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**26TH
SHETLAND
FOLK
FESTIVAL**

**27TH - 30TH
APRIL 2006**

Shetland Folk Festival Society

5 Burns Lane, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0EJ
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Festival Shop

The shop is open from the 13th to 22nd of April at 5 Burns Lane, at the following times

Thursdays (13th / 20th).....6pm-8pm
Saturdays (15th / 22nd)12 Noon-3pm

And from the 27th to 29th April at the Festival Club, Islesburgh, at the following times

Thursday, Friday and Saturday11am-5pm

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 26th Shetland Folk Festival where our beautiful isles are once again taken over by some of the best folk music the world has to offer. We have a packed programme of concerts throughout Shetland as well as workshops, sessions, and both scheduled and informal concerts in the festival club - basically one huge "spree." Expect a magical four days, nights and extremely early mornings of entertainment (and maybe some sleep in between if you're lucky!)

NO SMOKING

In line with recent Scottish Law, please remember that ALL venues are strictly Non-Smoking.

FESTIVAL CLUB - Islesburgh Community Centre, Lerwick

The Festival Club is a hive of activity all weekend. It's the place to be if you are interested in meeting and greeting Festival artists, listening to sessions or participating in the guitar, harmonica, flute or circus skill workshops that are on offer. The opening concert on Thursday lunchtime gives a real taster of what's ahead and there will be a number of late night staged events that are simply too good to be missed!

Entry to the Club is restricted to 2006 wristband-wearing members

During the Festival, look out for details on the information screens in Islesburgh's reception area and for a sneak preview of Club events, check out the website from the beginning of April.

Food is served daily in the Blue Rock Café. Times are displayed in the Club.

The premises are licensed.

CAN AND BOTTLE BAR

A can and bottle bar will be open downstairs during the Festival Club Late Sessions at peak times.

REAL ALE BAR Sponsored by Streamline Shipping Group

A Real Ale Bar, offering a variety of local and national ales will be situated in Room 12 and will include an ale from the Vahalla Brewery in Unst.

MERCHANDISE

26th Festival merchandise will be on sale during the Festival at the Club.

This will include the Anniversary Booklet that was produced last year to commemorate our 25th birthday. It reveals the history, stories and photos from the first 25 "Folk Festival" years

You will be able to view & pre-order merchandise by downloading a form from our website and sending it to us. Orders will be able to be picked up from the Club on the first day of the Festival.

Artists' merchandise will only be sold from the venues that they are performing at.

THANKS

A special mention to **BP** on behalf of the **SVT Owners** for their funding which has enabled us to host the **Bell's Brae & Anderson High School Additional Support Needs Concerts**, and thanks also to...

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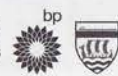
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...and anyone else who has helped in any way towards the success of the 26th festival

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

BELL'S BRAE & ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS CONCERTS

Private afternoon concerts to be held at the Bell's Brae Primary School & Anderson High School.



PLAYGROUP CONCERT

Concert attendance organised by the Association of Shetland Playgroups.

YOUNG FIDDLERS

This year's Young Fiddler of the Year and Young Traditional Fiddler of the Year will feature at the Tingwall and North Nesting concerts, respectively. Winners to be announced on the 22nd April at the Shetland Folk Society's 25th Young Fiddler of the Year Competition, held in the Garrison Theatre.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Child £6
Adult £13
Family £26 (2 adults and 2 children)

To qualify for a child's membership the applicant must be under 16 on the first day of the Festival.

Membership entitles you to gain entry into the Festival Club (numbers permitting) and purchase discounted price tickets.

TICKET DETAILS

Tickets are available from the Festival Shop at the dates and opening times stated overleaf and/or on completion of the combined ticket and membership form. All major credit cards, Switch(Maestro) card and cheques are accepted.

Tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable

Concessions are senior citizens (over 60), children, students and those in receipt of social security benefit, Income support or Job Seekers Allowance (proof required).

Transport to and from venues is not provided. You must make your own travel arrangements. Ferry crossings are required to attend the **CULLIVOE & HAROLD SWICK** outreach concerts.

Flat or wedged heeled shoes should be worn at concerts held at the Clickimin Centre.

The **SAW DOCTORS** Clickimin concert is strictly for over 18s. Proof of age is required.

COMBINED MEMBERSHIP/BOOKING FORM

To purchase tickets and membership, complete the form as instructed overleaf. Applications are dealt with strictly in order of receipt. To avoid disappointment, as many venues sell out quickly, you should return your application promptly to **5 Burns Lane, Lerwick**.

Dougie MacLean: Singer, Songwriter, Composer and Magical Performer, Dougie MacLean is one of Scotland's most successful, respected and popular musicians. For many years, he has been at the forefront of the development of Scottish music and song. *Caledonia*, a song he wrote 15 years ago has become somewhat of a Scottish anthem and went straight to number 1 in the Scottish charts. A fine guitarist and fiddle player too, Dougie tours the world with his unique blend of lyrical, "roots based" song-writing and instrumental composition.

Tim & Mollie O'Brien and Friends: Fresh from winning a prestigious Grammy Award for his latest album, *Fiddler's Green*, pre-eminent Americana and bluegrass musician Tim O'Brien is making a long overdue return to the Shetland Folk Festival and just like in 1997, sister Mollie is appearing too! These singing siblings first began making music together in church while growing up in Wheeling, West Virginia. Since then they've travelled musically through the Appalachian old time country and folk duets to jazzy, bluesy offerings. For this very special appearance they will be joined by multi-instrumentalists Danny Barnes, Rich Moore and Jackson O'Brien.

The Saw Doctors: After their sell out gig in 2004, Ireland's leading exporters of "straight-ahead, good hearted craic" are back by popular demand. From Tuam, County Galway, this folk-rock band tour non-stop throughout Europe and the United States and have a dedicated international fan base. They are loved for their lack of pretension, the catchy choruses and for a repertoire of songs which give universal expression to specific aspects of Irish culture. Their 1989 single "I useta love her" broke Irish sales records and now releasing their sixth studio album, *The Cure*, they are sounding as vibrant and celebratory of all things real and Irish as ever.

Elana James & The Continental Two: From Austin, Texas and formerly the driving force behind "The Hot Club of Cowtown", violinist and singer Elana James Frememan is an internationally acclaimed performer who has featured at countless major concerts and music festivals worldwide. Most recently, in the spring of 2005, Elana teamed up with Bob Dylan as part of his touring band. In the autumn, she started this new trio with Luke Hill (on guitar and vocals) and Beau Sample (on upright bass). They will be bowing us over with their new original songs, hot jazzy tunes, and western swing, hoedowns & gypsy music.

Finniston: This duo act are Glasgow based brother and sister, Steven Finnie and Jolene Crawford, who actually have a close Shetland connection to the musical Ward/Napier family from Burray. They combine lovely melodies, harmonies, mandolin, fiddle, guitar and piano into what has been categorised as "alt folk". They have created a gem with their debut EP "popular music that will live forever" which amongst others, has featured on the BBC's Tom Morton show. Indeed, Tom has classified Finniston as "his favourite unsigned band!"

Brothers Zamiskovci: After delighting Shetland audiences in 2004 with their close harmony vocals, renditions of "She'll be coming round the mountain" as well as traditional Slovakian songs and tunes played on fiddle, accordion and double bass, this family group are back to enthral us once more. Since 1998, they have been vigorously promoting the cultural musical identity of their home village, Kalaczkov situated under the High Tatras in the northern part of Slovakia. This has seen them widely regarded and renowned not only at home but also in Poland, Ukraine, Belgium and Holland (and now Shetland!).

Tom Ball & Kenny Sultan: From Santa Barbara, California, Tom Ball and Kenny Sultan are making a welcome return to Shetland after their last festival appearance in 1999. They have been bringing their unique blend of guitar and harmonica blues, rags and goodtime music to widely diverse audiences all over the world for more than 25 years. At home wherever they go, Tom and Kenny fit in at blues, folk, bluegrass and jazz festivals - it's no wonder we've invited them back!

Carmel Sheerin & The Ravens: Their fans back home in Ireland already know that is the breathtaking singing that gives Carmel Sheerin & The Ravens their unmistakable sound, with clean harmonies rooted in American country and bluegrass music. Comprising of 4 members of the same musical family and joined internationally by banjo player Tom Hanway from New York, they were voted number 1 European Bluegrass Band (2005-2006) at the prestigious European World of Bluegrass Festival in Holland. Joining Carmel and Tom are; Danny Sheerin on acoustic guitar, Des Sheerin on Bass and Tom Sheerin on mandolin and fiddle. "This is bluegrass for the ages"

Sabrina George: Comedian and sought after compere, Sabrina George's seductive stand up comedy has been enjoyed around the globe.

Frank Robb: An original, witty and versatile performer with an uncanny ability to improvise on guitar, harmonica and vocals.

Visiting Artistes

Tannahill Weavers: The "Tannies" are one of Scotland's premiere traditional bands as light and versatile as any band in the Celtic music scene and their diverse repertoire spans the centuries with fire driven instrumentals, topical songs and original ballads. dynamic quintet are Roy Gullane on guitar and lead vocals, John Martin on fiddle, Smillie on flute, whistles and bodhran, Les Wilson on bouzouki and Colin Melville on

Session A9: Originally formed as an album project by Capercaillie fiddler McKerron, Session A9 have since earned the title of "Scotland's Supergroup!" works with a pool of talented musicians and composers including Kevin Heaton, Gordon Gunn and Adam Sutherland. Joining these 4 superb fiddlers are Kris Duff on vocals and guitar, Tim Edey on guitar and melodeon, Brian McAlpine on keyboard and percussive.

Vägilased: Giving new life and verve to traditional Estonian folk music, Vägilased (Mighty) are a group of lively young musicians who blend Estonian rural songs, rhythms and harmonies of jazz, rock and pop. They are Sandra Sillimaa on bagpipe, flutes, whistles and Jews Harp, fiddler and vocalist Meelika Hainsoo, Vaik on karmonsika (a Russian diatonic accordion), guitarist Jan Villeberg, Martti bass and drummer Reigo Ahven.

Seamus Begley & Tim Edey: Singer, accordionist and storyteller, Seamus Begley (Gaeltacht (the Irish speaking area) of Dingle, in Co. Kerry. Best known for his famous Australian guitarist Steve Cooney, this duo played polkas and slides from Kerry Tradition, creating a legend in Irish music. Accompanying Seamus is Tim Edey at the age of 26 has already been a top professional musician for 10 years! He recently released a new album entitled *Daybreak*, which serves as a clear demarcation of why this young player is in high demand for gigs.

Back of the Moon: Since forming in 2000, this Scottish band has rapidly gained a reputation for their dynamic live performances. At the Scots Trad Music Awards 2005 album *Luminosity* was nominated for best album award whilst band member Napier was also nominated as "best up and coming artist". Most impressively the band after 5 years of working and touring Canada, Europe and up and down the UK, Back of the Moon deservedly received the "Best Folk Band" award. Joining Hamish (on piano) Gillian Frame on fiddle and vocals, Ali Hutton on whistles, bodhran, guitar & bouzouki and Findlay Napier on guitar and vocals.

Flatville Aces: Now entering their fifteenth year, the Flatville Aces play traditional music from Southwest Louisiana - a compelling mix of fiddle and accordion, French and infectious dance rhythms. The current line up is accordionist Gavin Lewery, fiddle player Vera van Heeringen, Sam Murray on percussion as well as fiddle player Jock Tildesley who has played at home and abroad with such acts as Balta Toujours, Sheryl Cormier and the late and legendary Eddi Lejeune.

Steve Cousins: Performer, compere, MC, entertainer and creative mischief maker, Australian Steve Cousins aka Steve Mischief, has performed to thousands around the globe. He is a specialist in family entertainment and street-arts with a circus including fire-manipulation, juggling, clowning, whip-cracking, still-walking and fire performing at the playgroup concert as well as doing a workshop on circus skills at Saturday afternoon's festival club.

Session Artistes

The Moonshiners: No strangers to these parts, The Moonshiners are one of the finest bluegrass bands. With Iain Mair on guitar and lead vocals, Phil Sakers' string banjo, Alasdair Kennedy on mandolin/fiddle and the infamous Jimmy Mair on double bass, they have established a reputation on the festival circuit for their live performances.

Cushtie: Winning the Danny Kyle Award in 2005, this exciting new six-piece band is making considerable headway in the traditional music scene. Half of them are from Ireland! Joining them on their trip to Shetland are Jonas Fromsøier and Eilish Boyle.

Me's

Swank: A female duo with a worldwide reputation for dynamic, dazzling and interactive character comedy.

Serguei Pachnine: Singer, accordionist and performer, 'Serge' the Musician entertain all ages with his "Sounds of Russia" and audience participation.

Club Lates

Includes:

* Fiddler's Bid * Sheila Henderson Band * Fullscelidh Spelmanslag * Wayfarer * Rumshack Blues Band * The Quintet * Bitumen River * No Sweat * Mahogany * The Stock Dogs *

Local Artistes

Includes: "Aest tae Wast" Drum Gaddery, Alex Hutchison & Co, Bleach Boys, Ellie Mulhern, Fiddle Attraction, Fradenr Gamla, Friderar, Hom Bru, Hook Van Cluny, Johnnie and the Mallachy Tallack, May Mackie & Rhonda Band, "Noo-Den" fae New Tradition, Northravine Fiddle & Accordion Club, Paul Johnston, Shetland Fiddlers Society, Shetland Folkdance, Youth Jazz, Shetland's Heritage Fiddlers, Shoormal, Square da Mizzen, Stoorie Strings Sextet, The Jillian Isbister Band, The Mark Laurenson Band, The Shining Pool, The Two Pot Still Wrygrass, Erin Sandison

SFFS MEMBERSHIP / TICKET BOOKING FORM 2006

Contact Details	
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Membership Names	Date Of Birth
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All details must be filled in, please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**. Members under 18 must state their date of birth. Please also include contact telephone numbers, so that we can contact you if there are any problems and if paying by credit card do not forget to sign the form.

Office Use Only	
Date Received	_____
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Date Posted	_____
Tickets	To Collect / Post

MEMBERSHIPS	Adult	No	Child	No	Family	No	TOTAL
	£13		£6		£26		£

TICKETS								
Day	Venue	Members	No	Non-Members	No	Concessions	No	TOTAL
Thursday	Boddam	£8		£12		£6		£
	North Nesting	£8		£12		£6		£
	Cajun & Shetland Dance Night	£8		£12		£6		£
	Lerwick British Legion	£8		£12		£6		£
Friday	Walls	£8		£12		£6		£
	Tingwall	£8		£12		£6		£
	North Roe	£8		£12		£6		£
	Clickimin - Saw Doctors	£15		£18		£18		£
Saturday	Lerwick British Legion	£8		£12		£6		£
	Brae	£8		£12		£6		£
	Cullivoe	£8		£12		£6		£
	Haroldswick	£8		£12		£6		£
Sunday	Clickimin	£11		£15		£8		£
	Lerwick British Legion	£8		£12		£6		£
	Shetland Hotel - Singing	£6		£8		£5		£
	Foys	£12		£16		£9		£
Foy's	Lerwick British Legion	£12		£16		£9		£
	Shetland Hotel	£12		£16		£9		£

A receipt will be issued for all advance memberships. This receipt must be produced at the Festival Club to receive your wrist band.

Make your cheques payable to SFFS. Post this form with your payment and mark the envelope **BOOKING FORM** to

Membership Secretary,
SFFS,
5 Burns Lane,
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ZE1 0EJ

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Thursday 27th April

Opening Concert (open to all) 1:00pm
First chance to see the visiting artistes at the **Festival Club**.

North Nesting 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7:00pm)
Session A9
Seamus Begley & Tim Edey
Finniston
Tom Ball & Kenny Sultan
Shetland Heritage Fiddlers
Young Traditional Fiddler 2006
Frank Robb



Boddam 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7:00pm)
Carmel Sheerin & The Ravens
Brothers Zamiszkovci
Elana James & The Continental Two
Tim & Mollie O'Brien and Friends
Mark Laurenson Band
Swank


Cajun & Shetland Dance Night at Shetland Hotel 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7:00pm)
Flatville Aces
Northmavine Fiddle & Accordion Club
Shetland Folk Dance
Sponsored by Veestik Records

Lerwick British Legion 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7:00pm)
Tannahill Weavers
Back of the Moon
Vägilased
The Bleach Boys
Square Da Mizzen
Sabrina George

Friday 28th April

Playgroup Concert 11:00am - 12 noon
Sponsored by Shetland Scrap Store  **Clickimin Centre**

Additional Support Needs Concerts
These are private concerts to be held at the **Anderson High School** and **Bell's Brae School**.  

Clickimin Concert (over 18's only) 9:00pm
The Saw Doctors (Doors open at 8:30pm)
Cushtie **J. W. GRAY & Co.** 

North Roe 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7:00pm)
Flatville Aces
Tim & Mollie O'Brien and Friends
Back of the Moon
Hom Bru
Ellie Mulhern
Serguie Pachnine


Tingwall 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7:00pm)
Session A9
Elana James & The Continental Two
Tannahill Weavers
Wrygrass
Johnny and The Notions
Young Fiddler 2006
Sabrina George

Walls 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7:00pm)
Carmel Sheerin & The Ravens
Seamus Begley & Tim Edey
Vägilased
Fiddler's Bid
Fradner Gamla
Frank Robb

Lerwick British Legion 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7:00pm)
Tom Ball & Kenny Sultan
Brothers Zamiszkovci
Finniston
Hook Van Cluny
The Two Pot Screamers
Swank

Saturday 29th April


Festival Club Events
Guitar Workshop (Rm 10) 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Aest tae Wast Drum Gaddery (Rm 16) 1:00pm - 1:45pm
Harmonica Workshop (Rm 9) 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Flute Workshop (Rm 11) 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Youth Concert (Rm 16) 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Circus Skills (Downstairs) 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Clickimin Concert 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7:00pm)
Dougie Maclean
Session A9
Tim & Mollie O'Brien and Friends 
Shoormal
Sabrina George

Brae 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7:00pm)
Carmel Sheerin & The Ravens
Tannahill Weavers
Tom Ball & Kenny Sultan
Stoorie Strings Sextet
Jillian Isbister Band
Serguie Pachnine

Cullivoe (ferry crossing required) 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7:00pm)
Flatville Aces
Brothers Zamiszkovci
Finniston
Paul Johnston
Alex Hutchison & Co.
Swank

Haroldswick (ferry crossings required) 7:30pm
Elana James & The Continental Two (Doors open at 7:00pm)
Vägilased
Back of the Moon
Fridarey
Frank Robb


Lerwick British Legion 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7:00pm)
Seamus Begley & Tim Edey
The Moonshiners
Shetland Fiddlers Society
May, Mackie & Rhonda Band
The Shining Pool
Steve Cousins 


Sunday 30th April

Festival Club Events
Dancing Workshop (Rm 16) 1:00pm
Shetland Folkdance

Sounds of Russia (Rm 10) 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Singing Concert Shetland Hotel 1:30pm - 3:30pm
(Doors open at 1:00pm)
Tom Ball & Kenny Sultan
Finniston
Erin Sandison
Mallachy Tallack
Frank Robb

Last chance to see visiting artistes at Festival Foy's 7:00pm
(Doors open at 6:30pm)
Clickimin Centre 

Shetland Hotel 

Lerwick British Legion
Sponsored by J&I Taxis

FESTIVAL CLUB

Islesburgh Community Centre
King Harald Street, Lerwick 

Opening Times
Thursday, Friday & Saturday 11am - 3am
Sunday 11am - 4pm
10pm - 3am

Bar Opening Times
Thursday, Friday & Saturday 11am - 1am
Sunday 11am - 4pm
10pm - 1am

Notes:
1. Entry to the Club is restricted to year 2006 wristband wearing members only.

2. Details of late night scheduled artiste performances in the Club will be advertised during the Festival.

3. Under 14s are not permitted in Islesburgh after 1am and must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all other times. 14 to 17 yr olds are permitted into Islesburgh after 1am as long as they are accompanied by a responsible adult

4. There will be sessions throughout the day at various times.

