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A WEEK OF EVENTS IN BRUSSELS TO MARK ST ANDREW'S DAY – SCOTLAND'S NATIONAL DAY

JOIN US FOR A SERIES OF EVENTS TO MARK ST ANDREW'S DAY
AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE YEAR OF HOMECOMING.
ALL OF THE SCOTLAND WEEK EVENTS SUPPORT THE EUROPEAN
UNION'S YEAR OF CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION.



Creativity
and Innovation
European Year 2009



TO HELP MAKE THIS YEAR'S EVENTS A GREAT SUCCESS, ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE DELIVERED IN COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT, SCOTLAND EUROPA, SCOTTISH MEPS, COSLA AND OTHER PARTNERS.

MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

Scotland Europa will begin the week with the annual St Andrew's Day Lecture, 'A puzzle from the Past: Why did Scottish Enlightenment happen?' delivered by guest speaker Professor Tom Devine OBE from University of Edinburgh.

TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER

The Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP MSP, First Minister of Scotland invites you to the unveiling of the 'As Others See Us' exhibition with entertainment provided by Ruairidh MacMillan, BBC Radio Scotland's Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2009.

'As Others See Us' marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns and is part of the National Celebratory year of Homecoming Scotland 2009. This photographic exhibition features some of today's most noteworthy Scots as they reflect on the significance of Scotland's most famous poet.

Tricia Malley and Ross Gillespie's contemporary portraiture draws attention to the diverse and highly personal responses that Burns' poetry continues to elicit. With subjects from differing backgrounds and professions, including actors, writers and politicians, 'As Others See Us' offers a celebration of contemporary Scottish culture and reflects on the continuing relevance of Burns in modern Scotland.

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER

Contributing to the European thinking around culture in the Year of Creativity and Innovation, Scotland House will host a policy seminar 'European Festivals: Driving Success Through Culture' exploring existing and potentially innovative approaches of collaboration between national and regional government and the arts sector, with the aim of delivering on wider policy objectives.

In the evening, the Scottish Government Minister for Culture, External Affairs and the Constitution, Michael Russell MSP brings to Brussels a special theatre production of *Midsummer* (a play with songs). Featuring Cara Bissett as Helena and Matthew Pidgeon as Bob, *Midsummer* is a quirky, charming love story set around a great lost weekend of bridge burning, car chases, wedding bust ups, bondage miscalculations, midnight trysts and horrible hungover self loathing misery.

Written by the celebrated Scottish playwright David Greig and singer/songwriter Gordon McIntyre of Edinburgh band Ballboy, *Midsummer* is part of the Made in Scotland programme, and delighted the public and critics alike at the Traverse Theatre during this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

"SAD, FUNNY AND INSTANTLY RECOGNISABLE... IRRESISTIBLE AND UNMISSABLE" (The Herald)

"WARM HEARTED, BEAUTIFULLY-SCULPTED MUSICAL ROMANTIC COMEDY" (The Scotsman)

"IT MAKES FOR A PRODUCTION THAT'S HILARIOUS YET THOUGHT-PROVOKING... A BRILLIANT PIECE OF NEW WRITING COMPLEMENTED BY TWO OF THE STANDOUT PERFORMANCES SEEN IN EDINBURGH THIS YEAR" (Edinburgh Evening News)

"ALL THE CLASSY POISE AND EXUBERANT BOUNCE OF A REALLY GOOD POP SONG... MIDSUMMER IS UTTER, JOYFUL PLEASURE" (The List)

THIS PRODUCTION WILL BE SHOWN AT L'ARSENAL, CHAUSSEÉ DE WAVRE 950, B-1040 BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.

THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER

Again, contributing to the European thinking around culture in the Year of Creativity and Innovation, Scotland House will host a policy seminar 'EU Research & Development: Share Today To Win Tomorrow' chaired by Professor Anne Glover, Chief Scientific Advisor for Scotland. This event will promote collaborative research and innovation as key elements of the development of a sustainable economy and will provide the opportunity for officials and researchers to become more directly engaged in EU level policy decisions on collaborative research.

For this week, the European Parliament will host an art exhibition titled 'Edge: Hebrides' by Patricia Macdonald with Angus Macdonald. The exhibition by artist-photographer and environmental academic Patricia Macdonald — 'Edge: Hebrides' (with Angus Macdonald) forms part of Macdonald's larger ongoing project entitled 'Changing Environments'. Using a combination of imagery from aerial and other viewpoints, on sea and land, as a means by which to investigate and experience current ideas of environment and community and the connections between them, particularly in a Scottish context.

If you require further information about any of these events, please contact us by:

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