

Nordic Voices

A new international multi-arts festival in Hexham

8th - 22nd May 2018

The first-ever Nordic Voices Festival is a celebration of the culture which binds countries across the North Sea together. Following the recent Sankta Lucia, Hexham again plays host to artists of international fame. Relaxing or resonating, we hope you will find something here to bring Nordic culture closer to your heart.



PROGRAMME



Tuesday 8 May / 19.45 / Forum Cinema

Film: Wild Strawberries/ Smultronstället (Swe, 1957) 93 mins

One of Ingmar Bergman's warmest films, Wild Strawberries follows an ageing professor as he ponders the nature of existence whilst travelling through Sweden to receive an honorary award from his alma mater. With illuminating introduction.

► Tickets £5.75 available from Forum Cinema

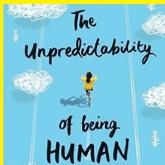


Thursday 10 May / 19.30 / Queen's Hall, Hexham

Concert Methera: Strange Lovers

Methera is a unique ensemble: a string quartet with roots firmly planted in English traditional music. Mats Rehnman is an internationally acclaimed storyteller, a fond face on the British storytelling scene and a pioneer of the renaissance of the art form in his home country Sweden. STRANGE LOVERS is a glorious example of new folk music interwoven with stories of unexpected love stretching the boundaries of normality in the unification of two art forms.

► Ticket £10 (£8)

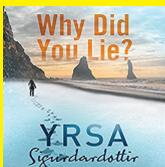


Saturday 12 May / 16.30 (Age 12+) / Cogito Books

Children's Book Group

The Unpredictability of Being Human by Norwegian author Linni Ingemundsen

► Free event and books available to buy from Cogito Books - 01434 602555



Wednesday 16 May / 19.30 / Cogito Books

Crime Book Group

Nordic Noir by one of the queens of Nordic crime - Iceland's Yrsa Sigurdardottir - with a novel centred on disparate individuals who are all destined to become the victims of obsessive retribution.

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Wednesday 16 May / 20.00 / Hexham Abbey

Concert: Nordic Fiddlers Bloc

Nordic Fiddlers Bloc is a dynamic trio of musicians from Norway, Sweden and the Shetland Isles. With a firm focus on the rich traditional fiddle music, their clever use of harmony, rhythm, riffs and bass lines creates a sound that leaves the listener enthralled but at the same time dumbfounded that the sound comes from only three fiddles.

► Tickets £10 (£8)

Tickets for films available from Forum Cinema Hexham 01434 601144 or forumhexham.com, all other events from Queen's Hall Box Office 01434 652477 or www.queenshall.co.uk
Concessions: 60+ years, under 25, unaged. Except for storytelling workshop all events free to under 13 years.

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Friday 18 May / 18.00 / Hexham Library, Queen's Hall

Steffi Knowles-Dellner - Author Talk and Book Signing

Lagom - The Swedish art of living harmoniously. A simple and elegant representation of true Swedish cooking. Stockholm-born cookery writer Steffi Knowles-Dellner paints a picture of the food she grew up with in over 100 recipes, celebrating fresh and seasonal produce at their heart.

► Tickets £6



Friday 18 May / 18.00 - 21.00 / Hexham Abbey Refectory Café

Nordic Food Night

Enjoy the delights of Scandinavian cuisine with a special Nordic Voices pop-up restaurant. For two nights only, the Refectory at Hexham Abbey will serve up a Smorgasbord of delights. Diners can enjoy a 6 course tasting menu, moving through traditional favourites such as Gravad lax, Fläsksteg and meatballs, then onto cheese, and some wonderful desserts such as Kladdkaka, the quintessential Swedish chocolate cake.



Friday 18 May / 19.30 / Hexham Abbey

Kottos, with Bjarke Mogensen.

A quartet from Denmark with an unusual line-up - cello, recorder, accordion and bouzouki - brings a unique setting of works and arrangements by classical favourites such as Vivaldi, Grieg, Bartok and Piazzola. KOTTOS describe their own compositions as "folk music from a place that does not exist" and this concert enhances the classical pieces with a perspective of folk songs and dances from very specific places.

► Tickets £10 (£8)



Saturday 19 May / 10.30 Cogito Books / 14.45 Hexham Library, Queen's Hall

Storytelling with Dominic Kelly

The Invisibility Hat - join Dominic Kelly on a storytelling journey through mystery, suspense and a great deal of fun. On the way you'll gain invaluable knowledge: what to do should you ever come face to face with a troll...

► Free but ticketed events



Saturday 19 May / 14.00 / Hexham Library, Queen's Hall

The Apples of Immortality and other Norse Tales

The Apples of Immortality and other Norse Tales, dramatised by the Queen's Hall Adult Drama Group and children from Wark CE School, with live music from the Hexham Village Band. Fun-filled storytelling for all the family. Directed by Sarah Kemp and David Oliver

► Free but ticketed event



PROGRAMME continued



Saturday 19 May / 15.45-16.45 / Hexham Library, Queen's Hall

Storytelling workshop with Dominic Kelly

Join Dominic for a very special storytelling one-hour workshop (for ages 7+) where you will learn a basic toolkit of techniques for getting to know and telling a story, through a series of fun, interactive games and activities.

▶ £5 per child (places limited)



Saturday 19 May / 18.00-21.00 / Hexham Abbey Refectory Café

Nordic Food Night

If you missed it last night . . . or want to come again!



Saturday 19 May / 19.30 / Hexham Abbey

Concert: Tynedale Community Choir

North Tyne Voices with Dominic Kelly and Kersti Ståbi

The final concert of the festival brings together choirs, cultures, and languages with songs in all the Nordic languages including Faroese. The concert will close with a roof-raising rendition of Sibelius' great hymn to freedom - Finlandia. Throughout the concert Dominic and Kersti, a renowned Swedish folk singer, give you a glimpse into Sweden's culture and landscape through its extraordinary folk legends and traditional songs.

▶ Tickets £8 (£6)



Tuesday 22 May / 19.45 / Forum Cinema Hexham

Film: The Hunt/ Jagten (Denmark 2012) 115 mins

Set in idyllic rural Denmark, Thomas Vinterberg's The Hunt sees a local community turn against an innocent schoolteacher, after he is wrongly accused of sexually abusing a child in his kindergarten class. Starring Mads Mikkelsen

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