



Hello everyone,

## Welcome to the Pitlochry Festival Theatre Summer Season 2025!

I am so excited to be the new Artistic Director of this great institution, but it is my predecessor Elizabeth Newman who I must credit for this amazing array of musicals and plays you will be enjoying this summer. This season is a celebration of Elizabeth and everything she has done for Pitlochry Festival Theatre in expanding our reach both in terms of co-productions with other theatres around the country, but also in terms of imagination and the possibility of what we can do here in our Theatre in the Hills.

I have already seized the baton from Elizabeth and am planning next year's season that I hope will both mirror and magnify everything she has worked for in her tenure. Stay tuned for more details of that later in the summer!

If you haven't visited us for a while, you may notice a few changes. I feel the quality of the experience you have in our building is just as important as the quality of the work we put on our stages.

So with that in mind, we are introducing a programme of events and classes, changes to our menus and all sorts of ideas to make our building more welcoming and comfortable - literally and metaphorically. I want you all to remember that this building belongs to you! So please use it - even if it's to come and have a coffee and take in the gorgeous view of Ben-y-Vrackie!

I'm also scheduling a variety of shows, talks and readings in our Amphitheatre and so please sign up to our newsletter or social media channels to make sure you don't miss out on hearing about them.

Finally, we are all looking forward to welcoming you, or welcoming you back, and please do let me know if you have any ideas about how we can make your experience at Pitlochry Festival Theatre better. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

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Alan Cumming Artistic Director

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A Pitlochry Festival Theatre and Blackpool Grand Theatre Production

## GREASE

18 JUN – 27 SEP | 2PM & 7.30PM AUDITORIUM

Step into the electrifying world of 1950s Rydell High School and follow the whirlwind romance between new girl Sandy Dumbrowski and popular guy Danny Zuko, who find their summer love challenged by the pressures of teenage life.

Join Sandy, Danny and the rest of Rydell High as they navigate the trials and tribulations of high school with their respective cliques — the Pink Ladies and the Burger Palace Boys. This new version of the timeless classic is told with grit and verve capturing the idealism of the fifties, their dreams, desires and journeys of self-discovery.

Grease Book, Music and Lyrics by

## Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

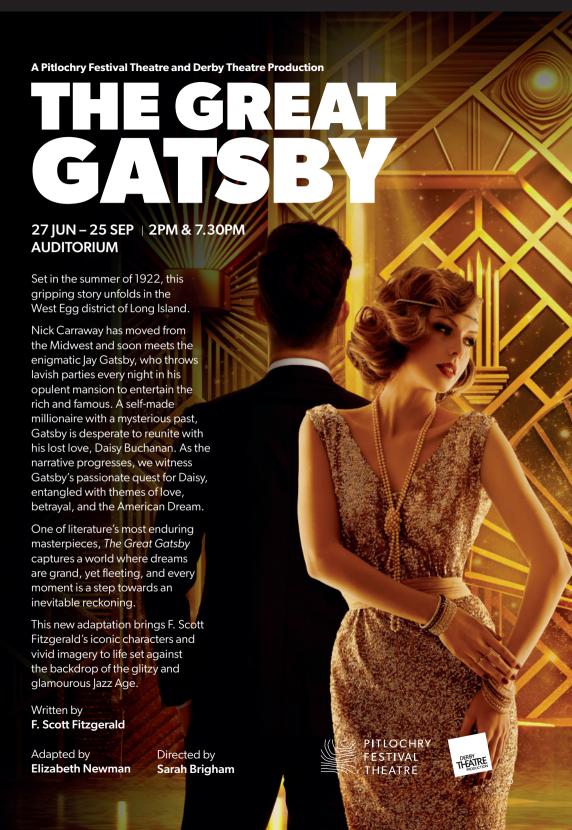
"Grease", "Hopelessly Devoted to You",
"Sandy" and "You're The One That I Want"
used by arrangement with Robert Stigwood

#### Directed by Sam Hardie

"GREASE" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW) theatrical rights.co.uk The high-energy show promises a nostalgic journey full of rock'n'roll flair. Bursting with a vibrant, dynamic and talented company, who capture the essence of teenage exuberance, rebellion and love. *Grease* will stay in your heart and remind us that *We Go Together*.

Welcome to Rydell High for a summer full of joy, love and dancing.





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## THE 39 STEPS

11 JUL – 26 SEP | 2PM & 7.30PM AUDITORIUM

This fast-paced, theatrical adaptation of Alfred Hitchcock's classic film takes you into the world of espionage, intrigue, and slapstick comedy. *The 39 Steps* masterfully combines a gripping spy thriller with an uproarious comedy.

The story follows the dashing Richard Hannay, who finds himself unwittingly embroiled in a mysterious plot after a chance encounter with a beautiful spy. When she is suddenly murdered in his apartment, Hannay is framed and forced to go on the run. With the police hot on his trail and a dangerous spy organisation called 'The 39 Steps' on his heels, Hannay races across Britain to clear his name and save the country from a sinister conspiracy.

With ingenious staging and four talented actors playing over 150 characters, switching roles and costumes at breakneck speed, this whirlwind physical comedy promises an unforgettable experience.

Adapted by Patrick Barlow

From the novel by John Buchan

From the movie by Alfred Hitchcock

Directed by **Ben Occhipinti** 

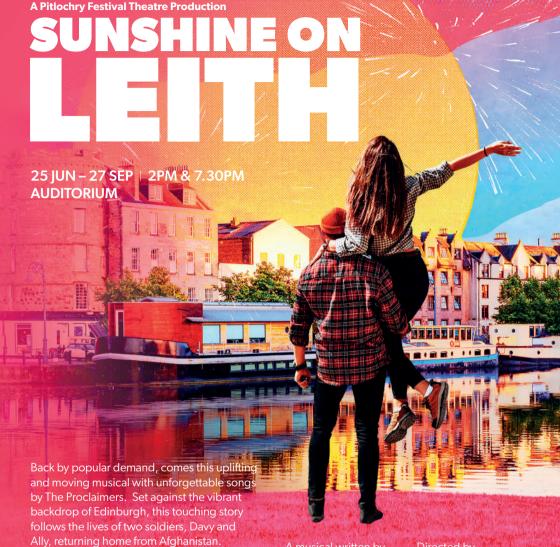
Supported by Katharine Liston

The 39 Steps is presented by

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Davy reunites with his childhood sweetheart, Yvonne, while Ally rekindles his romance with Davy's sister, Liz. Their relationships are tested by the challenges of readjusting to everyday routines and the secrets they carry from their time abroad.

Filled with beloved hits like I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles), Letter from America, and Sunshine on Leith, this musical captures the essence of resilience and the unbreakable spirit of the human heart.

A musical written by **Stephen Greenhorn** Featuring the songs of **The Proclaimers** 

New musical arrangements by David Shrubsole

Presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International

Originally conceived in partnership with Capital Theatres

Directed by Elizabeth Newman

Revival Director Ben Occhipinti

Original production at Dundee Rep on 18 April 2007



Byre Theatre in partnership with Playwrights' Studio, Scotland and Pitlochry Festival Theatre present

## WATER COLOUR

9 – 17 MAY | 2.30PM & 8PM STUDIO

Esme is at an all-time low, struggling with her studies and her art. She finds herself standing on the railing of one of the bridges that crosses the Clyde, which leads to a chance encounter with a boy who changes her life forever. A boy who she may never see again. Could Esme now finally find the road to recovery, healing, and self-acceptance?

Meanwhile, Harris is thriving. He is finally moving out of his mum's house and starting a new job in a high-end restaurant kitchen. One night, whilst walking home from work, he sees a girl about to do something awful. A girl who he may never see again. If Harris were to struggle with his mental health, who would be there for him? Would his mates take him seriously?

Written by **Milly Sweeney** 

Winner of the St Andrews Playwriting Award

Directed by Sally Reid

The St Andrews Playwriting Award is generously supported by Mike and Elisa Levy and the late Elizabeth Mussen and has been developed in collaboration with the University of St Andrews MLitt in Playwriting and Screenwriting. Water Colour is a story about connection, mental illness, and opening yourself up to the world.



A Pitlochry Festival Theatre and Firebrand Theatre Company Production

## NAN SHEPHERD: NAKED AND UNASHAMED

30 MAY – 14 JUN | 2.30PM & 8PM STUDIO



Spiced with poetry, humour and romance, the play reveals the untold story of how Nan Shepherd's experiences as author, teacher, hillwalker and lover helped shape Scotland's recent literary history; while also solving the mystery of why a manuscript of her ground-breaking masterpiece, *The Living Mountain*, lay forgotten in a drawer for over 30 years.

Written by

Richard Baron and Ellie Zeegen
Directed by Richard Baron

A co-production with Firebrand Theatre Company in association with Dr Kerri Andrews





Image © Estate of Nan Shepherd

A Pitlochry Festival Theatre Production

# THIS IS A GIFT

24 JUN – 11 SEP | 2.30PM & 8PM STUDIO

If you could have one wish, what would it be?

Zoe is about to head off to university, assuming she's got the grades. Dad's gilding business is struggling but they don't talk about that. Summer is here and everything is about to change. Hopefully.

When Silvain passes out against their door, Zoe and Dad take him in and care for him – a simple act of kindness that has unexpected consequences. As a token of his gratitude, Silvain's friend, Dennis, offers Dad a wish. But all wishes come with a price. Gold does not glitter. Gold just blinds.

An exploration of class, care and consequences, This is a Gift by Kolbrún Björt Sigfúsdóttir is a modern take on the Midas myth set in Leith.

Written by Kolbrún Björt Sigfúsdóttir

Directed by Sam Hardie





A Capital Theatres and Pitlochry Festival Theatre Production

9 JUL – 16 AUG | 2.30PM STUDIO

On the scenic banks of Loch Ness lies the town of Bruachness, a place steeped in mystery and folklore, where the local residents live in cautious awe of the legendary Loch Ness Monster, believed to bring misfortune to those who glimpse it. Tales abound of torn fishing nets, capsized boats, and a haunting fog that marks the Monster's presence. But everything changes when an 11-year-old budding biologist named Mara encounters the Monster — who prefers to be called Nessa, thank you very much — and survives to tell the tale.

Nessie is a new captivating Scottish musical that celebrates bravery, the strength of friendship and the courage to follow one's own heart.

Book, music and lyrics by **Shonagh Murray** 

Directed by **Beth Morton** 

Nessie at Pitlochry Festival Theatre is supported by the Cruden Foundation





**A Pitlochry Festival Theatre Production** 

## A TOAST FAE THE LASSIES

29 AUG – 24 SEP | 2.30PM & 8PM STUDIO

It's January 25, 1797, in the quiet graveyard of Dumfries, and Agnes Broun is remembering her recently departed son, Robert Burns. Her solemn visit is interrupted by an unexpected encounter with Jean Armour, Robert's widow and mother to his nine children. The two women, bound by a shared history and unresolved tensions, clash as they come face-to-face.

Unbeknownst to them, a mysterious figure watches from the shadows – Clarinda,
Burns' muse and soulmate, who has brought

a dram to honour her beloved Rabbie.

Featuring Burns' timeless songs and poetry, including My Love Is Like a Red, Red Rose, Ae Fond Kiss, and Auld Lang Syne.

This dynamic new musical play explores the life of Robert Burns through the perspectives of the three women who knew him best. It highlights how these often-overlooked figures shaped the legacy and contributed to the art of Scotland's greatest poet.

Written and Directed by John Binnie

Musical arrangements and additional music by Alyson Orr

Poetry and songs by Robert Burns



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## ONE NIGHT ONLY







#### 25 APR 7.30PM | AUDITORIUM

Multi award-winning Scottish supergroup Mànran has been at the heart of the Scottish traditional music scene for 15 years. Internationally recognised as one of the most iconic and respected Scottish bands on the road today, the seven-piece lineup show no signs of slowing down. Their latest two singles have been playlisted by BBC Radio 2, with Zoe Ball saying they are the sound of modern Scotland.

Having played in over 30 countries, including the USA, Asia and Australia, where they were awarded the accolade "International Artist of the Year", this multifaceted musical powerhouse has gathered a loyal fanbase worldwide, thanks to their self-penned tunes performed on a mixture of traditional and modern instruments, outstanding songs in Gaelic and English and vibrant live performances.

#### 7 JUN 7.30PM | AUDITORIUM

Calling all Dancing Queens, this is your night to say, *Thank you for the Music!* 

This international smash-hit tribute show brings all ABBA's number one hits to the stage in a production like no other. The hugely popular show, now in its 21st year and with a brand-new programme for 2025, combines the unmistakable harmonies, colourful costumes and dazzling performances by our all-star cast.

Join us for the party of the year, you can dance, you can jive, and have the time of your life as we bring you all the hits, including Waterloo, Dancing Queen, Super Trouper, Mamma Mia, Knowing Me, Knowing You, Gimme, Gimme, Gimme, The Winner Takes It All and many, many more!

#### 13 JUN 7.30PM | AUDITORIUM

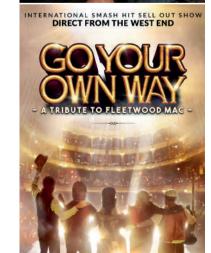
Embark on an electrifying journey through the sensational 70s. Our world class band and dazzling vocals are set to transport you straight to the heart of disco fever.

Get ready to re-live timeless hits from icons like **Donna Summer, Gloria Gaynor, Earth, Wind & Fire, Sister Sledge** and **Chic**.

Dress to impress in your most fabulous disco attire as we pay homage to the golden age of disco. From the irresistible beats of *Never Can Say Goodbye* to the pulsating rhythm of *Boogie Wonderland*, we've got an unforgettable lineup that'll keep you grooving all night long.







#### 14 JUN 7.30PM | AUDITORIUM

Celebrating 55 years of being on the road, the legendary sounds of The Pasadena Roof Orchestra make a welcome return to Pitlochry!

Expect to hear the impeccable sounds of the UK's most popular pre-war dance band. Polished arrangements from the greats such as **Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin** to name a few.

The show is presented by Band Leader Duncan Galloway.

#### 8 AUG 7.30PM | AUDITORIUM

Together Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham have established themselves as the epitome of excellence in the world of traditional music.

With their musical magic and quick-witted humour they will pull your emotional strings one moment and have you falling off the seat with laughter the next.

Join us to hear Phil Cunningham's astonishing dexterity on accordian, and Aly Bain's impassioned fiddle playing.

#### 31 AUG 7.30PM | AUDITORIUM

Go Your Own Way is the spellbinding show featuring music from the legendary multiple Grammy Award-winning Fleetwood Mac.

Their rock 'n' roll legacy is beautifully performed by a highly talented and acclaimed ensemble of musicians who will take audiences on a powerful journey through their incredible song book.

With hits including *Dreams*, *Don't Stop*, *Everywhere*, *Rhiannon*, *Gold Dust Woman*, *Little Lies*, *Big Love* and many more.

## **SPECIAL EVENT** FOOD AND DRINK Summer Show Menu Treat vourself to a delicious pre-show meal. Advance booking required. BANFF WE MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR

11 OCT | AUDITORIUM

MATINEE BLUE FILM 2.30PM EVENING RED FILM 7.30PM

## Experience an unforgettable evening of thrilling adventure – up on the big screen.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival features a brand-new collection of short films filled with extreme journeys, untamed characters and captivating cinematography. Join the world's top adventure filmmakers and thrill-seekers as they climb, ski, paddle and ride into the wildest corners of the planet.

There are two shows, each with a totally different selection of films – the 2025 Blue Film Programme (matinee) and the 2025 Red Film Programme (evening). Amplify the adventure by coming to both with a two-show discount.

With free prize giveaways, this is an unmissable event from the world's most prestigious mountain festival – guaranteed to spark your passion for adventure, action and travel!

**Café** Join us for a cuppa and stunning views of Ben-y-Vrackie.

**Breakfast** A selection of delicious breakfast rolls and baked goods.

Seasonal opening hours - see website for details.

**Festival Picnic Box** Tasty, fresh artisanal snacks Advance booking required.

**Cocktails and Fizz** Enjoy a tipple before and during the show – pre-order for intervals to avoid the queue. Or pop by anytime to unwind with a drink overlooking the river.







## SUMMER DIARY

## APRIL

Fri 25 Mànran

7.30pm

## MAY

Fri	9	Water Colour	8pm
Sat	10	Water Colour	2.30pm
	7	Water Colour	8pm
Tue	13	Water Colour	8pm
Wed	114	Water Colour	2.30pm
		Water Colour	8pm
Thu	15	Water Colour	2.30pm
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Fri	16	Water Colour	8pm
Sat	17	Water Colour	2.30pm
		Water Colour	8pm
Fri	30	Nan Shepherd	8pm
Sat	31	Nan Shepherd	2.30pm
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## JUNE

Tue 3	Nan Shepherd	8pm
Wed 4	Nan Shepherd	2.30pm
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Thu 5	Nan Shepherd	2.30pm
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Fri	6	Nan Shepherd	2.30pm
Sat	7	Nan Shepherd	2.30pm
		Thank You For The Music	7.30pm
Tue	10	Nan Shepherd	8pm
Wed	111	Nan Shepherd	2.30pm
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Thu	12	Nan Shepherd	2.30pm
		Nan Shepherd	8pm
Fri	13	Nan Shepherd	2.30pm
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Sat	14	Nan Shepherd	2.30pm
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## JULY

Tue	1	The Great Gatsby	7.30pm
Wed	2	The Great Gatsby	2pm
		Grease	7.30pm
Thu	3	This Is A Gift	2.30pm
		Grease	7.30pm
Fri	4	The Great Gatsby	7.30pm

Sat	5	The Creek Catalay	2
Sat	3	The Great Gatsby	2pm
		Grease	7.30pm
Wed	9	Nessie	2.30pm
Fri	11	The 39 Steps	7.30pm
Sat	12	Nessie	2.30pm
		The 39 Steps	7.30pm
Tue	15	The 39 Steps	7.30pm
Wed	16	The 39 Steps	2pm
		Grease	7.30pm
Thu	17	Nessie	2.30pm
		The Great Gatsby	7.30pm
Fri	18	The Great Gatsby	7.30pm
Sat	19	Nessie	2.30pm
		Grease	7.30pm
Fri	25	Sunshine on Leith	7.30pm
Sat	26	Sunshine on Leith	7.30pm
Tue	29	Sunshine on Leith	7.30pm
Wed	30	Sunshine on Leith	2pm
		Grease	7.30pm
Thu	31	Nessie	2.30pm
		The Great Gatsby	7.30pm
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## **AUGUST**

Fri I	The Great Gatsby	7.30pm
Sat 2	Nessie	2.30pm
	The 39 Steps	7.30pm
Tue 5	Grease	7.30pm
Wed 6	Grease	2pm
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Fri	8	Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham	7.30pm
Sat	9	Nessie The Great Gatsby	2.30pm 7.30pm
Sun	10	The Great Gatsby	2pm
Tue	12	The 39 Steps	7.30pm
Wed	13	The 39 Steps Sunshine on Leith	2pm 7.30pm
Thu	14	Nessie The Great Gatsby	2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	15	Grease	7.30pm
Sat	16	Nessie Grease	2.30pm 7.30pm
Tue	19	The Great Gatsby	7.30pm
Wed	20	The Great Gatsby The 39 Steps	2pm 7.30pm
Thu	21	The 39 Steps Grease	2pm 7.30pm
Fri	22	Grease	7.30pm
Sat	23	Grease Sunshine on Leith	2pm 7.30pm
Tue	26	Sunshine on Leith	7.30pm
Wed	27	Grease	7.30pm
Thu	28	The 39 Steps	7.30pm
Fri	29	A Toast Fae The Lassies	8pm
Sat	30	The Great Gatsby A Toast Fae The Lassies	2pm 8pm
Sun	31	Go Your Own Way	7.30pm

## SEPTEMBER

Tue	2	The 39 Steps	7.30pm
Wed	3	The 39 Steps Sunshine on Leith	2pm 7.30pm
Thu	4	A Toast Fae The Lassies The Great Gatsby	2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	5	The Great Gatsby This Is A Gift Grease	2pm 2.30pm 7.30pm
Sat	6	Grease The 39 Steps	2pm 7.30pm
Tue	9	The Great Gatsby	7.30pm
Wed	10	The Great Gatsby A Toast Fae The Lassies	2pm 8pm
Thu	11	This Is A Gift The 39 Steps	2.30pm 7.30pm
Fri	12	The 39 Steps Grease	2pm 7.30pm
Sat	13	Grease Sunshine on Leith	2pm 7.30pm
Sun	14	Sunshine on Leith	2pm
Tue	16	The 39 Steps	7.30pm
Wed	17	The 39 Steps Sunshine on Leith	2pm 7.30pm
Thu	18	A Toast Fae The Lassies Grease	2.30pm 7.30pm

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Sat	20	The Great Gatsby	2pm
		Sunshine on Leith	7.30pm
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		The Great Gatsby	7.30pm
		A Toast Fae The Lassies	8pm
Thu	25	The Great Gatsby	2pm
		The 39 Steps	7.30pm
Fri	26	The 39 Steps	2pm
		Sunshine on Leith	7.30pm
Sat	27	Sunshine on Leith	2pm
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## **OCTOBER**

Sat 11 Banff Mountain Film Festival 2.30 and 7.30pm

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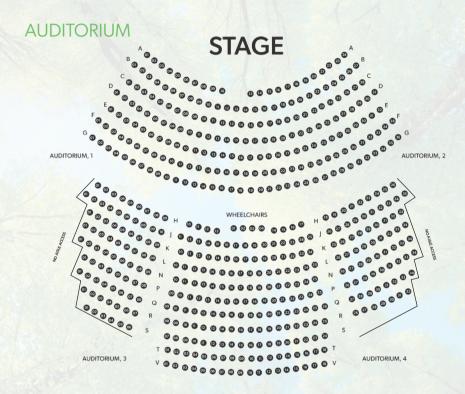
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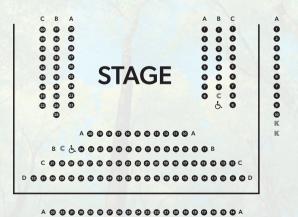
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Take a walk with one of the gardening team for a seasonal look at the Garden's progress and what's in bloom.

24 Apr, 29 May, 26 Jun, 31 Jul, 28 Aug, 25 Sep

11am for 1 hour (meet at the entrance at 10.50am)

#### £14

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