



Queens Hall Arts



The Sage Gateshead
Folkworks

HEXHAM GATHERING

25TH-29TH MAY 2011

Ceilidhs, concerts, open air performances
and sessions at venues in Hexham
and across Tynedale

The Hexham Gathering is a partnership between Folkworks, part of The Sage Gateshead, and Queen's Hall Arts, Hexham.

Featuring: The Alistair Anderson Band, The Fay Hield Trio, Tyde, Kat Davidson, Tim Dalling, King Cole, Hannah James and Sam Sweeney, Peter Tickell, Last Orders, ahab, Down in the Attic, Toble, Folkestra, and students from the Newcastle University Folk and Traditional Music degree course.

Introducing many new and exciting acts in a kaleidoscope of music, song and dance, with performers from this region and beyond.



Alistair Anderson



Sam Sweeney and Hannah James

Tickets for all events from Queen's Hall Arts Centre Box Office on 01434 652 477 or online at www.queenshall.co.uk

The Hexham Gathering brings top folk and traditional performers together with some of the brightest rising stars in the new generation of folk musicians.

The Hexham Gathering is perhaps the country's leading festival aimed at providing performance opportunities for a host of hugely talented young singers, dancers and instrumentalists. Hundreds of performers converge on Hexham each year providing vibrant music and spectacle throughout the town centre and at a variety of other venues across Tynedale.

Add in some stunning performances by professional artists and this becomes a true highlight of the folk year with concerts, ceilidhs, sessions, informal performances and more.

Performers come from across the region and beyond to take part in this event. This year these include: Priory Woods Stompers, The Hydroholics, Heighington CE Primary School, Jessica Lamb, The Small Hall Band, Malcolm Bushby, Horizontal Sunday, Grasp the Nettle, Random, St. Bernard's, Stocksfield Stompers, Broomley First School, Ovingham Middle School.



Peter Tickell © Mark Savage

Wednesday 25th May

Queen's Hall Arts Centre, Hexham, 7.30pm

FUTURE TRADITIONS

A unique concert, bringing together traditional musicians poised on the threshold of their professional careers. Final year students from England's only degree course in Folk and Traditional Music at Newcastle University perform some of the material that shows the culmination of four years work. Expect a night of sparkling, surprising and energising music.

Tickets £6 (Concessions £4)

Thursday 26th May

Stocksfield Institute and Community Centre, 7.30pm

TIM DALLING

PUPILS FROM BROOMLEY FIRST SCHOOL, TOBLE, STOCKSELD STOMPERS AND MORE

Tim Dalling is best known as part of the New Rope String Band. This is a rare opportunity to see him in his own right with soulful voice, funky accordion, years of experience entertaining, and a batch of exciting, moving and original songs.

Tickets £6 (Concessions £4)

Friday 27th May

Bandstand, Abbey Grounds, Hexham, 1.30-3pm

SING THE PLAYGROUND

A new event for this year's Gathering: school children from across Northumberland join together to share traditional playground songs, rhymes and games.

Free

Allendale Village Hall, 7.30pm

PETER TICKELL

NIAMH BOADLE, ST BERNARD'S AND MORE

Peter Tickell has firmly established his musical prowess in the folk world. He is a regular member of the Kathryn Tickell Band and the Peatbog Faeries but tonight is a rare opportunity to see him as a stunning solo fiddle player.

Tickets £6 (Concessions £4)

The Hearth at Horsley, 7.30pm

HANNAH JAMES AND

SAM SWEENEY

DOWN IN THE ATTIC AND HORIZONTAL SUNDAY

Hannah and Sam are members of The Demon Barber Roadshow and Bellowhead, and were nominated for the Horizon Award at the 2010 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. They specialise in great English songs and tunes on accordion and fiddle - with bursts of Hannah's celebrated clog dancing.

Tickets £6 (Concessions £4)

Bellingham Middle School, 7.30pm

KAT DAVIDSON, KING COLE, PUPILS FROM BELLINGHAM FIRST AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Kat Davidson is a hugely talented singer from the North Tyne valley, successfully making her own name across the folk scene. King Cole is three fine fiddle players who perform stirring tunes and deft harmonies. Kat has been working with pupils from both Bellingham First and Middle Schools who also feature in the concert. Tickets £6 (Concessions £4)

Saturday 28th May

Hexham's air and streets are filled with tunes and voices with free outdoor music throughout the day, while Queen's Hall plays hosts to a series of free informal afternoon concerts – the day culminates in a stunning concert in Queen's Hall and a gigantic ceilidh at Wentworth Leisure Centre.

Also look out for the Hexham Gathering Festival Club at Trinity Methodist Church Hall - informal performances and sessions all day.

Hexham Town Centre, 10am-4pm

PERFORMANCES AND BANDSTAND CEILIDH

Songs, dancing and tunes throughout Hexham with free music: just head into the open and follow the music! At 12.30pm, at the bandstand in the park, there is an informal ceilidh, with jigs, reels and waltzes played with verve and gusto. Come and listen, come and dance, bring your picnic and join in the fun!

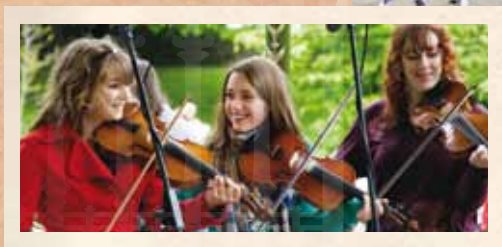
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Queen's Hall Arts Centre,
Hexham, 2pm

INFORMAL PERFORMANCES

Soloists, duos, bands and more in a fast flowing afternoon of acoustic music.

Free



Queen's Hall Arts Centre, Hexham, 7pm

THE ALISTAIR ANDERSON BAND, THE FAY HIELD TRIO AND TYDE

The Alistair Anderson Band came together to perform Anderson's 'Steel Skies' - written in 1982 before most of the band were born. Their youthful enthusiasm infuses the band's performances of Northumbrian music old and new including selections from 'Steel Skies' - "The finest recent original contribution to the tradition of English music" The Guardian. Nominated for the Horizon Award at the 2011 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, The Fay Hield Band sing and play with real passion. Dynamic, fresh and quite brilliantly played, Tyde's music takes influences from every corner of the British Isles and beyond.

Tickets £12 (Concessions £10, students and under 18s £5)

Combination ticket £16 (Concessions £12) includes ceilidh below

Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham,
7.30pm

CEILIDH

A great night out for all the family - get your dancing shoes on and join us at this giant ceilidh. The music comes from some of the hottest young bands around including Hexham band The Hydroholics plus The Small Hall Band and Folkestra. Expert callers guide you through each move and, above all, make the dancing fun.

Tickets £6 (Concessions £4)

Combination ticket £16 (Concession £12) includes concert above

Sunday 29th May

Queen's Hall Arts Centre, Hexham 1pm

TOBLE AND DOWN IN THE ATTIC

Traditional music with passion and energy in this concert featuring resident ensembles from Queen's Hall: Toble and Down in the Attic. Under the musical direction of Sophy Ball, they produce sparkling music with strong arrangements. Expect a fast moving concert of great music - from foot stomping tunes to slow airs.
Tickets £6 (Concessions £4)

Bandstand, Abbey Grounds, Hexham,
2.30-4.30pm

GIG IN THE PARK

FEATURING AHAB AND LAST ORDERS

Two hours of beautiful, fun and exciting music in a relaxed atmosphere. Bring a picnic and enjoy a fantastic afternoon out for all the family. Since their appearance at last year's Fairport's Cropredy Convention, ahab have fast become a hot favourite on the festival circuit with their folk-flavoured country rock. ahab's music has a laid-back swing with an undercurrent of indie edginess. BBC Radio Young Folk Award winners, Last Orders, are a Gathering favourite - with individual band members having been involved in the festival for many years. Duelling fiddles, with depth from melodeon and guitar, bring tunes to life in an irrepressible manner.

Free

BOOKING INFORMATION

Tickets for all events from Queen's Hall Arts Centre Box Office on 01434 652 477 or online at www.queenshall.co.uk

Box Office opening hours:
Mon-Sat 10am-4pm plus one hour prior to a performance.

The Sage Gateshead and Queen's Hall Arts would like to thank Northumberland Music Nights, The Hearth at Horsley, Bellingham Middle School, Broomley First School and Broomley PTA for their support and help with the Hexham Gathering.

Any young performers of traditional music, song or dance wishing to get involved and participate in this event should contact folkworks@thesagegateshead.org for more information.

Full programme details are available from the information point at Queen's Hall during the Hexham Gathering weekend.

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