80 YEARS OF INSPIRATION
THE SALTIRE SOCIETY

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Celebrating the Scottish imagination

Welcome to a celebration of 80 years of the Saltire Society and its work. Those who started the Saltire Society in 1936 feared that Scotland's cultural gas was at a peep, that the achievements of the past were unrecognised, great traditions were being lost and contemporary arts lacked vitality. They did something about it. They formed a movement that for 80 years has promoted, presented, published, agitated and debated and in doing so helped create the conditions for today's thriving and confident creative Scotland.

The Saltire Society is unique in the breadth of our cultural interests and in the range of expertise, given voluntarily, that underpins our work.

We are a body that simply exists to support and celebrate all that is best in Scottish cultural life, from literature to the built environment, arts to heritage. This programme reflects that breadth of interest with debates, discussion, social events, awards ceremonies and performances taking place across the country, and online (in the shape of Scotland's first virtual literary festival).

The programme has benefited from the efforts of our members, our Council, advisors, performers and from the extensive range of partnerships that underpin much our work. It is that spirit of cooperation and generosity that allow such a small organisation to achieve so much, and we are grateful to everyone that has contributed to this programme and the eighty years of achievement that precedes it.

We hope you are able to join us in celebrating eighty years of inspiration.

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Kirsty Gunn: *Notes Towards a National Literature*

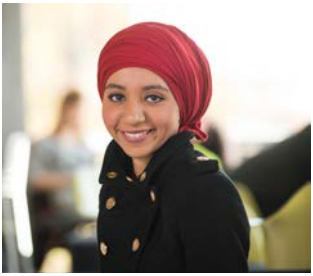
Saltire Series Pamphlet Launch

The tenth pamphlet in our limited edition Saltire Series, *Notes Towards a National Literature* sees Kirsty Gunn explore the relationship between a writer and their location. Kirsty will be joined by Meaghan Delahunt, writer of Saltire Series pamphlet *The Artist and Nationality* for what promises to be a lively and provocative discussion.

Kirsty Gunn is a novelist and short story writer who created and directs the writing programme at the University of Dundee. She is published in a number of territories around the world and the recipient of a range of awards and international literary honours.

Meaghan Delahunt is a novelist and short story writer, she is currently a judge of the International Dublin Fiction Prize. Her new book *Greta Garbo's Feet* is out now.

21 April 4pm
Dundee Contemporary Art, Dundee
£5 (includes copy of pamphlet)



Imaging Scotland

A Shared Reflection on Key Aspects of Scotland's Cultural Life

Imagining Scotland brings together a unique group of voices to discuss some of the biggest issues facing Scotland today. From the post-referendum landscape to the refugee crisis; Amal Azzudin, Richard Holloway, Pat Kane, and Ruth Wishart will present their thoughts followed by an afternoon of debate and discussion.

Amal Azzudin is an award winning campaigner for human rights and social justice.

Richard Holloway is a writer and broadcaster. He is the author of more than twenty books.

Pat Kane is a writer on political and cultural topics.

Ruth Wishart is a Scottish freelance columnist and broadcaster.

23 April 11:30am
A. K. Bell Library, Perth
£10 (Members £5)

Sir James MacMillan Lecture

A Sober Composer Looks at Some Thistles

In the first in a series of special lectures on Art, Science, & Public Life, Professor Sir James MacMillan explores the visionary, the mystical, the transcendent, the inexpressible & the dark in music and other arts of our time. In discussing music & poetry of the 20th and 21st centuries, the composer looks at the continual search for the sacred in post-secular society. Followed by a discussion with Stuart Kelly.

Sir James MacMillan is one of today's most successful composers and is also internationally active as a conductor. His musical language is flooded with influences from his Scottish heritage, Catholic faith, social conscience and close connection with Celtic folk music, blended with influences from Far Eastern, Scandinavian and Eastern European music.

Stuart Kelly is a writer, critic and reviewer. He is the author of *The Book Of Lost Books: An Incomplete Guide To All The Books You'll Never Read* and *Scott-Land: The Man Who Invented A Nation.*

19 May 5pm
St. Mungos Museum, Glasgow
£10 (Members £5)

#scotlitfest is Scotland's first ever online literary festival. We have a programme bursting with web events featuring some of Scotland's best authors. It is an unprecedented chance for readers to engage with some of their favourite writers and for the huge quality and diversity of Scottish literature to be celebrated on an international available platform. Come and join in at scotlitfest.com or find scotlitfest on Facebook, Twitter, Tumbler and Instagram. You won't want to miss this!

Writers taking part include:

Michel Faber is a Dutch born author who has lived in Scotland for over 20 years. He was the recipient of the Saltire first book of the year award in 1999 for *Some Rain Must Fall* and Book of the Year in 2015 for *The Book of Strange New Things.*

Ryan van Winkle is a poet, live artist, podcaster and critic living in Edinburgh. His second collection, *The Good Dark* (Penned in the Margins), won the Society's 2015 Poetry Book of the Year Award.

A. L. Kennedy is a writer of novels, short stories and non-fiction, and stand-up comedian. She is known for her characteristically dark tone, a blending of realism and fantasy.

Kirsty Logan is the author of two story collections, *A Portable Shelter* and T*he Rental Heart & Other Fairytales,* and a novel, *The Gracekeepers.*

Juno Dawson is the multi award-winning young adult author of dark teen thrillers *Hollow Pike, Cruel Summer, Say Her Name* and *Under My Skin.*

Gavin Francis is a physician and writer, his book *Adventures in Human Being* won the Society's Non- Fiction Book of the Year 2105.

Tim Armstrong is a founding member of the groundbreaking Scottish-Gaelic punk band, *Mill a h-Uile Rud* and winner of the Society First Book of the Year for his science-fiction novel, *Air Cuan Dubh Drilseach* (CLÃR).

Helen McClory is a writer, editor, book reviewer and ESL teacher. Helen's first collection of flash fiction won the Society's First Book of the Year Award 2015.

Kevin Williamson is a writer, publisher, and activist originally from Caithness.

Angus Peter Campbell is an award-winning poet, novelist, journalist, broadcaster and actor.

Plus many more.

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Housing Design Awards

The Awards have celebrated Scotland's achievements in housing since 1937. As well as announcing the 2016 Awards, this year's ceremony will include a special Test of Time discussion as part of the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design with contributions from previous Award chairs, looking at the changing challenges in housing design since the Awards inception.

Kirsty Wark is one of Britain's most experienced television journalists. She has presented a wide range of programmes including the BBC's flagship nightly current affairs show *Newsnight.*

Toby Paterson is a Glasgow-based visual artist working with paintings, reliefs and constructions, Toby explores the relationship between abstraction and reality.

Malcolm Fraser is a renowned architect credited with some of the Scottish capital's best known modern buildings.

Neil Gillespie is the of director of Reiach and Hall Architects.

Jude Barber is an architect and director at Collective Architecture.

30 June 4pm

Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation

Free

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Outstanding Women of Scotland

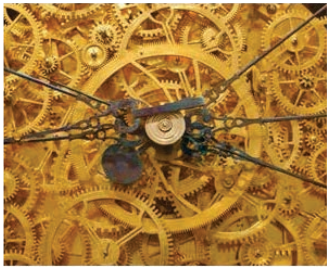
Celebrating the Women Who Contribute so Much to Scotland

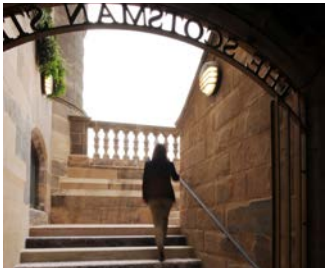
In partnership with Glasgow Women's Library

Launched in 2014, the Outstanding Women of Scotland campaign sees ten women inducted in to the OWS community each year. Public nominations are considered by a group including singer and song writer Anne Lorne Gillies, Glasgow Women's Library's Adele Patrick and Sue John, Voluntary Arts Scotland's Jemma Neville, artist Alison Mcconnachie and the Saltire Society's Susan Garnsworthy and Sarah Mason.

The day will see each inductee presented with a limited edition print, commissioned from an emerging artist from Edinburgh Printmakers and will culminate with music from up and coming female musicians.

30 July 3pm
Glasgow Women's Library
Free





Art in Public Places Awards

Recognising and Encouraging Excellence in Work that Enhances Public Spaces.

With a focus on the value that artists working in visual arts and crafts contribute to a distinctive quality of place, the awards highlight excellence, demonstrating how arts and crafts can be an intrinsic and beautiful part of our built environment.

2016 will see both permanent and temporary works being celebrated for the first time in the awards history.

As well as announcing this year Awards, we are delighted to have Kate Gray, Director of Collective discussing new developments in art and public places.

11 August 4pm
Saltire Society Headquarters
Free

In Conversation:
David Greig & Prof. Ian Brown

David Greig is a Scottish playwright and theatre director. His work has been performed at all of the major theatres in Britain, including the Traverse Theatre, Royal Court Theatre, Royal National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company, and been produced around the world.

Prof. Ian Brown Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the University of Glasgow and poet in his own right, Ian is the Society's current Convener.

18 August
Talk at 4pm

Saltire Society HQ, Edinburgh

Free

Festival Drinks Reception

Join us for a celebratory drinks during the Edinburgh Fesitval.

18 August
Drinks from 6pm
Saltire Society HQ, Edinburgh
Free

Saltire Society AGM with The Andrew Fletcher of Saltoun Awards

Established in 1988, the Fletcher of Saltoun awards seek to recognise outstanding contributions to Scottish society across different walks of life.

The awards celebrate the legacy of Andrew Fletcher of Saltoun, a seventeenth century Scottish writer and politician and a keen patron of the arts during his lifetime. Previous winners include William McIlvanney, Prof. Sue Black, James Morrison and George MacKay Brown .

The 2016 recipients will be announced after the Society's Annual General Meeting.

10 September 11am
Eden Court Theatre, Inverness
Free

Chris van der Kuyl Lecture

Continuing our series of special lectures on Art, Science, & Public Life, Chis van der Kuyl discusses the innovations and artistry in science and technology.

Chris van der Kuyl is one of Scotland's leading entrepreneurs. CEO of brightsolid Limited, an internet service provider based in Dundee, he is also the founder of computer games company Vis - best known for its top selling game, *State of Emergency*.

Beth Bate is director of Dundee Contemporary Arts. Beth was previously Director of Great North Run Culture, working with organisations, including The British Museum, and Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums, as a consultant on curatorial and advocacy programmes.

6 October 5pm
MacManus Galleries, Dundee
£10 (Members £5)

Civil Engineering Awards

Celebrating Excellence and Innovation in the Design, Build and Maintenance of Scotland's Vital Infrastructure.

The Awards are made in patnership with the Institution of Civil Engineers Scotland and have been showcasing the very best in Scottish Civil Engineering for over 30 years. Previous winners of our Awards include the Forth Rail Bridge, BBC Scotland Headquarters, Air Traffic Control Tower at Edinburgh Airport, Eigg Ferry Terminal and most recently Haymarket Station.

Join us as we find out the 2016 Awardees and raise a glass to the men and women who keep Scotland's infrastructure running.

25 October 5pm
National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh
Free

Literary Awards

The Saltire Literary Awards have a proud history of celebrating and bringing wider attention to excellence in all literary forms and is now Scotland's foremost literary awards. From poetry and plays to novels and non-fiction, the Saltire Literary Awards are a testament to the outstanding calibre of modern Scottish literature in all its varied forms.

The Awards celebrate and support literary and academic excellence across six distinct categories with the winner of each of the individual book categories going forward to be considered for the Saltire Book of the Year award.

Previous winners include Michel Faber, Alasdair Gray, Liz Lochhead and AL Kennedy.

Join us at a highlight in Scotland's literary calendar.

24 November 6pm
Central Hall, Edinburgh
Free

Saltire Celebrates

Celebrate St. Andrews Night with Us.

After a busy year of events we want to take time to say thank you to all our partners, members, awardees and participants of our 80th anniversary.

There will be music from award winning musicians Blue Rose Code, and Karine Polwart and we will end the night with a ceilidh from Live Music Now's *Cherry Grove*.

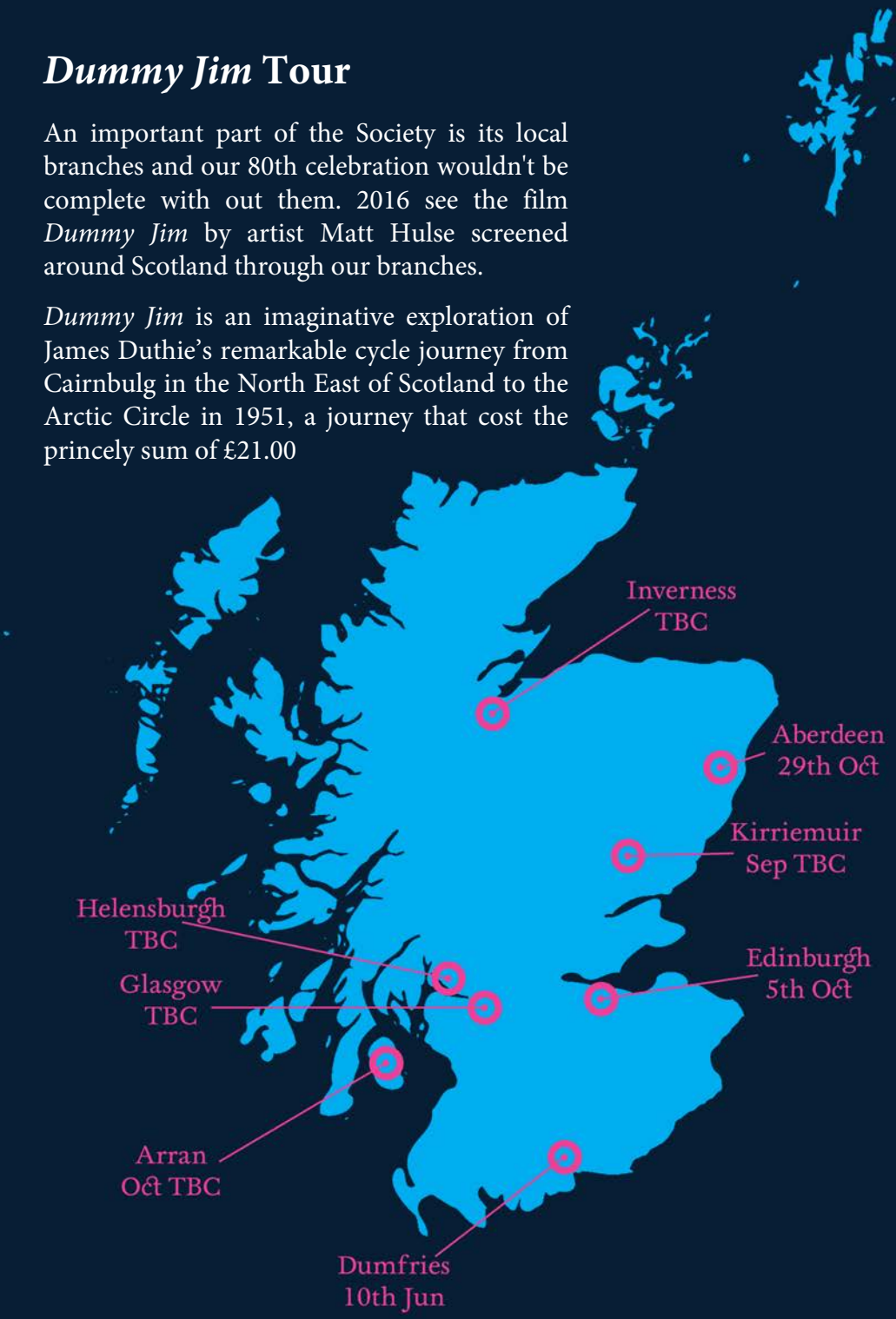
Public tickets to this event will be made available later in the year.

30 November 7pm
Oran Mor, Glasgow
£15 (Members Free)

Dummy Jim Tour

An important part of the Society is its local branches and our 80th celebration wouldn't be complete with out them. 2016 see the film *Dummy Jim* by artist Matt Hulse screened around Scotland through our branches.

Dummy Jim is an imaginative exploration of James Duthie's remarkable cycle journey from Cairnbulg in the North East of Scotland to the Arctic Circle in 1951, a journey that cost the princely sum of £21.00



Inspiring Scotland

We are delighted to announce a special programme to support young and emerging Scottish artists during the Saltire Society's anniversary year. The *Inspiring Scotland* programme will invest in ideas and innovation to help nurture and develop the next generation of Scottish creative talent incuding writers, music, theatre, art , film and many other forms. Bursaries will include the opportunity for international travel and placements.

Each will be run in partnership with expert groups in each discipline including the Tom McGrath Trust and the Steven Campbell Trust and below.

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All events can be booked through:
http://www.saltiresociety.org.uk/events/

If you have any queries contact us on:
0131 556 1836

Please note all event enquires should be directed to the Saltire Society and not to the event venues.

All our event venues have facilities for visitors with disabilities. Should you require assistance, we will do our best to help. Please call 0131 556 1836.

Changes and Cancellations
Please note events may be subject to change. Any changes will be announced on our website and through social media. Should you book and event that unfortunately needs to be cancelled, Saltire HQ staff will contact you as soon as possible to inform you.

If you are unable to attend and event you have booked, please inform the Saltire as soon as possible. Refunds can only be given if the Society is notified of a cancellation more than 48 hours prior to event.

Latecomers Policy
Latecomers may not be able to gain access to an event once it has begun, and refunds will not be possible.

About us

The Saltire Society is:

- An apolitical membership organisation open to all.
- An international supporter and patron of the arts and cultural heritage of Scotland.
- A champion of free speech on the issues that matter to our shared cultural life.
- A promoter of the best of what we are culturally, now and in the future.
- A catalyst to ensure new ideas are considered and the best of them are made real.

In 2015 we established the new Saltire Society Trust which will allow us to do even more for Scotland's cultural well-being and act as a truly independent voice. It is a charity whose purpose will be to raise and invest funds in support of the Saltire Society' s current activities and more. If you share our passion for Scottish culture and would like to make a donation, or support us by becoming a member,we would be delighted to hear from you

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