

**Fiddle 2009, Edinburgh Assembly Rooms, George Street  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

There's **less than two weeks to go** until Fiddle 2009 at Edinburgh Assembly Rooms with:-

Aly Bain and Ale Möller; Session A9; Iain Macfarlane; Beòlach & Dannsa; Maggie Adamson and Brian Nicholson; Pete Clark; Paul Anderson ; Skelpaig; Ryan Young, Craig Muirhead and David Foley; Gizzen Briggs; Greg Lawson and Phil Alexander; Aonghas and Angus Grant with Paul Connoly; Mike Vass with Dave Wood; Boreas; Caoimhín Ó Raghallaigh; Jani Lang Band; Gavin Marwick; Britt Pernille Frøholm; James Ross

We hope that you will be able to preview the event and if you need any help to contact any of our performers please let us know.

**Headlines**

A festival run by a group of volunteers, with no paid staff nor promoter in sight, presents top class traditional music from Scotland, Sweden, Cape Breton, Ireland, Norway, Balkan and Gypsy Music.

We are delighted to welcome the one and only Aly Bain.

Fiddle 2009 features the best in fiddle music from home and abroad with as varied and international a Programme as we have ever offered. From Friday evening to Sunday tea-time (this is George Street, after all) the music never stops.

The two main concerts (Friday 13 November at 8.00, Saturday 14 November at 7.30) span the Atlantic including the North Sea, from Cape Breton to Sweden via Shetland, and the A9, not forgetting the Road to the Isles.

**What's On in Detail**

**Grand Concert - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30**

Aly Bain, from Shetland, undoubtedly Scotland's leading fiddle player over the past 40 years, makes his Fiddle Festival debut, playing with the sublime Ale Möller from Sweden, a multi-instrumentalist and leading figure in World Music, in what promises to be a memorable set.

From Glenfinnan, Iain Macfarlane of Blazin Fiddles, and the Hendersons (Iain's extended family) will provide a rich brew of fiddles, pipes, Gaelic song, harp, piano, and accordion.

Maggie Adamson and Brian Nicholson, multi-award winning new standard-bearers of Shetland's unique fiddle and guitar style.

### **Heat the Hoose - Friday 13 November at 8.00**

The Festival opens with a chandelier-challenging cabaret featuring supergroup Session A9, guaranteed to get things off to a breath-taking start.

On the same bill, we welcome Beòlach all the way from Cape Breton, collaborating with Dannsa, from Scotland, fusing not only their music but also their dance.

### **Recitals All Day Saturday and Sunday**

The daytime recitals feature Scotland's finest fiddlers, exciting guests from Ireland, Scandinavia and further afield, up-and-coming young players, and several bands.

#### Highlights

- Caoimhín Ó Raghallaigh, avant-garde fiddler adding a new dimension to Irish music
- Aonghas Grant, legendary West Highland performer and teacher, and his son, Angus Grant, legendary Shooglenifter.
- Pete Clark's fiddle walk on the Saturday complemented by his recital of tunes from the walk on the Sunday (indoors)
- The final stramash is an (as yet unofficial but watch this space) attempt at the record for the largest number of fiddle players in one room.

For anyone who likes listening to (or joining in, or learning about, or learning to play) music, browsing, shopping, eating, drinking, making new friends, meeting old friends, dancing, or even going on a guided walking tour, this is the best November week-end you can possibly have in Edinburgh.

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