



Scottish Illustration Festival

HUNTLY



Festival

PROGRAMME

28th Aug - 9th Sept 2024

Held at the wonderful new community venue,
NUMBER 30, THE SQUARE, HUNTLY.

www.illustrationhuntly.com



The Illustrators of George MacDonald's children's stories.

The children's books of Huntly-born writer George MacDonald have been published many times since they were written in the late 19th century and generations of wonderful illustrators have brought these magical stories to life.

For the first time ever, you can see the work of 48 of these illustrators brought together in a stunning new exhibition.

Find out about George MacDonald, his life and family, his imaginative and enduring children's books, and the illustrators who have depicted the fantasy worlds he created - princesses cursed to defy gravity or never see daylight; evil goblins living below ground; a poor shepherd boy who diverts a stream through his father's cottage and discovers a band of inebriated river fairies; a child taken away by the wind to the North Pole.

This exhibition brings these stories to life and shows why MacDonald is today renowned as 'the father of fantasy fiction.'



Illustration by WILL NICKLESS



Goblin illustration by ALAN PARRY

Open every day
Wed 28th Aug to Mon 9th Sept
Check website
www.illustrationhuntly.com
for more details



Story-telling with pictures

This exhibition brings together stories told in illustration by Scottish artists from the Victorian era to the present day. It includes children's picture book illustration, comic books, animation, graphic novels and the work of current children's illustrators such as Ross Collins, Meg McLaren, Tom Morgan-Jones, Natala Ilincic and Kate Leiper.

See the work of the artists who originally created the Beano, Dandy and Oor Wullie. Find out more about Judge Dredd artist Tom Foster, graphic novelist Tom Humberstone and Guardian newspaper cartoonist and children's writer Tom Gauld. See working sketches from award winning animator Simon P Biggs and take part in making a community animation in the gallery.

As well as a story corner, art station, and toy theatre to keep the young ones entertained, there will be screenings of the best international children's animations from the Dundee Film Festival.



Illustration by EILEEN BUDD & MAX CANT



Illustration by
TOM MORGAN JONES



Illustration by TOM FOSTER

**Most of the prints
exhibited in this
exhibition will be for sale
in aid of festival funds.
Price list available in the
gallery shop.**

Events for adults



Hares. A wood engraving by JONATHAN GIBBS

Wood Engraving Workshop with Jonathan Gibbs at Huntly Library.

**Friday 6th Sept, 10am - 5pm £50 + £10
materials**

Learn the skills of the Victorian wood engravers who transferred drawings on to small wood blocks ready for printing. This full day workshop will be led by Jonathan Gibbs, who has created engravings for book covers and designs and illustrations for major publishers. Jonathan Gibbs was Head of Illustration in the University of Edinburgh and will speak about the history and contemporary practice of wood engraving. Go away with a print you've created.

Limited places, so booking essential. Bring your own lunch. Use contact form on website or phone Helen on 07790 227497 to book your place.

Discover wood-engraving In the gallery at No 30

Thursday 5th Sept 4pm-5pm

Jonathan Gibbs, who has created wood engravings for many publications, and who was Head of Illustration at the University

of Edinburgh, will be in the gallery to show the tools and techniques of the wood engraver. Come along and find out more about this traditional technique, and its contemporary practice.

Documentary film 'Modern British Wood Engraving'

Thursday 5th Sept 4pm-5pm

A new look at a traditional medium. A film showing the incredible skills of artist wood engravers working today. **A free screening** of the film will be held in the Gallery at No 30 on Sunday 1st Sept at 2pm. DVD's available to buy in the gallery

Life as a Children's Book Illustrator - An illustrated talk by Kate Leiper and Ross Collins

**in the Gallery at No 30 Friday 30th Aug
7.00pm**

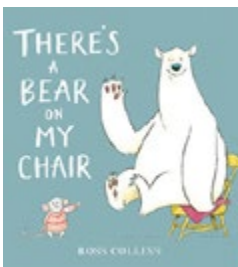
Discover what life's like when you're a successful modern children's book illustrator. With very different styles, these are two of the best known and most accomplished illustrators working today.

The Gallery will be open from 6pm for those coming to the talk who want to have a look around the exhibitions. Tickets (adults) £3, under 18 £1 Refreshments available. Kate and Ross will be signing copies of some of their books following the talk.

Tickets £3 available from Orb's bookshop or phone 01466 793765 to book.



KATE LEIPER



ROSS COLLINS

Folk Tales for grown-ups

with traditional story-teller and artist, Eileen Budd in the Gallery at No 30, The Square, Huntly Thursday 5th Sept. 12.15-1pm

Discover traditional Scottish stories. Explore replica and original artefacts and hear the tales from Scottish folklore and folk tradition these objects are linked to. And then finish off with lunch in the No 30 cafe.

Tickets are free and available from Orb's bookshop or phone 01466 793765 to book.

Andrew Barr will launch his new George MacDonald themed Map of Huntly

Sunday 1st Sept 11am at No 30, The Square, Huntly.

This new map of Huntly was commissioned by Orb's Bookshop, and created with grant support from Creative Scotland. High quality copies will be available to buy.

No booking required.



Map of Inverness by
ANDREW BARR

Open Illustration Competition

If you're an unpublished illustrator, you may be interested in entering our free competition to illustrate a scene from one of George MacDonald's most popular short stories, 'The Light Princess'.

There will be **two entrance categories**:

The first category is for over 18's who can include details of their work on Instagram or a website, and who will have the chance to win six months free mentoring provided by www.picturehooks.org.uk on their Buddy Scheme. This offers those who want to get published, a chance to access the world of children's publishing.

The second category is for those under 18, or those who do not yet have their art work on a website or Instagram. This group will have the chance to win a £100 voucher for art materials.

Choose any part of the story to illustrate and send a printed colour copy on A4 or A3 size paper by post to Orb's Community Bookshop, 10 ½ The Square, Huntly, Aberdeenshire, AB54 8BR. you should **include details of your name, age and contact details**. **To be eligible for the over 18's main prize, include details of any Instagram or website you have that shows your other work.**

Envelopes should be marked 'Illustration Competition' and should be received by 31st August 2024. Only copies of artwork should be submitted as no entries can be returned.

The shortlisted entries will be published on the festival website for a year. For more information, please use the contact form on our website www.illustrationhuntly.com

**The Light Princess* is available on-line at

www.gutenberg.org/files/697/697-h/697-h.htm

Events for Families

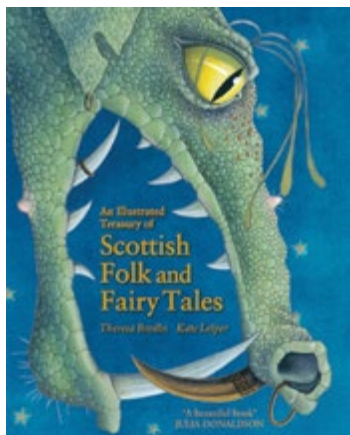


Illustration by KATE LEIPER

Dragon drawing with Kate Leiper

**Saturday 31st August 10.30-12.00 Square
Deal, The Square, Huntly.**

Come and join Kate Leiper, the illustrator of Scottish Mythical Creatures by Teresa Breslin, as she shows you how to become an expert in dragon drawing. What will your dragon be like? Will we need to provide fire extinguishers?

Ages 7+ Free. Booking essential. To book your place, phone Katrina on 07825 887770.

On-line talk about creating Manga and graphic novels

An on-line talk from Japan on creating Manga and graphic novels with Sean Michael Wilson. Monday 2nd September 10.10am at The Gordon Schools. All welcome.

Puppet Display

During the first half of 2024, S3 art students at The Gordon Schools worked hard on a project to create string puppets inspired by characters in George MacDonald's stories. The puppets will be on display in No 30 during the festival, so come along and see the work of these talented local youngsters.

A Career in Animation

**Wed 4th Sept 2pm In the cinema
at No 30.**

A talk by Anna Skinner, Senior 3D animator at Oscar winning animation company Interference Pattern. Founded in 2008, Interference Pattern's work includes an Oscar winning animated short, a BAFTA nominated animated short, a BAFTA winning feature film, and numerous TV commercials and game trailers.

Come along to find out more about working in this exciting industry. No booking required.

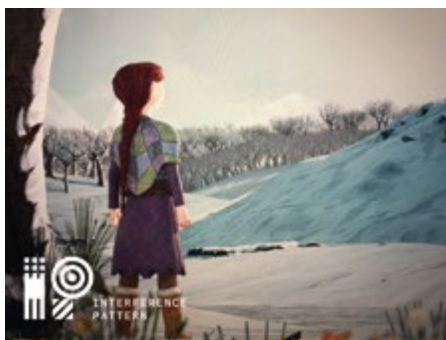


Image SIMON P BIGGS and Interference Pattern

Come and join in with the Huntly Community Animation Project

with Simon P Biggs

A pop-in event taking place all day in No 30 Sat 7th Sept (during Huntly Hairst).



Come and join Simon in making a unique time-lapse mural around the life and inhabitants of a tree.

Using stop-motion animation and traditional arts and craft-making skills you're invited to join in this exciting creation.

(A preparatory workshop will be held On Sat 31st Aug - see below)

The film-making will take place on Saturday 7th Sept.(Huntly Hairst) in the Gallery at No 30 as an all-day pop-in event. Everyone is welcome to participate in this child friendly workshop. Come along to take part or watch the magical process of stop-motion animation, and be a part of Huntly film making history! Details of where you can watch the finished film will be made available on the website www.illustrationhuntly.com



Community Animation Project Workshop

Sat 31st Aug 1.30 - 3pm, in Square Deal, Huntly. No booking necessary

If you would like to be part of the Community Animation Project, whether an individual, or a local group, come along to the workshop to be held between 1.30 - 3pm, Sat 31st Aug in Square Deal, Huntly. Simon Biggs and Aaron Gale will be there to help you make hand crafted characters and objects to populate the animation. Whether it's colourful leaves or blossom for the tree, a bird or a fairy to fly past or sit on a branch; something furry that will scurry past amongst the undergrowth; it's up to you. You can take away your object to carry on working on it ready for filming on Saturday 7th September in the Gallery at No 30. All materials will be provided and inspiration offered if required. See the festival website for latest updates.



Free children's illustration competition

Draw your own princess or goblin, or bring a scene from George MacDonald's stories to life in your own particular style.

We're looking for the next generation of illustrators and entries will be exhibited during the festival. There'll be prizes too, in both primary and secondary school categories. Entries on A4 paper, with child's name, age and parent's telephone number, can be dropped off at Orb's bookshop before 28th August and winners will be announced on Friday 6th Sept.

Tom Morgan-Jones's Summer holiday Monster Hunt

In the run up to the festival in August, watch out for details of the Orb's Holiday Monster Hunt. The very scary monsters from Tom Morgan-Jones's *Folklore and Superstition map of the UK* are coming to Huntly and will be hiding somewhere around town. So pop into Orb's bookshop and pick up your entry form... then, if you're brave enough....begin the monster hunt!

Artist after School in the Gallery at No 30

Event for children 6+ Friday 6th Sept
4 - 4.45pm

Monster draw-along with Tom Morgan-Jones. Top tips to help give your pictures extra 'grrr' and 'oomph'!

Tom Morgan-Jones is the illustrator of *'Mangy Mummies'*, *'Gory Gladiators'*, *'Banished, Beheaded or Boiled in oil'* and many other very scary books.

Free. Suitable for ages 6+ No children should be left unattended at this event as there are monsters about.

Following this event, Tom Morgan-Jones will announce the winners of the festival competitions and will be awarding prizes.



Illustration by TOM MORGAN-JONES

Animation after school in the gallery

Half hour programmes of the most popular short animated films from 20 years of the Dundee Film Festival in the Gallery No 30, The Square, Huntly. No tickets required.

Shorts for wee ones (3+) Wednesday Aug 28th 4pm

A 30-minute programme of six short films suitable for ages 3+ with films from Germany, Switzerland, Russia and Canada.

Shorts for bigger ones (8+) Monday 2nd Sept 4pm

A 30-minute programme of three short films suitable for age 8+ with films from South Korea, the USA and France.

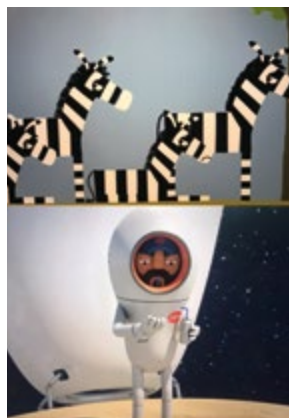


Illustration by SIMON P BIGGS

Screening at No 30 Widdershins, Burry Man and Romans in Scotland Tues 3rd Sept 4pm in the cinema at No 30 Suitable age 8+

Three short animations with steampunk robots, evergreen Pictish gods and Romans on Bennachie, by ex-Gordon School pupil and Bafta Scotland award winning animator, Simon P Biggs

Tickets (free) available at Orbs Community Bookshop or call 01466 793765 to book your place.

George MacDonald 1824-1905

Bicentenary events



George MacDonald Father of Fantasy Fiction

This 30-minute drama-documentary gives a wonderful insight into the life and work of George MacDonald who was born in Huntly in 1824 and who went on to become the world renowned 'father of fantasy fiction'. Screenings of the film will take place during the festival at Orb's Community Bookshop. Please contact the bookshop on 01466 793765 for details.

George MacDonald children's books archive

Open Sat Aug 31st & Sat Sept. 7th at Orb's Community Bookshop

This permanent archive includes copies of some of George MacDonald's illustrated children's books from the 19th and 20th centuries. Open to view on both Saturdays of the festival, at Orb's Bookshop, which also stocks a range of George MacDonald books for sale.

Call Lucia on 07716084415 to arrange to view the archive at other times.

The Doric Board

"Annual Flora Garry Lecture: George MacDonald, a Doric Hero" will be given by Board member Gordon M Hay on Monday 2nd September in the Cinema at No 30 at 7.30pm.

Places are limited. Phone Gordon M Hay on 01779 821206 for more details.

The festival exhibitions will be open until 7.30pm for those who wish to visit prior to the lecture.

George MacDonald Walks

A programme of guided walks on 29th August, 31st August, 3rd September and 5th September, is being held during the festival to visit places that were known to George MacDonald.

www.greenerhuntly.co.uk for more details or call Orb's Bookshop on 01466 793765

George MacDonald in the Brander library

There will be a George MacDonald display in the Brander library for the duration of the festival. Please come along and find out more about this incredible local writer.

Open Tuesday - Saturday. Opening times vary. Please check library website for latest details.



Photo of Orb's bookshop by Kevin McIntosh

Events at a Glance

28th August to Monday 9th September

Exhibitions open every day at No 30
10am-5pm

Wed 28th Aug

4pm Animation after school at No 30 (age 3+).

Friday 30th Aug

7pm in No 30 'Life as a children's Illustrator' with Ross Collins and Kate Leiper.

Saturday 31st Aug

11am Dragon Drawing with Kate Leiper in Square Deal.
1.30-3.00 Make your own creation (at Square Deal) to be included in the community animation project. George MacDonald children's book archive open to view at Orbs bookshop with film screenings about George MacDonald's life.

Sunday 1st Sept

Quiet day in the exhibitions
11am Andrew Barr launches his new map of Huntly at No 30. 2pm Screening of film 'Modern British Wood Engraving' at No 30

Monday 2nd Sept

4pm Animation after school (age 8+) at No 30.
7.30pm Doric Board Lecture on George MacDonald in the cinema at No 30.

Tuesday 3rd Sept

4pm Screening Simon P Biggs short films in the cinema at No 30.

Thursday 5th Sept

12.15pm Folk Tales for grown-ups in the gallery at No 30
4pm Discover Wood Engraving with Jonathan Gibbs, in the gallery at No 30.

Friday 6th Sept

10am-5pm wood engraving workshop with Jonathan Gibbs at Huntly Library.
4pm Artists after school Tom Morgan-Jones at No 30
4.45 prize giving ceremony with Tom Morgan-Jones at No 30.

Saturday 7th Sept

All day Community Animation Project with Simon P Biggs at No 30. Come along for 30 minutes or 3 hours. George MacDonald children's book archive open to view at Orb's Bookshop with film screenings about George MacDonald's life.
10.30am Dungeons and Dragons at Huntly Library.
1-2.30pm Creative writing workshop at Huntly Library.

Sunday 8th Sept

Quiet day in the gallery at No 30.

Monday 9th Sept

Quiet morning in the exhibition
1pm Exhibition closes.

Tuesday & Wednesday 10th and 11th Sept

Pick up purchased illustrations from No 30.

Illustration by HENRIETTA LEITH-HAY
of Leith Hall



Advice for adult visitors

A busy programme of activities and events for local primary schools, will be taking place at No 30 during week-days throughout the festival. These events will mainly be taking place between 10am -12.00pm and 1.30-3pm.

There are no school events planned on the morning of Thursday 29th August and the morning of Monday 9th Sept.

Sundays are also intended to be quieter days with no family events planned. However, there will still be plenty for younger children to do, with a reading corner, art station, activity sheets, and a puppet theatre.

Illustration Exhibition at Leith Hall

Henrietta Leith-Hay (born Louisa Henrietta Valdivia O'Neill in 1879), came to Leith Hall in 1907. She was a talented watercolour artist and as part of the Huntly Illustration Festival, Leith Hall will be showing a small selection of prints featuring her children's illustrations. These delightful illustrations are brimming with Victorian humour and characters. Entry to the exhibition is included in your ticket to Leith Hall and is free for members of the NTS.

From 29th of August - 9th of September there will be a special discounted rate of £4 for exhibition visitors only, including entry to the Military Museum. (This does not include entry to the rest of the hall).

Leith Hall is open Thursday – Monday, 10:30 – 4pm (Last entry 3:30pm). Entry to the hall is by guided tour only. Tearoom open 10:30 – 3:30pm for home-made soups & scones, cakes & hot drinks.



Caw Caw illustrated by Scottish illustrator Jemima Blackburn (1823–1909)

A new Doric translation of a story about a family of rooks living on Scotland's west coast, with original illustrations by influential Scottish illustrator, Jemima Blackburn.

Jemima Blackburn's illustrations combine with this new Doric translation to introduce new generations to the tale of an epic feud between rooks and farmers.

The decision to translate the poem would have been much appreciated by Jemima who was passionate about her native tongue. (Published with grant funding from The Doric Board and Orbs Community Bookshop) Special festival price £8 (normally £10). Available at the exhibition shop in No 30 during the festival and at Orb's Bookshop after the festival.

Events at the Brander Library Huntly

organised by Aberdeenshire Library Service

Dungeons and Dragons

Sat 7th Sept 10.30-12.30 at the Brander Library, Huntly

Join the wonderfully talented Dungeons and Dragons enthusiast Amiy Chatley on Saturday 7th September, 10.30 - 12.30 pm. Amiy will be exploring making and painting DND models.

Some kit will be provided, but feel free to bring your own models and paints too.

Suitable for adults and 11+. To book your free place, go to <https://tinyurl.com/39syj4dk>

Kate Davidson - creative writing workshops

Saturday 7th Sept 1 - 2.30 pm at the Brander Library, Huntly

Join fantasy writer, Kate Davidson for creative writing workshops on the theme of fantasy. Kate, a highly successful writer, has written episodes for popular dramas such

as Hollyoaks and Doctors as well as for The A-List, Kindle's supernatural teen thriller which was also shown on BBC iplayer.

There are 2 workshops delivered over a 1 month period. Receive advice and guidance on how to get started writing a short fantasy story.

Workshop 1 is on Saturday 7th September, 1.00 - 2.30 pm. To book your place, go to <https://tinyurl.com/jdxza7hu>

In the second workshop on Saturday 5th October, 1.00 - 2.30 pm you will develop your story and receive feedback on your writing. To book your place, go to <https://tinyurl.com/326nrbv7>. There is a charge of £5 for each session.

Orb's Bookshop

Orb's Bookshop, Huntly is the official bookshop for the festival. If you want to order a book, pop in or telephone 01466 793765 or go to their website www.orbsbookshop.co.uk

Take home your favourite illustration

Most of the prints in the Telling Stories Scottish Illustration exhibition are for sale during the festival (50% of proceeds go to Festival funds & 50% go to artists). Price list available in the exhibition.

Choose and pay for your print and collect it from the Gallery following the festival (on Tuesday 10th or Wednesday 11th September). Local delivery may be possible.

Thank you

A huge thank you to all our hardworking volunteers who have made this festival possible. Also the many illustrators who have provided their artwork for the exhibition, as well as those who have worked hard to put on some great events for schools and for the local community.

Many thanks to all our generous funders who have made this festival possible.



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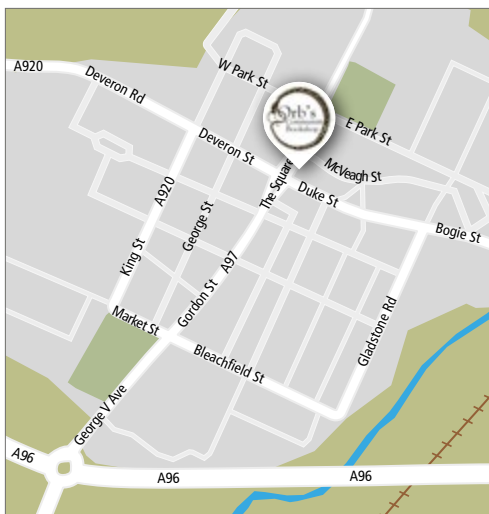
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Getting here

Huntly is easily accessible by road from both Aberdeen and Inverness, less than an hour by train from Aberdeen, and less than two hours from Inverness. There are also regular bus services. The festival takes place at No 30 and other venues in the main square.





The Venue

The venue for the two exhibitions and many of the events during the festival, is a converted and iconic listed building now known as Number 30, The Square, Huntly. Local people will remember it fondly, as Cruickshanks.

Built in 1875, Cruickshanks grew from a single shop to eventually become a large department store of more than 1,250 square metres spread over two and a half floors. The shop traded successfully for more than 140 years until 2018 when it finally closed its doors.

It was at that point that the Huntly Development Trust stepped in to bring the building into community ownership and convert it into a multi-use centre with a large gallery, cinema, cafe, shop and workspaces. Award winning architects, LDN designed the remodelled building in close consultation with HDT and the local community. After six years and a multi-million pound redevelopment project, the building is now open. The 2024 Festival of Illustration will showcase some of the many possibilities that this wonderful new facility can now offer the people of Huntly and the wider area.

So come along and see for yourselves.