

SATURDAY EVENING GREEN MARQUEE:

7.15 - 8.15 *Taliesin* Michael Harvey & Pauline Down (Age C - 6+)

Michael Harvey storyteller and Pauline Down singer/musician tell the story of Taliesin, the story of the Celtic world's greatest bard.

Shapeshifting, magic, music and words weave together to create a world of enchantment and strangeness.

"Michael Harvey and Pauline Down are masters of their art, and wonderful ambassadors for Welsh culture and tradition. This is storytelling at its very best."

— Donald Smith, Director Scottish International Storytelling Festival

8.45 - 9.45 *Still-point: The Story of Ahalya*. Gauri Raje (Age F)

Who is Ahalya? A princess? A scholar? Or an adulteress needing redemption? She is the foremost of the Panchakanyas - five women in the Hindu epics known to be virginal, pure and powerful. But in the battle of desires and words between men and gods, what does Ahalya's voice sound like?

10.30 - 11.30 *The Donkey's Jaw* Raphael Rodan & Erik Sjøholm (Age 16+)

A 60-min storytelling show with live music, Rodan strips ancient myths like Cain and Abel, Samson and Delilah and King Saul of their religious connotations and revives them in light of his own personal life experiences. He tells about growing up in modern Israel, falling in love with his first girlfriend and feeling jealousy towards his brother. While gracefully shifting from salty humour to moments of great depth, he uses the stories to reflect, together with the audience, on the universal topics that are as relevant today as they were thousands of years ago. The storytelling is accompanied by the angelic singing of singer-songwriter **Erik Sjøholm**, all with a hint of Leonard Cohen in the air.

SATURDAY EVENING RED MARQUEE:

6.45-7.45 *It's all Greek to Me* Rachel Murray (Age 12+)

Stories from Ancient Greece for all the family (may contain mild peril - it is the Greeks after all!).

8.15-9.00 *Ancient Egyptian Stories Bought to Life* Helen Stewart (Age 7+)

These are tales of wonder and the supernatural with a fairy-tale quality easily recognised by everyone, which offer a unique insight into the ancient Egyptian mindset.

9.15-10.15 *The Reed Flute's Song-Stories from Rumi* Jumana Moon & Abdullah Mufa (Age D & F)

Jalaludin Rumi, much loved poet and author of the Farsi classic the Masnavi (written in the 12th century CE) was also a master storyteller, weaving folktales, legends and sacred stories into his poetry. Jumana and Abdullah retell just some of the stories from the Masnavi, with the sound of the daf (frame drum) and the voice of the ney - the reed flute itself.

10.45-11.45 *The Forgotten Tales* Jon Buckeridge (Age 8+)

The British Isles are a rich tapestry woven together with myths, legends and folktales. From Irish kings to Welsh dragons, English knights to Scottish warlocks, and even Cornish cats; the cultures of our Kingdom are captured in our stories. Combining captivating storytelling, poetic verse and traditional folk songs, The Forgotten Tales brings out the hilarious, the heroic, and the heart-breaking tales of magic and mystery, courtship and conflict, that were once a steady flame across the land.

SATURDAY EVENING SILVER MARQUEE:

7.00 – 8.00 *Jess Morgan* – Boring Someone in Some Dark Café

8.15 – 9.00 *Steve and Julie Wigley*

9.15 – 10.00 *Sarah McQuaid*

10.15 – 11.00 *Jim Causley*

SATURDAY EVENING PANIC CIRCUS TENT (circus skills throughout the weekend):

6.00 - 7.00 *Punch & Judy with Panic Family Circus (all ages)*

Classic fun for all the family, brought to you by the one and only Panic Family Circus.

7.30 - 8.15 *Bedtime Stories* with Maria Credali (Age A)

Gently lull the younger listeners off to bed with enchanting and pleasant dreams, after listening to stories from the wonderful and talented Maria Credali.

SATURDAY EVENING YELLOW MARQUEE:

6.45-7.45 *Two Shorten The Road.* Jack Lynch. (Performance, talk & Q&A) (Age F)
(please sign up in Box Office)

Reflections on the touchstones that have guided Jack as an Irish storyteller.

(Max- 40)

8.30-10.00 *Story Round* Led by Chris Lowe.

Come along with your short story (around 10 minutes long) let Chris know you wish to tell and have a go at sharing your tale in front of a welcoming and generous audience in relaxed surroundings. (The Story Round leader will try their best to make sure everyone who wishes to tell gets the chance to do so, however on particularly busy rounds, this may not always be possible).

Other things to look out for:

10.30-11.30 *Fireside Session* Cath Little & Rachel Murray. Venue - The Birchwood.

Two tantalising tale-tellers enchanting you late into the night as the flames flicker and dance...

Age Guidance (provided by performers)

A - Aimed at children and families, nothing scary or gory.

B - Aimed at older children, might be a little scary for under 7s

C - 10+ Bit scary/gory

D - 12+ Mild swearing/ gore/ some adult themes

E - 16+ Adult themes: sexually explicit language/ explicit swearing/ gore

F - Aimed at adults, with no particularly sexual, swearing or scary content but may be complex.

*Also please watch out for specific age recommendations.