

What's

HAPPENING

in North Ayrshire?

FREE guide to arts and cultural activities

Music Festivals Exhibitions Comedy Theatre Film Classes Heritage

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This brochure gives information on arts activities and performances throughout North Ayrshire. We would like to include information on arts activity happening in your local area. If you are a community arts group, festival group or individual wishing to include an event in our listings, please get in touch with the Harbour Arts Centre on 01294 274059.

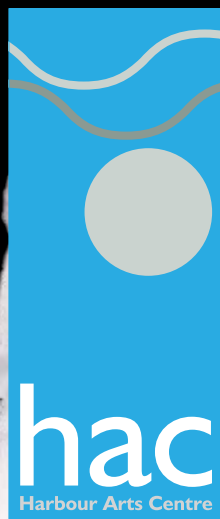
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Music

If you want to hear it live, loud and keep it local, the hac is the ideal venue for all musical lovers - a contemporary and intimate setting to experience a selection of musical genres.

Sunday Jazz with the New Orleans Joymakers

Enjoy a swinging afternoon of traditional jazz.
Harbour Arts Centre
 Sundays: 1 May, 22 May, 3 July, & 21 August
 2pm - 4.30pm
 £8/£6 concession

Friday Night Live

Live music by some of Ayrshire's best bands.
Harbour Arts Centre
 Fridays: 27 May, 24 June, 29 July & 19 August
 7.30pm
 £5



Kris Lennox - In Concert

Ayrshire pianist and composer Kris Lennox will give a concert of two halves - in the first half, Kris will play a full piano recital - with performances of classic works by composers such as Beethoven and Debussy, through to contemporary composers - including some works by Kris himself. The second half is a rather different affair - it is dedicated to the premiere of Kris' electro acoustic work 'Cave' - a metaphorical and literal journey into complete and utter darkness.

Harbour Arts Centre
 Friday 13 May
 7.30pm
 £10/£7 concession

The Wilders

The hillbilly hurricanes from Kansas City return to the hac to thrill audiences once again. Playing storming roots of country and old-time with an essence of early rockabilly - they deliver a blistering hoedown - playing whiz-bang music as infectious, fun-loving and good-time as you will ever hear.

Harbour Arts Centre
 Friday 20 May
 7.30pm
 £12/£10 concession

Benny Gallagher In Concert

In an intimate evening of songs and stories, Benny Gallagher - recipient of the 2010 Nordoff Robbins Tartan Clef Lifetime Achievement Award - returns to the **hac** to perform the hits he penned for a number of well known artists. He will also play from his highly acclaimed album "At The Edge Of The Wave", plus, a new one co-written with his idol Robert Burns - not to be missed!

www.myspace.com/bennygallagher

Harbour Arts Centre

Friday 12 August

7.30pm

£17

The Hot Seats

Last time Virginian livewires The Hot Seats toured here they were awarded a prized Herald Angel for their outstanding contribution to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

The band plays blistering Appalachian old-time mixed with bluegrass and a sprinkling of their own crazy originals - to create a night to remember.

Harbour Arts Centre

Sunday 14 August

7.30pm

£12/£10 concession



Jimmie MacGregor presents: A gathering of songs, stories and famous folk

Jimmie Macgregor - a true Scottish legend brings his relaxed and humorous show with visuals and music to the **hac**.

Sit back and listen to him talk about his life, stories, songs and his infamous interviews with the likes of John Wayne and Tarzan.

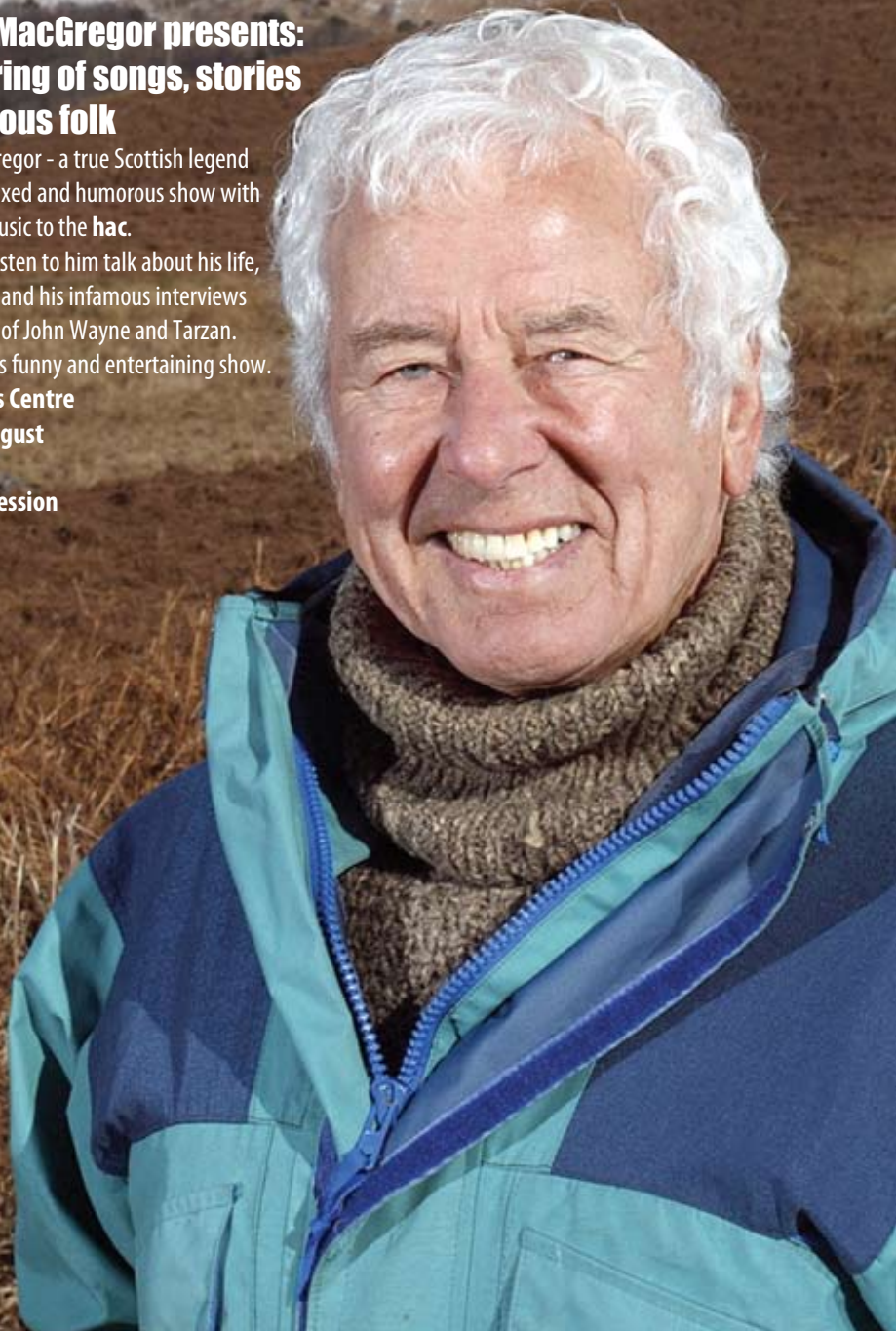
Don't miss this funny and entertaining show.

Harbour Arts Centre

Friday 26 August

7.30pm

£10/£7 concession



Theatre

Shoo - Be - Do! Or How to Talk to Old People With Dave Anderson

Dave Anderson is one of Scotland's national treasures - a true theatrical poet and one of Scotland's prime entertainers and actors. Encouraged by the success of Tir na nog, Dave has embarked on a series of new mini-musicals, this being the mini-est yet, having a cast of one, including the orchestra!

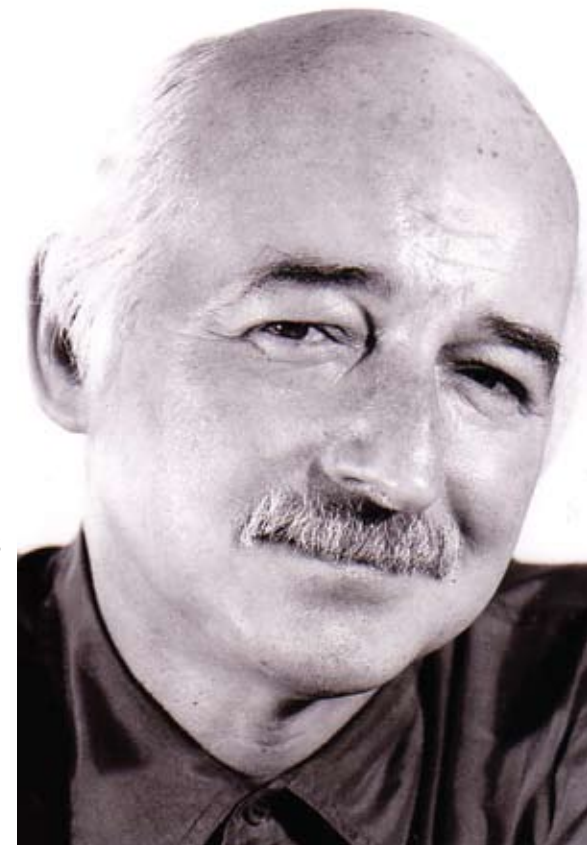
The theme is his teenage years, which just happens to be the late 50s, when Rock'n'Roll was King, and hair was, well, on his head. Expect hits (and forgotten classics) of the time, plus new songs of his own.

Harbour Arts Centre

Friday 6 May

7.30pm

£9/£7 concession



Glasgow Actors present: King of Scotland

Glasgow Actor's presents Jonathan Watson (Only An Excuse) in Iain Heggie's outrageous fringe first winning hit - King of Scotland. Long term unemployed Tommy McMillan joins a government funded retraining scheme 'Up the Ladder'. Cited as a shining example of the government's employment policies and chosen for a media profile, Tommy is taken on by The Department of Upward Mobility. The department gets more than they bargained for when they discover just how far up the ladder Tommy is expecting to go...

Harbour Arts Centre

Thursday 2 June

7.30pm

£10/£7 concession

Book Café

Looking for a good book club to join? Come along to the **hac** Book Café which meets once a month on a Tuesday at 7pm in the lovely setting of the **hacbar**.

New members are always welcome. For further information please contact the **hac** on 01294 274059.



Bugsy Malone



Greenwood Academy Drama present: Bugsy Malone

It's 1929 and war has broken out in New York.

There's custard on the streets and its coming from Dandy Dan and his heavy men. Nobody is safe. Not even his biggest rival, the Grand Slam Speakeasy owner Fat Sam Stacetto can sleep at night!

As Dan's thugs run amok with their splurge guns Fat Sam is in danger of losing everything and fast! If Fat Sam doesn't think of a plan soon his reputation will be splattered all over the city and he will be left with a huge helping of custard pie on his face!

Harbour Arts Centre

Wednesday 8 June

7.30pm

£3

Meet the Author: Iain Banks

Iain Banks is a phenomenally successful novelist, both for his mainstream novels and his science fiction (published as Iain M Banks). Since he burst on the scene with *The Wasp Factory* in 1984, he has published more than 20 novels and been named by *The Times* as one of 'The 50 Greatest British Writers since 1945.'

He is now acclaimed as one of the most powerful, innovative and exciting writers of his generation.

Harbour Arts Centre

Saturday 16 July

7pm

£2



Comedy

Side Splitters Comedy Club

The hac's Comedy Club continues with a variety of hilarious acts from across the country.



Charlie Ross

Charlie Ross

Headlining is international entertainer, TV and radio star - the stupendous stand up and very brilliant, Charlie Ross.

Book tickets now for the most fun you'll ever have!

Harbour Arts Centre

Saturday 14 May

9pm

£6

Improv Special

You've seen 'Whose line is it anyway?'

'Fast and Loose' and 'Mock the Week' ...

well you ain't seen nothing yet!

This month the whole night is taken over by the Improv Comedy Superstars - Stuart Murphy and Gary Dobson.

Enjoy their unique and successful style of comedy with live hilarious interactive games that the whole audience can be a part of.

Harbour Arts Centre

Saturday 11 June

9pm

£6

Best of Manchester

It's time for another one of our hit 'Best of' comedy night's as our special guest MC introduces a night of first class laughs featuring a line up from the Manchester comedy scene. Side Splitters welcomes the great Ben Schofield, the brilliant Chris Brooker and many more special guests. These 'Best of' comedy evenings always sell out fast book tickets now to avoid disappointment.

Harbour Arts Centre

Saturday 2 July

9pm

£6

Marymass Special

Yes its back, the Marymass Special. Get out the brollies, grease up the pole - Marymass Madness welcomes a host of first class acts from the Scottish comedy scene including the return of resident MC Irvine's own Billy Kirkwood and fantastic headliner - the award-winning John Gavin!

Book now as this slide down the greasy pole of comedy goodness always sells out FAST!

Harbour Arts Centre

Saturday 13 August

9pm

£6



John Gavin

Exhibitions

I Know the Moon and the Moon Knows Me **An exhibition of paintings and drawings by Hugh Loney**

Irvine artist Hugh Loney presents a selection of work created over the last ten years. Loney creates big, bold, colourful pieces, using repetition, accident, and a variety of mark making techniques including drips, daubs, spills, and scratches in pursuit of his artistic vision. The works, although layered with personal meaning and symbols, also resonate with anyone who sees them. Loney hopes that visitors to the centre will take time to view his paintings, 'to look and look beyond'.

www.hughloney.info/home

Harbour Arts Centre

Until Sunday 19 June



Contemporary Art **from Colombia**

A unique opportunity to see some of Colombia's most successful artists in a group exhibition, featuring 'Noble' (Miguel de la Espriella), Bernardo Rios and Olney Carvajal.

Friday 24 June - Sunday 7 August



The Glasgow Group

The Glasgow Group is Scotland's longest established artist's cooperative. Formed in 1958, its membership consists of Glasgow based or trained visual artists who seek to promote the visual arts in Glasgow and the West of Scotland. Encompassing a variety of media, including painting, photography and printmaking, the Group's artists are represented in public, corporate, and private collections throughout the UK.

www.glasgowgroup.org

Friday 12 August - Sunday 2 October

Cool Creations 3

An exhibition of work by young people from the Rosemount Project.

Friday 1 July - Sunday 28 August

3 Towns Photography Group

Photography exhibition by members of Ayrshire's newest photography group.

Friday 2 September - Sunday 6 November

Studio

One 1

Something for the Summer for Children & Families

Summer is Going to be Magic!

At the **hac** you can create your very own secret spell book, wizard wand, or magic potion jar, join the "Wizards of Waverly Place" or have a wicked time when you join us in our very own week of music, dance and song.

And if that's not enough your local library is conjuring up some great activities too.

Family Films

Harbour Arts Centre

Monday 4 - Friday 8 July

Monday 1 August - Friday 5 August

Free

Summer Drama Classes

Zip, Zap, Zoom... Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a Wizard? Come and join Alex, Justin and Max Rosso on a magical adventure, meet extraordinary characters and explore the wondrous world and life as a Wizard of Waverly Place! BUT, how long can we keep their powers a secret...

Harbour Arts Centre

Monday 11 July - Friday 15 July

Ages 5-6 years

10am - 12 noon

Ages 7-9 years

1pm - 3pm

£10

Join us in a week of Song, Dance and Script as we celebrate and perform our very own Wicked Musical... singing box office hits such as "What is this Feeling?", "Popular" and "Defying Gravity". If you're looking for a wicked time this summer, sign up now!

Harbour Arts Centre

Monday 25 July - Friday 29 July

Ages 10-12 years

10am - 4pm

£20

Summer Art Classes

Harbour Arts Centre

Monday 11 July - Friday 15 July

For 9-11 years

10.30am - 12.30pm

£2 per session

Mini Makers

Harbour Arts Centre

Monday 18 July - Friday 22 July

For 3-5 years

10.30am - 11.30am

For 6-8 years

1.30pm - 3.30pm

£2 per session

Summer @ the Libraries

Make the most of the summer and get down to your local library to try out some cool arts and crafts as well as loads of other great activities to while away the summer.

Here's just a few things that are happening:

Summer Reading Challenge
- this year's theme is the circus -
all you have to do is read six books
to get your hands on the goodies!

Circus Skills - try your hand at
plate spinning and juggling -
or perhaps you'll be a devil with
a diablo?

Roll up, roll up
and join in the fun with
Dunno the clown
and his bag of tricks.

Magic up some fun with a
summer magic show,
learn a magic trick,
or enjoy a circus themed art and
craft activity.

Check out the website for full details: www.ers.north-ayrshire.gov.uk



Classes for Children & Young People

Working with professional art tutors, our classes are a great way to introduce children to the world of art and drama.

Parents and Toddlers at the hac

Parents, grandparents, childminders and carers are invited along to join in these exciting and stimulating lunch-time sessions, which include art and craft, story-telling, drama, music, movement and cinema showings. Guaranteed fun for all pre-5's!

We recommend that you book in advance.

Harbour Arts Centre

Fridays 13, 27 May, 10, 24 June & 26 August

12 noon - 1pm & 1.30pm - 2.30pm

£2 per family

Drama

Drama increases self-confidence and social skills, encouraging children to use their creativity and imagination, plus its lots of fun! All our classes run on an eight-week block during the school term.

For 5-6 years

Saturdays 10.15am - 11.15am

For 7-9 years

Saturdays 11.15am - 12.30pm

£35/£30 concession

For 10-12 years

Saturdays 12.30pm - 2pm

£35/£30 concession

For 12-18 years

Tuesdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm

£35/£30 concession

Art

Have fun while you learn about a range of techniques including painting, printing, drawing, sculpture, colour, design and composition to create your own works of art.

5-10 years

Harbour Arts Centre

Wednesdays 4.15pm - 5.30pm

£35/£30 concession

10-14 years

Harbour Arts Centre

Saturdays 10.30am - 12noon

£35/£30 concession



Classes for Adults

Writers Group

Harbour Arts Centre
Tuesdays 12.30pm - 2.30pm
£42/£36 concession

Art Classes for Adults

Harbour Arts Centre
Mondays 7pm - 9pm
Wednesdays 10am - 12noon
Thursday 10am - 12noon
£42/£36 concession

Life Drawing

Harbour Arts Centre
Tuesdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm
£8 per session



Portrait Painting

Harbour Arts Centre
Sunday 29 May
11am - 4pm
£20 per session
Improve your Portrait Painting Skills with North Ayrshire Open Art winner David Reid (suitable for those with some experience)

Still Life Drawing and Painting Skills

Harbour Arts Centre
Sunday 26 June
11am - 4pm
£20 per session
Still Life is the best subject in art for learning and teaching the skills of drawing and painting. You will learn how to improve your drawing and painting techniques using watercolour and acrylic paints as a medium.

Book Making and Lino Print

Harbour Arts Centre
Sunday 24 July
11am - 4pm
£20 per session

Life Drawing/Painting for Adults

Working directly from a life model, this intensive course offers artists the opportunity to explore line, form, tone and expression.
Harbour Arts Centre
Tuesday 2 August - Wednesday 3 August
10.30am - 4pm
£40

hacbar



Since re-opening in July 2009, the stylish **hacbar** restaurant and bar, has been steadily building its reputation for high quality, freshly prepared cuisine. There is a fabulous variety to choose from - enjoy a coffee with our famous shortbread or a freshly prepared light bite or choose from one of our selected main meals from £5.95 Alternatively, relax with a glass of wine, beer or a **hacbar** special cocktail!

Opening hours
Monday 11am - 4pm
Tuesday 11am - late
Wednesday - Sunday 9am - late
Booking Line 01294 311833
www.thehacbar.co.uk

Community Diary

Beith Arts - Art Show

May 30 - June 5 2011
Our annual Art Show is a wonderful display of local talent. We accept entries in any medium, and we also have a craft section. For more information and entry forms contact Margaret Turner on 01505 502663.

All are welcome to come and view and, if you wish, to buy. Opening hours are:
Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June (2pm - 8pm)
Saturday 4 June (10am - 4pm)
Sunday 5 June (1pm - 3pm)

15th North Ayrshire Open Art Exhibition

Eglinton Country Park
Saturday 16 - Saturday 30 July
10am - 4pm
www.northaopenart.co.uk

Booking Information

How to Book Your Tickets

Telephone: 01294 274059
Online: www.ticketweb.co.uk
In person: Call into the **hac**.

You can pay by credit card, debit card or cheque, made payable to North Ayrshire Council (with a valid guarantee card).
For postal bookings a surcharge of 50p will apply.
Ticket and information box office opening hours:
Monday/Wednesday/Thursday 9.30am - 4.30pm
Tuesday/Saturday 10am - 4.30pm
Friday 9.30am - 4pm
and on performance evenings.

Reservations

All reservations will be released if payment has not been made 24 hours prior to the performance.

Refunds

Tickets cannot be exchanged, or money refunded, except in the event of cancellation by Harbour Arts Centre.

Concessions

These apply to full-time students, under 18s, senior citizens, people with disabilities and a companion, Young Scot card holders and benefit claimants. Proof of eligibility is required.

Group Booking

For group bookings we offer one free ticket for every 10 purchased.

Latecomers

If you arrive after a performance has started you may not be admitted.

Recording

The use of cameras and recording equipment is prohibited without permission from management.

Customer Feedback

Our staff will be happy to help with queries. We welcome and value your feedback and comments on your experiences at any North Ayrshire Council facility.

Mailing List

Join the mailing list to be kept informed about what's happening.

Contact the **hac** or send an email to: harbourarts@north-ayrshire.gov.uk with 'mailing list' in the subject box.

We reserve the right to make alterations to the programme as deemed necessary.

Diary Listings

Regular Classes

Saturdays
Drama for Children (5-12 years)
Art for Children (10-14 years)

Mondays
Art for Adults (Evening)

Tuesdays
Writers Group
Drama (12-18 years)

Wednesdays
Art for Adults
Art for Children (5-10 years)

Thursdays
Art for Adults

May

Sunday 1
Music - New Orleans Joymakers, 2pm

Tuesday 3
Book Café, 7pm

Friday 6
Theatre - Shoo - Be - Do!

Or How to Talk to Old People With Dave Anderson, 7.30pm

Friday 13
Music - Kris Lennox In Concert, 7.30pm

Saturday 14
Side Splitters Comedy Club - Charlie Ross, 9pm

Friday 20
Music - The Widars, 7.30pm

Sunday 22
Music - New Orleans Joymakers, 2pm

Friday 27
Music - Friday Night Live, 7.30pm

Tuesday 31
Book Café, 7pm

June

Thursday 2
Theatre - King of Scotland, 7.30pm

Wednesday 8
Theatre - Greenwood Academy present:
Bugsy Malone, 7.30pm

Saturday 11
Side Splitters Comedy Club - Improv Special, 9pm

Friday 24
Music - Friday Night Live, 7.30pm

Tuesday 28
Book Café, 7pm

July

Saturday 2
Side Splitters Comedy Club - Best of Manchester, 9pm

Sunday 3
Music - New Orleans Joymakers, 2pm

Saturday 16
Meet the Author - Iain Banks, 7pm

Tuesday 26
Book Café, 7pm

Friday 29
Music - Friday Night Live, 7.30pm

August

Friday 12
Music - Benny Gallagher In Concert, 7.30pm

Saturday 13
Side Splitters Comedy Club - Marymass Special, 9pm

Sunday 14
Music - The Hot Seats, 7.30pm

Friday 19
Music - Friday Night Live, 7.30pm

Sunday 21
Music - New Orleans Joymakers, 2pm

Tuesday 23
Book Café, 7pm

Friday 26
Music - Jimmie MacGregor, 7.30pm

Hire the hac

If you are looking for an unusual venue for conferences, seminars, meetings or corporate entertaining, the **hac** is an impressive and inspiring venue for all manner of functions. The versatile spaces can be adapted to suit your requirements. Just contact us on 01294 274059 to ensure your event is a success.





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