Beyond Borders
Cultural Programme 2017

Including the programme for the
Beyond Borders International Festival
26 - 27 August 2017
Welcome

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Founder & Executive Director

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Introduction

Beyond Borders International Festival
26 & 27 August

Travel beyond borders and join us in the tranquil setting of Traquair House in the Scottish Borders to explore world cultures, new ideas and peoples at this eclectic international festival of debate, books, art, film, music and nature.

Box Office: 0131 557 7775 or www.beyondbordersscotland.com

Tickets:
Weekend pass - £49
Day pass - £26
Walled Garden day pass - £12
Individual events - £9
Walks and cycle rides - £6
Students & Concessions 20% discount
Children go free

Join us for a weekend of panel discussions and debates exploring world cultures and new ideas in the tranquil setting of Traquair House. Whether it’s to meet an author, take a storytelling walk around the grounds of Traquair, cycle the banks of the River Tweed, or to engage with a host of international writers, artists, and diplomats on some of the most pressing issues of our time, there is something for everyone in this year’s programme.

New in 2017, we are pleased to announce the addition of a Music and Arts Programme, which will take place in Traquair’s Walled Garden, and will showcase visual and performing art, music, meditation, and yoga from around the world, as well as offering space for smaller discussion sessions with a range of speakers from the Festival’s Main Tent programme. With special thanks to Clouds Property Management.

Well-being at the Beyond Borders International Festival
Take a break and unwind with some well-being events at this year’s Beyond Borders International Festival: cycle the banks of the River Tweed, take part in a storytelling or foraging walk in the countryside surrounding Traquair House, learn about Ayurveda with Ajanta Kaza, or drop in to our Yurt for ‘Raja Yoga’ meditation with Rajesh Rai.

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Poems from Calais (Yew Trees) | 4:00-4:20pm
Dame Harriet Walter reads poetry written by refugees living in the Calais Jungle.

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Palmyra: An exploration of revenge, the politics of destruction, and what we consider barbaric.
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Two performers – one Greek, one French – dance and shout, cry and sing, agree and disagree, about life in the Eurohouse.

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The Rise of the Outsiders: Democratic Politics All Shook Up

From Brexit to Trump and the rise of Jeremy Corbyn widely held assumptions about politics are being challenged across the democratic world. Do the outsiders have much in common? The writer and broadcaster, Steve Richards, searches for answers and tries to make sense of a political world in turmoil.

6:50-7:30pm | Clouds Marquee
Memories of Partition is an artistic response to the traumatic legacy of the 1947 Indian/Pakistan partition. The exhibition explores the complicated histories of India, Pakistan, and Britain, and challenges the understanding of national borders, national memory, and national storytelling.

Photographic exhibition *A Window on My Iran* hopes to tackle misconceptions about life in Iran by shedding light on everyday Iran and Iranians – giving us a window into their world.

An exhibition of Sri Lankan art by Radhika Hettiarachchi.

An exhibition of paintings by the late Caroline McNairn created as a result of many years of cultural exchange in Russia.

Meet extraordinary female peace activists from South Asia and the MENA region.

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The Stabilisation and Recovery Network
The Testimony Tent

We live in what has been called the age of the witness. 24/7 news brings an immediacy of images and words from the front lines of war, conflict and genocide. But the packages that make it onto the news and online are one form of testimony. There are many others. The Testimony Tent is a space for people to tell their stories and to reflect on the stories that are told. Meg Jensen has pioneered the use of expressive writing to help survivors of sexual violence in conflict in places like Kirkuk in Iraq find their voice and tell their story. States have stories, as do individuals. Brian Brivati reflects on the next stage of the story of Iraq and looks at the narrative of genocide to ask ‘when does it end?’ Nadine Saba is co-founder of the Akkar NGO that creates safe spaces for women in Lebanon and has contributed two of the short films being shown in the Testimony Tent. Her films are glimpses into the everyday lives and everyday stories of refugees. They are part of the larger Day in their Shoes project. This features a set of six films made by human rights workers. Each of these stories is about the lives of people living between states. Ghassan Jawad is the last optimist in Baghdad. In 2016 his story appeared in an essay and a new edition of that essay has been published for the Beyond Borders Festival. It tells the story of a remarkable man and his struggle to help his country.

Saturday 26 August

10:00-10:30am  Expressive Writing and Listening
The Power of Testimony – Dr Meg Jensen

10:30-11:30am  Films free to watch

11:30am  Testimony: When Does Genocide End
Iraq: the Day After Daesh – Dr Brian Brivati

12:45-2:00pm  Films free to watch

2:00pm  A Day in Their Shoes
A short talk on the films with reflections from Nadine Saba on the work of Akkar and the stories of the women they work with.

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**Cross-Line of Control**

- Disaster: The Common Enemy (2016)
- Faith Divided: Spirituality Caught in Conflict (2014)
- A Journey Through the River Visata (2012)

**Discussion Sessions:**

- **‘A journey through river Vitasta’ Conversation with the filmmakers**
  Speakers - Muhammad Arif Urfi, Pawan Bali, Mohammad Irfan Dar, Dr. Mohsin Shakil
  Saturday 26 August | 1.35 – 2:00pm

- **Why the production of Cross-Line of Control films is significant**
  Speakers - Muhammad Arif Urfi, Pawan Bali, Mohammad Irfan Dar, Dr. Mohsin Shakil
  Saturday 26 August | 5.30 – 6:00pm

- **Gender sensitive peacebuilding in Kashmir**
  Panel Chair – Jonathan Cohen
  Speakers – Ezabir Ali, Atia Anwar
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4:10-4:40pm  |  Clouds Marquee

**Reem Kelani**

Listen to the sounds of Palestine with singer and musician Reem Kelani as she plays a beautiful selection of songs from the Arab world, accompanied by the masterful Bruno Heinen on piano.

6:10-6:50pm  |  Clouds Marquee

**The Rise of the Outsiders: Democratic Politics All Shook Up**

From Brexit to Trump and the rise of Jeremy Corbyn widely held assumptions about politics are being challenged across the democratic world. Do the outsiders have much in common? The writer and broadcaster, Steve Richards, searches for answers and tries to make sense of a political world in turmoil.

6:50-7:30pm  |  Clouds Marquee
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The 1325 Fellowship will support women peacemakers around the world through the building of a sustainable community of female activists working in mediation and dialogue, and reconciliation, and features renowned facilitators, mediators and specialists. Building on successful Fellowships involving women from Libya, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Turkey and Palestine throughout 2016 and early 2017, the 2017/18 Fellowships will continue to involve women from the MENA region, and will also expand its geographical scope to include women from South Asia, and Central and South America. The Fellowship is run with the support of the Scottish Government, and assistance of the United Nations.
The annual Beyond Borders Film Festival exhibits documentary-style films about individuals and communities caught in conflict; shedding light on themes often overlooked by mainstream media; empowering and challenging audiences to engage with what they have seen.

The Film Festival includes Q&A discussions following the screenings, offering the chance to talk to filmmakers about their work, and the experiences of those captured on screen, and to debate the topics at hand in a forum for open discussion.
Gandhi

This acclaimed biographical drama explores the life of Mohandas (Mahatma) Gandhi, the Indian leader who stood against British rule of his country. Dedicated to non-violent resistance, Gandhi (Ben Kingsley) is initially dismissed by officials, including the influential Lord Irwin (John Gielgud), but over time his cause gains international renown, and his gatherings of passive protest move India towards independence. Directed by Richard Attenborough.

23rd August | 7pm

Garam Hava (‘Scorching Winds’)

Urdu with English Subtitles. The first film to deal with the human consequences of the 1947 partition of India, Garam Hava focuses on the plight of a North Indian Muslim businessman who, in the months after Gandhi’s assassination in 1948, wrestles over whether to join many others in moving his family to Pakistan, or remain in India. Directed by M.S. Sathyu, this controversial film remains one of the most poignant examinations of the post-partition flight of Muslims in India.

24th August | 7pm

The Journey Within

English/Urdu with subtitles. This award-winning docu-film details the origins of the Coke Studio – a Pakistani music show dedicated to reclaiming the rich musical heritage of the country. In a post 9/11 Pakistan full of conflict, the Coke Studio has grown from humble beginnings to become a major initiative that brings together a variety of musical genres, with artists creating music that resonates both within Pakistan and across the globe. Directed by Mian Adnan Ahmad. The film will be followed by a Q & A.

25th August | 7pm

Rule of Law Lecture 2017

The annual Edinburgh Rule of Law Lecture is a join venture between the Faculty of Advocates and the Bar Council of England and Wales, facilitated by Beyond Borders Scotland.

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Beyond Borders Scotland works closely with the Scottish Parliament’s Festival of Politics to curate panel discussions as part of their annual festival on a wide variety of global themes, such as the Arab Spring, the impact of cultural dialogue, and conflict resolution.

19 – 21 October | Scottish Parliament
Associated Shows at Summerhall

Your Love Is Fire  
(Collective Encounter / Collective Ma’louba) This production, directed by Rafat Alzakout, will be the world premiere of the new play by young Syrian author Mudar Alhaggi. It tells the story of a young writer and his inability to take a clear stance and break his silence in view of the horrible crimes and violence committed in his country. It’s an honest, complex account of daily life in the midst of the Syrian war that avoids simple stories of heroes and victims. Alhaggi explores the question of exile from a new perspective – the physical exile of leaving Syria for Europe and the internal exile of detachment and speechlessness.

2-27 August | 11:30am
Main Hall | 14+

Chill Habibi  
(Kenmure Productions) A cabaret with the best performance that Egypt, Syria, Palestine, Morocco and Scotland have to offer! Come relax and enjoy an eclectic mix of theatre, comedy, dance, music, and otherness from the Arab World, along with new work and collaborations from established and new Scottish voices, including David Greig, Julia Taudevin and Karl Sharro. 2017 has been a lot, and to tell you the truth, it’s not been easy for the Arab World either, so kick back, have a beer, have a dance, hear some stories, and just chill habibi.

4-27 August | 9:30pm
The Library Gallery | 18+

Taha  
(Amer Hlehel) Taha Muhammad Ali (1931-2011) was a much-loved Palestinian poet. His work documents hopeful survival after 50 years of loss – loss of his home, his lover, his friends and his shop in Saffuriyeh in Galilee. Adapted from Adina Hoffman’s biography of Taha, “My Happiness Bears No Relation to Happiness” and based on the poet’s works, writer-performer Amer Hlehel has created a tour-de-force solo performance interweaving Taha’s singular and exquisite poetry with his compelling life’s journey. Directed by Amir Nizar Zuabi.

2-13 August | 11:50am
Demonstration Room | PG
Ramy: In the Frontline
75 minutes

(Viirus Theatre/From Start to Finish) Tahrir Square, 2011. The Arab Spring. 22-year old Ramy Essam stood singing battle songs with hundreds of thousands of other protesters, insisting on the resignation of President Mubarak. He became an iconic representation of the Egyptian people. Since then the violent events of the revolution have had a drastic impact on Ramy’s life and values. Today he is exiled in Finland and Sweden, where he was offered sanctuary. He now tours internationally with his songs about democracy and peace. This is a live report where the audience gets to meet Ramy and bears witness to his testimony.

2-13 August | 8:40pm
Red Lecture Theatre | 16+

Hero
60 minutes

(Rokkur Friggjar) What drives young people to join violent organizations? How does the atmosphere in which we grow up change us as people? A show about the effects constant propaganda has on young people, focusing on war propaganda in particular. It follows eight youths through 10 years of their lives, seeing how their relationships, dreams and plans are affected by a war that rages around them. The show explores the fear of The Other, anything that’s different from what we are used to. In this case, The Other is a nation with whom our protagonists are at war.

4-14 August | 10:00am
Upper Church | 14+

Becoming Scheherazade
50 minutes

(The Thief of Baghdad) Magic and reality collide as one British Arab navigates the voyages of Sindbad and tries to make sense of his own family’s migration from Iraq to the UK. This absorbing, moving, funny tale, full of unexpected twists and turns, is the first iteration of a project aiming to collect 1,001 stories from Arabs living in the West, to create a contemporary parallel of the 1,001 Arabian Nights stories.

2-27 August | 3:00pm | Anatomy Lecture Theatre | PG
Associated Shows

Theatre at Summerhall

The Sky is Safe
60 minutes

(Dogstar) They meet on an Istanbul street: she a Syrian refugee, he a privileged westerner. What follows is an intimate yet epic story of identity and power, choice and its absence, a story of beauty, brutality and love. Writer and performer Matthew Zajac and director Ben Harrison, creators of the multi award-winning The Tailor of Inverness, combine with composer Pippa Murphy, video artist Tim Reid and Syrian designer and artist Nihad Al Turk.

2-27 August | 7:45pm
Main Hall | 12+

Palmyra
55 minutes

(Bertrand Lesca & Nasi Voutas) Following the success of their debut show Eurohouse, Bert & Nasi return to Edinburgh with Palmyra, an exploration of revenge, the politics of destruction and what we consider to be barbaric. Palmyra invites people to step back from the news, looking at what lies beneath, and beyond, civilization. In 2016, Bert & Nasi were nominated for a Total Theatre Award for Innovation, Experimentation and Playing with Form.

2-13 August | 1:15pam
Old Lab | 14+

Visual Arts at Summerhall

Return In Search of Stillness

(Annoushka Hempel) Drawing from artists that have participated in editions of the Colombo Art Biennale since its inception in 2009, ‘Return: in search of stillness’ presents multi-media visual representation by ten artists and four projects from Sri Lanka and Sri Lankan collaboration to deliver a visual trajectory of catharsis, displacement, exit and stillness. The exhibition is curated by Annoushka Hempel.

2-24 August | Sciennes Gallery
Beyond Borders Scotland: About us

Beyond Borders is a non-profit organisation, dedicated to facilitating dialogue and international cultural exchange.

Beyond Borders works across several different mediums including literature, performing arts, visual arts, heritage, film, politics and dialogue. It uses Scotland’s unique heritage as a platform for promoting greater understanding between different countries, peoples and cultures.

Project & Dialogue work

Drawing on the expertise of a wide network of experienced statesmen and women, political and legal practitioners, mediators, academics, facilitators and trainers, Beyond Borders offers a range of services on constitutional and international cross-border matters.

Constitutional and Devolution Study Tours
Throughout the year, we facilitate a number of Constitutional and Devolution Study Tours, which explore the Scottish and UK systems of government and seek to use the Scottish experience of devolution as a form of conflict resolution. These programmes can be delivered both abroad and in the UK at the Westminster or Scottish Parliaments. Most recently, we have hosted delegations from Iraq, Kurdistan, Oman and Bahrain, amongst others.

NGO Partnerships
Beyond Borders works with a number of NGOs in order to facilitate its dialogue initiatives. These include the John Smith Trust, the Democratic Progress Institute, the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Conciliation Resources, and Beyond Conflict, amongst others.

Residential Fellowship Programmes
Beyond Borders also curates international residential fellowship programmes on mediation, dialogue and cultural diplomacy processes. In 2016, Beyond Borders supported a partnership between the United Nations and the Scottish Government, which brought 10 members of the Syrian Women’s Advisory Board to Scotland for four days of talks. Building upon this and 2015’s inaugural Women in Conflict Peace Fellowship, this year’s 1325 Fellowship supports female peacemakers from conflict-affected regions around the world through the building of a sustainable community of women activists working in mediation, dialogue, and reconciliation (see p. 39 for more information).
Howford House Retreat Centre

Beyond Borders works closely with the Howford House Retreat Centre to host its fellowship programmes. Howford House, on the Traquair Estate in the Scottish Borders, benefits from Traquair House’s tranquil and stunning surroundings and rich cultural and political history. This unique setting creates a private and safe environment for dialogue and experience-sharing retreats, with the opportunity for quiet contemplation on walks and cycle rides, and to relax through meditation and yoga led by the Malvern Bhavan - Centre for Mediation & Enlightened Living.

For more information on our international project work, please visit www.beyondbordersscotland.com
Beyond Borders works closely with Traquair House and all its staff and would like to thank them all for their contribution towards making the Beyond Borders International Festival a success each year.
The Rt Hon. the Lord Browne of Ladyton was a Labour MP from 1997 to 2010 and a member of the Cabinet under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, serving as both Defence and Scottish Secretary until 2008. He also served as a minister in Northern Ireland and has extensive experience in conflict resolution, and Scottish constitutional and legal affairs.

The Rt Hon. The Lord Campbell of Pittenweem was the MP for North East Fife from 1987 until 2015 and was Leader of the Liberal Democrats from early 2006 until October 2007. He is also a prominent advocate, Chancellor of the University of St. Andrews and was in successful Olympic athlete. He has extensive experience of foreign affairs.

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws QC is one of Britain’s most distinguished lawyers. She has spent her professional life championing civil liberties and promoting human rights. Baroness Kennedy is also a former Chair of the British Council and a trustee of the British Museum with enormous experience of international cultural affairs.

Sir Kieran Prendergast is a seasoned British diplomat, who was born in Scotland, and served as Ambassador in Zimbabwe, Kenya and Turkey from 1997 until 2005 when he became Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs at the UN. In 2005 Kofi Annan thanked him for his “outstanding service” and “invaluable advice”. He is currently a Senior Advisor to the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva.

The Rt Hon. Angus Robertson MP is a Scottish National Party Member of Parliament for Moray, having first been elected in 2001. Robertson is the Shadow SNP Westminster Group Leader (Constitution) and the SNP Westminster Leader, and retains an abiding interest in small nation dialogue.

Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill is the Chair of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and President of Scottish Opera. Her other positions include being an Advisory Council Member of the Russo-British Chamber of Commerce and a Trustee of the Mariinsky Theatre Trust. She has unparalleled experience of Scottish cultural affairs.
The Rt Hon. the Lord Steel of Aikwood KT KBE DL is a Liberal Democrat peer. He was leader of the Liberal Party from 1976 until 1988 and the first Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament between 1999 and 2003. Both he and his wife Judy are strong supporters of the arts in the Borders. He retains a deep interest in African affairs.

Beyond Borders Friends

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Beyond Borders Scotland’s Work at Traquair House

Beyond Borders Scotland welcomes contributions towards the International Festival. This support would directly contribute towards elements of the Festival programme, allowing us to further enhance the local and international scope of the speakers and events. This support would additionally enable us to develop fellowship programmes that would allow artists, writers and peacemakers from around the world the opportunity to participate in the Festival, as well as the use of Howford House as a retreat centre as a private, safe space for mediation and dialogue work.

For information about how you can make a contribution, please see the enclosed inlet or speak to a member of the Beyond Borders team.

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Sir Kieran Prendergast, Former Head of the UN Department of Political Affairs