

# February 2009 Events in Highland Perthshire



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## **Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

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**Blair Castle Winter 2008/9:** The Castle will be open to visitors during the winter period on each Tuesday and Saturday from Tuesday 4th November to Tuesday 31st March except for the two weeks of Christmas and New Year. The hours will be 9.30am to last admission 12.30pm. Castle Restaurant will be open offering light lunches and refreshments until 2pm.

## **Saturday 17th January - 22nd February**

**Andy Hall - Touched by Burns Photographic Exhibition**  
**The Watermill Bookshop/Gallery, Mill St Aberfeldy**

## **1 Feb - 16 Mar 2009**

### **Scottish Snowdrop Festival Perthshire**

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[www.visitscotland.com/snowdrops](http://www.visitscotland.com/snowdrops)

## **Sunday 1st February 9.30am**

### **Deuchary circular walk 10miles Strathtay Ramblers**

meet town Hall Aberfeldy car park 9.30am. from Dowally to Mill Dam, Deuchary Hill, returning via Loch Ordie - Leader Alistair Cameron 01887 820555

## **Sunday 1st February 10.30am - 4.30pm**

### **From Page To Stage - A Performance Masterclass with Greg Powrie and Deirdre Davies.**

#### **Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Greg & Deirdre will show and discuss the process behind some of the decisions necessary for an actor to construct a performance, from movement and accent to textual analysis and even how to cope with nerves. £52. Tel Box Office

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## **Wednesday 4th February 7.30pm**

### **Kenneth Steven & Pete Clark Birnam Institute Birnam**

An evening of music and poems, an interweaving of words and tunes. Much of Kenneth Steven's writing is inspired by the wildscape and people of Highland Perthshire; his many poetry collections are celebrations of the world he's grown up in. Perhaps best known for his interpretation of the music of Niel Gow and other 18th Century fiddler-composers, Pete divides his time between teaching and performing. He is currently a tutor at the RSAMD (Royal Scottish Academy of Music & Drama) in Glasgow and runs a weekly fiddle class at The Taybank in Dunkeld. Much of Pete's playing is with The Benachally Ceilidh Band. Tickets £6 Tel 01350 727674 Email: [admin@birnaminstitute.com](mailto:admin@birnaminstitute.com) Web [www.birnamarts.com](http://www.birnamarts.com)

## **Thursday 5th and Friday 6th February**

### **FITZCARRALDO - Heartland Film Society. The Locus Centre Aberfeldy**

This film was a real labour of love for Werner Herzog. It tells the story of an entrepreneur (Klaus Kinski) who is obsessed with the idea of building a Grand Opera House in the Peruvian jungle. To get the money to do this however, he has to set off on a long and dangerous journey. The most famous image in the film is the hauling of a large steam-boat up the side of a mountain. Visually, the film is spectacular and Kinski is superb as the crazed adventurer. Peru/Germany 1982 (Subtitled) Certificate PG, 158 mins Tel:01887 830307

[www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk)

**Friday 6th February 7.30pm**  
**Janey Godley - Performs Domestic Godley**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Janey is not a natural home-maker, nor a perfect mother and wife. She is no Domestic Goddess. She has improvised her way through domesticity just like her mother before her and - guess what? - it has worked. Almost! A talented stand-up comic, Janey delivers original comedy and anecdotal tales in her own distinctive style. May contain strong language.

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**Saturday 7th February 7.30pm**  
**R3 Tenors - Scotland's Classical Three Tenor Group**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Firmly established as Scotland's classical three tenor group, it's great to welcome back R3 Tenors to the Pitlochry stage for their fourth visit. They have put together a wonderful programme of songs and arias, from a repertoire which consists of opera, Neapolitan songs, songs from the shows, music theatre and Scots songs Tickets £15.00

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**Saturday 7th February 8pm**  
**Essential Scottish Opera**  
**Birnam Institute Birnam**

Scottish Opera comes to Birnam with its popular tour of opera highlights. Four talented young singers and a pianist bring you an entertaining evening of stunning excerpts from well known operas, and some tantalising surprises from lesser known works. Essential Scottish Opera gives you the chance to experience live opera close up during a relaxed and informal evening. The show features a mixture of operatic styles, including duets from Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* and Massenet's *Manon*, as well as music by Handel and Puccini. Tickets £10 (Concessions £5)

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**Tuesday 10th February**  
**Quiz Night**  
**The Auld Smiddy Inn, Atholl Rd Pitlochry**  
Quiz Night

**13 February 2pm**  
**Starlab and Spaceshow**  
**Birnam Institute Birnam**

The show is in two parts: Starlab, the first part, is in a portable planetarium, showing famous constellations and the myths behind them. It also covers the changing position of the stars at night and different stars that can be seen from various parts of the world. The second part, Spaceshow, takes place outside the planetarium - there you can examine factors affecting space travel, such as vacuum, extreme cold, no gravity and rocket propulsion - all using fun demonstrations! Suitable for ages 7+. Tickets £4 Telephone - 01350 727674

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**Saturday 14th February 9.30am**  
**Grandtully to Pitlochry walk - Strathtay Ramblers 9miles**  
meet town Hall Aberfeldy car park 9.30am. Linear walk over Cluny Moor, returning by bus, Leader Sue Richardson 01887 822865

**Saturday 14th February 10.30am - 4.30pm**  
**Art Nouveau Painting Workshop with Colin Christie**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**  
Appropriate for all levels, participants will create a piece of art. £48 Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail  
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**Saturday 14th February 6pm**  
**Music in Blair Atholl**  
**Lude House, Blair Atholl, Pitlochry**  
Yehudi Menuhin School - Young Musicians. - A recital of C20th Russian Music. £15.00  
Tel 01796 481230 e.mail [info@strathgarry.com](mailto:info@strathgarry.com)  
[www.musicinblairatholl.com](http://www.musicinblairatholl.com)

**Saturday 14th February - 17th March**  
**Exhibition R.B Kitaj - In Our Time: Covers from a Small Library**  
**The Watermill Mill Street Aberfeldy**  
The Watermill Gallery, Aberfeldy is pleased to be holding an exhibition of works by R.B Kitaj. In Our Time: Covers for a Small Library After the Life for the Most Part is a portfolio of 50 screenprints, produced by Kitaj in 1969. A painter and graphic artist, Kitaj, who lived in London, is often referred to as one of the most prominent figures in the pop art movement.

Tel: 01887 822896 The Watermill, Mill Street, Aberfeldy.  
[www.aberfeldywatermill.com](http://www.aberfeldywatermill.com)

**Sunday 15th February 10.30am - 4.30pm**  
**Framing on a Budget with Peter Barr (Workshop)**  
**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**  
Learn to frame all types of artwork on a realistic budget using simple but reliable methods. You will be taken through each stage of framing. Peter will also cover dry-mounting, box frames, making your own mouldings and stringing tapestries. £48 Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail  
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**Sunday 15th February 2.30pm**  
**Music in Blair Atholl**  
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**Thursday 19th February**  
**MISTER LONELY - Heartland Film Society**  
**The Locus Centre Aberfeldy.**  
In Paris, a young American who works as a Michael Jackson look-alike meets 'Marilyn Monroe'. She invites him to her commune in Scotland, where she lives with 'Charlie Chaplin' and her daughter 'Shirley Temple'. Mr Lonely is a fascinating film not given the attention it deserves.  
UK Scotland/France/USA 2007 Certificate 15, 112 mins  
Tel:01887 830307 [www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.heartlandfilmsociety.org.uk)

**Friday 20th February 7.30 - 10pm**  
**Country Dancing**  
**Kynachan Hall Country Dancing - Tummel Bridge**  
Beginners welcome - you don't need a partner and you get a cup of tea! £4 per evening or £20 for all sessions.

**Friday 20th February 7.30pm**  
**Music in Rannoch - Fires of Love - Renaissance music on authentic instruments.**  
**The Old Church of Rannoch**

Tickets are available on the door about £7.50.

**Friday 20th February 7.30pm**

**Mozartissimo - An Evening of Mozart Opera - Swansea City Opera**

**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Performed in elaborate, classical costumes, with informative and witty dialogue presented by Brendan Wheatley in his own inimitable style, this delightful SCO production charts

Mozart's life, loves and operas. Tickets £15 - £17

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**Saturday 21st February 7.30pm**

**L'Elisir d'Amore - Swansea City Opera**

**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

On the second evening of their Pitlochry visit, Swansea City Opera will perform their latest production: L'Elisir d'Amore or The Elixir of Love by Donizetti. Popular since its première in Milan in 1832, this charming comedy has delighted audiences throughout the world. It tells of the peasant Nemorino, who takes some magic elixir sold to him by a quack doctor so that he can win the heart of a wealthy land-owner, who (to spite Nemorino) has announced her marriage to a sergeant.

Performed in English by SCO's ensemble of fine singers and the renowned SCO orchestra, this is a must-see for opera lovers everywhere. Tickets £18 - £20 Tel Box Office 01796

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**Monday 23rd February 7.30pm**

**'Mountains matter:**

**The Tryst. Pitlochry**

Talk by Martin Price to the Moulin & Pitlochry History Circle.. Visitors welcome £2.

**Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th February 10,30am - 4.30pm**

**Introduction to drawing in Inks and Pencils. with Hugh Scott (Workshop)**

**Pitlochry Festival Theatre**

Discover and improve your drawing skills, including how to produce new effects in both pencil and inks. £88 Tel Box Office 01796 484626 E/Mail [boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@pitlochry.org.uk)

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**25 - 28 February 7.30pm**

**SCDA Festival**

**Birnam Institute Birnam**

The Scottish Community Drama Festival is coming to Birnam Arts, and will present a mix of one act plays from adult and youth drama groups throughout the Perthshire district.

Saturday 28th February is when the competition winners will be announced but each night each play is given an

adjudication by Ron Nicol, a highly respected playwright and adjudicator. Tickets £7 & £8 (Concessions £5) Telephone -

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**Thursday 26th February 7.30pm**

**Susan Payne: Suits You**

**The Tryst Lounge, Pitlochry**

a talk by Susan Payne. members free Visitors £3.00

**Friday 27th February 7.30 - 10pm**

**Country Dancing**

**Kynachan Hall Country Dancing - Tummel Bridge**

Beginners welcome - you don't need a partner and you get a cup of tea! £4 per evening or £20 for all sessions.

**NB We try to make sure all the information we post is accurate, but please check directly with the venue concerned before committing yourself.**

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