



Galoshans Festival

Celebrating 10 years
of creativity with
community at its heart

17 Oct - 2 Nov



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Inverclyde's annual Galoshans Festival is back for its highly anticipated 2024 edition and 10th Birthday! Ready to enchant and entertain the community with a spellbinding blend of art, culture, and Halloween fun. This year's festival promises to deliver an unforgettable experience for locals and visitors alike, showcasing the rich heritage and vibrant spirit of Inverclyde.

2024 welcomes 10 years of Galoshans Festival which will take place from 17th October – 2nd November, centred around Halloween traditions and its aim is to celebrate the wealth of art and culture that Inverclyde has to offer. This year's lead partners are RIG Arts, Feral and The Beacon Art Centre. Supported with programming by Inverclyde Libraries, Watt Institution, Kayos Theatre Company, Greenock Rock Choir, Magic Torch Comics, Inverclyde Council, Clyde Murishel Regional Park, The Wyllieum, Trancnd and Oi Musica/YMI Youth Band. Funded by Creative Scotland, the festival will feature a range of events and activities where locals and visitors can immerse themselves in a world of art installations, theatre, street performances, live music and much more! The festival will be rounded off with the return of the beloved Galoshans Street Party, a highlight of the festival, showcasing street bands, live performances and captivating street theatre!



ACCESS INFORMATION + KEY

Galoshans Festival endeavours to make the festival as welcoming and easy to engage with as possible. If there is anything we can do to make your experience more enjoyable please don't hesitate to get in touch at info@rigarts.org and we will try our best to help. Detailed access information for each event can be viewed on our website

<https://www.galoshansfestival.co.uk/access-information>

All events in our programme are marked with a clear Access Key which identifies any access provisions that are in place:

AD: Audio Described

SB: Sound Based

BSL: British Sign Language Interpreted/Integrated

C: Captioned

T: Transcript

V: Highly Visual / No or Little Text

R: Relaxed Performance

TT: Touch Tour

SP: Sub Pacs





STRUT by MHz

Thursday 17th October | 7pm | Greenock

Start point: Outside Auchmountain Resource Centre, 32 Burnhead St, Greenock, PA15 3LG

Route: Burnhead St to Corlic St. End Point: Corlic St Roundabout

Friday 18th October | 7pm | Port Glasgow

Start Point: Outside New Parish Church, 65 Church St, Port Glasgow, PA14 5JD

Route: Church St, King St, John Wool St, Bay St, Fore St. End Point: Port Glasgow Library

Free and Unticketed

STRUT is a night time performance and projection parade shining the light on 5 talented dancers with a connection to Inverclyde whose personal choreographies reflect the celebratory energy of the area. The parade will weave its way around locations in Greenock and Port Glasgow with spectators invited to watch from the pavement, wave from their windows or follow the event and dance along.

Access: V





Image Credit: Bartosz Madejski

STRANGE LOOP BY JAMIE WARDROP AND SITA PIERACCINI

Sunday 20th October | Inverkip Community Hub, 2 Kip Pk, Main St, PA16 0FZ

Walk/Forage & Microscope Workshop 1: 11:30am to 1:30pm

Walk/Forage & Microscope Workshop 2: 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Performance Jam: 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm

Participants of the walk and workshops are required to return for the final performance at 5:30 pm



Free and Ticketed

Artist and theatre makers Sita Pieraccini and Jamie Wardrop welcome you into a world within a world, co-created with you. Strange Loop is an immersive and interactive experience – a meditation on the hidden realms found at our feet. A collaboration with you and nature. Together we will celebrate life found in our most immediate surroundings. Join them on an autumnal walk to gather natural materials around Inverkip with some spooky sights along the way, before returning to explore using digital microscopes at their tech workshop. See your discoveries collaged and projected large to a live music soundtrack that will be shared in a unique one off performance.

Access: SB/R



THE PAPER CINEMA WORKSHOP

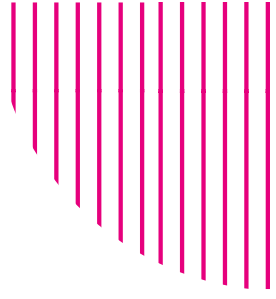
Monday 21st October

Beacon Arts Centre, Custom House Quay, Greenock, PA15 1HJ | 1pm - 5pm (4hrs)

Free and Ticketed

This workshop will open with a brief introduction to Paper Cinema including a short performance. Then, working in groups, you will devise a short story and begin drawing the characters. After making these into Paper Cinema style puppets, you will be guided through the basics of how to animate them in real time.

Access: SB/V



SHORT TALES OF OTHER WORLDS; GHOSTS, DREAMS AND THE SUPERNATURAL BY THE PAPER CINEMA

Monday 21st October
Beacon Arts Centre, Custom House Quay,
Greenock, PA15 1HJ | 7:30pm (1hr)

Paid and Ticketed

The Paper Cinema, create extraordinary, magical worlds with vivid pen and ink drawings, puppetry, and a treasure trove of acoustic and electronic sounds. Accompanied by a live soundtrack, intricate illustrations are skilfully manipulated and projected onto the big screen.

Access: SB/V



DUMPLING POETRY BY SEAN WAI KEUNG

Tuesday 22nd October
The Drying Green Garden, South West
Library, 159 Inverkip Road, Greenock,
PA16 9HG | 11am - 1pm (2hrs)

Free and Ticketed

A dumpling workshop that is also a poetry reading, participants can make their own filled dumplings to be added to a communal broth.

Use of gluten, manual hand dexterity needed for kneading and folding dumplings. Some content around grief and death.

Access: N/A

Image Credit: Brian Hartley
– Still Motion Arts





Image Credit: Film still from
'On Becoming a Water Bat:
Echoes of an Unseen World'
(2023) Phoebe McBride



PHOEBE MCBRIDE: 'ON BECOMING WATER BAT: ECHOES OF AN UNSEEN WORLD'

Saturday 26th October

Greenock Cut Visitor Centre | 3pm (2 hrs)



Free and Ticketed

A Short Film Screening + Artist Talk, Walk and Printmaking Workshop with contributions from Clyde Mursheil Country Park Rangers and Clyde Bat Group.

Through an imagined transformation into a Daubenton's bat, 'On becoming a water bat: echoes of an unseen world' journeys through rituals of loss and healing to explore how we can find ways to be with grief and crisis. Following a screening of the film, there will be a talk and Q&A with the artist, Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Rangers and the Clyde Bat Group. Considering themes of ecological loss, participants are invited to a workshop with the artist in which they will create their own, alternative 'fieldnote' journal using writing and printmaking.

The Clyde Bat Group was formed in 1977. Their aims are to protect, conserve and increase the public awareness of bats. They take part in various national bat surveys and do bat walks/talks to promote our flying friends.

Access: S/C/R

Image Credit: Jassy Earl



THIS ENDLESS SEA BY CHLOE SMITH

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October

James Watt Dock Marina

11am to 4.30pm, every 15 mins



Free and Ticketed

This Endless Sea is a six-screen film installation, housed inside a specially designed coastal shelter, exploring grief and the sea. An intimate experience for one or two people (or a family) at a time, the work creates space for people to gently reflect on their own experiences of grief and loss.

Compassionate Inverclyde: Alison Bunce will be on site each day (12-4pm) to represent Compassionate Inverclyde – to provide warmth, friendship, mindfulness activities and a caring smile to anyone who takes part in this event.

The Grief Library: Curated by artists Steven Anderson and Laura Bradshaw, The Grief Library contains selected novels, memoirs, poetry collections, anthologies, graphic novels and children's books all of which are an artistic or creative exploration of grief. Our beautiful bespoke bookshelves will be available on site each day.

Access: S/R/T



**SAIL LOFT BY OCEANALLOVER
(AS PART OF GALOSHANS STREET PARTY)**

Tuesday 29th October

Cathcart Square | East India Harbour

6pm to 8pm

Free and Unticketed

Site-specific performance company Oceanallover bring you their unique style of visual performance poetry to animate East India Harbour, Greenock with a story of waters and winds as part of the Galoshans Street Party. Expect otherworldly performance, live music and spellbinding costume alongside a spectacular 10-metre-tall tower installation on Greenock's waterfront.

Access: SB/V/R





RIG ARTS STREET PARTY



GALOSHANS STREET PARTY BY RIG ARTS

**Tuesday 29th October
Custom House Square | 6pm - 8pm**

Join us for a night of spooktacular celebrations, family fun and spellbinding performances at Galoshans 10th Anniversary Street Party - this year at the Custom House Square and Beacon Arts Centre! A huge youth music extravaganza from St Andrew's & Ailey Mill primary schools! A street band made up of young musicians from two local primary schools, playing specially arranged Halloween tunes on brass and drums with Oi Musica and Where's the One as part of Inverclyde Councils' Youth Music Initiative funded by Creative Scotland.

Access: SB/V

FRANKENSTEIN: A RADIO PLAY ON STAGE BY NO NONSENSE PRODUCTIONS (AS PART OF GALOSHANS STREET PARTY)

**Tuesday 29th October (post street party) and Wednesday 30th October
Beacon Arts Centre Studio | 8pm (1hr 30 min)**

Paid and Ticketed

Frankenstein; A Radio Play on Stage No Nonsense Productions ('A Christmas Carol', 'It's a Wonderful Life', 'Para Handy', 'Dracula') return with chaotic comedy as part of this year's Galoshans Festival. Can it be done? Join three plucky 1950s BBC radio actors as they play dozens of characters and tackle Mary Shelley's classic, 'Frankenstein'. There will, of course, be time for that all important public service announcement and the cast may need a hand creating some sound effects. Presented as a 1950s radio play on stage this production features live sound effects and period music.

Access: SB/T

FRANKENSTEIN

A RADIO PLAY ON STAGE



HERE BE MONSTERS BY BEACON ARTS CENTRE

(AS PART OF GALOSHANS STREET PARTY)

Tuesday 29th October

Beacon Arts Centre | 6pm - 8pm

Free and Unticketed

In partnership with the Beacon, local schools and Trancnd 'Here Be Monsters' will be attacking the Beacon with digital projections of what lies hidden in the depths of the Clyde.

Access: SB/V/TT



BURNS CLUB TRADITIONAL GALOSHANS PARTY BY BEACON ARTS CENTRE

Tuesday 29th October

Beacon Arts Centre Cafe Bar | 5pm (1hr)

Closed Event

A traditional Galoshans get together for all ages. Learn about party pieces, traditional games and more.

Access: SB/V/TT



CHOIR PERFORMANCE BY GREENOCK ROCK CHOIR

(AS PART OF GALOSHANS STREET PARTY)

Tuesday 29th October

Custom Square | East India Harbour
6pm - 8pm

Free and Unticketed

Join Greenock, Paisley and Hamilton Rock Choirs for pop, rock and soul feel-good hits from Guns'n'Roses to Whitney Houston, with vocal power and exciting harmonies. Why not come to sing and dance with along?

Access: SB

PERFORMANCE



HALLOWEEN HELL BY INVERCLYDE LIBRARIES

Thursday 24th October

Greenock Central Library, Wallace Place, Greenock, PA15 1JB | 5pm

Free and **Ticketed**

Halloween Hell is a murder mystery starring Gore the Ghost, Count Chickens the vampire and the Mistress Monster - part witch and part Frankenstein. The mystery centres on 'who killed the bagpiper!?' lots of silly fun and very accessible and entertaining for family audiences.

Access: V/TT/SP

The Tentpeg Murderers



DRACULA

THE MUSICAL

DRACULA THE MUSICAL BY INVERCLYDE YOUTH THEATRE (KAYOS)

Thursday 31st October | Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd November

Old West Kirk, Esplanade, Greenock | 7.30pm (2 hrs 10 mins)

Paid and [Ticketed](#)

Inverclyde Youth Theatre (Kayos) presents: Dracula The Musical with music by Frank Wildhorn and book and lyrics by Don Black and Christopher Hampton.

Dracula, the Musical is a thrilling drama of suspense and a Gothic romance of dreamlike temptation based on the world-famous novel by Bram Stoker, from the extraordinary team of Christopher Hampton, Don Black and Frank Wildhorn (“Jekyll and Hyde”, “Bonnie & Clyde”, “The Scarlet Pimpernel”).

Set in Europe at the end of the Victorian era, the story follows Count Dracula, as he lusts for new blood from Transylvania to England. Jonathan Harker and Mina Murray fall victim to Dracula’s unnatural charm, and along with Dr. Van Helsing, must fight Dracula’s supernatural powers. Dracula, the Musical will be performed in the atmospheric setting of The Old West Kirk. The talented performers of Kayos will be accompanied by a live band comprised of professional musicians and local young people.

Access: T



PERFORMANCE

PARANORMAL

Scotland

FREE

14 5.30

JOIN INVERCLYDE LIBRARIES
AND PARANORMAL SCOTLAND
THIS GALOSHANS FOR AN

PARANORMAL BY INVERCLYDE LIBRARIES

Monday 14th October

Port Glasgow Library, Municipal Buildings Fore Street, Port Glasgow,
TQ14 8DY | 5.30pm (1-2hrs)



Free and Ticketed

Come along for a discussion about all things paranormal! Join Scottish Paranormal for an exploration of the equipment they use during their investigations, some of their spookiest stories and how they got into investigating Scotland's paranormal history. You'll have an opportunity to ask any burning questions you have about investigating the paranormal and there may even be the chance to take part in some of the investigations they do. It'll be a spooktacular time!

Access: SB/R



HAPTIC HORROR BY CONNOR BRISTOW

Saturday 19th October

The Watt Institution: 15 Kelly St,
Greenock PA16 8JX | 11:00 am, 1pm,
2:30pm (30mins)

Free and Ticketed

Haptic Horror is a Multisensory horror experience to thrill and excite all. Come and feel the fear through touch, sight and sound, in an accessible new event. Through a series of personal speakers, feel the terror reach into your heart.

Access: AD/SB/BSL/S/V

GIG @ RIG

PRESENTING:
RIG ARTS ROCK
SCHOOL 2024
PERFORMERS

THURSDAY
24TH
OCT 7PM - 9PM

UNIT 7, TOBACCO WAREHOUSE, 11 CLARENCE STREET,
GREENOCK, UNITED KINGDOM

THIS EVENT IS FREE BUT TICKETS ARE MANDATORY
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM IBOOKEDONLINE

GOING GALOSHANS



GIG @ RIG BY RIG ARTS

Thursday 24th October

RIG Arts, Tobacco Warehouse | 7pm - 9pm (2 hrs)

Free entry, but booking essential

Celebrate a decade of Galoshans with a spooky night of live music! Join us at RIG Arts Studio on Thursday, October 24th for performances by Inverclyde's hottest new bands and Rock School students. **Support local musicians by grabbing some merch!**



SHARP INSTINCT VOLUME II FILM PREMIERE BY BEACON ARTS CENTRE

Thursday 24th October

Beacon Arts Centre Main House |
7pm (2hrs)

Free and Ticketed

Malcolm Lyons is back and this time he's out for vengeance! Working with hitman Hugh Rafferty they begin to take hostages and the clock is ticking for the team to find them and take down Lyons or he'll begin to execute them one by one. Will they rescue the hostages in time or will they just be another addition to Mad Malkie's death toll.

Access: SB/V/TT

WORKSHOPS & PARTICIPATION



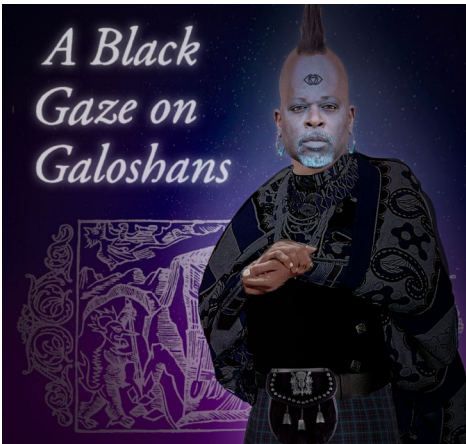
CREATIVE COSTUMES BY THE WATT INSTITUTION

Saturday 19th October
The Watt Institution, 15 Kelly Street,
Greenock, PA16 8JX | 1pm (2hrs)

Free and Unticketed

Devise a guise at the Watt Institution! As we approach Galoshans and Halloween, you will find plenty of costume inspiration in our varied collections! A wander round the museum and a rummage through our craft stash...what will you create? Suitable for all ages.

Access: SB/V/R



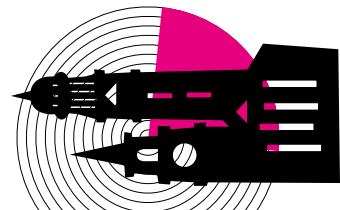
A BLACK GAZE ON GALOSHANS (PART TWO) BY #THEAFROWEGIAN / JIDEOFOR (J.I.M.) MUOTUNE

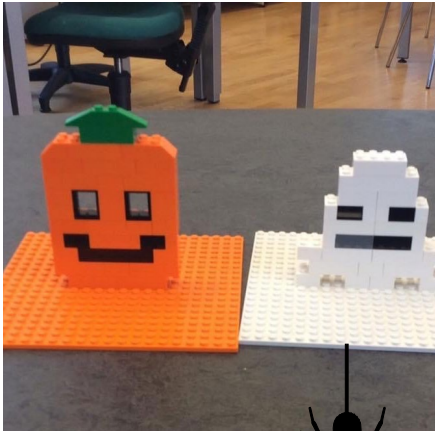
Thursday 31st October
& Saturday 2nd November
The Watt Institution: 15 Kelly St,
Greenock PA16 8JX | 2pm (30mins)

Free and Unticketed

Jideofor Muotune, aka theAfrowegian, will deliver a family friendly Halloween story rooted in the oral traditions of Nigeria, the country of his birth.

Access: T/V





LEGO GALOSHANS CHALLENGE BY INVERCLYDE LIBRARIES

Saturday 26th, Thursday 31st October, Saturday 2nd November | Inverclyde Libraries

Thursdays 5-6pm - Greenock Central, Greenock South West (Barr's Cottage) & Kilmacolm
Saturdays 11am-12pm - Greenock Central, Gourock, Port Glasgow and Inverkip & Wemyss Bay**

**Lego Club at Inverkip and Wemyss Bay is split into two sessions – 10am-11am Lego for 5 years + , 11am-12pm Duplo for 18m+

Free and unticketed

Take part in spooky challenges at all Inverclyde Libraries Lego Clubs during Galoshans week– build a haunted house or zombie playground. Lego for 5 years+ and Duplo from 18m+. No need to book just drop-in.

Access: SB/V/TT/SP



NOT TOO SPOOKY BOOKBUG SESSIONS BY INVERCLYDE LIBRARIES

Gourock Branch:

Monday 28th October - 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Thursday 31st October - 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Kilmacolm Branch:

Thursday 31st October - 11:15 AM - 11:45 PM

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay:

Tuesday 29th October - 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Greenock Central Branch:

Tuesday 29th October - 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM
Wednesday 30th October - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Saturday 2nd November - 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Port Glasgow Branch:

Monday 28th October - 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Friday 1st November - 10:00AM - 10:45AM
& 11:00AM - 11:45AM

Watt Institution:

Saturday 26th October - 10:15AM - 11:00AM

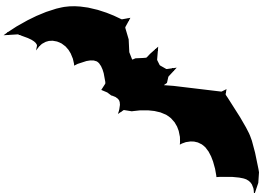
South West Library Branch:

Monday 28th October - 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Friday 1st November - 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

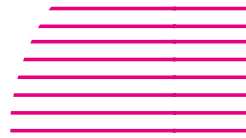
Free and unticketed

Join Inverclyde Libraries for a Not Too Spooky Bookbug session at one of our scheduled Bookbug sessions during Galoshans week

Access: SB/V/TT/R/SP



INSTALLATION & EVENTS



MARGARET DIAMOND, A RETROSPECTIVE BY THE WYLLIEUM

Thursday 17th October - Thursday 31st October

The Wyllieum, The Upstairs Basement | 12pm - 5pm

Free and Unticketed

Gourock artist Margaret Diamond's retrospective exhibition, involving kinetic sculpture photography and artist's books. Margaret often uses humour with a playful wry take on her surroundings sitting alongside the iconic works of George Wyllie in The Wyllieum.

"Art critics are divided.... Our verdict? Delicious" (News of the World)

Access: V/R





GALOSHANS INSTALLATIONS

**Saturday 26th October - Thursday
31st October**

**Greenock Oak Mall
Mon - Sat - 8am - 6pm
Sun - 10am - 5pm**

Free and Unticketed

Sculptural Galoshans installation and
shop window in Greenock Oak Mall
by RIG ICF projects

Access: S/C/T/V/R

FERAL

REPAIR CAFÉ – AN ART EXHIBITION BY HELEN MCCRORIE AND TRAVELLING GALLERY

**Tuesday 29th October | 3pm - 8pm (AS PART OF GALOSHANS STREET PARTY)
Thurs 31st October and Fri 1st November | 10am - 4pm**

Custom House Quay at the Beacon Arts Centre

Free and Unticketed

Travelling Gallery, a contemporary art gallery in a bus, will be parked in Greenock with its latest exhibition, Repair Cafe, a solo show by artist Helen McCrorie. The exhibition presents a film and installation deriving from work that she has made as part of the Remembering Together project, exploring positive and hopeful community projects that helped people through the pandemic and beyond

Access: C/T/V/R





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