

# drama

## A Plate and a Play!

The Haunt Bar, Paisley Arts Centre  
Served 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Book with your drama ticket

We are now offering a pre-theatre menu for all of our drama performances.

For just £5.50 enjoy a delicious plate of food from our menu, which includes a glass of wine, a beer or a soft drink.

Make a night of it and choose the 'plate and a play' ticket option detailed for each performance!

For the menu please visit [www.thehauntbar.com](http://www.thehauntbar.com) or call 0141 848 1692.

### Thurs 17 February

NLP THEATRE COMPANY presents

## Singin' I'm No a Billy, He's a Tim

by Des Dillon

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm  
(1 hour 25 mins)

Tickets only - £14 (£13 conc)

Plate and a Play - £19.50 (£18.50 conc)

Suitable for 16+

Performance contains strong language

Back due to phenomenal demand – with a new season, new gags and even more laughs!

What happens when you lock up a Celtic fan with a Rangers fan on the day of an Old Firm match?

Fireworks, that's what!

Celtic mad Tim and Rangers daft Billy find themselves banged up in the same police cell on the day of an Old Firm match. Can Harry the ever watchful turnkey keep them apart?

Don't miss Des Dillon's hilarious Old Firm comedy that goes down a storm with fans all over Scotland.

*'Consistently funny and highly authentic'*

*The Scotsman*

**Wed 23 February**

Random Accomplice presents

**Smalltown**

by D.C. Jackson, Johnny McKnight & Douglas Maxwell

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm  
(1 hour 40 mins + interval)

Tickets only - £10 (£6 conc)  
Plate and a Play - £15.50 (£11.50 conc)  
Suitable for ages 14 +  
Performance may contain strong language

'Smalltown' tells the unexpected tales of what happens when a polluted water supply turns its residents crazy - from Zombies in the frozen food aisle, to oversexed teenagers, to a dangerous game of Russian Roulette on Girvan beach.

Find yourself trapped in three separate stories of Smalltown life before you decide how the story ends!

A thrilling show from the company that brought you 'Promises Promises'.

Supported by Creative Scotland and Glasgow City Council.

**Thurs 10 March**

Birds of Paradise Theatre in association with Paisley Arts Centre presents

**Mother Courage and Her Children**

by Bertolt Brecht

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm  
(1 hour 45 mins)

Tickets only - £10 (£6 conc)  
Plate and a Play - £15.50 (£11.50 conc)  
Suitable for ages 12 +

Mother Courage and her three children travel through the warzones, making their living from buying and selling whatever comes to hand, but with two strapping sons and a pretty daughter, foodstuff and uniforms aren't the only commodities the war machine is interested in.

A visually engaging, humorous and sympathetic production which will leave audiences considering her every word and deed.

Performed by an inclusive cast, 'Mother Courage' will feature sign language and projected text.

**Mon 21 March****Beachy Head**Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm  
(1 hour 20 mins)Tickets only - £10 (£6 conc)  
Plate and a Play - £15.50 (£11.50 conc)

It's been a month since Stephen jumped.

Joe and Matt are making a documentary and make a startling discovery that will take their film in an unexpected direction - the blurred image of a man jumping from the cliffs.

'Beachy Head' is a powerful look at the ripple effects of one man's decision to take his life. Mixing text, 3D animation and a dynamic physicality, 'Beachy Head' is the follow up to the award-winning 'Mile End' from "visionary young company" (Metro) Analogue.

*'A quietly splendid production, magically well staged: it lingers long.'*

*The Observer*

# Take A Chance Ticket!

*We think you'll find this an interesting play. If you disagree, let us know why in writing and we'll offer you a full refund*

**Thurs 17 March**

Rapture Theatre presents

**Gagarin Way**

by Gregory Burke

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm  
(1 hour 30 mins)

Tickets only - £10 (£6 conc)  
Plate and a Play - £15.50 (£11.50 conc)  
Contains strong language and violence

A pair of Fife factory workers kidnap their visiting boss to make a point... but what exactly is their point? And do they all have the same agenda? The jokes come thick and fast in this politically charged satirical thriller about a human heist that goes wrong. Earthy adult language and high comedy make for a wickedly cruel and deliciously funny night at the theatre with a fantastic Scottish cast of Dave Anderson, Jimmy Chisholm, Finn Den Hertog and Jordan Young.

'Gagarin Way' was the breakthrough play from the writer of the acclaimed Black Watch and has been produced all over the world.

*'Gregory Burke's blistering, brilliant, crazily confident first play'*

*The Guardian*

Produced in association with Arts and Theatre Trust Fife; funded by Creative Scotland.

Wed 27 April

## Six Black Candles

by Des Dillon

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm

(1 hour 40 mins + interval)

Tickets only - £10 (£6 conc)

Plate and a Play - £15.50 (£11.50 conc)

Performance contains strong language

Six sisters, their Maw and Granny gather to take revenge by witchcraft on Caroline's wayward husband. Six black candles, one black affronted Maw, two gallons of vodka, one crazy old Irish Granny, a pile of burning boxer shorts, barrels of bickering, a hitman, a pentangle and a frozen head in the fridge. Enter one adulterous husband and one unsuspecting Catholic Priest.

Wed 4 May

ThickSkin presents

## Blackout

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm

(45 mins + post show discussion)

Tickets only - £10 (£6 conc)

Plate and a Play - £15.50 (£11.50 conc)

Suitable for ages 12 +

Contains strong language and violence

Following sell-out success at the 2010 Edinburgh Festival Fringe, ThickSkin presents its emotionally stunning debut production of Davey Anderson's 'Blackout'.

Inspired by the stories of a young offender from Glasgow, 'Blackout' is a 45-minute smack in the face. ThickSkin's 'Blackout' brings this play to life with a mix of striking physicality and Anderson's hard-hitting text.

*Winner of The Arches Brick Award 2010*

*'a captivating, emotional and brilliant piece of modern theatre.'*

\*\*\*\*\* *ThreeWeeks*

Wed 25 May

## Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know!

by multi-award winning playwright Rona Munro

Performed by award winning actress Fiona Knowles

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm

(1 hour 30 mins + interval)

Tickets only - £10 (£6 conc)

Plate and a Play - £15.50 (£11.50 conc)

A story of one woman growing old disgracefully, one woman not growing old at all and one...very scary child! Families, friendships and pure fantasy, it has to be the latest one woman comedy drama from The MsFits.

*'Munro & Knowles have carved a niche in creating funny and accessible drama'*

*The List*

# music and entertainment

Thurs 27 January

## MOGWAI

Plus support, Remember Remember

Paisley Town Hall, doors 7.30pm  
(3 hours 45 mins inc support band)

£17.50

Mogwai emerged from Lanarkshire and Glasgow to become one of the world's pre-eminent post-rock bands. The group was formed by Stuart Braithwaite, Dominic Aitchison and Martin Bulloch with John Cummings and Barry Burns joining later. The band are renowned for their savage approach to rock music, incorporating elements from punk and metal genres to create something quite unique.

**Sun 13 February**

## John Hylton – 'Real Diamond'

The Jazz Singer Tour

Paisley Town Hall 7.30pm  
(2 hours + interval)

£15 (£14 conc)

John Hylton is Europe's foremost Neil Diamond tribute performer.

Join John, together with his talented band, as he celebrates the music of Neil Diamond's 'The Jazz Singer', by performing all the songs from the album, as well as a selection of Neil's other well-known hits!

*'..John's voice is uncannily like Neil's, and he most certainly gives a flawless performance, leaving you wanting more.'*

*The UK Neil Diamond Fan Club*

**Fri 25 February**

## Sandy Wright and the Toxic Cowboys

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm  
(1 hour 30 mins + interval)

£10 (£6 conc)

Performance may contain some strong language

An underground hero in the Edinburgh folk scene, celebrated songwriter Sandy Wright performs at Paisley Arts Centre for the first time with a fantastic show featuring tracks from his highly acclaimed album, 'Songs from Sandy Wright'.

Often described as 'the musician's hero', artists who have recorded Sandy's material include Eddi Reader, Karine Polwart, Kris Drever and Roddy Woomble.

*'One of Scotland's most highly regarded songwriters'*

*Mojo*

**Sun 20 March**

## Paisley Philharmonic Choir

Paisley Town Hall 7pm

£9 available at the door or from  
Aileen McMillan 0141 884 6267

The choir will present 'A Night at the Theatre'. Performing with the choir will be students from the RSAMD Opera School.

**Sat 26 March**

## Lorna Reid's Jazz Café

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm  
(1 hour 30 mins + interval)

£10 (£8 conc)

Sassy and swinging vocalist Lorna Reid and her band make a welcome return to Paisley Arts Centre. Creating the intimacy and relaxed feel of a jazz street cafe – this show includes hits such as 'My Funny Valentine', 'Little Girl Blue' and 'Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man'. Influenced by artists from Ella Fitzgerald to Tom Waits, Lorna and her band will perform well loved songs and original material with exciting new arrangements.



**Mon 4 April**

## Roddy Woomble

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm  
(1 hour 30 mins + interval)

£12 (£10 conc)

Familiar to many thousands of music fans as the front man in the Scottish rock band Idlewild, Roddy Woomble is also a celebrated solo songwriter and performer. He follows up the release of his acclaimed 2006 solo debut 'My Secret is My Silence' with a brand new album of new songs. This set will feature tracks from 'My Secret is My Silence' and his collaborative album 'Before the Ruin' alongside tunes from the new album and several Idlewild numbers.

**Thurs 7 April**

## Orkestra del Sol

Paisley Town Hall 7.30pm  
(1 hour 30 mins + interval)

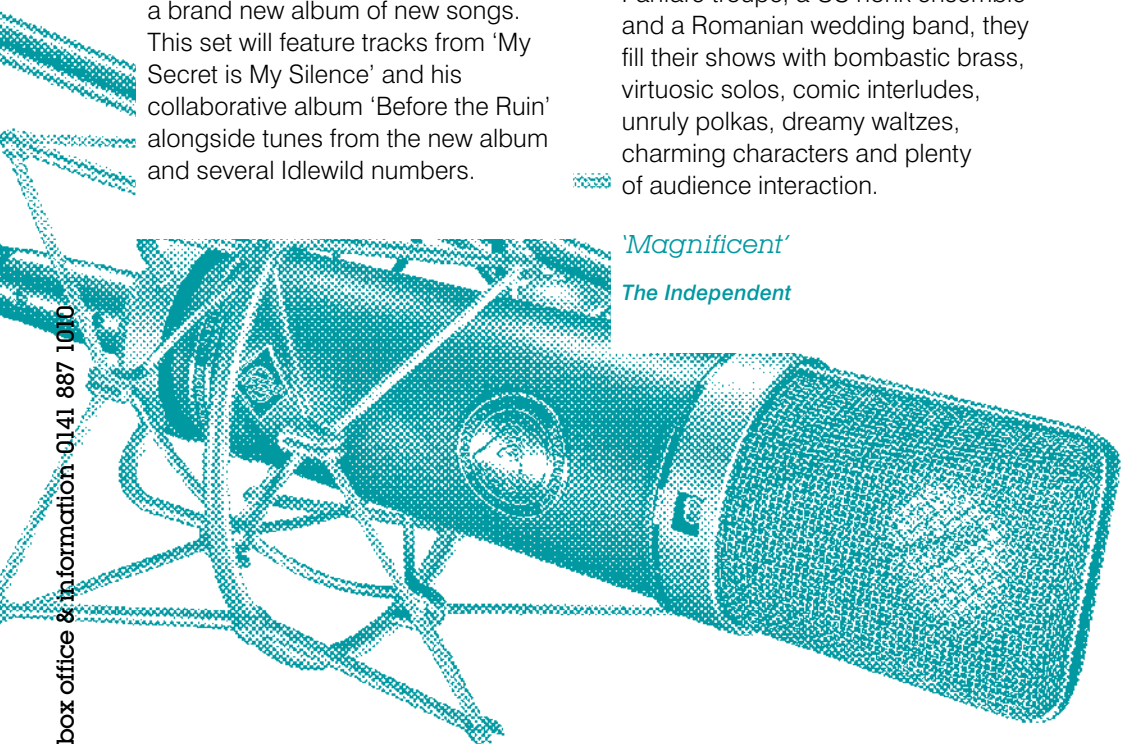
£12 (£10 conc)

Fresh from a 12-date tour of Australia, Orkestra del Sol return to Scotland bursting with anarchic humour, wildly skilful musical arrangements and a roguish sense of theatre.

Like a cross between a French Fanfare troupe, a US honk ensemble and a Romanian wedding band, they fill their shows with bombastic brass, virtuosic solos, comic interludes, unruly polkas, dreamy waltzes, charming characters and plenty of audience interaction.

*'Magnificent'*

*The Independent*



## Thurs 21 April

The Swingcats present

### Too Darn Hot

Featuring the Karen MacIver Trio

Paisley Town Hall 7.30pm

(1 hour 30 mins + interval)

£12 (£10 conc)

Celebrate ten years of The Swingcats with this brand new anniversary show, 'Too Darn Hot' - featuring the sizzling songs of the swing era.

From the songbooks of Cole Porter, George Gershwin and Johnny Mercer and featuring classic hits such as 'Fever', 'Summertime' and 'Too Darn Hot', The Swingcats will re-create the magical era of forties swing with their unique arrangements and will be accompanied by their trio of top flight musicians.

## Fri 13 May

### The Tannahill Weavers

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm

(1 hour 30 mins + interval)

£10 (£8 conc)

This dynamic quintet play Scottish traditional music at its best. The band's potent mixture of traditional ballads and fiery instrumentals leaves their audiences spellbound. As tight and versatile as any band in the Celtic music scene, the Tannahills can summon rock-n-roll intensity or haunting introspection.

*'The band is one of a kind.'*

*The Desert Shamrock, Scottsdale, AZ*

## Fri 13 May

### The Gleniffer Singers Annual Charity Concert

Paisley Town Hall 7.30pm

£8

Booking: 889 5328 or on the door

All proceeds will go to charity

The Gleniffer Singers return to Paisley Town Hall with an evening of popular music from folk to light classical and spiritual to modern. Featuring special guests the Govan Salvation Army Citadel Band.

## Sun 22 May

### Paisley Philharmonic Choir

Paisley Town Hall 7.30pm

Tickets £9 available at the door

or from Aileen McMillan 0141 884 6267

This performance will feature Te Deum by Haydn and Petite Messe Solenne by Rossini.



Image: Orkestra Del Sol

**Sun 22 May****LAU**Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm  
(1 hour 30 mins + interval)

£10 (£6 conc)

After a sell-out gig last year, Lau are warmly welcomed back to Paisley Arts Centre. A trio of the finest and most innovative exponents of modern traditional music in Britain today, their now infamous live shows are a must-see experience with an energy and musicianship which is spellbinding.

Twice winners of 'Best Group' at the Radio 2 Folk Awards, Lau employ rising, epic song structures not usually associated with folk music and more akin to those on the leftfield of rock and jazz.

*'...quite frankly the best band in the world right now'*

*Channel 4 Music*

**Wed 8 June****Roddy Hart and The Lonesome Fire**Paisley Arts Centre 8pm  
(1 hour 30 mins + interval)

£10 (£8 conc)

Glaswegian singer/songwriter Roddy Hart has drawn comparisons with greats such as Bruce Springsteen, Elvis Costello, Bob Dylan and Tom Petty. He has established himself as an artist in the classic mould, and is gaining a growing reputation for his live shows with his band, The Lonesome Fire.

*'Beautifully melodic (and) very close to being that rare thing: a 10-track album with 10 standout tracks'*

*Sunday Herald on Roddy Hart's 'Road Of Bones' album*

Image: Roddy Hart





Fri 17 June

### Havana Swing

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm  
(1 hour 30 mins + interval)

£10 (£6 conc)

Dundee band Havana Swing have been delighting audiences for years with their fiery brand of Gypsy Jazz, reminiscent of Django Reinhardt's war time line up. The band will take you on a musical journey of Le Hot Club De France through Parisian cafes and Gypsy campfires!

Sat 25 June

### Jani Lang Band

plus support from Gypsy Rayner

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm  
(2 hours + interval)

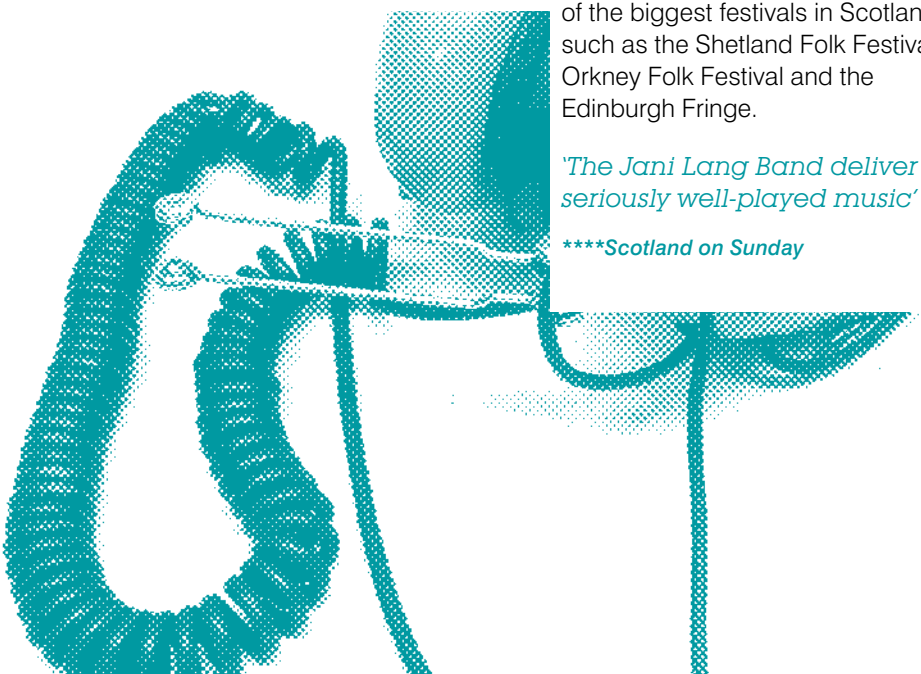
£10 (£6 conc)

Former member of 'Fianna', Jani Lang, founded the band to promote the music of Hungary and the Balkans. With some of the best musicians from Scotland, Ireland, Egypt and Hungary as members, the band's authentic and original interpretation of Balkan music have captured audiences all over the UK.

Their talent has taken them to some of the biggest festivals in Scotland, such as the Shetland Folk Festival, Orkney Folk Festival and the Edinburgh Fringe.

*'The Jani Lang Band deliver seriously well-played music'*

\*\*\*\*Scotland on Sunday



## Films at Paisley Arts Centre

Last season, we asked you what you'd like to see in our films programme. We think we've managed to include something for everyone. We hope you enjoy it!

£5 (£4 conc) and Paisley Film Society Members £3

Matinee and Refugee Week screenings – all tickets £3

Booking and information: 0141 887 1010 or [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/onlinebooking](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/onlinebooking)



24 Feb, 24 Mar, 21 Apr,  
19 May, 23 Jun

## The Film Quiz

The Haunt Bar, Paisley Arts Centre  
7.30pm

£FREE

Maximum 4 people per team

Think you know your De Niro from your DiCaprios? Your Laurel from your Hardy? Then get your team together and head to The Haunt Bar at Paisley Arts Centre for The Film Quiz!



Date	Time	Film
Tues 15 February	7.30pm	Breakfast at Tiffany's (PG)
Tues 1 March	7.30pm	Exit Through The Gift Shop (15)
Tues 15 March	7.30pm	Lavenderhill Mob (U)
Tues 29 March	7.30pm	District 9 (15)
Tues 12 April	2pm	Jungle Book (U)
Tues 26 April	7.30pm	The Ghost (15)
Tues 10 May	7.30pm	The Illusionist (PG)
Tues 24 May	7.30pm	Moulin Rouge (12)*
Tues 7 June	7.30pm	Made in Dagenham (15)
Tues 21 June	7.30pm	No-one Knows about Persian Cats (12A)**
Wed 22 June	7.30pm	Neukölln Unlimited (15)**

\* This film is being shown as part of our cabaret season

\*\* This film is being shown as part of Refugee Week Scotland

Refugee Week Scotland is an exciting programme of events happening across the country to celebrate diversity and raise awareness of refugee issues.



And now.....enjoy  
a glass of wine,  
a cold beer, or a  
soft drink of your  
choice with your  
favourite films!

# films

Image: Breakfast at Tiffany's

**Thurs 3 February, Thurs 3 March,  
Thurs 14 April, Thurs 5 May,  
Thurs 2 June**

## Comedy Club

The Haunt Bar  
Paisley Arts Centre 8.30pm

£7 (£5 conc)  
Booking: 0141 848 1692

Its laugh a minute as the Comedy Club takes over the workshop space at Paisley Arts Centre. With an ever changing line up of top comedy talent, it's a great night out for comedy lovers!

Check out the website for further details of acts [www.thehauntbar.com](http://www.thehauntbar.com)

# comedy

**Thurs 7 April**

## Sean Hughes – Ducks and Other Mistakes I've Made

Paisley Arts Centre 8pm  
(1 hour 20 mins + interval)

£14 (£12 conc)

Sean Hughes has spent most of the last year on the road, perfecting his new show. Now at its absolute peak, he brings it to Paisley for one night only! With his dark, explosive style of quick-fire audience banter, he is a household name appearing in countless TV shows. Sean has now returned to his first love, stand-up, and is back at his absolute best.

*'High-calibre comedy as it should be'*

*Evening Standard*





**Thurs 24 March**

## Jerry Sadowitz

Paisley Town Hall 8pm  
(1 hour 20 mins)

£17.50 (£15.50 conc)  
Strictly over 18s only, not for the easily  
offended!

Jerry's back! Mind-blowing comedy  
that will leave you reeling in your seat  
and gasping for more.

*'Often shocking, stand-up  
comedy's only genius...  
compelling, hilarious,  
unpredictable and  
unmissable...the funniest  
comedian in the country'*

**The Guardian**

**Sat 7 May & Sun 8 May**

## Running On Air

Castle Semple Visitors Centre, Lochlip  
Road, Lochwinnoch  
11.30am and 1pm (both days)

Paisley Arts Centre Grounds 4.30pm and  
7pm (both days)

£10 (£6 conc)  
Maximum capacity of 5 per show  
(45 mins)

Performed in a vintage, yellow VW  
campervan called 'Joni', Running On  
Air is an award-winning show by  
comedian Laura Mugridge,  
performed for just five audience  
members at a time.

Recreating the beauty of the great  
outdoors inside the campervan,  
Laura invites you on an intimate  
journey from Lands End to  
Edinburgh, sharing her experience of  
marriage, camping and her love of  
the good life.

*'A life-affirming, love-affirming  
odyssey full of exquisite tiny  
details... while her show may  
be brilliantly simple, she is  
simply brilliant.'*

**The Metro \*\*\*\*\***

**Fri 24 June**

**Raymond Mearns:  
Maybe not a buddy...  
but a good pal**

Paisley Arts Centre 8pm  
(1 hour 20 mins + interval)

£10 (£6 conc)  
Suitable for 16+  
Performance may contain  
strong language

Raymond has decided to bring some much-needed mirth and merriment to Paisley. And he is definitely the man for the job. Raymond is one of the most experienced – and funniest – stand-ups in the UK.

He has had sell-out shows at the Edinburgh Fringe, the Glasgow International Comedy Festival, the prestigious New York Underground Comedy Festival and appears regularly on TV (Rab C Nesbitt, Legit, Limmy's Show).

*'A genuine improvisational  
genius'*

**Frankie Boyle**

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# exhibitions & talks

**Fri 28 January - Sun 27 March**

**Look at Our World**

Paisley Museum  
£FREE

Now in its 10th year, this exhibition showcases some of the best creative work from nursery, primary and secondary schools from across Renfrewshire. This year, the theme for the exhibition is 'Untold Stories'.

Image: Walking in Tannahill's Footsteps  
Photo: Steve Edwards

**Fri 4 February - Sun 24 April**

## Pong to Playstation

Paisley Museum  
£2

This exhibition will look at early arcade game design and development from the earliest TV consoles through to the home computing revolution to the story of contemporary gaming.

There will be a selection of interactive games to play in the exhibition, including consoles from the 1970s and 80s, handheld games and one of the latest generation of games console - the Xbox 360.

**Fri 11 February to Sun 3 April**

## 'Troglodytes' – Fiona Jardine

(Contemporary Art Society  
Centenary Project)

Paisley Museum  
£FREE

Artist Fiona Jardine has been commissioned by the Contemporary Art Society to curate an exhibition featuring portraits and ceramics from the Paisley Museum Art Collections. Within this exhibition Fiona will be looking to the historical period and intellectual climate that led to the founding of Paisley Museum in 1871. 'Troglodytes' takes its name from the Paisley drinking club of the same name, and links the Victorian enthusiasm for classifying and categorising to Paisley's collection of studio ceramics.

1910–2010  
CENTENARY PROGRAMME

**contemporary  
art society**

**Sat 7 May to Sun 5 June**

## Paisley Art Institute Annual Exhibition

Paisley Museum  
£FREE

The Paisley Art Institute was founded in 1876. Over the years many well known artists have been members: Sir Muirhead Bone, Sir Stanley Cursiter, James Elder Christie, Sir George Pirie, E.A. Hornel and Sir John Lavery to name but a few. The Annual Exhibition of painting and sculpture is at the heart of the Institute's calendar and is popularly and critically acclaimed.

**Sat 7 May to Sun 5 June**

## Paisley Art Institute Schools' Competition Exhibition

Paisley Museum  
£FREE

Each year, as part of their education programme, Paisley Art Institute runs a Schools' Competition. There are a number of awards including the Macfarlane Group Shield for the overall winner. An exhibition highlighting artworks from pupils participating in this year's competition is to be found at Paisley Museum.

Image: Life After Iraq  
Photo: Angela Catlin

exhibitions and talks

**Fri 27 May - Sun 21 August**

## Walking in Tannahill's Footsteps

The History and Heritage of  
Gleniffer Braes Country Park

Paisley Museum  
£FREE

This exhibition celebrates the wealth of heritage found in Gleniffer Braes Country Park by taking visitors along an imaginary walk following the popular Tannahill Walkway. Robert Tannahill's songs and poetry were inspired by the landscapes of Gleniffer Braes. This exhibition shows that, 200 years later, people can gain the same inspiration from Gleniffer's wildlife, landscapes, geology, archaeology, history and superb views across the Clyde valley.

**Fri 17 June – Sun 17 July**

## Life After Iraq

Photography by Angela Catlin

Paisley Museum  
£FREE

Since 2003, at least 4.7 million Iraqis have been forced to flee their homes. Around half of the displaced remain in Iraq, while more than 2 million have fled to Syria and Jordan.

Commissioned by Scottish Refugee Council, Life After Iraq is an exhibition of work by award-winning photojournalist Angela Catlin and writer Billy Briggs, who travelled to Syria to document the lives of ordinary Iraqis living there after fleeing their homeland. The exhibition also gives an insight into the lives of Iraqi refugees who have come to Scotland.

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book online [www.rentfreeshire.gov.uk/onlinebooking](http://www.rentfreeshire.gov.uk/onlinebooking)



**Fri 1 July - Sun 2 October**

## Paisley's Glasgow Boys

Paisley Museum  
£FREE

Paisley Museum holds one of the largest collections of paintings by the artists collectively known as 'The Glasgow Boys'. This exhibition will highlight the scope and diversity of these innovative painters.

'The Glasgow Boys' were a group of over 20 artists active from the late 19th and early 20th century and such is their popularity that their works still feature in major exhibitions and galleries worldwide.

The exhibition focuses on the group's local links to Paisley and on how the museum came to house such fantastic works by the artists Lavery, Henry, Hornel, Guthrie and Walton.

## Lunchtime Talks

Every Wednesday  
Paisley Museum 12.30pm  
£FREE

Take a break from the office or your daily routine and join us for one of our lunchtime talks. Whether you have a particular interest in a subject or just a passing whim, you will enjoy these mini-lectures. Each talk lasts approx 45 mins.

Details of talks are available at [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/museums](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/museums) or from any of our venues.

**Thurs 3 February and Thurs 3 March**

## Paisley Natural History Talks

Paisley Museum 7.30pm  
£FREE

Hosted by experts in the field, these talks provide an interesting insight into various natural history topics. The talks are open to everyone and there is no need to book, just come along.

Details of talks are available at [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/museums](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/museums).

Image: Paisley's Glasgow Boys  
(Brighthouse Bay, E.A. Hornel)

**Every Tuesday & Thursday until  
31 March**

## Winter Viewing Nights

Coats Observatory 6.30 - 9pm  
£FREE – no need to book

Last admission 8.45pm

Throughout the winter months, Coats Observatory opens to allow visitors the opportunity to view the wonders of the night sky up close through the powerful telescopes housed in the building. See the Moon, the planets and other astronomical wonders as never before!

**Every Thursday from 20 January**

## Camcorder Classes

Paisley Central Library 1pm – 3pm  
£FREE - Booking essential

Places limited to 15 per class

Get to know your camcorder better and improve your filmmaking and editing techniques. A selection of short films by the group will be shown at the Paisley Film Society screenings at Paisley Arts Centre.



# community events



**Every Wed from 26 Jan to 16 March**

## Fashion Design Workshops

Paisley Arts Centre 6.30pm – 8.30pm  
Suitable for ages 8-16

£40 (£35 conc) for 8 week session  
(this price includes the cost of materials)

Places limited to 15 per class  
Booking essential

Learn how to make clothing, jewellery and accessories from unwanted items. You don't have to make something for yourself, it could be for a friend, a family member, or a fantasy character. No sewing skills are required, just an interest in design and an eye for style.

**Every Thurs from 27 January to 31 March**

## Bookbug Sessions (formerly Bookstart Rhymetime)

Paisley Museum 11.15am

£FREE – No need to book

Songs, rhymes, rhythm and movement! Free, friendly and fun for children aged up to four and their parents. Most sessions are run by a specially trained Bookbug Session leader.

For more information [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/libraries/bookbug](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/libraries/bookbug)



## Saturday Art Class

**Block 1 (on sale 9:15am Mon 24 Jan)**

Every Sat from 5 February to 19 March (except Sat 19 February)

Suitable for ages 7-11

**Block 2 (on sale 9:15am Fri 15 April)**

Every Sat from 30 April to 18 June (except Sat 28 May and Sat 11 June)

Morning session suitable for ages 7-11, afternoon session suitable for ages 12-15

Paisley Arts Centre  
10.30am – 12.30pm or 2pm – 4pm

£30 (£25 conc) for 6 week session  
Booking essential

Art classes are run by a professional arts worker. Places limited to 15 per class.



**Every Tuesday from 15 February to 28 June**

### Life Drawing Class

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
£4 per session

These informal, untutored sessions allow participants to unleash their creativity within an inspired environment. Whether you are an experienced artist or a complete beginner, we welcome all abilities.

Participants must bring own materials



**Mon 4 April to Fri 15 April**

### Easter Activities

Renfrewshire Arts & Museums will be organising a series of fun-filled events to keep the children amused during the Easter holidays. Keep an eye on the website for more information as it becomes available.  
[www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/events](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/events)

**Wed 27 April to Sat 30 April**

### 24th Paisley Beer Festival

Wednesday 17:00 - 23:00  
Thursday 12:00 - 23:00  
Friday 12:00 - 00:00  
Saturday 12:00 - 21:30

Paisley Town Hall  
Adults £5 (please note we reserve the right to question your age)  
CAMRA members £3  
Pensioner/students (Wed & Thurs only) £3  
Tickets available on the door

Come along to one of Scotland's biggest and best beer festivals - featuring all types of real ales and discover the taste of real cider from Scotland, the rest of the UK, and Europe.

Buy a festival glass, and come back the next night free of charge!

If any CAMRA member would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Aileen MacKinnon on 07767 783 120

### Club Animate

**Block 1 (on sale 9:15am Tues 15 Feb)**

Every Tues from 1 March to 5 April

**Block 2 (on sale 9:15am Tues 26 April)**

Every Tues from 10 May to 14 June

Paisley Central Library 6pm – 7.45pm

£30 (£25 conc) for 6 week session

Places limited to 12  
Suitable for ages 10-15

The Club Animate course includes model making, scripting, animation music and editing. The group's work will be shown at two special themed screening nights at Paisley Arts Centre.

**Sun 5 June**

## Renfrew Gala Day

Robertson Park, Renfrew 1pm – 4pm  
£FREE

Join in the fun at Renfrew Gala Day, with live onstage entertainment, charity stalls, fun fair rides and a parade that makes this annual event a perfect family day out.

**Sat 11 June**

## Accord Summer Fayre

Paisley Town Hall & Abbey Close  
10am – 4pm  
£FREE

This year's Accord Summer Fayre will have plenty of attractions to entertain the whole family including children's rides and inflatables, children's games and competitions as well as a craft fayre. All profits will help to provide Accord's specialist care.

## Tea Dances

Mon 7 February  
Wed 23 February  
Mon 7 March  
Wed 23 March  
Mon 4 April  
Wed 20 April  
Mon 9 May  
Mon 6 June

Paisley Town Hall 1pm – 3.30pm  
£2

Enjoy an afternoon of dancing, music, and chatting with friends at Paisley Town Hall. John Findlay will keep you entertained all afternoon playing a series of timeless tunes on the keyboard.

### Sat 19 March

Plutôt La Vie presents

## By the Seat of Your Pants

Paisley Arts Centre 2pm  
(1 hour)

£5

Suitable for ages 8+

Nothing to be done and nothing to do. Fritz, Franz and Rudy sit and wait. Not to take things sitting down, they put their best feet forward to make the grade and avoid a kick in the pants.

A fast, visual, funny show in a clown style for family audiences. A co-production with Howden Park Centre.

### Fri 25 March

Snail Tails presents

## A Little Bird Told Me...

Paisley Arts Centre 1.30pm  
(1 hour)

£3

Suitable for ages 3-11

Wizards, witches and magical animals join boys and girls on crazy quests and wacky adventures. Each short story in this selection has been created by children and adapted by professional storytellers to include puppetry, live music, magic, and lots of joining in!

This insight into the world of the modern child's imagination is a treat for the whole family.

*'A delight from start to finish'*

*Bedford Corn Exchange*

## Puppet Animation Festival

Come along to Paisley Arts Centre to watch three fantastic shows as part of the 2011 Puppet Animation Festival. All tickets are just £5 so bring the whole family for a great day out!



### Sat 2 April

## The Snow Queen

Paisley Arts Centre 2pm  
(45mins)

£5

Suitable for ages 5-11

Little Gerda loses her playmate Kai to the Snow Queen. So she sets out on an epic adventure to save him. Along the way she meets and befriends a bewildering variety of people and animals before finally reaching the wintery northern tundra.

*'An engaging storyteller...ably assisted by a cast of beautifully made puppets.'*

*The Scotsman*



# children's entertainment

### Wed 6 April

Kidglove Puppets presents

## The Frog Prince and Other Tales

Paisley Arts Centre 2pm  
(45 mins)

£5

Suitable for ages 4+

Spoilt Princess Stephanie finds herself having to promise to kiss a frog...a promise she has no intention of keeping!

This and other tales, including 'The Three Little Pigs' are all told in a gentle and humorous style, presented from a booth with colourful hand held puppets and plenty of opportunities for audience participation.

*'The audience are engaged for the entire duration...an all round winner.'*

[edinburghguide.com](http://edinburghguide.com)



### Mon 18 April

Freehand Theatre presents

## Who's Been Sitting In My Chair?

Paisley Arts Centre 2pm  
(50 mins)

£5

Suitable for ages 3+

A delightful and playful interpretation of a well-known tale - with porridge and bears and one - two - three chairs.

And when Small Bear gets lost, we all have to go on a bear hunt!

With original music, this play is for everyone who can count to three!

*'Freehand Theatre's superb creations are a joy to see. They provide real and effective theatre.'*

*Times Educational Supplement*





**Sun 15 May**

## The Singing Kettle

presents Funny Farm

Paisley Town Hall 1pm and 3.30pm  
(1 hour 15 mins + interval)

All tickets £10.50, Family Saver £38  
(4 seats, minimum 1 adult), Parent &  
Baby (12 months no seat allocated)  
£12.50, Groups 10+ £8

A tuck shop will be provided.

Dress as your favourite farmyard  
animal and join Scotland's Number  
One Family Show in their brand new  
'Funny Farm' adventure.

Have a picnic with Charlie the  
Cheeky Chicken or a mud bath with  
Percy the Purple Pig! Join in on stage  
with the hilarious Sheep Dip Derby  
and help Bonzo the Dog search for  
a needle in a giant haystack.

*'..... superb audience  
participation and fabulous  
musical fun creates a delightful  
experience that only the  
Singing Kettle can deliver  
every time.'*

*Daily Record*

**Fri 20 May**

## The Presents

Paisley Arts Centre 10.30am, 1.30pm,  
3.30pm  
(45 mins)

£6 (1 adult and 1 child. £3 for extra child)  
For babies 6-18 months old

Expertly crafted to complement  
babies' concentration-span and  
eager eye contact, 'The Presents'  
captivates both parent and child,  
providing a perfect vehicle to boost  
sensory development.

Each present contains an object,  
colour or world of sound. What will  
you see?

The performer-musicians have  
a magical presence and some  
beautiful tricks up their sleeves as the  
audience gaze open-mouthed at the  
image-stories unfolding before them.



**Thurs 28 April**

## The Essential Showgirl Workshop

Paisley Arts Centre 6.30pm – 8.30pm  
£6Suitable for ages 14 +  
Places limited to 30

Feathers, sequins and false eyelashes at the ready...welcome to the world of the showgirl. Taking you on a journey through the rise of the chorus line from Paris to Berlin via Rio and Las Vegas, this class infuses glamour and the avant garde with a sprinkling of cheese. So go on, indulge your inner showgirl - suitable for beginners, professionals and drag queens alike.

**Fri 29 April**

## Burlesque Workshop

Paisley Arts Centre 6.30pm – 8.30pm  
£6Suitable for ages 18+  
Places limited to 30

Think Dita von Teese, Gypsy Rose Lee and Bettie Page - slip on your seamed stockings and opera gloves as you are lead through the glamorous world of retro burlesque-striptease. Teaching technique and incorporating it into dance routines, this class is guaranteed to make you feel confident and sassy!

For both workshops wear loose comfortable clothing and bring along small heels. Feel free to dress up!

**Sat 7 May**

## Vegas!

Paisley Town Hall 9.30pm – 2am  
(subject to license)  
£9 in advance or  
subject to availability £10 on the door or  
£8 for the fabulously dressed!

Scotland's swingin', award-winnin' club comes to Paisley for a night of moonlight and martinis, showgirls and sophistication, blackjack and burlesque and cocktails and cabaret!

Nikki Nevada & the Vegas Showgirls will bring glitz, gorgeousness & va-va-voom to the room and you can win fabulous prizes at the roulette and blackjack tables in the Stardust Casino Lounge with complimentary currency courtesy of the Bank of Elvis. Prizes for the best limbo dancers and the best dressed!

**Sat 14 May**

## Vive Le Cabaret

Paisley Arts Centre  
Doors 7.30pm Show 8pm  
(1 hour 30 mins + interval)£12 (£10 conc)  
Suitable for 18+ only

Vaudeville, comedy and cabaret reign supreme in a dazzling feast of first rate fun. Following a critically acclaimed run during this year's Edinburgh Fringe, Vive Le Cabaret gathers some of the finest names in Scottish and international entertainment for an unforgettable night out. Vive Le Cabaret gives a well loved art-form a new, explosive lease of life. A five star festival in itself!

**Tues 24 May**

## Film:Moulin Rouge (12)

Paisley Arts Centre 7.30pm  
(2hrs 7 mins)

£5 (£4 conc) £3 PFS members

A poet falls for a beautiful courtesan whom a jealous duke covets in this stylish musical, with music drawn from familiar 20th century sources. Directed by Baz Luhrmann and starring Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor.

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