

Nairn
Book & Arts
Festival



**Close to
Nature's
Heart**

4th-12th

September 2021



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Welcome

On behalf of the festival organising committee, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2021 Nairn Book and Arts Festival, 'Close to Nature's Heart'.

Our theme for this year's festival is taken from a quote by the influential Scottish-American naturalist, author and environmental philosopher John Muir:

"Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean."

Our theme celebrates Nairn's natural beauty in support of VisitScotland's Year of Coasts and Waters, while anticipating the UN Conference on Climate Change (COP26) in November.

This pressing concern – how best to engage with and care for the natural world – unifies our diverse and thought-provoking festival programme.

Highlights include several critically acclaimed authors, pop-up art

exhibitions, beautiful folk music, otherworldly dance performances, a 10m tall mechanical puppet – and much more.

A huge thanks to all our event partners and sponsors for their support but especially our headline sponsor AES Solar and associate sponsors Nairn's Oatcakes and Fred. Olsen Renewables.

Particular thanks go to the festival Trustees and committee for all their hard work this year, and special thanks to our Creative Coordinator Tanera Bryden – as ever – for her tireless efforts behind the scenes.

We very much hope you'll enjoy reading through our programme and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Alex Williamson
Festival Chair

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Front cover artwork: Phoebe Roze

The commissioned artwork for our front cover this year is by Inverness-based artist Phoebe Roze. Phoebe is an interdisciplinary artist whose work encompasses recollections of childhood and the rich culture and history of the North of Scotland where she grew up. By exploring themes of time and memory in the context of these local environments, she aims to connect with and respond to the ecological crisis.



Find out more about her at
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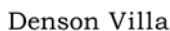
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A special mention to Christine at The Nairn Bookshop, who has been making face coverings to raise funds for the festival since early last year – at time of going to print, over £1300. Thank you, Christine!

And to all our Festival Friends – we are so grateful for everyone's support in what has been a very challenging year for everybody. To join us as a Friend visit www.nairnfestival.co.uk/festival-friends

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Festival at a Glance

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Daily Events

Art Exhibitions

See programme for details

Pre-Festival events

WORKSHOP KINETIKA

28th-29th August

30th-31st August

Silk Batik Flag-Making

Saturday 4th

1.00pm

High Street Takeover

8.00pm

Live at The Bandstand

Sunday 5th

9.00am onwards

Kinetika Flag

Installation

11.00am-1.00pm

Coastal Conservation in Nairn Walk and Talk

Tuesday 7th

6.00pm

Live Speaker Event

Iain Bain

7.45pm

Live Speaker Event

David Barrie

Wednesday 8th

10.00am-4.00pm

WORKSHOP

Rachael Forbes

Nature Journals

6.00pm

Live Speaker Event

S.G. MacLean

7.45pm

Live Speaker Event

David Gange

Thursday 9th

4.00pm

Live Speaker Event

Emilia A. Leese

6.00pm

Live Speaker Event

Helen Sedgwick

7.45pm

Live Speaker Event

Neil Lancaster

Friday 10th

12.30pm

Live Speaker Event

Alexander Stoddart

2.30pm

Live Speaker Event

Merryn Glover

4.30pm

Live Speaker Event

Cal Flynn

8.00pm

Live Music Iona Lane

Saturday 11th

Festival Online

10.30am

Annie Bell

12.00pm

Alistair Paul

Gaelic Language Event

1.30pm

Vicky Allen and

Anna Deacon

3.30pm

Sarah Moss

5.00pm

Aoife Lyall

8.00pm

Live Music

Mike Vass and

Innes Watson

WORKSHOPS

10.30am-12.00pm

Rachael Forbes

Capes for Eco Heros

10.30am, 12.30pm

and 2.30pm

Iona Gibson

Art of the Zine

12.30am-1.30pm

Rachael Forbes

Capes for Heros

Performance

1.00pm-5.00pm

Oceanallover

Sunday 12th

12.00pm-4.30pm

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