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Submerge yourself in
a celebration of **music**,
comedy and **theatre**.

MUSIC COMEDY THEATRE

BIG BURNS SUPPER

DUMFRIES ■ THE HOME OF BURNS NIGHT

17TH JAN - 2ND FEB 2025

WELCOME BACK

If this brochure has landed on your doorstep, it can only mean one thing: Big Burns Supper is back! We're thrilled to invite you to join us for another year of vibrant celebration. Gather your friends, relatives, and neighbours to experience the magic that keeps this festival burning brightly.

We've curated a line-up of hand-picked events for all tastes and budgets, from music and comedy to theatre.

So dive in, grab your kilt, your brooch, your sporran and let's make a stramash thegither. One thing is for sure—there's no bigger Burns Night party anywhere on the planet than right here in Dumfries!

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And Much More!

Traditional Burns Suppers in Dumfries & Galloway

1. Dumfries

Summerhill Community Centre
St. Michaels Church Hall
The Douglas Arms
Dumfries Ice Bowl
YMCA Lochside



- 2. Annan Brydekirk Primary
- 3. Thornhill Old School
- 4. Dalry Dalry Town Hall
- 5. Langholm Buccleuch Centre
- 6. Moffat Studio Theatre
- 7. Kirkcudbright Corsock Hall

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Funktion & Big Burns Supper Present

CLUBLAND CLASSICAL



Sat 1st Feb
Loreburn Hall
3pm - 7pm

THE SUPPER CLUB

Our newest adventure takes place in the old Print Works off the High Street as we combine food and cabaret to create the ultimate night out featuring a heady mix of incredible performers. Price includes a two-course meal. (117 High St)



Paris is Burning

Silvano Jo

Mon 20th Jan

Festival Club, 7pm

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Indefinite Leave to Remain

Hersh Dagmarr

Thu 30th Jan, Festival Club, 7pm

A love letter to London from the heart of eternal nomad ghost Hersh Dagmarr as he & his pianist/arranger extraordinaire Karen Newby deconstruct the songs of The Pet Shop Boys & transport them to the Weimar era.

Bowie Unplugged

McAlmont & Mason

Fri 31st Jan, Festival Club, 7pm

Acclaimed British pianist and The Exchange's Artist in Residence, Janette Mason, presents a fresh look at Bowie's songs, with new arrangements, jazz twists, and an altogether unique approach, featuring the incredible vocalist David McAlmont, best known for his hit Yes with McAlmont & Butler.



FESTIVAL CLUB

The festival club is where the action happens. With late night shows and a fully stocked festival bar, open from 11pm Friday & Saturday nights. (117 High St)



Girobabies

Sat 25th Jan.

Festival Club, 11pm

The Girobabies create baffling funk-soul grunge music with a dollop of psychedelic dystopia and a pinch of gutter-rock utopian stardust.



Bombskare

Fri 31st Jan

Festival Club, 11pm

Introducing the bishops of bounce, the sorcerers of skank, the undisputed masters of Scottish death reggae, the one and only Bombskare – the closest thing you'll see to an actual northern powerhouse. Nine piece ska-band.

Tom McGuire & Brassholes

Sat 1st Feb

Festival Club, 11pm

Tom McGuire & the Brassholes are a funk soul powerhouse from Glasgow. Combining rich arrangements with meticulous song-craft and untouchable in live performance, the band is carving a niche of their own.



FAMILY EVENTS



Cartoon Breakfast

Fri 17th, Sat 18th
& Sun 19th Jan
70 High Street, 10am

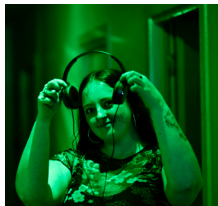
Join Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and a host of other characters for our lively cartoon breakfast club. Meet your favourite character.



Haggis Hunt

Fri 17th, Sat 18th
& Sun 19th Jan
70 High Street, All day

Download the clues and discover the 20 hidden Haggis hidden throughout Dumfries town centre and record your score to win the coveted title of Haggis Hunters of the Year. Suitable for all ages and within walking distance so no car needed!



Silent Disco Tour

Fri 17th, Sat 18th
& Sun 19th Jan
70 High Street, 10am

Join our fun filled guide as she takes you on a madcap tour of Dumfries for the most fun you can in one hour in Dumfries. Take the challenges, dance to the beat and wave your hands to the sounds coming out your headsets.



Mostly Ghostly Stories

Fri 17th, Sat 18th
& Sun 19th Jan
70 High Street, 2pm

Award Winning storytellers Mostly Ghostly join us every afternoon to bring stories of forgotten Dumfries back to life through interactive stories featuring Robbie Burns and Peter Pan!



Family Singalong Bingo

Fri 17th, Sat 18th
& Sun 19th Jan
70 High Street, 3pm

A bingo experience like no other: win and sing! The rules are simple - If you have the song playing on your card mark it off. Then use your time wisely to sing at the top of your lungs from your seat.



Family Ceilidh

Fri 17th & Sat 18th Jan
70 High Street, 7pm

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Haggis Pizza Making

Fri 17th, Sat 18th
& Sun 19th Jan
70 High Street, 1pm

Haggis can be made into lots of different recipes and one of our favourites is the Haggis Pizza. Come and make your family pizza and discover the secret of making the best pizza sauce. Veg options available.



Poem Factory

Fri 17th, Sat 18th
& Sun 19th Jan
70 High Street, 3pm

Join Stuart Paterson as we make poems that will be sold in the festival shop to help lift people's moods. Stuart is an acclaimed, award-winning poet and performer of his work in English and Scots. From 2017-18 he was BBC Scotland's Poet in Residence.

HAMEGROWN



Jazz Club

Fri 17th Jan
Festival Club, 8pm

Local artists Ross Henderson and Fraser Clark officially open the Festival Club with the perfect jazz vibe featuring piano and saxophone and a delicious New Orleans atmosphere right here in Dumfries.



Rock Fit

Fri 17th Jan
Loreburn Hall, 5.30pm

Live band and high energy instructor will take you through your paces as you feel the burn in this festival premiere delivered by The Functional Coach live from the Loreburn Hall. Kick off your festival weekend with the recovery in your sights.



Cole & Abbie

Sat 1st Feb
Theatre Royal, 6.15pm

Willie Johnstone interviews the local influencers who have built up 3.5 million followers around the world, offering an insight into the high's and lows of media attention as well as their aspirations for themselves and their home town Dumfries.



Behavin'

Fri 24th Jan
The Stove, 7.30pm

A daydream of "degentertainment" wrapped in a cosy, punk vibe. Expect a vibrant mix of open mic, spoken word, and more, showcasing eclectic and electric talent from Dumfries and beyond. It's where the bard would've been.



Battered Sausage Supper

Fri 31st, Sat 1st, Sun 2nd Jan
Theatre Royal, 9.45pm

Our late-night club is full of all the filthy stuff they wouldn't let us put in the rest of the festival. If you like your late-night debauchery slightly naked with a slightly buckled looking twist, then you are going to love the comic caper that is Battered Sausage Supper. Served with our usual tonic of nonsense and mayhem.

The show that everyone will be talking about because they got poor Malcolm onto the stage and stripped him bare of all his decency.

Not for the faint hearted or easily shocked. This will be a whopper of a cabaret experience.

From the makers of **Le Haggis**.

Twidow Wankey's Dirty Pants

Fri 31st, Sat 1st Jan
Theatre Royal, 8.10pm

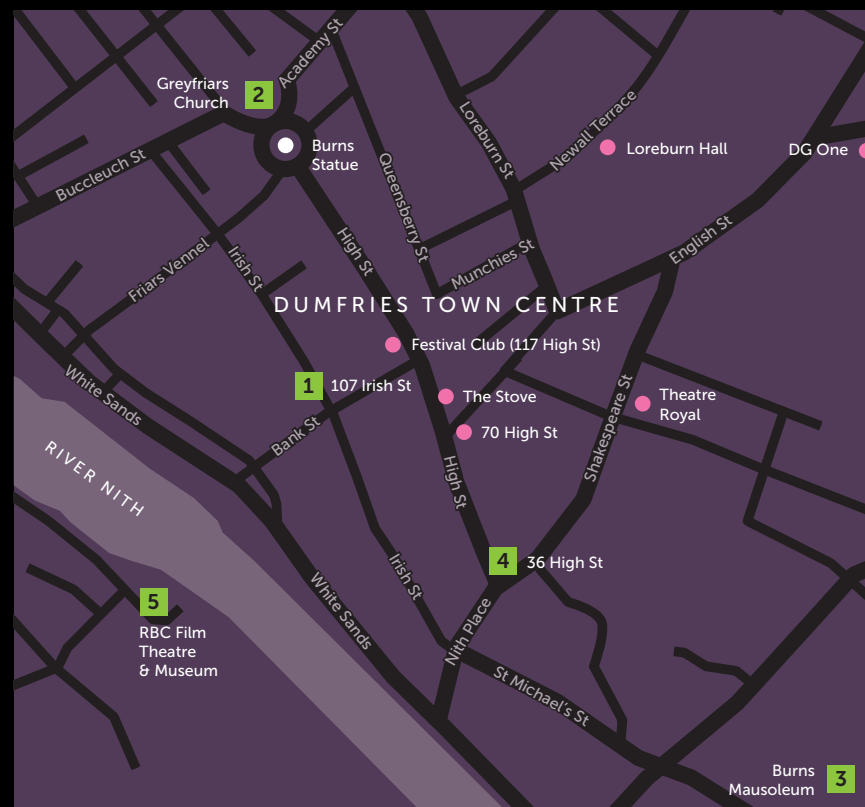
An unscripted, improvised Adult Panto that takes all of your favourite pantomimes and flips them over for a good spanking.

"Cum one, cum all!"

Get ready for a hilarious night of laughter and filth as Twidow Wankey's Dirty Panto is cumming to London! – "Oh yes it f*!?!ing is!"

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Fri 17th - Sun 19th Jan
5pm - 11pm
FREE



- 1. **Biofluorescence** 107 Irish Street
- 2. **Auld Lang Syne** Greyfriars Church
- 3. **Green Grow** The Mausoleum

- 4. **Divided** 36 High Street
- 5. **Borealis** Robert Burns Film Centre
- Other Venues



WET WET WET

Fri 24th Jan
Loreburn Hall
8pm



DUMFRIES CARNIVAL

Sat 18th Jan
Dumfries Town Centre, 5pm

Lantern Making

Join us at one of our Community Hubs in the lead up the Dumfries Carnival in the build up to Carnival.

Ice Bowl Mon 30th Dec, 2pm-5pm

QoS Arena Sun 5th Jan, 10am-4pm

Baptist Church Mon 6th Jan, 11am-3pm

YMCA Lochside Sat 11th Jan, 10am-4pm

Debenhams Sat 11th Jan, 10am-2pm

Lochar Inn Sun 12th Jan, 11am-4pm

Midsteple Quarter Fri 17th Jan, 12pm-8pm

Free Live Music at
Queensberry Square

Fri 17th Jan

4pm Artist
5pm Artist
6pm Artist
7pm Artist
8pm artist
9pm Artist

Sat 18th Jan

4pm Artist
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Sun 19th Jan

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NEED CONTENT



Burns Night Live

Sat 25th Jan
Loreburn Hall
6pm - 11pm



EDDI READER
ELAINE C. SMITH
GRANT DINWIDDIE
EMILY SMITH
CLAIRE HASTINGS



Price includes
a 2 course meal



Broadcast
online for free



BURNS NIGHT WEEKEND

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Underwater Burns Supper

Thu 23rd, Fri 24th
& Sat 25th Jan
DG One, Various

Don the headphones, rubber ring and speedos as we take you through a Burns Supper while diving through the waves, completing challenges and soaking up a specially curated mixtape, made in Dumfries & Galloway by special guests.



Whisky Tasting Tour

Sat 25th Jan
Ferintosh Guest House, 3pm

Join Whisky Enthusiast Robertson Wellen for 3 drams of Scotch Whisky (Two Single Malts & one Blended Whisky) with a few stories about Burns & Whisky.



Classic Burns Supper

Sat 25th Jan
The Globe
7pm

Step back in time and immerse in the spirit of Robert Burns at his beloved howff, The Globe Inn. Celebrate a special Burns Night at the South of Scotland's Fine Dining Restaurant of the Year.



Laldy's Ceilidh

Sun 26th Jan
Ellisland Farm, 3pm

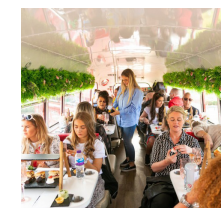
Create your own ceilidh including with Burns themed puppets with spell-binding story-teller Renita Boyle. Pre school and children aged up to 7. Must be accompanied by an adult.



Burns Supper on a Bus

Sat 25th & Sun 26th Jan
6pm & 8.30pm

Whiz past the sights and sounds of famous Robert Burns sites on the fastest moving Burns Supper on the planet. Includes a two course Burns Supper (Veg options available) washed down with a cheeky wee dram, as well as full entertainment on board.



Family Burns Supper on a Bus

Sat 25th & Sun 26th Jan
Burns Statue
11am & 2pm

Whiz past the sights and sounds of famous Robert Burns sites on the fastest moving Burns Supper on the planet. Price includes a Haggis Pie and pudding. Leaving from Burns Statue.



Burns Audio Tour

Sat 25th & Sun 26th Jan
Burns House, 1pm

A brand new Audio tour created right here in Dumfries will take you around all of the Burns sites and bring them to life through your headset. Created in collaboration with Dumfries Museums Service and South of Scotland Destination Alliance.



WORLD MUSIC



Emily Barker

Mon 20th Jan, Festival Club, 8pm

Emily Barker is the award-winning songwriter and performer of the theme to BBC TV's Wallander starring Kenneth Branagh. Her music is an indie blend of influences from alt-country to folk via 60s pop, with comparisons ranging from PJ Harvey to Joni Mitchell.



Belfast Community Gospel

Sun 26th Jan, Loreburn Hall, 2pm

BCGC are Northern Ireland's first and only multicultural gospel choir. They are much sought-after due to their dynamic performances, which are charged with joy, passion and energy.



Alex Ho & Tom Remon

Fri 31st Jan, Dabton House, 7.30pm

Join us for an evening of jazz as Alex Ho (piano) and Tom Remon (guitar) take the stage, presenting a dynamic mix of standards from the Great American Songbook alongside compositions by Thelonious Monk.



Edinburgh Gay Men's Chorus

Sat 1st Feb, Theatre Royal, 1pm

American classics, traditional Scottish songs and Broadway hits. This fifty strong ensemble from Edinburgh will lift your spirits and make you feel utter pride.



East Pointers

Sun 26th Jan, Loreburn Hall, 8pm

UNO Award-winners, The East Pointers, are redefining the ever-evolving genre – modern folk – with dancefloor-shaking, ceiling-rattling, electro-trad breakdowns, and a glorious combination of folk, pop, and dance music.



Levi Schechtmann

Thu 30th Jan, Dabton House, 7.30pm

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Julian Taylor

Sat 1st Feb, Theatre Royal, 3pm

Toronto-based singer-songwriter Julian Taylor has been part of the musical fabric and landscape in Canada for over two decades. Taylor enjoyed a breakthrough year in 2020, when his second solo acoustic album, The Ridge, earned million plays on Spotify, praise from press worldwide, and airplay from America to Australia to the UK.



Swingles

Sat 1st Feb, Drumlanrig Castle, 8pm

Five Grammy® Award winning and worldwide superstars. Their signature sound, blending intricate arrangements with close-microphone amplification, remains timeless.



CINELLI BROTHERS

Sun 2nd Feb
Loreburn Hall
2pm

