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Scottish-Nordic gigs in Edinburgh this weekend

Northern Streams Festival 2024 is featuring two gigs full of top new talent, a rich mix of cultures and musical families this weekend.

Taking place 26-28 April, this year's festival features artists all based in Scotland with backgrounds and repertoire from Iceland, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Shetland, and North-East Scotland:

Event Organiser, Fiona Campbell, said: *"I'm pleased that we have been able to present another Northern Streams Festival given the financial pressures of the times. Also we have been able to continue to bring new upcoming talent to the attention of audiences in Scotland whose repertoire comes from a broad range of backgrounds from Iceland, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Shetland, North-East Scotland, Gaelic & Scots as a starting point!"*

All events take place at **The Pleasance, 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh EH8 9TJ.**

Friday 26 April

7.00pm Evening Concert

Brian Ó hEadhra & Fionnag NicChoinnich with Órla Ní Eadhra and Ró Ó hEadhra (BFÓR): a family affair from Inverness drawing on the Gaelic song traditions of Scotland, the Nordic countries and the North Atlantic Fringe. <https://www.brian-fionnag.com>

+ Erin Mungall-Baldvinsdottir with Evie Alberti, Becka Gauld and Ben Shanks: members of Jelephant Folk Band in their full Nordic/Scottish mode ranging from Icelandic, Swedish, Finnish, Saami, Scots and Gaelic. <https://www.facebook.com/JelephantBand>

Saturday 27 April

7.00pm Evening Concert

Sir-Reel Clarks ft Aaron Clark

a music and song duo comprising Andy & Aaron Clark, carrying on their family's musical heritage despite the challenges Aaron has faced to become a North East Scotland champion melodeon player. <https://www.facebook.com/SirReelClarksFamilyBand>

+ Miguel Girão & BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2023 winner Amy Laurenson: Guitarist and Piano duo drawing on Amy's native Shetland traditions and Miguel's exploration of Scandinavian cultures. <https://amylaurenson.com/> & <https://miguelgirao.com>

To round out the festival there are four workshops on Saturday 11.00am - 4.45pm on topics: *North Atlantic Songs; Icelandic/Finnish Songs; Tunes from the Wedding Traditions of Shetland* and *North East Scotland Tunes* and an Open Music & Song Session on Sunday 2-5pm.

For more details of the Northern Streams programme, guest artists or for booking links, visit www.northernstreams.org or www.eltmsa.org.uk. Ticket prices range from £7 for a workshop - £15 for the concert tickets, with concessions and discount deals worth checking if you plan to attend more than one event. **Book your tickets in advance for a chance to WIN an IKEA Voucher!** (terms & conditions are on the Northern Streams website 'Contact Us' page)

Other ways to get details are by email: eltmsa@yahoo.co.uk or tel: 0795 191 8366, or Facebook - [TMSAEdinburgh&Lothians](https://www.facebook.com/TMSAEdinburgh&Lothians) and [Twitter@northernstream1](https://twitter.com/northernstream1).

The Northern Streams festival is organised on a voluntary basis by the Edinburgh & Lothians Branch of the Traditional Music & Song Association of Scotland (TMSA) and **acknowledges support from** Tasgadh Traditional Arts Small Grants Scheme and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in association with the City of Edinburgh Council.

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Notes to Editors & performer details

- Publicity photos of all the performers are available electronically at the Media page on www.northernstreams.org - please tel: 0795 191 8366 (Fiona) or email: eltmsa@yahoo.co.uk for any queries e.g. if you require any recordings. If you have any issues accessing the event website - info, programme and ticket links are also at www.eltmsa.org.uk.
- Described as “...*something out of the ordinary*” by The Herald, throughout the years Northern Streams has showcased performers often new to Scottish audiences, offering opportunities to learn about different cultures around the North Sea through a mix of concerts and workshops.
- Northern Streams is organised on a voluntary basis by the Traditional Music and Song Association (TMSA) Edinburgh & Lothians Branch. Details about the Branch at: www.eltmsa.org.uk and TMSA - www.tmsa.scot
- The Traditional Music & Song Association of Scotland (TMSA) was formed in 1966 as an organisation to promote, present and preserve the traditional music and song of Scotland. Its first events were annual festivals based in Blairgowrie, bringing together many of the finest exponents of the traditions as well as new faces. Current projects include the annual TMSA Event Calendar, an interactive Music Map of Scotland and TMSA Young Trad Tour of the BBC Radio Scotland Young Musician of the Year finalists. The TMSA is registered as a Scottish Charity SCO03819 & a company limited by guarantee No: 199976. Registered Office: The Signal Box, Edinburgh EH14 1JL. Website: www.tmsa.scot