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Best of the Fest

— a guide for alumni and friends

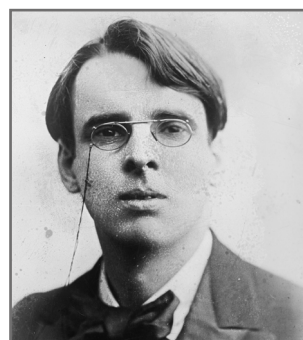


Friday 29th May 2015

Yeats in Scotland 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Linklater Rooms, University of Aberdeen

Marking 150 years since the birth of writer W.B. Yeats, Professor Cairns Craig, Head of School of Language and Literature, will give a lecture on Yeats in Scotland including the influence Sir Herbert Grierson, Professor of English at the University of Aberdeen, had on the Irishman's mature poetry. This event is free, but booking is required. Don't miss the WB Yeats exhibition in the MacRobert Building Foyer from 9.00-5.00pm each day during the Festival. This beautiful exhibition features material from the National Library of Ireland and is displayed here in Aberdeen courtesy of the Irish Consulate General in Scotland.



The Death Zone: Matt Dickinson 8.00pm – 9.00pm

King's College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

Matt Dickinson was only the fifth British climber to scale Everest's north face when he ascended its peak in 1996. His book and films provide an insight into the challenge he took on when he went to film a documentary for Channel 4 and National Geographic television.

Tickets cost: £6 (£4 concession)



Saturday 30th May 2015

Student v Alumni Sports Day 12.00pm – 3.00pm

King's Playing Field, University of Aberdeen

Alumni are invited to come back to campus to take part in this year's Student v Alumni Sports Day. We need alumni participants for seven sports: fencing, football, women's lacrosse, men's lacrosse, netball, rugby and tennis. For more information or to register for a team please visit: abdn.ac.uk/sportsday Tickets cost: £10 and includes your sports registration, souvenir t-shirt and goody bag. **Please register by April 30.**



Don't want to play in a team? Come along and cheer on your fellow alumni! There will be come and try sessions for all the family as well as an exhibition in the Elphinstone Hall foyer, celebrating the 125th anniversary of the formation of the original University of Aberdeen Athletics Association. The exhibition encompasses images and artefacts, past and present, which showcase our sporting greats, teams, facilities and the important part sport has played in the life of the University and its students.

General Council Statutory Meeting 2.00pm – 4.00pm

King's College Conference Centre, University of Aberdeen

As members of the General Council you are invited to take part in a conversation with our panel of experts who will bring to life the recent work supported by the Aberdeen Humanities Fund. Learn how this exciting initiative fosters leading research in the humanities so as to enrich the cultural life of the University, the city and the surrounding region. The Statutory Meeting will include a report from the Convenor of the Business Committee and General Council notices. Afternoon tea will be served in the James MacKay Hall following the event.

This event is free, but booking is required. Please email Lynne Black at alumni@abdn.ac.uk or telephone +44(0)1224 273234.

Saturday 30th May 2015

Making a Splash: Patrick Miley 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Aberdeen Sports Village

Patrick Miley, father and coach of Commonwealth gold-medallist Hannah, will give an insight into the highs and lows of sport, the secret of being a successful coach and how the Mileys find a balance between their personal and professional relationships. The talk will also include interview clips with Hannah, specially filmed for this event. Tickets cost: £3 and early booking is recommended.



David Mitchell 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Arts Lecture Theatre

David Mitchell is a dazzlingly talented novelist, described in the Independent as 'one of the most brilliantly inventive writers of this or any other country.' His many awards include the South Bank Show Literature Prize and he has twice been shortlisted for the Booker (most recently for his latest novel The Bone Clocks). His novel Cloud Atlas was adapted for film (starring Tom Hanks and Halle Berry). Tickets cost: £6 (£4 concession)



Sunday 31st May 2015

Director's Cut with Roger Michell 3.00pm – 4.30pm

King's College Conference Centre

Find out what it's like to direct Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant. Roger Michell discusses making films such as Notting Hill in this Director's Cut event with audience Q&A, hosted by Professor Alan Marcus. www.abdn.ac.uk/directorscut Tickets cost: £6 (£4 concession)



Ogston Music Prize Recital 4.00pm – 5.00pm

King's College Chapel, University of Aberdeen

Please note change of date and time from printed programme!

The Ogston Music Prize is an annual event in Aberdeen celebrating the most talented young musicians at the University of Aberdeen. This recital will feature 2015 winners, Alison Ewan and Ellen Smith, and a selection of past recipients. Come and witness some of the brightest and best music students in the country. Tickets cost: £6 (£4 concession)

Don't miss: Hall of Mayhem! Drop in Events for Children 10.00am – 4.00pm Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen

Don't miss: Wild Wood Forage 1.00pm – 4.00pm Seaton Park, Don Street, Aberdeen