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The background of the lower half of the image is a blue-tinted photograph of an orchestra pit. The pit is filled with various musical instruments, including brass, woodwinds, and strings. The seating is arranged in a semi-circle, and the overall atmosphere is one of a grand musical performance space.

40 YEARS
OF GREAT
MUSIC



We can't possibly include all shows we have coming up in 2019, so the following are select highlights with full details available on our website.

We launch our celebrations with a who's who of singer songwriters and musicians, brought together for the first time by Scotland's foremost fiddle player, **John McCusker**. In **Southside of the Tracks: 40 years of traditional music at The Queen's Hall** on 12 Jan a house band of John McCusker, James Mackintosh, Ian Carr, Ewen Vernal, Michael McGoldrick and Louis Abbott (Admiral Fallow) will be joined by (so far) Roddy Woomble (Idlewild), Kathleen MacInnes, Phil Cunningham, Adam Holmes, Daoiri Farrell, Heidi Talbot and Rachel Sermanni with more special guests to be confirmed.

For jazz fans we're delighted to present four events curated by **Tommy Smith**. Europe's leading jazz saxophonist, composer and educator teams up with **Square One** (18 Apr), **Brian Kellock** and the **Fergus McCreadie Trio** (13 Jun) and the **Alan Benzie Trio** and the **Tommy Smith Youth Jazz Orchestra All Stars** later in the year. We welcome **The BBC Big Band feat Claire Martin OBE** on 30 Mar for an evening of feel-good music made famous by Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and other female jazz legends.

QH has a long history of working with talented young performers through our partnership with the **City of Edinburgh Music School** (CEMS) and the **Resonate** series of concerts with the City of Edinburgh Council. We have a very special event on 4 Mar – **Homecoming 2: The Return of Mackay's Memoirs**. Celebrating the 20th anniversary of **Martyn Bennett's** commemorative piece, four of the original musicians will perform this stunning composition

alongside pupils from CEMS. And we have a real coup for the members of **Edinburgh Schools Jazz Orchestra** during this year's Resonate series (14 Mar) as they get a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to open for **Naturally 7**, America's foremost a cappella group who have shared a stage with Michael Bubl  and Coldplay.

To celebrate our opening on **6 July** we're honoured to present multi-award-winning pianist **Steven Osborne** and one of the world's finest cellists **Alban Gerhardt** with a programme of Schumann, Brahms, De Falla, Debussy and Ravel. Other classical highlights during the year include **Winterplay** on 16 Feb, a one-day festival of beautiful chamber music directed by **Susan Tomes**.

And looking towards **the Fringe** we're tickled to welcome back **Henning Wehn** for another extended run and to once again host the acclaimed **Blue Rose Code** with their sell-out show **This is Caledonian Soul**.

Watch out for updates to the programme in early 2019 and throughout the year, including details of our partnership with **Neu! Reekie!** on **11 May** by following us on social media and signing up to our newsletter on our website.

THE SCO AND THE QUEEN'S HALL

The Queen's Hall opened as a rehearsal and performance space for the Scottish Chamber Orchestra (alongside the Scottish Baroque Ensemble (now the Scottish Ensemble) and the Scottish Philharmonic Singers). 40 years later, the SCO still call QH home so we're delighted that they have chosen to dedicate their concert on 24 October to our anniversary. Full details available shortly.

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Some of the 2019 highlights

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| Sat 12 Jan | Southside of the Tracks: 40 years of traditional music at The Queen's Hall |
| Fri 18 Jan | Neil & Liam Finn |
| Mon 21 Jan | New Town Concerts: Arod Quartet (first of 2019 concerts) |
| Thu 24 Jan | East Neuk Festival: Christian Zacharias |
| Tue 5 Feb | Dunedin Consort: Apollo & Daphne (first of 2019 concerts) |
| Thu 7 Feb | Jazz Scotland: Belgian Jazz |
| Sat 9 Feb | Jimeoin |
| Tue 12 Feb | Scottish Ensemble: Babel (first of 2019 concerts) |
| Sat 16 Feb | Winterplay |
| Sat 23 Feb | Dolly Alderton (Everything I Know About Love) |
| Fri 1 Mar | Collabro |
| Sat 2 Mar | The Edinburgh Highland Reel & Strathspey Society annual concert |
| Sun 3 Mar | Edinburgh Quartet: Island Verses (first of 2019 concerts) |
| Mon 4 Mar | Homecoming 2: The Return of Mackay's Memoirs |
| Sun 10 Mar | Midge Ure |
| Thu 14 Mar | Naturally 7 with Edinburgh Schools Jazz Orchestra |
| Sat 23 Mar | SNJO present Norse Myths with Arild Andersen and Paolo Vinaccia |
| Fri 29 Mar | UFO final tour |
| Sat 30 Mar | BBC Big Band feat Claire Martin OBE |
| Fri 5 Apr | Hairy Bikers |
| Sun 7 Apr | Jenna Reid and Harris Playfair with Mr McFall's Chamber |
| Wed 10 Apr | Julian Clary |
| Fri 12 Apr | Wilko Johnson with Glenn Tillbrook |
| Thu 18 Apr | Tommy Smith Sextet with Square One |
| Sun 21 Apr | Lake Street Dive |
| Fri 10 May | Tim Garland |
| Sat 11 May | Neu! Reekie! |
| Thu 13 Jun | Tommy Smith & Brian Kellock plus Fergus McCreadie Trio (other guests tbc) |
| Sat 6 Jul | 40th Anniversary Concert: Steven Osborne and Alban Gerhardt |
| 1-4, 8-11, 15-18, 22-25 Aug | Henning Wehn |
| Mon 19 Aug | This Is Caledonian Soul presented by Blue Rose Code |
| Thu 24 Oct | SCO: Anniversary concert |
| Sat 9 Nov | Edinburgh Light Orchestra annual concert |
| Fri 15 Nov | Ardal O'Hanlon |

NINA SIMONE | AZTEC CAMERA | THE PIXIES | BLUR
 EVELYN GLENNIE | NICK CAVE | ADELE | JACK BRUCE
 COURTNEY PINE | JOOLS HOLLAND | COLDPLAY
 DAVID BYRNE | DAVID LYNCH | NIGEL KENNEDY
 TORI AMOS | ELBOW | RANDY NEWMAN | SIGUR RÓS
 BILL HICKS | MARIANNE FAITHFUL | LENNY HENRY
 GARRISON KEILLOR | THE FALL | MARC ALMOND
 BEN ELTON | HUMPHREY LYTTTELTON | SPARKS
 PREFAB SPROUT | INSPIRAL CARPETS | JOHNNY VEGAS
 JOE JACKSON | FRANKIE BOYLE | IVOR CUTLER
 IAN RANKIN | ECHO & THE BUNNYMEN | AL STEWART
 TIM MINCHIN | PAUL CARRACK | HOWARD MARKS
 THE WATERBOYS | JEFF BUCKLEY | JOHN MARTYN



...just some of the great artists who've played here over the last 40 years. Were you there? Share your memories on social media or email info@queenshalledinburgh.org

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TIMELINE

1823

The Church of Newington & St Leonard's is founded.

1976

The church closes its doors to worshippers for the last time which coincided with a search by the Scottish Baroque Ensemble (now the Scottish Ensemble), the Scottish Philharmonic Singers and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra for performance and rehearsal spaces.

1977

An £850k appeal is launched to fund the conversion of the building into a concert hall.

1979

The Queen's Hall is officially opened by HM Queen Elizabeth II on 6 July 1979 and has been home to music worshippers ever since.