



# Mid Argyll Arts Association

Hello Everyone

Welcome to our 2024/25 season, as you will see from the attached programme we have many delights in store.

Please note we have had to update the programme since distributing it at our March and April concerts. In May we were informed that there is to be more building work at Ardrishaig Public Hall which means the Main Hall is unavailable for concerts at the start of our 2024/25 season. Therefore, our first 3 concerts will be held in Christ Church, Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead and our AGM in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall.

## **Tickets 2024/25**

Even though costs have risen ticket prices remain the same.

Standard £15 Concession £13 Students and children – free

Season Tickets - 6 concerts for the price of 5 Standard £75 Concession £65

Season tickets can be bought by cash or cheque at a concert or speak to a committee member or by bank transfer– see bank details below

As usual we will not be issuing paper tickets but will have a list of Season Ticket holders at the ticket desk. Remember tickets are transferable so you can give them to a friend if you can't come, they just need to tell us your name at the desk.

## **Finance**

Donations are always welcome as ticket sales do not cover concert costs which include insurance, musicians' fees, overnight accommodation, travel, catering, piano tuning, adverts, hall rental and piano moving. When we apply for grants funders want/need to know we have local support; attendance figures and donations show this.

The Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme allows us to collect Gift Aid on amounts less than £20 without you having to fill in any forms.

Donations can be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer; reference Don and your name, for example DonSMacLean.

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We have recently heard that our grant applications to Chamber Music Scotland and Nadara A'Chruach Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund, administered by Foundation Scotland have both been successful. We are very grateful for this support as these grants allow us to host quality performers and also have affordable tickets.

Thanks to glic for their much appreciated support this year.

### **Survey**

Thanks to everyone who completed the survey at the end of last season, it's not too late if you have anything you want to tell the committee, we are always keen to hear what you think. Issues raised in the comments were:

- Afternoon concerts – some wanted more, some said there were too many [!!]
- Teas and coffees – some wanted refreshments. Would anyone like to take on the job of providing teas and coffees during the interval?
- Payments by credit card and On line booking – anyone want to take this on?
- Concerts – many liked the variety of music, some suggested - local musicians, more variety not just classical, themed evenings
- Finance – it was suggested we ask people to donate more. Please feel free to donate any amount at any time!
- Seating – place to stand, lean or move around
- Many people said how much they enjoyed our extra concert, thanks very much to Philip, Kathleen and John, a lovely end to our 40<sup>th</sup> season
- The committee was pleased to hear how much you enjoyed and appreciated the concerts. Many said how wonderful it is to have internationally known musicians playing locally in a very comfortable space.

There are spaces on the committee if you would like to have more of a say in the choice of musicians, type of music, refreshments, venues, times etc etc. please talk to a committee member.

### **Annual General Meeting**

You are invited to our AGM on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall. Our AGM will follow another event in the hall, we should be ready to start by 13.15 and hope to finish by 14.15. Help with chairs before and after

the meeting will be appreciated. We will then go to Christ Church for our concert at 3.00.

Best wishes

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### **Committee Members**

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Treasurers - Anne Smart, Phil Connor

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Publicity - Fiona Toner

Jean Boardman

Belinda Braithwaite

Co – opted Members

Norma Ross

Morag Robbins

**We are happy to receive donations at any time.**

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The Facebook page has the latest news [www.facebook.com/MidArgyllArtsAssociation/](http://www.facebook.com/MidArgyllArtsAssociation/)



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