

RURAL NATIONS SCOTLAND CIC PRESENTS:

HEBRIDES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2023

PROGRAMME

15TH - 20TH MAY 2023

Bheir seachas an àrainneachd atharrachadh air an t-saoghal.

Aspiring to change the world through story and environmental documentary

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Welcome

Welcome to the 8th edition of the Hebrides International Film Festival.

This year the festival is looking at how we can change the world, we have film dramas that look at stories of change, we are confronting environmental issues with positive films like **Inhabitants - indigenous perspectives on restoring our world** and **The Oil Machine** by Emma Davie which ask us to consider the uncertain future of the industry as activists and investors demand change.

HIFF has always focussed on screening international film in other languages we have consistently worked with other languages because the emphasis was on quality of the films, unique stories and cinematography of diverse cultures. This year we are proud to have special screenings of two amazing films **Exodus** by Abbe Hassan, a Syrian refugee drama and the Maori action film **Muru** by Tearepa Kahi.

Our Scottish and Irish selection bring you Aftersun from Charlotte Wells and the Award winning Irish film **An Cailín Ciúin / The Quiet**

Girl alongside some Gaelic language shorts like **Dùsgadh** by Cat Bruce.

Our Film Festival aims to reach our island audiences in their community venues to support film events in rural locations and encourage the wonderful volunteer promoters in these venues to screen more films. We hope you enjoy this little gem of a festival and invite you to support your local venues as they are such a valuable part of our communities.

Muriel Ann Macleod, Film Programmer at Rural Nations CIC working in partnership with Kevin Smith, An Lanntair and Andy Mackinnon UistFilm.





Fàilte

Fàilte gu HIFF 2023

Fàilte chun 8mh Fèis Film Innse Gall. 'S e an gairm am bliadhna 'Gun toir seachas an àrainneachd atharrachadh air an t-saoghal'. Bidh an fheis a togail air nithean a tha a' gabhail brath agus a' milleadh ar n-àrainneachd phrìseil.

Le film mar **Inhabitants - indigenous perspectives on restoring our world**. Chi sibh dràma mu atharrachaidhean a tha air a thighinn gu bith mar tha, air sgeath eòlas glèidhteachas nan tùsanach.

Tha an **Oil Machine** aig Emma Davies a cur ceist mun gnìomhachas san àm ri teachd, ri linn gu bheil luchd iomairt agus luchd maoineachaidh ag iarraidh atharrachaidhean a bheir buaidh air cùis èiginn na cruinne.

Bha HIFF a riamh a' cuimseachadh air filmichean eadar nàiseanta ann an cànanan eadar dhealaichte.

Thathas an còmhnaidh a toirt prìomhachas ga lèirsinneachd nan film agus ga seachas sònraichte bho sluagh dùthchasach nan cànan fhèin.

Am bliadhna tha sinn toilichte gum bi dà film sgaiteach san Fhèis: **Exodus** Le Abbe Hassan, mu fògarraich à Syrian agus à duthaich na Maori, **Muru** film gluasadach, le Tearepa Kahi.

An Gaeilge agus sa Gàidhlig, bidh Aftersun a rinn Charlotte Wells, am film Èireannach a bhuannaich iomadh duais **Cailín Ciúin / The Quiet Girl** agus film goirid sa Ghàidhlig **Dùsgadh** a rinn Cat Bruce.

Tha am Fèis Film ag amas air eileanaich a ruighinn ann an tallaichean na sgìre aca fhèin. A toirt taic ga na sgiobaidhean a tha ag obair gu saor-thoileach a cur air adhart tachartasan ga na coimhearsnachdan dùthchail.

Tha sinn a guidhe gun cord na filmichean ruibh agus thoiribh taic ga na ionadan a tha nam part mhòr de bheatha air an tuath.

Muriel Anna NicLeòid, Neach Stiùiridh Film aig Rural Nations CIC a co-obrachadh le Caomhain Mac A' Ghobhainn An Lanntair agus Andy Mac Fhionghain Uist Film.

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STORNOWAY

an LANNTAIR ARTS CENTRE

Feature Film

Supporting Short

Tuesday 16th May

2pm	On Sacred Ground	Coastal Requiem
4pm	Inhabitants	Dùsgach
6pm	Historja-Stitches for Sápmi	Migrants
8pm	Last of the Right Whales	Cold Stack

Wednesday 17th May

2pm	The Long Coast	Stravaig
6pm	The Quiet Girl	The lost Seahorse
8pm	Exodus	Ruthless

Thursday 18th May

2pm	The Oil Machine	Cold Stack
4pm	Oink	Quma and The Beasts
6pm	Muru	Cinema Sgìre
8pm	Hermit of Treig	Titim Isteach)

Friday 19th May

2pm	The Nettle Dress	Stuff the World is Made Of
6pm	Shepherds of Berneray	Titim Isteach
8pm	Aftersun	Ruthless

an TAIGH CEILIDH

Saturday 20th May

2pm	Gaelic Shorts Screen:	Cinema Sgìre, Dùsgach Titim Isteach
7pm	Historja-Stitches for Sápmi	

STORNOWAY

MUSEUM NAN EILEAN IMMERSION SCREEN

Tuesday 16th May

11am to 4pm Anandala & Environment shorts

Wednesday 17th May

11am to 4pm Anandala & Environment shorts

RURAL

TAIGH DHONNCHAI DH

Wednesday 17th May

2.30pm The Shepherds of Berneray Stravaig

4.30pm Aftersun Titim Isteach

7:30pm The Bashees of Inisherin Ruthless

Thursday 18th May

2.30pm Dùthchas Dùsgach

4.30pm Lyle Lyle Crocodile Quma and the beasts

7:30pm Road Dance Cinema Sgìre

BERNERA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thursday 18th May

2pm The Nettle Dress Coastal Requiem

5pm Exodus Ruthless

7.30pm Banshees of Inisherin Dùsgach

Friday 19th May

2pm Stuff the World is made Off Cinema Sgìre

5pm Savage Waters Titim Isteach

7.30pm Muru Cold Stack

RURAL

TALLA NA MARA

Wednesday 17th May

4.30pm	The Long Coast	Cold Stack
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7.30pm	The Shepherds of Berneray	Stravaig
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Thursday 18th May

2pm	Last of the Right Whales	Cinema Sgìre
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4.30pm	Lyle Lyle Crocodile	The Lost Seahorse
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7.30pm	Aftersun	Dùsgach
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CARINISH VILLAGE HALL, NORTH UIST

Tuesday 16th May

1.30pm	Luca	Quma and the Beasts
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4pm	Last of the Right Whales	Dùsgach)
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7pm	On Sacred Ground	Cinema Sgìre
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Wednesday 17th May

1.30pm	The Long Coast	Cold Stack
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4pm	Inhabitants	Stravaig
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7pm	The Quiet Girl	Titim Isteach
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Thursday 18th May

1.30pm	Savage Waters	Ruthless
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4pm	Stuff the World is Made Of	Coastal Requiem
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7pm	Shepherds of Berneray	Dùthchas
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TAIGH CHEARSABHAGH

Friday 19th May

11-4pm	Immersion screen Anandala & Environment shorts	
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Cnoc Soillier South Uist

FRIDAY 19TH May

2pm	Inhabitants	Coastal Requiem
4.30pm	The Long Coast	Cold Stack

Saturday 20TH May

2pm	The Shepards of Berneray	Cinema Sgìre
4.30pm	Savage Waters	Dùsgach
7.30pm	The Quiet Girl	Titim Isteach
2pm - 7pm	Immersion Screen	

CASTLEBAY HALL, BARRA

Monday 15TH May

2pm	Last of the Right Whales	Stravaig
4.30pm	Luca	The Lost Seahorse
7pm	Aftersun	Ruthless

Tuesday 16TH May

2pm	Savage Waters	Dùsgach
4.30pm	Oink	Migrants
7pm	Belfast	Cold Stack



Tickets and Booking

Rural Venue

This year we have a sliding scale, pay what you can between £5 and £8,
With a day ticket of £12

An Lanntair

Individual screening adult	£8
Individual screening concession (student/child/senior)	£5
Day Ticket	£12

To Book at Rural Venues

www.eventbrite.co.uk/ and at [HEBFILMFESTIVAL.ORG](http://hebfilmfestival.org)

To Book for Talla na Marra

www.tallanamara.co.uk/events/

Phone: 01859 503900

To Book at Cnoc Soillier

[INFO@CEOLAS.CO.UK](mailto:info@ceolas.co.uk) www.ceolas.co.uk

Tel: 01851 770711,

For Immersion experiences tickets :

£3.00 via [Eventbrite](http://Eventbrite.com) or at the venue

Contact HIFF on: 07789117740

BOOK ONLINE FOR AN LANNTAIR SCREENINGS

TICEAD AIR LOIDHNE SON AN LANNTAIR: [TICKETS.LANNTAIR.COM](http://tickets.lanntair.com)

BOX OFFICE: 01851 708480

Tickets should be booked in advance as some venues have limited seats, you can pay at the door if there is space in the venue. contact HIFF on 07789117740

Programmers Note:

Many of the HIFF films are subtitled to English, this can vary considerably, for some films most of the film is in English and only parts are subtitled where required.

Other films like the children's puppetry film Oink which is in Dutch and is cleverly subtitled with just enough English subtitle to enable children to follow the meaning, HIFF have recommended this film for children of 8+

Please don't be put off by subtitling on a film, skilled filmmakers rely on excellence in visual storytelling and good subtitling gives just enough of a subtitle to support the language. Afterall, film is essentially a visual form of storytelling.

Documentaries

Inhabitants : Indigenous Perspectives on Restoring Our World

**USA 2020 76min Language:English
Dir: Costa Boutsikaris and Anna Palmer
HIFF 12+**

INHABITANTS is a feature documentary that follows five Native American Tribes across deserts, coastlines, forests, and prairies as they restore their traditional land management practices. For millennia Native Americans successfully stewarded and shaped their landscapes, but centuries of colonization have disrupted their ability to maintain their traditional life ways. As



the climate crisis escalates these time-tested practices of North America's original inhabitants are becoming increasingly essential in a rapidly changing world.

Thanks to GoodDocs

- An Lanntair - 16 May - 4pm
- Carinish Village Hall - 17 May - 4pm
- Cnoc Soillier - 19 May - 2pm

Last of the Right Whales

**Canada 2021 1hr23min, Dir: Nadine Pequenez
Language : English, French with English subtitles.
HIFF PG**

North Atlantic right whales are dying faster than they can reproduce. With less than 350 remaining, these great whales rarely die of natural causes. Instead they are run over by ships or suffer lethal injuries from fishing gear. From the only known calving grounds to the shifting feeding grounds, Last of the Right Whales follows the North Atlantic right whale migration and the people committed to saving a species still struggling to recover from centuries of hunting. Now climate change is forcing right whales further north in search of food, putting them on a collision course with deadly ships and fishing gear. With unprecedented access to film the whale migration, Last of the Right Whales brings a message of hope about the most at risk great whale on the planet.



Thanks to Off the Fence UK.

- Castlebay Hall - 15 May - 2pm
- Carinish Village Hall - 16 May -4pm
- An Lanntair - 16 May - 8pm
- Talla Na Mara - 18 May - 2pm

Documentaries

The Long Coast

80min 2021 USA Dir: Ian Cheney

Language: English

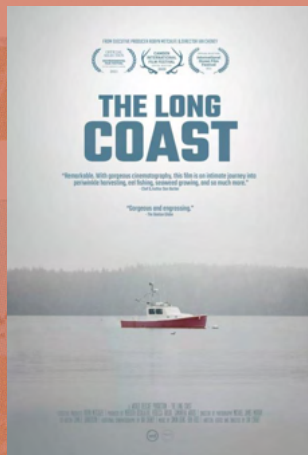
Classification BBFC PG

In a series of lyrical portraits, *The Long Coast* illuminates the stories of Maine's seafolk, those whose lives and livelihoods are inextricably connected to the ocean.

This atmospheric film shows the beauty, intimacy and uncertainty that coastal dwellers face in rooting their lives in the ocean, particularly as human actions- from overfishing, to aquaculture, to warming seas – confront Maine and its people with profound change.

Thanks to Ian Cheney and wickedelicate.

- Carnish Village Hall - 16 May - 1.30pm
- Talla na Marra - 17 May - 4.30pm
- An Lanntair - 17 May - 2pm
- Cnoc Soillier - 19 May - 4.30pm



The Hermit of Treig

UK 1hr19min PG Dir: Lizzie MacKenzie

Language: English

Classification BBFC PG

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After 40 years of solitude, a spirited elderly hermit opens his life to young female director as he tackles ill health, a declining memory, and questions whether he can live out his last years in the wilderness he calls home. Winner of the Audience Award at Glasgow Film Festival 2022.

Thanks to Cosmicat

- An Lanntair - 18 May - 8pm



Documentaries



Savage Waters

2022 France 93 Min Documentary, Dir: Mickey Corker: Language: English, HIFF 12+

A stunning and intimate portrait of modern adventurers as they follow clues left in a 19th century treasure-hunter's journal to find and ride a mythical wave in some of the most dangerous waters of the Atlantic.

How far would you go searching for something that may not exist? A 19th century treasurehunter's journal inspires a captivating journey to seek out and surf a mythical, never-ridden wave in some of the most remote and dangerous waters of the Atlantic Ocean. For renowned skipper, Matt Knight, sailing to unpredictable and uncharted regions is impossible to resist. As a lifelong thrill-seeker, he is constantly testing the limits of what's possible, something world-class big wave surfer Andrew Cotton has also built his career on. With family and friends, they board the beautiful catamaran Hecate and follow clues to this 'perfect wave'.. *Savage Waters*, narrated by the legendary Charles Dance, boasts jaw-dropping cinematography, and follows remarkable protagonists, for whom living life to the full often means putting themselves in harm's way.

- Castlebay Hall - 16 May - 2pm
- Carinish Village Hall - 18 May - 1.30pm
- Bernera Community Centre - 19 May - 5pm
- Cnoc Soillier - 20 May - 4.30pm

Documentaries

HISTORJÁ - STYGN FÖR SÁPMI

Historja-Stitches for Sápmi
2022 Sweden Doc 1hr 27 Min Language
Swedish with English subtitles, Dir: Thomas
Jackson
HIFF 12+

Artist Britta Marakatt-Labba has for decades depicted the indigenous Samí people's mythology, relation to nature and political struggle. Now she is facing one last fight; the battle for her culture against the threats of climate change.

Thanks to Pelle Nilsson at BRF.co

- An Lanntair - 16 May - 6pm
- An Taigh Ceilidh - 20 May - 7pm



NETTLE DRESS

UK 2022 Dir: 65min Language:
English Dir: Dylan Howitt
Classification BBFC:12A

Textile artist Allan Brown spends seven years making a dress by hand just from locally foraged stinging nettles. This is

'hedgerow couture', the greenest of slow fashion and also his medicine, how he survives the death of his wife that left him and his children bereft. A modern day fairytale and hymn to the healing power of nature and slow craft.

Actor Mark Rylance called the film "Exquisite and inspiring, beautiful and helpful for anyone suffering loss or grief".

Thanks to Dylan Howitt.

- An Lanntair - 19 May - 2pm
- Bernera Community Centre - 18 May - 2pm



Documentaries

The Oil Machine

UK, 2022, 1hr 22min, Language: English,
Dir: Emma Davie,
Classification BBFC: PG

Oil has been an invisible machine at the core of our economy and society. It now faces an uncertain future as activists and investors demand change. Is this the end of oil?

By highlighting the complexities of how oil is embedded in our society – from high finance to cheap consumer goods – THE OIL MACHINE brings together a wide range of voices from oil company executives, economists, young activists, workers, scientists, and pension fund managers. It considers how this machine can be tamed, dismantled, or repurposed.

We have five to ten years to control our oil addiction, and yet the licensing of new oil fields continues in direct contradiction with the Paris Climate Agreement. This documentary looks at how the drama of global climate action is playing out in the fight over North Sea oil.

Thanks to Cosmicat

- An Lanntair - 18 May - 2pm



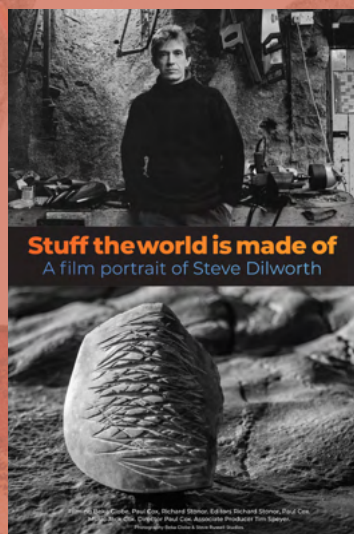
STUFF THE WORLD IS MADE OF

UK 2020 65min, Doc, Language: English, Dir
Paul Cox
HIFF PG

"Stuff the World is Made of" is a film portrait of the Yorkshire born, Hebridean based sculptor Steve Dilworth. It features contributions from Robert Macfarlane, Iain Sinclair and David Anderson. The film explores his work from the seminal Hanging Figure of 1979 to his most recent sculpture, Guardian. It also reveals the final resting place of the Whalebone Box, which was the centrepiece of Andrew Kotting's film of the same name.

Thanks to Paul Cox.

- Carinish Village Hall - 18 May - 4pm
- Bernera Community Centre - 19 May - 2pm
- An Lanntair - 19 May - 2pm



Documentaries

The SHEPHERDS OF BERNERAY

UK Doc 1981 55min (Remastered) by Allen Moore
Language English and Gaelic with subtitles
HIFF U

Film maker Q&A at An Lanntair after the screening

In 1980, Allen Moore and Jack Shea, two ethnographic filmmakers from Harvard University, moved their families to the island of Berneray in the Outer Hebrides. Over the course of 18 months they documented the everyday lives and struggles of the crofters they lived among, whom were even then a vanishing breed.

The film follows the rhythm of life on a wind-swept island in the Outer Hebrides through the four seasons and in the filmmakers' observation of the day-to-day struggles of a vanishing society we see the deep-time legacy of their kind.

Thanks to Allen Moore.

- Taigh Dhinnchaidh - 17 May - 2.30pm
- Carnish Village Hall - 18 May - 7pm
- Cnoc Soillier - 20 May - 2pm
- Tall Na Mara - 17 May - 7.30pm
- An Lanntair - 19 May - 6pm



Dùthchas | Home

2022 UK Documentary Dir Kirsty MacDonald & Andy Mackinnon Film Duration: 88 mins | Language: Gaelic (subtitled) & English
Classification BBFC: U

For many of us there are two places we can call home – where we were born, where we still feel we belong, and where we now live. The film features previously unseen Kodachrome 8mm archive film of everyday life on the Isle of Berneray in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland through the 1960s and 1970s, intercut with interviews with people from the island including many featured in the archive film which reveals repeated iconic scenes of leaving the island, friends and relatives on the pier waving as they recede into the distance. Although the film is silent, you can almost hear the keening.

A specially composed soundtrack by Donald Shaw (Capercaillie, Celtic Connections) draws on the rich tradition of traditional Gaelic songs from Berneray, sung by Linda MacLeod, Karen Matheson, Duncan Mackinnon and Catriona Watt, and their compelling melodies as inspiration.

Thanks to Uist Film.

- Taigh Dhonnchaidh - 18 May - 2.30pm



Drama

BELFAST

UK, 2021 1hr 28min

Language : English,

Classification:

Dir Kenneth Branagh Biography/
Drama

HIFF 13+

Belfast, 15 August 1969. Surrounded by sporadic violence and growing danger, nine-year-old Buddy finds himself confronted with the ugly reality of sectarian conflict. And, as the suffocating stranglehold of increasing turmoil tightens around his once-peaceful working-class neighbourhood, Buddy tries his best to understand The Troubles--after all, someone must be responsible for forcing people to flee their homes. Now, Buddy's family must come face to face with a nearly impossible, life altering decision: stay or start packing?



Thanks to Filmbank

- Castlebay Hall - 16 May - 7pm

EXODUS

2022, Sweden, Language Spoken: Arabic (English Subtitles) 102 min.

Dir: Abbe Hassan

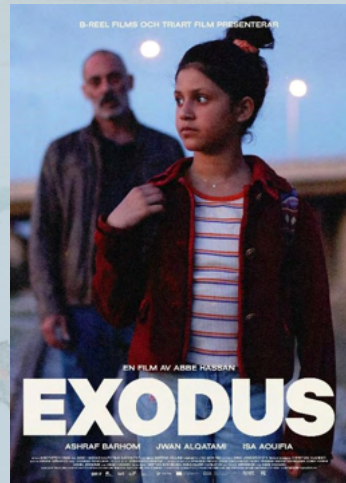
HIFF 15+

Two worlds collide when Sam 40, a professional people smuggler, reluctantly saves Amal, a 12-year-old girl whose whole family has gone missing in the Syrian war. Amal believes that they are on their way to Sweden so she sets out on a journey to find them. Sam hesitates but is troubled by the thought of leaving the girl alone in a no-mans land and gets dragged in.

This will be the beginning of an unexpected, strong, warm and crazy friendship on a journey that will change their lives forever.

Thanks to Level K Denmark.

- Bernera Community Centre - 18 May - 5pm
- An Lannair - 17 May - 8pm



Drama

An Cailín Ciúin / The Quiet Girl

Ireland 2022 1hr 34 min Dir: Colm Bairéad
Language Irish Gaelic and English subtitles
HIFF 13+

The Quiet Girl is a 2022 Irish language film written and directed by Colm Bairéad. Set in 1981, the film follows a withdrawn nine-year-old girl who experiences a loving home for the first time when she spends the summer on a farm with distant relatives in Rinn Gaeltacht, County Waterford.

Thanks to Curzon

- An Lanntair - 17 May - 6pm
- Cnoc Soillier - 20 May - 7.30pm
- Carinish Village Hall - 17 May - 7pm



The Banshees of Inisherin

Ireland /UK 2022 Comedy Drama,
Language: English Dir: Martin McDonagh
Classification BBFC 15

Set on a remote island off the west coast of Ireland, THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN follows lifelong friends Padraic (Colin Farrell) and Colm (Brendan Gleeson), who find themselves at an impasse when Colm unexpectedly puts an end to their friendship. A stunned Padraic, aided by his sister Siobhan (Kerry Condon) and troubled young islander Dominic (Barry Keoghan), endeavours to repair the relationship, refusing to take no for an answer. But Padraic's repeated efforts only strengthen his former friend's resolve and when Colm delivers a desperate ultimatum, events swiftly escalate, with shocking consequences.

Thanks to Filmbank.

- Taigh Dhonnchaidh - 17 May - 7.30pm
- Bernera Community Centre - 18 May - 7.30pm



Drama

On Sacred Ground

USA 1hr54min 2021 Dir/s: JOSH AND REBECCA TICKELL Language English
HIFF 12+

The first narrative film about Standing Rock ON SACRED GROUND is based on the true events during the 2016 construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline that runs through the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. The film follows Daniel (William Mapother), a journalist and military veteran, and Elliot (David Arquette), an oil company executive, who find themselves on opposite sides of the fight during the construction of the contentious pipeline. As the story unfolds, the two characters go down separate paths during one of the most heated protests and confrontations with Native American tribes in modern US history.

Thanks to Big Picture Ranch.

- An Lanntair - 16 May - 2pm
- Carinish Village Hall - 16 May - 7pm



Aftersun

2022 UK/USA Language : English,
Dir Charlotte Wells
Classification BBFC 12A

At a fading vacation resort, 11-year-old Sophie treasures rare time together with her loving and idealistic father, Calum (Paul Mescal). As a world of adolescence creeps into view, beyond her eye Calum struggles under the weight of life outside of fatherhood. Twenty years later, Sophie's tender recollections of their last holiday become a powerful and heartrending portrait of their relationship, as she tries to reconcile the father she knew with the man she didn't, in Charlotte Wells' superb and searingly emotional debut film.

Thanks to MUBI and BFI

- Castlebay Hall - 15 May - 7pm
- Talla na Marra - 18 May - 7.30pm
- Taigh Dhonnchaidh - 17 May - 4.30pm
- An Lanntair - 19 May - 8pm



Drama

MURU

New Zealand 1hr 44min Dir: Tearepa Kahi
Language: Language: te reo Māori, &English with English Subtitles

HIFF 15

In October 2007, the New Zealand police conducted 'Anti-Terrorism' raids on the Tūhoe community of Urewera, in an event that sparked nationwide controversy. Inspired by these events, *Muru* is an action-drama predominately in te reo Māori, with the perspective of the Tūhoe community at its core. Inspired by actual events, *MURU* is the story of a local Police Sergeant 'Taffy' Tawharau (Cliff Curtis), who must choose between his badge and his people, when the Government launches an armed raid through his Ruatoki community, on a school day .



Thanks to Rialto Distribution.

• An Lanntair - 18 May - 6pm

• Bernera Community Centre - 19 May - 7.30pm



The Road Dance

UK 2021, 1hr 56 min, Drama, language: English. Dir: Richie Adams
Classification BBFC: 15 (contains scenes with sexual violence)

A young girl lives in the Outer Hebrides in a small village in the years just before WWI. Isolated and hard by the shore, her life takes a dramatic change when a terrible tragedy befalls her.

Thanks to Parkland Entertainment.

• Taigh Dhonnchaidh - 18 May - 7.30pm

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY

OINK **(ORIGINAL TITLE:** **KNOR)**

**2022 Netherlands Animation/
Coloring Cartoon 1h 12m Dir:**
Mascha Halberstad Language
Dutch with English Subtitles
HIFF: 8+



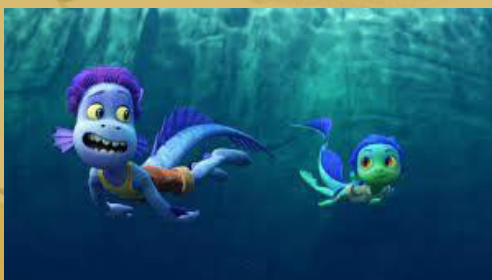
When 9-year-old Babs receives a pig named Oink as a present from her grandfather, she convinces her parents to keep it under the condition that Oink follows a puppy training. But her parents are not the biggest threat to Oink because actually her grandfather is secretly taking part in the sausage competition organized by The Society for Meat Products from Fresh Pigs...

Thanks to LevelK Denmark.

- **Castlebay Hall - 16 May - 4.30pm**
- **An Lanntair - 18 May - 4pm**

Luca

**2021 USA Classification, 1hr
35min Language: English & Italian
(English subtitles) Dir: Enrico
Casarosa**
Classification BBFC: U



A young boy experiences an unforgettable seaside summer on the Italian Riviera filled with gelato, pasta and endless scooter rides. Luca shares these adventures with his newfound best friend, but all the fun is threatened by a deeply from another world just below the ocean's surface. -held secret: he is a sea monster. Luca has some small sections which are subtitled from Italian, not enough to miss the story line.

Thanks to Filmbank

- **Castlebay Hall - 15 May - 4.30pm**
- **Carinish Village Hall - 16 May - 1.30pm**

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY

LYLE LYLE CROCODILE

2022 USA 1hr46min Dir: Josh Gordon Will Speck

Classification BBFC PG

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile is a 2022 American musical comedy film directed by Will Speck and Josh Gordon from a screenplay by William

Davies. Co-produced by Columbia Pictures, Eagle Pictures, and TSG

Entertainment II, and distributed by Sony Pictures Releasing, it is an adaptation of the children's story of the same name and its prequel The House on East 88th Street by Bernard Waber. The film stars Shawn Mendes as the titular character alongside Javier Bardem, Constance Wu, Winslow Fegley, Scoot McNairy, and Brett Gelman.

Thanks to Filmbank

- Taigh Dhonnchaidh - 18 May - 4.30pm
- Talla na Mara - 18 May - 4.30pm



SHORTS

STRAVAIG: AS I WORK AND WANDER ON UIST

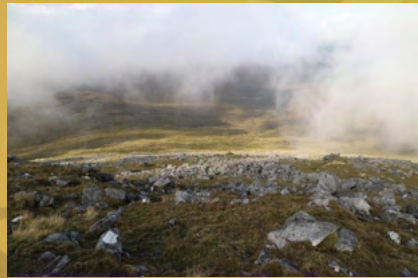
UK 2022 Dir: Beatrix Wood, 25 Min,

The film is a poetic exploration of the Uist landscape.

“Stravaig: As I Work & Wander On Uist” was commissioned by AHRC funded Design Innovation & Land-Assets through PI Prof. Lynn-Sayers McHattie at The Glasgow School of Art and Co-I Dr Brian Dixon at the University of Ulster. Original Music : Naked Flame, Songs by Mairi MacMillan form Gu Deus.

Thanks to Trixpixmedia

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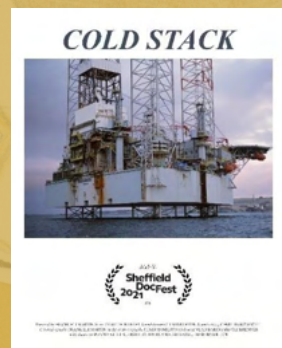
COLD STACK

UK 2021 12min Dir: Frank Martin

Divided into three parts, Cold Stack charts the melancholic decline of the oil rig industry in the Scottish Highlands. The film uncovers the destructive effects of the collapse on those who were employed by the industry, and showcases the grand visual spectacle of the dereliction of the rigs in the Cromarty Firth.

Thanks to Frank Martin

- Carinish Hall - 17 May - 1.30pm
- Talla Na Mara - 17 May - 4.30pm
- Cnoc Soillier - 19 May - 4.30pm
- Castlebay Hall - 16 May - 7pm
- Bernera Community Centre - 19 May - 7.30pm
- An Lanntair - 16 May - 8pm, 18 May - 2pm, 18 May - 6pm



SHORTS

RUTHLESS

Directed by Matthew McGuigan / Northern Ireland / 2021 / 13 mins

In 1970's Northern Ireland, a young boy, bereft of his mother, defies his father to get the Glam Rock album he so desperately wants.

In a high-rise flat lives a recently bereaved father and his ten-year-old son PJ, who is desperate to get his hands on the new T. Rex album Electric Warrior. The problem is he's skint and his Da is on the dole. PJ comes up with a cunning plan to get the dough, involving a sock, a prosthetic leg and a pawnbroker.

Ruthless is a humorous, heartwarming story of how a prosthetic leg and a T. Rex album become the conduit for overcoming grief.

Thanks to Greenray Film Agency

- Castlebay Hall - 15 May - 7pm
- Taigh Dhonnchaidh - 17 May - 7.30pm
- Bernera Community Centre - 18 May - 5pm
- An Lanntair - 17 May - 8pm, 19 May - 8pm
- Carinish Village Hall - 18 May - 1.30pm



DÙSGADH (Awakening)

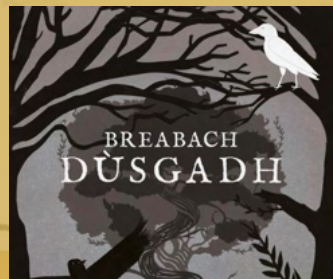
2021 Scotland 24min Dir Cat Bruce. Gaelic language

A contemporary reworking of a traditional Scottish folktale, narrated by the legendary folklorist Margaret Bennett. A hunter is summoned to slay a terrifying beast, and on the shore of a loch between two barren mountains, the hunter becomes cursed by the beast.

The hunter's body is magically transformed into that of a black dog. Only one thing can happen... The spell must be broken. And so the mysterious adventure begins after our protagonist makes a pact with a selkie. Learning how to break the spell the hunter-dog sets off on an adventure to the lonely island in the centre of the loch. Will the hunter break the curse?

Thanks to Cat Bruce.

- An Lanntair - 16 May - 4pm
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- Bernera Community Centre - 18 May - 7.30pm
- An Taigh Ceilidh - 20 May - 2pm
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SHORTS

TITIM ISTEACH

**Ireland 2022 16.8min Language : Irish
English Subtitles, Directed - John Lyons
Description in Irish:**

Ar oileán beag amach ó chósta iarthar na hÉireann, d'iarr baicle clárscátála ar thimpeallacht níos fearr agus níos sábháilte chun cleachta a dhéanamh ó na cnoic ghéara agus na róidíní caola gairbhéil. Leis an gcúnamh ón mbainisteoir chomharchumann agus an pobal clárscátála tacúil ón mórthír, músclaítear a mbrionglóidí.



Description in English: On a small island off the west of Ireland a clique of skateboarding children requested a better and safer environment to practice away from the steep hills and narrow gravelly roads. With the help of the local co-op manager and a supportive skateboarding community from the mainland, their dreams are realised.

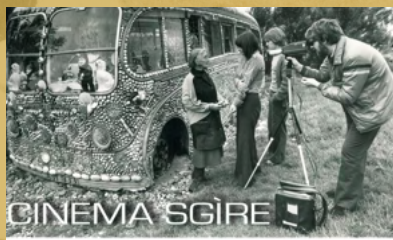
Thanks to John Lyons.

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Cinema Sgìre

**Uk 2023 Archive Documentary Extract
Footage compiled by Andy Mackinnon, 14
min Language Gaelic with English subtitles
and English.**

A collection of over 100 videotapes produced by communities in the Outer Hebrides in the late 1970s through the Cinema Sgìre project has been digitised, and the highlights will soon be accessible to the community as part of a programme of film screenings.



Covering the whole of the Western Isles from Ness to Vatersay, the collection gives an intimate insight into traditional ways of life in the islands in the late 70s as well as community developments. We see the blacksmith 'Jellicoe' at work in his smiddy in Ness, and demonstrations of the traditional processes in making tweed, from shearing sheep to waulking. Discussions on current affairs and community development are recorded, as well as visits to Welsh and Irish community development projects.

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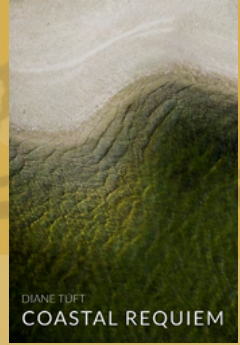
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Coastal Requiem

USA 2019 14min Diana Tuft

Coastal Requiem investigates the plight of displacement due to climate change amongst five coastal communities around the globe. Weaving Diane Tuft's photography and haikus with deeply personal interviews, the short film portrays the global climate refugee crisis due to rising sea levels.

- Cnoc Soillier - 19 May - 2pm
- Carinish Village Hall - 18 May - 4pm
- An Lanntair - 16 May - 2pm
- Bernera Community Centre - 18 May - 2pm



CHILDREN'S SHORTS

The Lost Seahorse

2021 11min, Stopframe animation, Dir: Benjamin Fieschi-Rose

A vulnerable seahorse is swept away from his reef and must survive the dangerous journey back home

Thanks to

- Castlebay Hall - 15 May - 4.30pm
- Tall na Mara - 17 May - 4.30pm
- An Lanntair - 17 May - 6pm



Quma and the Beasts

2019 11min Argentina

12000 years ago in South America: A boy named Quma wants to become a hunter. Experience the first steps of his spiritual awakening as a journey his perspective forever.alone in the wilderness changes

Thanks to Tamandua Estudio

- Carinish Village Hall - 16 May - 1.30pm
- Taigh Dhonnchaidh - 18 May - 4.30pm
- An Lanntair - 18 May - 4pm



MIGRANTS

France 2020 8min Animation (3D Computer) Directors: Hugo Caby, Antoine Dupriez, Aubin Kubiak, Lucas Lermytte, Zoé Devise

Two polar bears are driven into exile due to global warming. They will encounter brown bears along their journey, with whom they will try to cohabitate. Thanks to Patrick De Carvalho.

- An Lanntair - 16 May - 6pm
- Castlebay Hall - 16 May - 4.30pm



Events

Whale watching with Janet Marshall

**Weds 17th and Thurs 18th May
10am - 2pm**

Tiumpán Head east of Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis is one of the best places on Europe to see the widest range of whales and dolphins from land. The water gets very deep very quickly so the big beasts sometimes are so close in that they can be heard as well as seen.

Well known local wildlife observer Janet Marshall will be there on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th May 2023, 10:00 - 14:00 and will help point out any wildlife, describe the botany and associated folklore. Janet has seen 18 species of whale, dolphin and porpoise from there.

There is over 300 degrees of arc of sea visible from the top of the hill behind the lighthouse, and we can see along the Scottish west coast from Cape Wrath to Skye.

This event is weather dependent, if it is wild and wet the creatures may well be there, its just that we cannot see them through the annoying, pointy, fin shaped waves. If there is poor visibility only creatures that come really close in can be seen. An alternative date may be given, watch out for details.

Please park thoughtfully either near the lighthouse, avoiding blocking access, or a little further back along the road in a parking area. Wear suitable footwear, there is a gravel path up to the lookout point but thin sandals are not recommended. Use sunscreen as the sun reflecting off the sea can give you a double dose of UV. The wind can be chilly so be prepared with some warm garments - however it can also get pretty warm so make sure you are hydrated.

Janet has several pairs of binoculars that you may borrow, but bring your own if you have them.

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066946034011



Events



Beach Clean

Saturday 20th May
10am

Come and help make a difference to this Lewis shore.

Meet at the parking area at the middle of the Braighe, east of Stornoway, there are public toilets available.

This beach clean is being held in association with Clean Coast Outer Hebrides, a local charity SC049307 that does much more than beach cleans; they campaign, educate, inform and inspire about marine environment issues including climate change. Basecamp will be a display trailer with equipment and information, participants will need to sign in and listen to a briefing to be covered by the insurance.

High tide is at 7:57am so will be falling at the start time of 10:00am.

Bags and gloves will be provided, but make sure you have stout footwear as the beach is shingle. Access is easy, over a low wall and down steps. Bring the gathered marine litter back to the trailer where it will be weighed and sorted, and everything recyclable will be separated appropriately.

This event is weather dependent, in wild, wet and windy conditions it may not be safe to proceed so the event may be rescheduled.

www.cleancoastoh.com
www.facebook.com/CleanCoastOH
www.instagram.com/cleancoastoh/

Immersion at HIFF

Our Immersion programme offers screening of a collection of short film developed for VR immersion experiences.

The films are experienced through headsets for up to 5 people at a time. Slots can be booked via Eventbrite (or link from www.hebfilmfestival.org) or simply attend the venue on the day between the times listed.

Tickets £3.00

Museum nan Eilean :Tuesday 16th & Wed 17th May between 11am and 4pm

Taigh Chearsabhaigh: Friday 19th May at 11am to 4pm

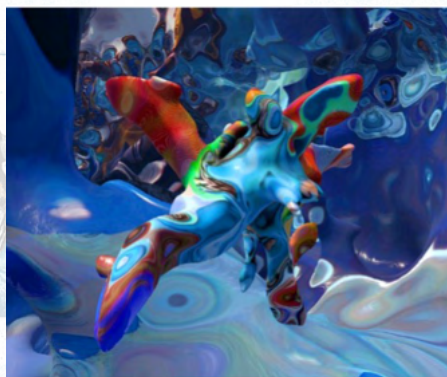
Cnoc Soillier: Sat 20th May at 2pm to 7pm

For more details on the short films visit www.hebfilmfestival.org

Anandala

by Kevin Mack

Anandala is a virtual, abstract art world unconstrained by the limits of reality. Visitors explore a vast three-dimensional labyrinth of evolving shapes and colours populated with intelligent artificial-life called Blorts. Each visit is unique because of the emergent, ever-changing nature of the world and it's inhabitants. Anandala invites visitors to interact and connect with a variety of curious, friendly lifeforms and explore their natural habitat.



The UWS Creative Computing Technologies (CCT)

This research group is the hub for 3D Animation, Computer Games Development, Extended Realities (VR, AR, MR), and Music Technologies at the University of the West of Scotland.

UWS CCT offers undergraduate programmes in Computer Games Development, 3D Animation Arts, and Music Technologies, as well as post-graduate research opportunities.

Find out more at <https://uwsct.co.uk/>



venues

An Lanntair Arts Centre



Kenneth Street, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis HS1 2DS.

An Lanntair is an award winning arts centre in Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis. It promotes a broad range of activities covering the visual and performing arts, education and outreach and cinema.

**Box office: 01851 708480,
E: info@lanntair.com
www.lanntair.com**



Centre holding language classes and Gaelic events, while sharing the diminishing Gaelic culture of the Hebrides. There is a coffee counter and a selection of cultural gifts. Tea, Coffee and cakes available all day.

**www.facebook.com/taighceilidh/
Promoter : Margaret Smith
www.www.taighceilidh.com/**

Museum nan Eilean



Lews Castle Grounds, Stornoway, Isle Of Lewis HS2 0XS

Museum & Tasglann nan Eilean is an exciting new museum and public archive in the leafy grounds of Lews Castle, in a building inspired by the former glasshouses on the same site.

www.facebook.com/MuseumTasglannanEilean/

An Taigh Ceilidh



16 Sràid na h-Eaglais, HS1 2DH
An Taigh Ceilidh is a Gaelic Community

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Taigh Dhonnchaidh



Port of Ness, Isle of Lewis, HS2 0TG.

Taigh Dhonnchaidh - Gaelic for 'Duncan's House' is committed to being a centre of excellence for the promotion and enhancement of the Gaelic language, music and the arts by encouraging partnerships with the community, individuals and businesses to contribute to social, cultural and economic development.

Tel: 01851 810166.

Promoter: Mary Duff

[www.facebook.com/ Taigh-Dhonnchaidh-110058445695718/](https://www.facebook.com/Taigh-Dhonnchaidh-110058445695718/)

Bernera Community Centre

Breacleate Great Bernera Isle of Lewis HS2 9JG

The Bernera Community Hall is managed by an enthusiastic local committee. The museum inside is full of interesting information about Great Bernera. Drinks and snacks will be available prior to screenings should the café be closed. Tea/coffee/juices and snacks.

Promoter: Callum J Macaulay.



[www.facebook.com/ BerneraCommunityAssociation/](https://www.facebook.com/BerneraCommunityAssociation/)

Talla Na Mara



Pairc Niseaboist, Isle of Harris. HS3 3AE.

Talla na Mara is an arts and entertainment centre on the Isle of Harris, owned and operated on behalf of the West Harris community. Translated from Gaelic, Talla na Mara means the Centre by the sea. Sea view café open for snacks and evening meals 11am to 21.30.

Promoter – Linda Armstrong

www.tallanamara.co.uk/events/

Phone: 01859 503900

Email: admin@westharristrust.org

To book a table visit <https://www.tallanamara.co.uk/eat>

venues

Carinish Village Hall



Isle of North Uist, HS6 5EJ

If you are travelling north in the Western Isles, Carinish, or Cairinis, is the first settlement you reach after crossing the causeway that takes you to the island of North Uist. Regular arts events and film screenings are presented here.

Promoter :Maureen du Preeze
www.facebook.com/carinishhall/

Taigh Chearsabhagh Museum and Arts Centre



Lochmaddy, Isle of North Uist HS6 5AA

Taigh-Tasgaidh + Ionad-Ealain Taigh Chearsabhagh / Taigh Chearsabhagh Museum and Arts Centre champions heritage, visual arts and the Gaelic language and culture on the isle of North Uist. In our

galleries and award-winning museum we offer a stimulating and dynamic programme of cultural events throughout the year for our local community and the island's many visitors.

Tel: 01870 603970
Taigh Chearsabhagh Museum & Arts Centre | Lochmaddy, North Uist (taigh-chearsabhagh.org)

Cnoc Soillier



Cnoc Soilleir, Dalabrog, Uibhist a Deas, HS8 5SS

Cnoc Soilleir is an exciting joint venture between Ceòlas and UHI – Outer Hebrides. Located in the Gàidhlig heartland o Cnoc Soilleir promotes and celebrates the community's Gàidhlig language and cultural heritage.

Ceòlas provide a year-long programme of community and online Gaelic language and music activities, events and learning opportunities. Ceòlas celebrate, promote and nurture Gaelic language, traditional music, culture and heritage to a range

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of local, national and international organisations from the Gaelic heartland of South Uist. Ceòlas' well-established Sgoil Shamhradh (Summer School) attracts worldclass musicians and participants from across the world including Cape Breton. The week features tuition in a range of musical and language disciplines as well as an outstanding fringe programme. More information can be found at ww.ceolas.co.uk.

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Castlebay Hall



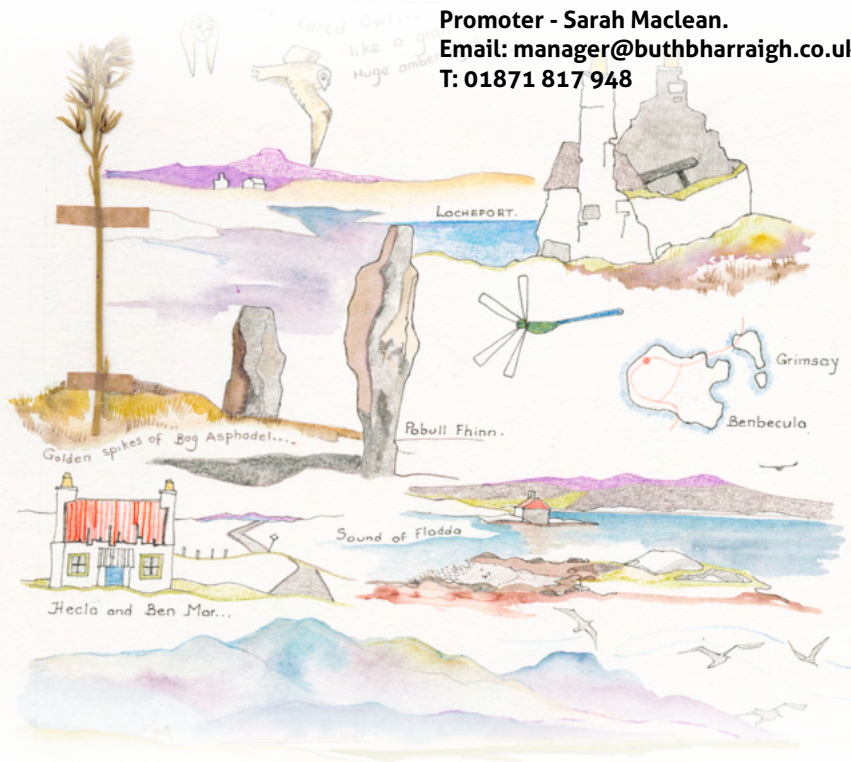
Castlebay, Isle of Barra. HS9 5XD.

This central Castlebay venue, is used for a variety of community activities and meetings, including arts, performances and sales.

Promoter - Sarah Maclean.

Email: manager@buthbharraigh.co.uk

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Please check the film rating for the films you plan to attend and do not bring younger children to films rated as 15+.

HIFF organisers have signposted the films not rated by Classification BBFC, with an age suitability rating based on content. This is intended as a guideline only.

Deanamh cinnteach gun torr sibh aire do inbhe gach fiolm. Chan fhaodar clann nas òige a thoirt gu fiolm a tha 15+. Tha an luchd-eagrachaidh air stiùireadh a thoirt airson na fiolmaichean nach eil an Classification BBFC air còmharrachadh, agus tha sinn air aois freagarrach a chur mun choinneimh. Chan eil an seo ach stiùireadh.

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U – Universal

Suitable for all. A U film should be suitable for audiences aged four years and over, although it is impossible to predict what might upset any particular child. U films should be set within a positive framework and should offer reassuring counterbalances to any violence, threat or horror.



PG – Parental Guidance

General viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young children. A PG film should not unsettle a child around eight or older. Unaccompanied children of any age may watch, but parents are advised to consider whether the content may upset younger, or more sensitive, children.



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Festival information line: **07789117740**

For news and updated information on screenings and events visit:

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Rural Nations (Scotland) CIC is an artist led production company based in Stornoway which commissions film, experimental theatre and strategic arts projects.

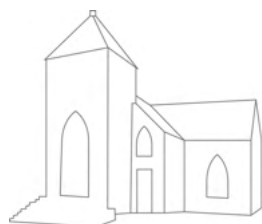
Working across a broad portfolio of arts initiatives Rural Nations CIC delivers the annual Hebrides International Film Festival and produces our own Island originated professional theatre and short film projects in partnership with artists and organisations based across the UK and from other countries.

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Beach Clean

Saturday 20th May 10:00 am

at the Braighe, Isle of Lewis

Come and help us make a difference

Sign in at our display trailer in the
carpark at the middle of the Braighe,
wear stout footwear

We will provide gloves and buckets etc

This event is subject to weather, and is being held in
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