



**Argyll Gathering** is a new Scottish event celebrating the best of music, culture and the arts opening its doors **August 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>** 2017 in the stunning setting of **Helensburgh**. The event will showcase the best in traditional contemporary Scottish music, local food and drink and feature interactive workshops.

Community is at the heart of the festival and its goal is to celebrate the best of what Scotland has to offer culturally; Argyll Gathering is not just a festival, but a platform for people to interact and form an artistic movement.

So far, artists confirmed are the former lead singer of one of Scotland's most celebrated groups, **Runrig's Donnie Munro**, who will be performing live with a full band. The most famous bagpipe band in the world, **Red Hot Chilli Pipers** will be bringing their ground-breaking fusion of traditional Scottish music and rock/pop anthems, Scottish supergroup **Treacherous Orchestra** are the third of the festival's headliners - their foot-stomping, Celtic rock performance is sure to blow spectators away.

The festival also boasts additional praised artists, **Bwani Junction** who will perform "Graceland" by Paul Simon, **Elephant Sessions**, **Manran**, **Federation of the Disco Pimp**, **Jarlath Henderson Band**, **Blue Rose Code**, **Daimh**, **Fat-Suit**, **Pronto Mama** and, finally **Nae Plans (Adam Sutherland & Hamish Napier)** will perform over both days with special guests and added surprises.

A community workshop tent, aimed at all ages will showcase music, art and the Gaelic language. There will be delicious food courtesy of **Food From Argyll**, sweet treats, a carefully selected beer and ale bar, an independent spirits bar and children's entertainment will be on offer making the festival something for all the family to enjoy.

Having been born and raised in Helensburgh, Festival organiser **James Windebank** has seen the town evolve and change over 30 years. "The one thing that I always wanted my hometown to have was a spectacular event that focussed on bringing people together to listen to great music, have a dram and really enjoy themselves as a community of people!"

Together with co-curator, **Nick Lawrie**, he and Windebank have independently worked on some of the largest cultural projects in the world and wanted to curate an event to bring out the best facets of that they have learnt working events over the years.

Windebank goes on to say, "We believe that an event such as this should enhance its home turf, and really bring something to the table. That could be a great music line up that speaks to its patrons, showcasing the gorgeous larder of Scotland, or exposing people to the rich creative culture that exists all around us."

Helensburgh and its surroundings are renowned for their picturesque backdrop. The area is steeped in Scottish history, it has also offered events such as highland games and piping championships to carry on traditions.

## **TICKET INFORMATION**

Early bird day and weekend tickets will be on sale from 10<sup>am</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> April until midnight, 9<sup>th</sup> May

Adult early bird day tickets £40 + £1.20 booking fee per ticket

Adult early bird weekend (19<sup>th</sup> + 20<sup>th</sup>) tickets £70 + £1.20 booking fee per ticket

Youth day tickets (12 – 16 years) £30 + £1.20 booking fee per ticket

Youth weekend tickets (12 – 16 years) £60 + £1.20 booking fee per ticket

Children under 12 years – free entry

Full Price tickets:

Adult day tickets £45 + £1.20 booking fee per ticket

Adult weekend tickets (19<sup>th</sup> + 20<sup>th</sup>) £80 + £1.20 booking fee per ticket

Youth day tickets (12 – 16 years) £35 + £1.20 booking fee per ticket

Youth weekend tickets (12 – 16 years) £70 + £1.20 booking fee per ticket

Children under 12 years – free entry

More ticket information / Tickets available at: [www.argyllgathering.com](http://www.argyllgathering.com)

There will be disabled access platform available to view main stage. For all other requirements please email [hello@argyllgathering.com](mailto:hello@argyllgathering.com) to discuss any accessibility requirements, information and guidance.



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