

LINLITHGOW FOLK FESTIVAL 2019

EMILY SMITH &
JAMIE McCLENNAN

BENEDICT MORRIS

PABLO LAFUENTE

RYAN MURPHY

THE OKEFENOKEE REUNION
BLUEGRASS BAND

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WED 11 SEPT

OPENING NIGHT STRAMASH!

Celebrate the start of the milestone 20th festival in style with a great night of song, music and dance from the stalwarts of Linlithgow Folk Festival and friends.

The emphasis is on participation, so come along and join in with our local talent for a tune or a song to get you in the mood for the festival weekend.

From 8pm at Linlithgow Bowling Club, Philip Avenue EH49 7BH. FREE – donations welcome. Refreshments available from the bar.



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**'SONGS AND REELS
AT THE ROSE'
BENEDICT MORRIS
WITH PABLO
LAFUENTE &
RYAN MURPHY**



Back by popular request, this year's event at the Rose Club will feature three of the most exciting young musicians on the Folk scene.

Benedict Morris, the 2019 BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year, is making a huge name for himself, both at home and abroad.

He is currently part of a duo with Belfast-born guitarist Cormac Crummey (Bene & Cormac). Their debut album *Wavelength* was released in November 2018, when they enjoyed sell out performances on their Scotland/Ireland tour. Benedict is also the fiddle player alongside five times World Champion Irish dancer, David Geaney, in his show 'Velocity', which recently set Broadway alight, earning several five-star reviews.

Since being named as the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year, one of Benedict's new projects has been a trio with BBC Radio Two Folk Award winners, Pablo Lafuente and Ryan Murphy. They are currently working on an album, which will be released later this year. We are delighted to welcome these three brilliant young musicians to Linlithgow.

8pm - 10.15pm. Doors open at 7.15pm. Linlithgow Rose Social Club, Braehead Road EH49 6HF. Tickets £8 at the door, also available from Far From The Madding Crowd, 20 High Street EH49 7AE. Book online at linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com. Check Facebook for details.

Supported by the Black Bitch Community Magazine



SESSION AT THE BLACK BITCH

Come along and play, sing or just listen. 8pm onwards. FREE. 14 West Port EH49 7AZ



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FRI 13 SEPT

SESSION AT THE BLACK BITCH

Come along and play, sing or just listen and enjoy. Space available both indoors and outdoors.

2pm-5pm, Black Bitch Tavern
14 West Port EH49 7AZ



MUSICAL CRUISE WITH LINLITHGOW UNION CANAL SOCIETY (LUCS)

Always hugely popular, cruise on the Union Canal, with live music from our very own Cockleroy. Cruise from 7pm until 8.15pm. Tickets £8 in advance from

Far From the Madding Crowd, 20 High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7AE or online at linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com



“COME ALL YE” SESSION AT THE BOWLING CLUB with John Graham (ex-Clydesiders) and Jim Jack (ex-Carterhall)

Stalwarts of the Scottish Folk scene since the 1960s, John and Jim have been playing together for the last ten years. Their act evokes much of the spirit of the Folk revival, with ample opportunities to join in choruses, and a fair smattering of humour.

Tonight, they will be performing songs from their album, ‘Sae will we yet’, as well as other favourites. This will be followed by a general session, where everyone is welcome to join in.

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Headlining our milestone 20th anniversary Festival will be Smith and McClelland, who will be making a welcome return to Linlithgow.

Multi award-winning Scottish singer Emily Smith and New Zealand born songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Jamie McClelland have been making music together for over fifteen years. Having spent much of 2016 off the road (with Emily on maternity leave), the couple took time off to focus on writing new material. The fruits of their labours were two albums, the first of which - *Unplugged* - was released in April 2018. It features ten tracks, with seven previously unrecorded songs, including three preview tracks from their studio album coming out later this year.

The duo's new sound features originals by Jamie and reworked traditional material from Scotland and New Zealand, drawing on influences from the Folk tradition, Americana and beyond. With rich vocal harmonies, accordion, fiddle and sublime guitar backing, they are one of the most vibrant duos on the UK Folk scene today. Emily and Jamie have recently returned from an extensive tour of New Zealand and are very much looking forward to playing at the Linlithgow headline concert on Friday September 13th.

7.30pm - 10.15pm. Doors open 7pm, Linlithgow Rose Social Club, Braehead Road EH49 6HF. £12 at the door. Tickets are also available at Far From The Madding Crowd, 20 High Street EH49 7AE. Tickets can be booked online at linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com

SUPPORT BY FORTH STREET Forth Street are a seven-piece band who met at the Tolbooth traditional music classes in Stirling. With musicianship rivalling many of the top young acts in the Scottish folk scene today the band's youthful energy centres on the music traditions and cultures of the Stirlingshire area and beyond. Already making a fantastic reputation for themselves, they are only going to get better and better. **Fiddle** Bruce McQuaid, Alexander Malcolm, Carla Subke, Roisin Diamond, Orla Diamond **Accordion** Tom Mackay **Guitar** Jamie McQuaid.

EVENING SESSIONS

Sessions from 8pm at the Black Bitch, 14 West Port EH49 7AZ and other venues displaying the Festival logo.



SAT 14 SEPT

FESTIVAL HUB @ THE MASONIC HALL

10.30am-5pm Masonic Hall, the Cross EH49 7AH
Information, shop and refreshments. **Drop in any time!**

MUSIC AT THE CROSS ON THE NORA DEVINE STAGE

We are delighted once again to welcome some great talent from near and far on our Outdoor Stage. A varied and exciting programme of music throughout the day, including the famous St Roch's Ceili Band from Glasgow. **11am-5pm.**



YOUTH FESTIVAL SHOWCASE

For the third year in a row, this event will give emerging talent the opportunity to perform in a relaxed and informal setting, right at the heart of the festival. Come along and support these emerging young musicians and singers from across Scotland.

12 noon - 4pm at St Michael's Kirk Hall, behind Cross House, 8 The Cross EH49 7AL. FREE - donations welcome.



COME AND SING

An informal and fun singing session, with Linlithgow's *Sangschule* and the *Liltin' Lassies* from Dunblane.

All welcome. **Masonic Hall 11am - 12 noon. FREE - donations welcome.**



YOUR QUICK GUIDE

Day	Time	Venue	Event	Where to pay
Wed	8pm	Bowling Club	Opening Night Stramash!	Free
Thu	8pm	Rose Club	Songs & Reels	£8
<i>Tickets from Far From The Maddening Crowd, online or at the door.</i>				
Thu	8pm	Black Bitch	Mixed Session	Free
Fri	2pm-5pm	Black Bitch	Mixed Session	Free
Fri	7pm	Canal Centre	Musical Cruise	£8
<i>Tickets from Far From the Maddening Crowd and online.</i>				
Fri	7.30pm	Rose Club	Smith & McClennan	£12
<i>Tickets from Far From The Maddening Crowd, online or at the door.</i>				
Fri	8pm	Bowling Club	'Come All Ye' Session	Free
Fri	8pm	Black Bitch	Mixed Session	Free
Sat	10.30am-5pm	Masonic	Info/refreshments	Free
Sat	11am-5pm	The Cross	Nora Devine Stage	Free
Sat	10.30am	Cross House	Come and Fiddle	Free
Sat	11am	Masonic	Come and Sing	Free
Sat	11am	Cross House	Come and Whistle	Free
Sat	12 noon-4pm	Cross House	Youth Showcase	Free
Sat	1pm-4pm	St Peter's	Music at St Peter's	Free
Sat	All Day	Pubs	Sessions	Free
Sat	8pm-10.30pm	Rose Club	Okefenokee Bluegrass	£10
<i>Tickets from Far From the Maddening Crowd and online.</i>				
Sun	11am-12.30pm	Masonic	Bluegrass Gospel	Free
Sun	1pm-5pm	The Cross	Nora Devine Stage	Free
Sun	12.30pm - late	Pubs	Sessions	Free
Sun	1pm-4pm	Bowling Club	Songs & Music	Free
Sun	2.30pm-4.30pm	The Vennel	Open Air Family Ceilidh	Free

Online ticketing for Songs and Reels at the Rose, Smith & McClennan, Canal Cruise and concert with Okefenokee Bluegrass Band at linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com



Please check website and Facebook for updates to programme

PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY!

While we love to bring you loads of "free" events, putting on a festival costs ££££££s.

So do please feel 'free' to put something in our colourful donation tins wherever you see them... **every £ counts.**



SAT 14 SEPT



SESSIONS

Sessions in pubs displaying the Festival logo. Check Facebook for updates.



WORKSHOPS IN CROSS HOUSE

Just turn up and take part. FREE – donations welcome.

COME AND WHISTLE – complete beginner to intermediate.

With Katie Maguire. Katie is a young multi-instrumentalist, who plays with St Roch's Ceili Band and Southside Fiddlers in Glasgow. She is the reigning all-Britain whistle slow air champion, a title she has held for three successive years. Katie has performed at Celtic Connections, the Scots Fiddle Festival and Linlithgow Folk Festival. **11am – 12.30pm.**

COME AND FIDDLE – a two hour workshop aimed at beginners to intermediate adult players (No complete beginners). With Lorna Swan. Music will be taught by ear, with sheet music given out at the end. Lorna is a very experienced teacher, who has been a tutor at Falkirk Fiddle Workshop since its early days. She teaches at the Falkirk Traditional Music Project and has performed at concerts and ceilidhs all over the world. **10.30am – 12.30pm**

MUSIC AT ST PETER'S We are delighted to return to the beautiful setting of St Peter's, the smallest church in Linlithgow for performances by musicians and singers of all ages. **From 1pm.**



SAT 14 SEPT

**BLUEGRASS CONCERT
WITH THE OKEFENOKEE
REUNION BAND**



We are delighted to welcome the Okefenokee Bluegrass Band back to Linlithgow for this special concert in the Rose Social Club.

Forty years ago, there was very little knowledge of Bluegrass Music in Scotland. Today there is a thriving scene with many great players. Okefenokee Bluegrass Band were pioneers for Bluegrass in Scotland, if not the UK. They introduced the music through Folk Clubs, Festivals and Pub Gigs. They became very successful on the music scene and expanded to a large Road Show which included a Clogging Dance Troupe and a Dance Caller.

The band played at many events throughout the country to the delight of audiences of all ages.

The Okefenokee band retired due to other commitments in other fields however, they all remained close friends. Six years ago, they decided to get back together again for a series of gigs to celebrate their long friendship. The first of these reunion gigs was in Linlithgow, because Linlithgow Folk Club was where it all started with their first professional gig.

Bluegrass music is now firmly established as part of Linlithgow Folk Festival and we are very pleased to welcome back the pioneering Okefenokee Bluegrass Band for our 2019 concert.



8pm - 10.15pm. (Door open at 7.15pm). Linlithgow Rose Social Club, Braehead Road EH49 6HF. Tickets £10 at the door. Available from Far from The Madding Crowd, 20 High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7AE. Online booking available via linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com. Please check Facebook for updates.

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SUN 15 SEPT

BLUEGRASS GOSPEL SESSION

Hosted by Dan Markey and friends – with audience participation. A great way to waken up on Festival Sunday. Come along and raise the roof!

11am–12.30pm, Masonic Hall, Market Lane, EH49 7AH.



MUSIC AT THE CROSS ON THE NORA DEVINE STAGE

More free music to entertain you, from some of the best performers around the area.

1pm–5pm The Cross.



SONGS AND MUSIC AT THE BOWLING CLUB

Come along to join in or listen at this lively session. Hosted by Newtongrange Folk Club.

1pm–4pm. Linlithgow Bowling Club, Philip Avenue EH49 7BH.



OPEN AIR FAMILY CEILIDH WITH COCKLERROY

One of our most popular events for families and passers-by! Dancing on concrete slabs, so bring comfy shoes. In the event of rain, the ceilidh will take place in the Burgh Halls.

2.30pm–4.30pm, the Vennel, Town Centre EH49 7EX.



PUB SESSIONS

Afternoon sessions in pubs displaying the Festival logo. Please check Facebook for updates.



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Linlithgow Folk Festival Association does far more than its name might suggest. Apart from our annual Festival in September, we arrange concerts and regular music sessions in local pubs. We have also established the annual **Matt McGinn Tribute Night**, which takes place at the beginning of March.

Monthly Session Dates 2019/2020

Black Bitch Tavern, 14 West Port, Linlithgow, EH49 7AZ

Sessions are normally held in the Lounge from 8pm on the first Thursday and from 2pm on the third Sunday of the month.

In June, the session takes place on the Sunday before Marches Day. In 2020, this will be Sunday 14 June. Check the list of dates on our website: www.linlithgowfolk.com



FESTIVAL 2020 WILL BE HELD FROM 9 - 13 SEPTEMBER

Stay in touch – become a Friend of the Festival. Receive regular information about LFFA and email alerts of all our forthcoming events. Contact us online at: www.linlithgowfolk.com/contact.htm

MATT MCGINN TRIBUTE NIGHT SATURDAY MARCH 7TH 2020

This is always a sell-out, so to avoid disappointment, keep your eye on our website www.linlithgowfolk.com for the finalised date and information on ticket release.



LFFA CAN BE FOLLOWED ON
FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM.



INFORMATION

Box Office: Tickets for all ticketed events are available from Far from the Madding Crowd, 20 High Street EH49 7AE. Tel. 01506 845509. Also available online at linlithgowfolk.yapsody.com

Venues Access: Please ring 01506 670229 for other enquiries.
Local Information: Check out Linlithgow's town website for information on accommodation, transport, maps and restaurants. www.linlithgow.com
Or contact the Tourist Information Centre on 01506 282720.

LFFA would like to thank:

- > All supportive local businesses
- > All artists and musicians who support and play at the Festival
- > Black Bitch Community Magazine
- > Black Bitch Tavern
- > Cafe Bar 1807
- > Cat Egerton, Martine Stead (photography)
- > Visit West Lothian
- > Tolbooth Traditional Music Project, Stirling
- > Steedsy.com Audio
- > St Roch's Ceili Band
- > Star & Garter Hotel
- > Sangschule
- > Newtowngrange Folk Club
- > Linlithgow Young People's Project
- > Linlithgow Union Canal Society
- > Linlithgow Sound & Lighting Services (John Barker)
- > Linlithgow Rose Social Club
- > Linlithgow Business Association
- > Linlithgow Journal and Gazette
- > Linlithgow Bowling Club
- > Lilitin' Lassies
- > Inveralmond Community High School
- > Historic Environment Scotland
- > Far From the Madding Crowd
- > Falkirk Traditional Music Project
- > Falkirk Folk Club
- > Colin and Joan Tyler, catering
- > CGH Creative Ltd



Trains: Linlithgow is well served by ScotRail, with direct services from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dunblane, Stirling and Falkirk.
Buses: Through bus services are available from Edinburgh, Falkirk and Stirling. (First bus services 38 and 38A). Less regular routes from most other parts of West Lothian.

Driving: Via the M9 from the West (eastbound), leave at J4 (no exit at J3 this carriageway). Via the M9 from the East (westbound), leave at J3. The transport information listed above may be subject to change on Sunday 9 September. Please refer to www.pedalforScotland.org for the latest

information affecting Linlithgow
Parking: Pay and Display car park behind Cross House, and other on street time-limited parking. Free long stay car park behind Tesco, but note parking in main Tesco park is time limited.