

**Jimmy Hutchison:** Trad singing great. Born in Uist and brought up in Perth. Jimmy was in with the bricks in the early days of the Folk Revival in both London and Scotland. He helped run The St Andrew's Folk Club and found the original Blairgowrie Festival (which then moved to Kinross and to Kirrie in 1982).

**Angus Folk:** A 20-strong singing group based here in Kirrie. Keep an eye out for the concerts they put on in the town during the year.

**Forfar Instrumental Band:** Hear them in The Square on Saturday afternoon, with a possible retreat to The Kirk in the unlikely event of it being cold or wet.

**Natalie Chalmers:** From Fraserburgh, now living in Glasgow, Natalie grew up with the traditions of north-east song and is a super singer of the muckle songs and bothy ballads.

**Ailis & Alec Sutherland:** Both highly regarded pipers, Ailis teaches at the National Piping Centre in Glasgow and also plays the flute. She's been a guest several times at Kirrie, but this is the first time it's been cool enough to play with her dad :)

**Skirdechal:** Angus Council's youth folk group are great supporters of the Kirrie Festival. Hear them in the Kirk Hall on Saturday night.

**Sheena Wellington:** Renowned singer, activist and Dundonian, and the only person to have sung at baith the opening of the Scottish Parliament and the opening of the Eassie, Nevay and Kirkinch Community Hall, Sheena makes a welcome return to Kirrie.

**Allan Taylor:** Another great singer from the north-east tradition, and a much sought after MC.

**Next Kirrie Festival:  
1st - 3rd September, 2023**

**Festival Office:** Lesser Kirk Hall, United Parish Church, Bank Street.

**Kirrie Venue Map:** Get this on our website, or pick one up from the festival office.

**Tickets will be available from and can be bought or reserved from:**

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If you'd like to become more involved with the festival or have any suggestions then please get in touch.

Also, if you'd like to join or find out more about the TMSA (Traditional Music and Song Association - of which Kirrie Festival is part) their website is [www.tmsa.org.uk](http://www.tmsa.org.uk)

# 39th Kirriemuir Festival of Music and Song

Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th  
September 2022

Ceilidhs, Concerts, Competitions,  
Singarounds, Sessions



**Performers include:**

Carol Anderson	Natalie Chalmers
Kate Badcock & Roddy Johnston	Jimmy Hutchison
Scott Carnegie & Sandy Mathers	Sheena Wellington
Ailis & Alec Sutherland	Joe Aitken
Forfar Instrumental Band	Angus Folk
	Skirdechal
	Allan Taylor



## Friday 2nd September

**Opening Concert** Kirk Hall, Bank Street  
Carol Anderson, Kate Badcock & Roddy Johnston,  
Scott Carnegie & Sandy Mathers, Jimmy Hutchison,  
Natalie Chalmers, Ailis & Alec Sutherland, Sheena  
Wellington. MC: Joe Aitken  
**Starts 8pm Tickets £10** No Bar. BYOB.

**Session** Kerymor Tavern: 9pm

## Saturday 3rd September

**Competitions** Happen through the day on Saturday  
in The United Parish Kirk Hall, and in the Kirk itself.

### Kirk in the morning

**Fiddle** Junior, Senior, Local, J.F. Dickie Cup

**Accordion** Junior, Senior, Local

**Ceilidh Band**

**Instrumental Pairs**

**Kirk Hall in the morning/afternoon**

**Men's Singing** Junior, Senior

**Women's Singing** Junior, Senior

**Bothy Ballad**

**Local Singer**

**Novice Singer**

**Kirk in the afternoon**

**Mouthorgan**

**Jews Harp**

**Tin Whistle**

**Melodeon**

**Concertina**

**Oral Whistle**

**Diddling**

**Storytelling** Junior, Senior

**Doric Verse** under 8, 9 - 12, 13 -15, Senior

**Starts 10:30am**

**Starts 11:30am**

follows accordion

follows ceilidh band

**Starts 11am**

*Singing classes are run together  
(alternating male / female)  
to let folk hear all the singing*

**Starts 1pm**

follows mouthorgan

follows jews harp

follows tin whistle

follows melodeon

follows concertina

follows oral whistle

**Starts 2:30pm**

follows storytelling

**Chorus Cup** is held during the evening singaround in Masonic Hall

**Forfar Instrumental Band 2 - 5pm** in The Square

**Sessions** Three Bellies Brae: Afternoon/Eve  
Thrums: ~ 2:30pm  
Airlie Lounge: 3pm (singaround)

### **Prizewinners' Concert**

No Prizewinners' Concert this year, but we invite winners staying for the evening to perform at one of the Saturday night concerts.

## Saturday 3rd September continued

**Concert Ceilidh** Bowling Club, Brechin Road  
Carol Anderson, Kate Badcock & Roddy Johnston,  
Scott Carnegie, Natalie Chalmers, Ailis & Alec  
Sutherland, Sheena Wellington. MC: Allan Taylor  
**8 - 10:30pm. Tickets £10**

**Concert Ceilidh** Kirk Hall, Bank Street  
Carol Anderson, Kate Badcock & Roddy Johnston,  
Jimmy Hutchison, Skirdechal, Ailis & Alec Sutherland,  
Sheena Wellington. MC: Joe Aitken  
**Starts 8pm. Tickets £10** No Bar. BYOB

**Singaround** Masonic Hall, Roods  
Big singing session, includes Chorus Cup.  
**Starts 11pm.** No Bar. BYOB.

## Sunday 4th September

**Kirk Service** United Parish Kirk

**Starts 11:15am**

**Festival Talk** Thrums Hotel, Bank Street  
The trad singing great Jimmy Hutchison talks about his  
music and his life. Get there early for a seat.  
**12:15pm - 1:15pm. Admission Free**

**Sessions** Three Bellies Brae: Afternoon  
Thrums: Afternoon

**Thistle Club Concert** Kirrie Thistle, Westview Park  
Performers include: Joe Aitken, Kate Badcock &  
Roddy Johnston, Scott Carnegie & Sandy Mathers,  
Jimmy Hutchison, Natalie Chalmers, Ailis & Alec  
Sutherland, Allan Taylor, Sheena Wellington. And, as  
ever, a wheen of quality songs and tunes from  
audience members.  
**2pm - 5pm. Tickets £10**

**Closing Concert Ceilidh** Kirk Hall, Bank Street  
Featuring surviving guests and others.  
**Starts 8pm. Admission free. But with a fair bit of  
raffle ticket buying pressure :) No Bar. BYOB.**

## Music Sessions

Regular venues include Kerymor Tavern (up from  
the campsite on Glamis Road), Three Bellies Brae,  
Roods Bar, Airlie Arms (lounge doonstairs) and  
Thrums Hotel. We put some of the main sessions in  
the programme to give a better idea of what goes on  
most years. This is just a guide though, and visiting  
musicians are welcome to start an impromptu  
session wherever appropriate.

Friday	Kerymor Tavern: 9pm
Saturday	Three Bellies Brae: Aft & Eve Thrums Hotel: ~2:30pm Airlie Arms Singaround: 3pm Masonic Hall Singaround: 11pm
Sunday	Three Bellies Brae: Afternoon Thrums Hotel: Afternoon

## Festival Guests

**Joe Aitken:** Top singer and festival character, Joe  
is a welcome guest at festivals throughout Britain  
and Ireland.

**Carol Anderson:** Superb fiddle player originally  
from Aberdeen, but now biding in London. Forbye  
being a great supporter of trad festivals, and an  
authority on fiddle music, Carol has sailed round the  
world at least once, and is a regular on "Sessions  
and Sail" - the musical trips in north Scotland.

**Kate Badcock & Roddy Johnston:** Kate (flute &  
saxophone) and Roddy (fiddle, pipes, guitar) both  
sing and have lived in Kirrie for a few years now.  
They regularly tour across Britain and mainland  
Europe, and this is their welcome first appearance  
as guests at the Festival.

**Scott Carnegie & Sandy Mathers:** Play together  
regularly in The Strathmore Ceilidh Band. Scott  
played with An Teallach, and as a duo with Jim  
Reid. Sandy is not only a past winner of the Kirrie  
Festival Melodeon Cup, but has been known to  
have a go at singing The Pirnie Taed Loon.