Genes

Artist Rod McCance will talk about his life, and why painting his vibrant, distinctive oils, is still so important to him. Great nephew of renowned Scottish artist William McCance, he'll talk about his great uncle's influence, and why Rod now lives in his former home.



### 12:30-1:30 Community Garden £5 Jim English: Ailsa Craig and the Winter Olympics

Ailsa Craig Granite is the only material allowed in Olympic curling stones, and Kay's curling is the only company who make them. Its owner, Jim English, will tell us why he loves producing the gold medal stones.



### 2:00-3:00 Community Garden £5 Preston Reed: Guitar Man

A mixture of chat and music from this highly influential guitar player with a string of award-winning albums and tours across the world behind him. He has also taught some iconic students in his time, including Ed Sheeran.



### 3:30-4:30 Community Garden £5 Tony Morrell: Turnberry Aerodrome - A life of Research

Tony Morrell's wife Margaret spent 25 years of her life researching the men and machines of the wartime aerodrome at Turnberry, the living and the dead. Tragically, she died a year after the book was published. Tony will share her story, and the story of those who fought in two world wars.



### 5:00-6:00 Girvan Valley Church Scots Opera Project: £5 Arias by the Sea

We are excited to be closing this year's festival with a wonderful performance by Soprano Colleen Nicoll and Tenor David Douglas from the Scots Opera project, a touring company aiming to bring opera, including film themes and musicals, to all of Scotland, with some of it in the Scots tongue. This will be special!