

# St Magnus festival Orkney Islands

St Magnus Festival 20-25 June + MagFest 27-28 June 2008

I'm delighted to reveal our plans for the 2008 Festival. As always, the programme features an exhilarating and eclectic mix of events, all set against the background of Orkney at midsummer.

Several threads run through this year's programme. We bring to Orkney the vibrant sounds, colours and flavours of India, and we mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great French composer, Olivier Messiaen, whose sound-world was permeated by birdsong and by the rhythms of Indian music. Much nearer to home, and commemorating the 850th anniversary of his death, we celebrate the achievements of St Rognvald, the Viking Earl who founded St Magnus Cathedral. This year's MagFest, which extends the Festival to a full week, takes up the 'Rognvald 850' theme with a spectacular, open-air, circus-style production celebrating both St Rognvald and the Cathedral.

Tickets for many of our events sell out quickly, so please book early to be sure you are part of it all. We look forward to welcoming you in June.

**Glenys Hughes** Festival Director



Festival information and ticket booking line **01856 871445**

## thursday

**1a**  
Thursday 19th June,  
St Magnus Cathedral 7pm  
**Riders of Sea Horses**  
preview running time 1 hour

## friday

**1 2**  
St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall  
event 1 2pm  
event 2 6pm  
**Riders of Sea Horses**  
running time 1 hour

**3**  
Pickaquoy Centre, Kirkwall, 8pm  
**Scottish Chamber Orchestra**  
running time 2 hours

**4**  
St Andrews Church, Tankerness, 10.30pm  
**Oxford Singers**  
running time 1 hour  
Buses leave the Pickaquoy Centre at 10.10pm after the SCO concert. Ticket includes transport.

Albert Hotel, Kirkwall, 10pm  
**Festival Club**  
**India Alba - Reels and Ragas**  
£6 at door or £20 season ticket in advance

## saturday

**5**  
Pier Arts Centre, Stromness, 11am  
**Daljit Nagra**  
poetry reading  
running time 1 hour  
After the Saturday reading, please join us for a light buffet lunch courtesy of **Stromness Hotel**.

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Stromness Town Hall, 1.30pm

**Paul Lewis** *piano*

running time 1 hour 45 minutes

7

King Street Halls, Kirkwall, 2pm

**Dance Ihayami**

with pupils of Dounby Primary School

running time 1 hour

After the performance, please join us downstairs in the Hub for a taster of Indian Cuisine, provided by Indian Garden Restaurant.

Pier Arts Centre, Stromness 4pm

**Writers' Workshop  
with Daljit Nagra**

running time 90 minutes

Pickaquooy Centre, Kirkwall, 5pm

**Festival Film****Brick Lane** (2007)

running time 1 hour 40 minutes

tickets from Pickaquooy Centre

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St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, 6pm

**Dame Gillian Weir** *organ*

running time 75 minutes

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Pickaquooy Centre, Kirkwall, 8pm

**Scottish Chamber  
Orchestra**

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St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, 10.30pm

**Amjad Ali Khan** *sarod***Matthew Barley** *cello*

running time 1 hour

Albert Hotel, Kirkwall 10pm

**Festival Club  
Three Peace Sweet****sunday**

St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall 11.15am

**Festival Service**Conducted by Rev Fraser Macnaughton  
with St Magnus Cathedral ChoirFree buses for Stromness leave Palace Road at 12.30pm  
and return from the Stromness Pierhead at 6.15pm.

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Stromness Parish Church 1pm

**Daljit Nagra** poetry reading

running time 1 hour

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Stromness Town Hall, 2.30pm

**Ilya Gringolts** *violin***Aleksander Madzar** *piano*

running time 1 hour 45 minutes

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Stromness Parish Church, 5pm

**A Johnsmas Foy**

Poet, Warrior, Saint

running time 1 hour

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St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, 7.30pm

**The Nash Ensemble**

running time 2 hours

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Orkney Arts Theatre, Kirkwall, 10pm

**Shivaarpanam**

('offerings to Shiva')

**Dance Ihayami**

running time 1 hour

Albert Hotel, Kirkwall, 10pm

**Festival Club  
Saltfishforty****monday**

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Pickaquooy Centre, Kirkwall 11am

**Daljit Nagra** poetry reading

running time 1 hour

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St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall 1pm

**Hebrides Ensemble**

running time 1 hour

18

St Magnus Church, Birsay 3.15pm

**Excursion to Birsay****The Nash Ensemble**

depart Palace Road, Kirkwall at 2.30pm

running time 1 hour

**Buses** leave Palace Road, Kirkwall, at 2.30pm, arriving back at 5.45pm. Ticket includes transport and light refreshments after the concert.**Parking is limited:** use of Festival buses is advised.

19 St Rognvald Chapel, St Magnus Cathedral, 4pm

## A Johnsmas Foy

Poet, Warrior, Saint

running time 1 hour

Pickaquooy Centre, Kirkwall, 5pm

## Festival Film

### Monsoon Wedding (2002)

running time 1 hour 45 minutes

20 St Rognvald Chapel, St Magnus Cathedral, 6pm

## A Johnsmas Foy

Poet, Warrior, Saint

running time 1 hour

21 King Street Halls, Kirkwall, 6pm

## Yellow Moon

### TAG Theatre Company

running time 1 hour 15 minutes

22 Pickaquooy Centre, Kirkwall, 8pm

## Scottish Chamber

### Orchestra

running time 2 hours

23 St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, 10.30pm

## Path of Miracles

### Tenebrae

running time 1 hour

Albert Hotel, Kirkwall, 10pm

## Festival Club

### Music at the Brewhouse

# tuesday

24 St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, 1pm

## Visions de l'Amen

running time 50 minutes

25 depart Palace Road, Kirkwall, 2.05pm

## Excursion to Flotta

Alexander Janiczek *violin*

William Conway *cello*

Buses leave Palace Road, Kirkwall at 2.05pm, arriving back in Kirkwall at 6pm. Ticket price includes the concert, transport by bus and ferry and light refreshments.



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26 King Street Halls, Kirkwall, 6pm

## Yellow Moon

### TAG Theatre Company

running time 1 hour 15 minutes

27 St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, 8pm

## Tenebrae

running time 1 hour 50 minutes

Pickaquooy Centre, Kirkwall, 5pm

## Festival Film

### Bride & Prejudice (2004)

running time 1 hour 47 minutes

28 Italian Chapel, 10.30pm

## Music in the Italian Chapel

### Luca Marconato *lute*

Festival excursion: Buses leave Palace Road, Kirkwall at 10.05pm

Albert Hotel, Kirkwall, 10pm

## Festival Club

### Chris Stout Quintet

# wednesday

29 King Street Halls, Kirkwall, 1pm

## St Magnus

### Composers' Concert

running time 1 hour

Pickaquooy Centre, Kirkwall, 3.30pm

## Festival Film

### Shakespeare Wallah (1965)

running time 2 hours

tickets from Pickaquooy Centre

King Street Halls, Kirkwall, 2.30pm

## The Composer Today

An insight into the composer's life in the 21st century

running time 1 hour

30 Pickaquooy Centre, Kirkwall, 7pm

## MagFest presents

### The Great Rock 'n' Roll

### Swindle

running time 1 hour 15 minutes

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St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, 9pm

## The Martyrdom of St Magnus

running time 1 hour 20 minutes

Albert Hotel, Kirkwall, 10pm

## Festival Club Chris Stout Quintet

## MagFest '08

Friday 27th and Saturday 28th June  
Kirk Green, St Magnus Cathedral

## Faring Rognvald's return

Friday

32 7pm 33 9.30pm

Saturday

34 7pm 35 9.30pm

running time: 1 hour 15 minutes

## Festival on Tour

Wednesday 18th June 4pm  
Moncur Memorial Church, Stronsay

## Oxford Singers

Friday 20th June 7.30pm  
Cromarty Hall, St Margaret's Hope

## Dance Ihayami

Saturday 21st June 10.45am Hoy Kirk

## SCO Ensemble Admission free.

The *M.V. Graemsey* leaves Stromness at 9.30am and arrives back at 1pm. **Ferry booking: 01856 850624.**

Monday 23rd June 7.30pm Sanday School

## Dance Ihayami

Wednesday 25th June 7.30pm  
St Boniface Church, Papa Westray

## Luca Marconato *guitar*

For details of transport to the isles, contact  
**Orkney Ferries 01856 872044** or  
**Loganair 01856 872494**

## Exhibitions

Pier Arts Centre, Stromness

## Camilla Løw Straight Letters

Orkney Museum, Tankerness House, Kirkwall

## Orkney in the 12th Century

Rognvald and his Earldom

## Orkney Conducting Course

Observers are welcome to attend  
the following sessions:

### Monday 16th June

10am - 1pm two-piano session  
2pm - 5pm two-piano session  
7pm - 10pm **Festival Chorus**, Pickaquooy Centre

### Tuesday 17th June

10am - 1pm two-piano session  
2pm - 5pm two-piano session

### Wednesday 18th June

10am - 1pm two-piano session

### Thursday 19th June

10am - 1pm two-piano session  
2pm - 5pm two-piano session

### Friday 20th June

10am - 1pm two-piano session  
2pm - 5pm two-piano session

### Saturday 21st June

10am - 1pm Concerto accompaniment  
with **Richard Watkins** *horn*  
2pm - 5pm two-piano session

### Sunday 22nd June

10am - 1pm Scottish Chamber Orchestra,  
2pm - 5pm Pickaquooy Centre

### Monday 23rd June

10am - 1pm Choral Conducting  
with **Joseph Cullen**, chorus master,  
Huddersfield Choral Society

### Tuesday 24th June

10am - 1pm **Hebrides Ensemble** with  
**Louise Mott** *mezzo*  
*Pierrot Lunaire*  
2pm - 5pm Rehearsal of SMCC pieces

### Wednesday 25th June

1pm - 2pm SMCC Concert in King Street Hall  
(see event 29)  
(not included in OCC pass)

## St Magnus Composers' Course

The ten-day St Magnus Composers' Course runs  
alongside the Conducting Course. SMCC is directed  
by **Alasdair Nicolson** and **Sally Beamish** and  
includes seminars and practical sessions led by  
**Sir Peter Maxwell Davies**.Between **Friday 20th** and **Tuesday 24th June**,  
observers are welcome to attend the morning  
and afternoon sessions which are held in the  
Congregational Church opposite St Magnus Centre.**Admission is free to holders of Conducting Course  
passes. Alternatively, £3 per session may  
be paid at the door.**Festival information and ticket booking line **01856 871445**

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