



INTRODUCTION

The 18th Shetland Folk Festival date is rapidly approaching, and we are pleased to present our programme for the event. As in previous years, we are bringing a wide variety of performers from near and far to provide entertainment, and we are confident that there will be something for everyone in this year's selection.

Attached to the programme, you will find a combined ticket booking form and membership application form, and we would ask that you complete these as soon as possible and return them to us at Burns Lane. Based on past years' sales, we would expect that several of the venues will be sold out early, so all applications will be dealt with strictly in order of receipt. Remember that Festival Club concerts are open to 1998 members only. We have been asked to remind everybody that flat-heeled shoes only are allowed in in the Clickimin venue.

Previous members will no doubt observe a change in format this year - in an effort to cut down on postage costs, we have decided to reduce the amount of mail sent out, so this will be the only opportunity to book tickets before they go on sale at the Festival Shop.

TICKET PRICES

MEMBERS	Adults	Concessions
Concert	£5.00	£3.00
Festival Club Concert	£5.00	£3.00
Concert and Dance	£6.00	£3.00
The Clickimin Stomp	£7.00	£7.00
The Clickimin Concert	£8.00	£4.00
Sunday Afternoon	£5.00	£3.00
Festival Foys	£9.00	£4.00
Angels' Share	£2.00	£2.00

NON MEMBERS

Concert	£8.00	£4.00
Concert and Dance	£9.00	£5.00
The Clickimin Stomp	£9.00	£9.00
The Clickimin Concert	£11.00	£5.00
Sunday Afternoon	£7.00	£4.00
Festival Foys	£13.00	£6.00
Angels' Share	£2.00	£2.00

Tickets are available from the Festival Shop. Access, Visa and Mastercard credit cards and cheques are accepted at the Festival Shop.

Note: Tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable. Concessions are Senior Citizens, Children, Students and those in receipt of Social Security Benefits, Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance.

FESTIVAL MEMBERSHIP

Available from the festival shop or by post.

Family	£20.00
(2 adults & 2 children under 10)	
Adult	£10.00
Child	£5.00

Order from 2nd April 1998.

RAFFLE & MERCHANDISE

The main raffle prize this year is a return trip for two persons to Oslo including 7 nights accommodation, other big prizes this year include a Sony Playstation, a Helly Hanson jacket and a LG Microwave. Tickets on sale at all venues, Festival Shop and local shops, Merchandise, including T-shirts short and long sleeve, baseball caps, badges and stickers are also available at the Festival Shop and some concerts.

CRAFT FAIR

This year's Festival Craft Fair is open to Festival members and non-members alike and will take place between Friday 3rd and Sunday 5th April in Islesburgh House from 11.30am to 5pm. There will also be handmade instruments for sale in the snooker room in the Festival club between Thursday 2nd and Saturday the 4th April from 11.30am to 5pm. This is open to members only.

All information was correct at the time of going to press, The Shetland Folk Festival Society reserves the right to alter times and artistes as conditions and circumstances demand.

THANKS

The Committee wish to thank Hay and Company, Widerøe, Robertson & Peterson, L.H.D Marine Supplies Ltd, Islesburgh Community Centre, P&O Ferries, Forbes Hogg and Helen Moutat for their generosity, and all locals who have helped in any way towards the success of the festival.

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2ND TO 5TH APRIL 1998 FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Shetland Folk Festival Society

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Lerwick,
Shetland,
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Email sffs@zetnet.co.uk

The Festival Shop is open:
From 17th March to 28th March
At 5 Burns Lane, Lerwick on the following days:
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Saturdays

6pm-8pm
11am-3pm

And from 2nd April to 5th April
at the Festival Club, Islesburgh

11am-4pm

SHETLAND FOLK FESTIVAL 1998

MEMBERSHIP / TICKET BOOKING FORM

Contact Details

Name
Address
Tel.

Membership Names

Date of Birth

Date of Birth for children members only

Membership Type	Price	Quantity	Total
FAMILY	£20.00		£
ADULT	£10.00		£
JUNIOR	£5.00		£
Membership Total			£

	THURSDAY 2 APRIL FESTIVAL CLUB	TOTAL	FRIDAY 3 APRIL FESTIVAL CLUB	TOTAL	SATURDAY 4 APRIL ANGEL'S SHARE	TOTAL	SUNDAY 5 APRIL GARRIBON THEATRE	TOTAL
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Thursday Total		£	Friday Total		£	Saturday Total		£
Sunday Total		£	Saturday Total		£	Sunday Total		£

Notes:
 Only add children's date of birth, to enable them to qualify for cheaper tickets. Children must be under 16 on 2 April 1998. The tickets will be mailed to the person outlined in the contact details section.
 If you need more room for the members names fill on a separate sheet of paper.
 To order tickets fill in the quantity required per concert and the total price. Add up the total amount of tickets for each concert, Then total each day at the bottom. Finally add the day's totals together along with any membership total and place in the box below

Payment Details

Type:	VISA ACCESS MASTERCARD CHEQUE (DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)
Card Number	_____
Expiry Date	_____
Signature	_____

Total enclosed (Thursday + Friday + Saturday + Sunday Ticket Totals + Membership Total)	£
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Please return to Eileen Mowat,
 Membership Secretary
 SFFS,
 5 Burns Lane,
 Lerwick.

THURSDAY 2 APRIL

OFFICIAL OPENING 1:00pm
BY SHONAGH IRVINE FROM THE
SCOTTISH ARTS COUNCIL
 at **THE FESTIVAL CLUB**
 First chance to see the visiting artistes
Lerwick British Legion Pipe Band
 (playing from 12:30-1:00pm)

Concert at
FESTIVAL CLUB
 Mad Pudding 7:30pm
 May & Mackie (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 Keep it Up
 Peter Wood & Derek Hendry
 The Pierre Schryer Band
 Mahogany
 Coila
 Tich Frier

Concert at
SHETLAND HOTEL 7:30pm
 The James Hunter Band (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 Shetland Clarsach Group
 Duras
 Fred's Band
 Carmen Higgins
 The Shining Pool
 Colin Reid
 Mike Hancock

Concert at
QUARFF HALL 7:30pm
 At The Racket (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 Hom Bru
 Swap
 Square Da Mizzen
 Maurice Dixon
 Shetland Folkdance
 Frank Robb

Concert at
TINGWALL HALL 7:30pm
 Critton Hollow String Band (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 Shoormal
 Ross Kennedy & Archie McAllister
 Shetland's Young Heritage
 Hyddle Doodles
 West Side Fiddle & Accordion Club
 Robin Laing

Concert at
VIDLIN HALL (7:30pm)
 The Felsons (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 Fiddlers Bid
 Flook
 Johnny Boland
 Flinner, Grier & Phillips
 Filska
 Steven Robertson

FRIDAY 3 APRIL

PLAYGROUP CONCERT 11:00am to 12:00pm
 at **FESTIVAL CLUB**
 Mike Hancock
 Critton Hollow String Band
 The Hyddle Doodles
 Steven Robertson

Concert at
FESTIVAL CLUB 7:30pm
 At The Racket (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 Alex Couper
 Swap
 Flinner, Grier & Phillips
 Alan, Iain & Robert
 Ross Kennedy & Archie McAllister
 Bryan Gear
 Steven Robertson

THE CLICKIMIN STOMP (9:00pm)
 Rock Salt & Nails (Doors open at 8:30pm)
 Drop The Box
 Suppository Business

Concert and Dance at
WHITENESS & WEISDALE HALL 7:30pm
 Duras (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 Sheila Henderson Band
 The Felsons
 The Shining Pool
 Keep It Up
 Filska
 Colin Reid
 Tich Frier
Dance to: Northmaine Fiddle & Accordion Club

Concert and Dance at
CUNNINGBURGH HALL 7:30pm
 Hyddle Doodles (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 Mahogany
 Flook
 Hom Bru
 Mad Pudding
 Johnny Boland
 The Pierre Schryer Band
 Frank Robb
Dance to: Jim Halcrow's Band

Concert and Dance at
NORTH ROE HALL 7:30pm
 Critton Hollow String Band (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 May & Mackie
 The James Hunter Band
 Shetland Clarsach Group
 Maurice Dixon
 Sheepdip
 Carmen Higgins
 Mick Hancock
Dance to: Coila

SATURDAY 4 APRIL

WORKSHOPS
 at **FESTIVAL CLUB**
 Fiddle 12:00pm
 Guitar 1:00pm

The Angel's Share
SHETLAND HOTEL 12:30pm
 Robin Laing (Doors open at 12:00 Noon)

Concert at
FESTIVAL CLUB 7:30pm
 Critton Hollow String Band (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 Leonard, Amanda & Peter
 Maurice Dixon
 Albany
 Carmen Higgins
 Sheila Henderson Band
 Robin Laing

Concert at
CLICKIMIN CONCERT 7:30pm
 The James Hunter Band (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 Fiddlers Bid
 The Felsons
 Duras
 Rock Salt & Nails
 Flook
 Shetland Baton Twirlers (Dance)
 Tich Frier

Concert at
BODDAM HALL 7:30pm
 Swap (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 Mahogany
 Keep It Up
 Alex Couper
 Colin Reid
 Shetland's Young Heritage
 Mike Hancock

Concert at
WALLS HALL 7:30pm
 At The Racket (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 Sheepdip
 Flinner, Grier & Phillips
 Fred's Band
 Albany
 Ross Kennedy & Archie McAllister
 Steven Robertson

Concert and Dance at
BURRAVOE HALL 7:30pm
 Mad Pudding (Doors open at 7:00pm)
 Shoormal
 The Hyddle Doodles
 Scallywag
 The Pierre Schryer Band
 Bryan Gear
 Frank Robb
Dance to: Coila

SUNDAY 5 APRIL

WORKSHOP
 at **FESTIVAL CLUB**
 Dance with 1:00pm
 Critton Hollow String Band
 Shetland Folkdance

Fiddle Fever Concert at
GARRISON THEATRE 2:00pm to 4:00pm
 The Pierre Schryer Band (Doors open at 1:30pm)
 Shetland Fiddlers' Society
 Carmen Higgins
 High Strings
 Filska
 Bryan Gear
 Steven Robertson

Afternoon Concert at
SHETLAND HOTEL 2:00pm to 4:00pm
 The Felsons (Doors open at 1:30pm)
 Colin Reid
 Ross Kennedy & Archie McAllister
 Swap
 At The Racket
 Frank Robb

Last chance to see visiting artistes at:
FESTIVAL FOYS 7:00pm
 Clickimin Centre (Doors open at 6:30pm)
 Islesburgh Community Centre
 Shetland Hotel

FESTIVAL CLUB

Islesburgh Community Centre
 King Harald Street, Lerwick



ENTRY BY MEMBERSHIP ONLY
THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR ENTRY

Thursday and Friday 11am - 3am (upstairs)
 5pm - 3am (downstairs)
 Saturday 11am - 3am (both floors)
 Sunday 11am - 4pm (both floors)

Club Closes 4pm Sunday

Note: Entry to the Club is restricted to 1998 members. Proof of membership required. Under 12's are not permitted in the Club after 1am. Workshops are for members only. Bar & light meals available

THANKS TO: SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL, SHETLAND ARTS TRUST, SCOTTISH ARTS COUNCIL

CRITTON HOLLOW STRING BAND

The West Virginia Eastern Panhandle is the home base of this band. Formed in 1975, the band have toured extensively, mainly throughout the US and Canada. Their music reflects a tradition reaching back to the time of the Appalachians' first settlers, harmonic ballads and melodic folk songs. Appearing with the band will be Laura Lewis, a gifted step dancer and clogger as well as musician.

MAD PUDDING

This Canadian band wowed the audiences at nine UK festivals in 1997, won an overwhelming vote of approval in reviews everywhere they went and have been re-booked at every gig they played. Their music has been described as a "Celtic folk rock funk crossover set to new wave old time tunes" and their new CD "Rattle on the Stovepipe" has already received masses of airplay.

FLOOK!

Comprises three flautists - Brian Finnegan, Michael McGoldrick and Sarah Allen, and guitarist Ed Boyd. Their music, Celtic in influence, is mainly instrumental and incorporates bamboo, wooden and silver flutes, assorted whistles and uilleann pipes. Although originally formed only for a one-off tour, their instrumental virtuosity has led to great critical acclaim not to mention a guest spot for Capercaille and their own sell-out show.

THE JAMES HUNTER BAND

Music that transports you back to the 50s and 60s - original, individual classic rhythm and blues. James Hunter has worked with the likes of Van Morrison and John Lee Hooker and Soul Diva Doris Troy features on his current CD "...Believe what I say" Originally from Australia, James has been described as "one of the best two or three British R & B singers there's ever been". According to the critics Hunter "keeps the soul flame alive" with his "yelping and squealing archetypal soul holler".

THE FELSONS

Scottish band The Felsons started out in 1995 with an unashamedly country line-up but since then have pushed the boundaries back to take on a range of influences from early rockabilly, Chicago blues bluegrass and Bob Dylan, to the Beatles, and the Jayhawks. The Felsons were nominated for best British band in the British Country Music awards and their sound has been described as "instant rockin' energy".

DURAS

Four young traditional musicians playing with drive and a unique blend of Irish styles. Three hail from the Emerald Isle - Leonard Barry, Harry Bradley and Donal Clancy, one - Athena Tergis, is from San Francisco. Their music is a classic blend of instruments; pipes, flute, fiddle and guitar, highlighting the strong individual styles that make up this group.

SWÅP

Are the pairing of two duos:- from the UK, Ian Carr (who has played with the Kathleen Tickell Trio) and Karen Tweed (of the Poozies); from Sweden, Ola Backström and Carina Normansson. They provide a unique and lively blend of international musical influences - using guitar, piano, accordion, fiddle and voice to produce a fusion of classical contemporary and traditional styles.

PERFORMING ARTISTES

AT THE RACKET

This band demonstrates superbly the joy, spirit and pure fun that is Irish music at its best, playing seriously rhythmic energetic music, which will lift hearts and dare the feet to stop dancing.

MAURICE DICKSON

A native of County Antrim, Maurice put his first band together in 1976 at the age of 16. In 1979 he traded in his engineer's overalls for the insecurity of a life on the road, setting off with a guitar, a sleeping bag and £75, and spent the next four and a half years slogging it round Europe and North Africa, learning his craft. He has been described as "King of the international acoustic music circus" and deservedly so, having played in Germany, Belgium, Holland, Greece and Egypt to name but a few as well as closer to home to packed audiences at the Edinburgh International Folk Festival and the Lemon Tree. Maurice is an accomplished singer and songwriter whose material encompasses a whole range of styles from blues to country, to gentle songs with a Celtic feel and even flamenco.

GRIER - PHILLIPS - FLINNER

Bluegrass trio of outstanding pedigree
Dave Grier - voted guitarist of the year on more than one occasion in the international Bluegrass Music Association Awards

Matt Flinner - winner of national mandolin and banjo championships has toured with 1997 Festival veterans Tim and Mollie O'Brien and has himself previously appeared in Shetland with the band Daily Planet!

Todd Phillips - acoustic bassist and producer, has worked with countless bluegrass, jazz, pop, country and folk artists from Stephane Grappelli to receiving a Grammy Award for Country instrumental of the year in 1983 with the New South.

THE PIERRE SCHRYER BAND

Pierre Schryer is a Canadian fiddler/composer of considerable critical acclaim, receiving airplay on national and international media including CBC Radio - Canada, Cork Radio - Ireland and BBC Broadcasting. Musically his style ranges from Irish, Scottish and French Canadian to Canadian Old-Time and American Swing. Touring with Pierre are Brian Picknell, on guitar, his sister Julie Schryer, on piano and multi-instrumentalist Nathan Curry.

KEEP IT UP

Keep It Up are four much respected young musicians playing Scottish traditional music on fiddle, concertina, pipes, whistles, guitar and bouzouki. Their line up is Elidh Shaw, Simon Thoumire, Aaron Jones and Malcolm Stitt of Deaf Shepherd, who proved to be a big hit with folk festival audiences last year.

ROSS KENNEDY & ARCHIE McALLISTER

This formidable partnership produces a powerful blend of Scottish music. Their 1996 album "The Gathering Storms" was hailed by Q Magazine as folk album of the year "...the year's best example of tradition treated with passion as well as respect".

COILA

A contemporary Ceilidh/folk band whose music blends modern and traditional Celtic tunes with influences from Scotland, Ireland and North America. Their repertoire includes energetic reels, lilting waltzes, jigs and hornpipes.

THE HYDDLE DOODLES

Band of four young traditional Irish female players, comprising two fiddles, piano accordion and piano. Last seen in Shetland in October as Liz Kane and friends, this band will get the feet tapping with its energetic playing and unique Irish style piano accompaniment.

COLIN REID

Belfast born Colin Reid defies categorisation drawing on country, blues, jazz and classical influences to create his powerful, sensitive and wide ranging sound on the acoustic guitar.

CARMEN HIGGINS

Carmen began playing classical violin at the age of eight and went on to develop an eclectic style, playing punk-rock, jazz, Irish and Scottish folk music. She is best known for her solo Scottish Traditional fiddle music.

Compering our shows this year will be:-

Frank Robb

Versatility and originality are the hallmarks of Frank Robb's unique blend of cross-over music and adlib humour. His strength and sensitivity as a musician and songwriter combine with a razor sharp wit and uncanny ability to improvise on guitar, harmonica and vocals.

Robin Laing

One of Scotland's leading folk musicians. An accomplished songwriter, singer and guitarist his music is authentically traditional. If proof of this was required then you need go no further than to witness Laing's "The Angels' Share" performance. This tells the story of our great national drink through song and verse and of course a dash of humour - a treat for all Whisky lovers!

Mike Hancock

One of Britain's foremost Festival performers, combining physical comedy and eccentric character to create a unique explosion of spontaneous and participatory fooling that has been enjoyed by audiences throughout Europe.

Tich Frier

Over 30 years experience, appearing nationally on T.V. and radio, toured extensively overseas and performed at many UK festivals including several appearances in Shetland. This man is one of the most polished and entertaining performers around today.

Steven Robertson

Steven is studying drama at Kirkcaldy and after his impromptu appearance last year, we thought it would be a crime not to include such a talented and up and coming local performer.

LOCAL ARTISTES this year include:

Alan, Iain & Robert, Albany, Alex Couper, Bryan Gear, Drop the Box, Fiddlers Bid, Filiska, Fred's Band, High Strings, Hom Bru, Inaustrechan, Jim Halcrow's Band, Johnny Boland, Leonard, Amanda & Peter, Lerwick Legion Pipe Band, Mahogany, Matt Vinyl & The Decorators, May & Mackie, Northmavine Fiddle & Accordion Club, Peter Wood & Derek Hendry, Rock Salt & Nails, Scallywag, Sheepdip, Sheila Henderson Band, Shetland Baton Twirlers (Dance), Shetland Clarsach Group, Shetland Folkdance, Shetland's Young Heritage, Shoormal, Square Da Mizzen, Suppository Business, The Red Vans, The Shining Pool, West Side Fiddle & Accordion Club.