



### Helen Humphries, Founder Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Girvan Arts Festival

Welcome to the 2024 Girvan Arts Festival. With funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, we have expanded! We're working with Girvan Academy in Art and Drama, providing festival transport for outlying rural areas, and holding a few one-off events.

Immerse yourselves in a variety of fringe arts and crafts happenings, as well as buying those tickets for a wonderful programme of speakers!



### The Girvan Community Garden

Most of the events will take place within the Dome and the Garden. Volunteer-run, the Garden is a great place to chill out between events. A pop-up bar will be open, and food and hot beverages will be available at the garden cafe, along with music and pop-up crafts!

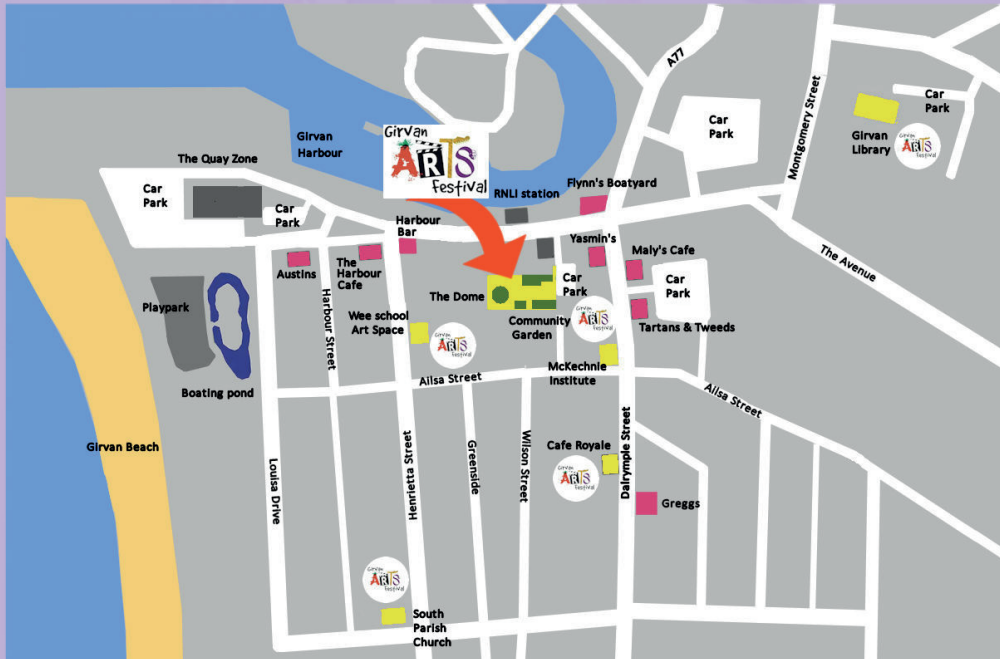


### Douglas Maxwell A message from our Patron



Welcome to the 3rd Girvan Arts Festival. As patron, I'm thrilled to be asked back this year for a Playwriting workshop.

Growing up in Girvan has inspired all of my work. It's a place which produces writers, musicians, artists, designers, makers and enthusiastic, knowledgeable audiences. A festival which brings all of those strands together is a wonderful thing.



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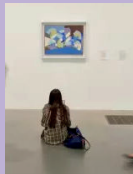
Thanks to Derek Hall and Brian Neve for their financial and moral support and to Bill Arnott and Rory McAdam for original artwork & photography.



# Girvan ARTS festival 2024

June 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

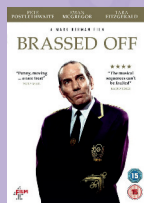
## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June



**1:00 - 4:00**  
**School Art Exhibition**  
**Girvan Academy**

**FREE EVENT**  
No need to book

Showcasing pupils' art and photography, with a wee taste of the main Art Festival exhibition.



**7:30 - 9:30pm** Girvan Library  
**Film: Brassed Off**

Emotional, and hard-hitting in places, this is a must see film. The music is wonderful: a prelude to the

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live brass band performance on Sunday.

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June



**10.00 - 12.00** £10  
**Douglas Maxwell: Playwriting Masterclass**  
**McKechnie Institute**

Ever wanted to write a play? This masterclass, from a world renowned playwright, is a rare chance to learn, or to improve your skills.



**11.00 - 12.00 (Library)**  
**Elizabeth McKay: Granny's Magic Bag**

Fun, games and stories from the creator of this childrens' favourite.

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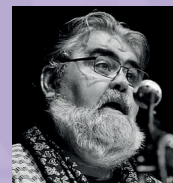
**11.00 - 12.00** £5  
**Phoebe Crawford: Which Way to Ailsa Craig?**

A film about Girvan people - Why Phoebe fell in love with the town and the Craig.



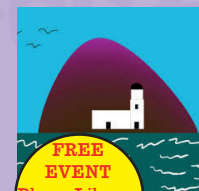
**12.30 - 1.30** £5  
**Jeff Zycinski: Bring Me the Head of Radio Scotland**

Hollywood. Radio. Stand-up. Cancer survivor. *What goes on inside that head of his?*



**2.00 - 3.00** £5  
**Brian W Lavery: Headscarf Revolutionaries**

Hull. The Arctic trawler fleet disasters, and the women who said enough is enough.



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**2.30 - 3.30 (Library)**  
**Children's Craft Session: Ailsa Craig**  
Fun and games for the over 5's with glue, paint and recycled craft materials.



**3.30 - 4.30** £5  
**Stephen Watt, poet: A Substitute For Something Else**

Poetry as you've never heard it. Football, Crime & Gothic.



**5.00 - 6.00** £5  
**Words by the sea: Poetry & Storytelling 'A Sense of Place'**

A wee tippie and some spoken words from Ayrshire poets and writers.



**6.30 - 8.00** £5  
**Music in the Garden with The Quiggs**

Relax and unwind with traditional songs and harmonies from Scotland and Denmark in the wonderful garden surroundings.

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June



**11:00 - 12:00** £5  
**Blackthorn's Salt: A taste of the Sea**

How does a giant hedge of thorns turn Scottish seawater into award-winning salt?



**12:30 - 1:30** £5  
**Madeleine Black, writer & podcaster: Unbroken**

Rape survivor and worldwide advocate for victims of sexual violence. Inspirational.



**2:00 - 3:00** £5  
**Jamie MacDonald, Signwriter: Preserving Tradition**

Watch a local craftsman at work while he talks about his work, his art, and his life.



**3:30 - 4:30** £5  
**Iain Govan, Head Gardener: Notes from Culzean Gardens**

A gardener's insight into the challenges, highlights and future plans for this historic estate.



**5:00 - 6:00** £5  
**Newmilns & Galston Brass band**

South Parish Church  
Opening with a film about a brass band, the Festival closes with a wonderful performance by the real thing!

## Saturday & Sunday



**Arts, Crafts & Music in the Garden**

Try your hand at Pottery or Printmaking, or just listen to the musical interludes.

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**12:00 - 4:00**  
**The Art Exhibition**  
**Wee School Art Space**

As ever, the popular Art Exhibition will showcase the creative talent we have in Girvan and Ayrshire.



**10.00 - 4.00** £5  
**Festival Cream Teas**  
**Café Royale**

A short walk from all our venues, treat yourself to a coffee, tea, or a soft drink, and a cake or a jam & cream scone, all for a fiver.