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Ghillie Dhu Musician Biographies

Ali Ferguson

Ali Ferguson is a 35 year old guitarist/singer from Edinburgh. He has been a professional musician from the age of 19 , performing and recording with many different artists, in many different genres.

He is currently lead guitarist for both legendary Scottish singer/songwriter Dougie Maclean and ex Genesis front man Ray Wilson, touring all over Europe and beyond performing in front of thousands of people every year and sharing stages with the likes of Simple Minds, Joan Armatrading, Stereophonics, Bonnie Tyler, Nazareth, Mott The Hoople, Rick Wakeman and Europe!

Aphtherwork

Aphtherwork are acoustic guitar driven duo from Midlothian who focus on playing a real intriguing mix of music ranging from the popular to the uncelebrated gems, all with their own unique sound. Concentrating mainly on covers ranging from Johnny Cash to 30 Seconds to Mars, the pair also like to experiment with their own material.

Athens

Athens are an exciting and versatile live band who inject fun and great music into any event, Comprised of the classic line-up of two guitars, bass and drums, each member of the band sings and their outstanding 3 part harmonies add a distinctive sound to their repertoire in a way few other bands can match. Their ever expanding set includes rock and pop classics from the 60's to present day packed with guaranteed floor fillers and sing along favourites, whatever the song their attention to detail is outstanding with a varied repertoire to suit all ages and tastes. The band is based in Edinburgh and have performed all over Scotland.

Callum Beattie

Callum Beattie is a 21yr old Edinburgh born singer songwriter who instantly charms with his musical talent. Callum has played hundreds of gigs across United Kingdom to as far a drift as regions of Italy. Due to his determination and love for songwriting he has achieved success in many levels from television appearances on skyl and sky2 to receiving the Forth One to Watch Award from Forth Radio. Callums songwriting has been hailed by great artists from Dizzy Rascal "Keep Calm and carry on.. is an anthem!" to Jamie Cullum, "Natural songwriter"



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Canongate Cadgers

One of Scotland's busiest bands the Cadgers travel all over the World playing at concerts & festivals promoting Celtic music. Have appeared on Television, produced 2 CD's and have played 5 consecutive years at T in the Park

Chris Agnew

Multi instrumentalist Chris can be mostly found playing bass guitar for Dougie MacLean and The Rezillos or up and coming rising stars William Douglas and Aaron Wright. Last year Chris played most of the UK's leading music festivals including Glastonbury and T In The Park. Also an accomplished solo artist, Chris enjoys singing an eclectic mix of hand picked songs leaving audiences crying for more.



Dead Man's Shoes

Leaving audiences gasping for breath DMS provide an exciting mix of classic and contemporary music, Dead Man's Shoes takes entertainment to a new level. With a repertoire boasting artists such as The Foo Fighters, Kasabian, The Killers, The Black Eyed Peas, Taio Cruz, Katy Perry, Paolo Nutini, Stevie Wonder and King's of Leon, the versatility of the band forms the basis of their universal appeal. The band is made up of some of the best session musicians from Ireland and Scotland

The current Dead Man's Shoes line-up includes Miles Goodwin, Chris Connor, Ruairidh MacDougall, Jono McFarlane and Chris Whitehouse

Radio One DJ Edith Bowman "one of the best if not the best cover bands in Scotland- just kick ass!"

The band have supported KT Tunstall, Franz Ferdinand and The Stereophonics.

Starsky and Hutch legend David Soul "these guys blew me away, 2 hours of sweaty rocking intensity- you can't miss them!"

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Freight

Playing covers from all corners of the spectrum and from the last 6 decades Freight have established themselves as a serious source to be reckoned with on the Scottish live music scene. Wowing audiences all over the country with diverse sets of upbeat classics from the likes of The Killers, Kings Of Leon and Cee Lo Green, Paulo Nutini, The Beatles, Johnny Cash, Supertramp and Rod Stewart, the boys can turn their hand to any popular style and are happy to take requests. With powerful vocals, scintillating harmonies, intricate guitar work and the odd flute or harmonica this band really put on a show to remember.

Freight play as a mesmerising duo (Adam Morris and Norval Barclay) or as a rocking four piece with drums (Graeme Kirkpatrick) and bass (Andy Northall). The band released the warmly received album of original tunes 'Songs From Inside' in 2006.

Jamie Scott

Jamie Scott is a real talent and a great find. With an HND in music Jamie is an all round musician and performer. Her repertoire is vast and delivered with the most amazing voice leaving audiences spellbound whenever she plays.

Jammy Devils



The Jammy Devils are a supremely talented Rock and pop band who play a diverse & exciting range of classic hits! Their energetic performances include songs from a wide variety of stars such as The Beatles, The Fratellis, T- Rex, Maroon 5, The Rolling stones, Crowded House, The Killers and many more.

The Jammy Devils set list is specifically tailored to keep people of all ages dancing all night! With such a huge repertoire of music to choose from, you can tailor their set to your personal taste, and still have the flexibility for the band to adapt requests on the night. The secret to their authentic reproduction of legendary classics from the 60's to present day lies in a blend of musical wisdom combined with a knowledge of rock and roll, and knowing how to deliver a performance to any audience.

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Montana

An experienced 5-piece rock and soul band who regularly play gigs to enthusiastic audiences around the Lothians and Fife. With the dynamic Ms Leona Rae as their soulful singer and a big guitar-based sound, they have an ever-growing range of songs from Motown classics like Heatwave by Martha and the Vandellas, to recent chart hits such as Never Forget You by the Noisettes, as well as any number of rock tracks ranging from AC/DC to ZZ Top to keep the party going.



Norman MacKay Ceilidh Experience

Originally formed in Edinburgh in 2002 when musicians Norman Mackay and Carrie Thomas began gigging as an accordion/fiddle duo. The band has since gone on to perform at ceilidhs all over Scotland as well as making regular trips to England, Ireland and abroad.

They are renowned for their rock style, high energy performances and onstage banter and can be found performing anywhere from Scotland's most desirable castles, stately homes and hotels, to local village halls and barn dances. In June 2005 they broke the world record for the biggest ever Eightsome Reel when they played for 5000 dancers on Edinburgh's meadows!

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Norval Barclay

Traveling all over the country, playing music professionally since 1999, Norval has been entertaining audiences with a very varied, contemporary mix of tunes from the likes of Robert Johnson, Matt Munro, Simon and Garfunkel, The Killers, Paulo Nutini, Kings Of Leon and Del Amitri. With a great love for American folk music a great train song is never too far away and with the introduction of some of the country's finest session musicians the NB Band ensure a full dance floor all night, every night. Due to touring commitments with other artists, The NB Band usually only perform a couple of times a year, so catch them when you can. The NB Duo or Trio is a more common sight utilising the talents of whoever's in town – well worth a listen.



Replay

Replay are Scotland's finest contemporary function band. A five piece act who together have played all over the UK alongside acts including Westlife, Kasabian, Hot Chocolate and the Red Hot Chilli Pipers to name a few.

Replay are the perfect band if you're looking for the most energetic and contemporary music at your function, with a repertoire featuring songs other bands wouldn't even attempt including Jay Z's - Empire State of Mind, Ceelo Green's - Forget You and Bruno Mars' - Amazing. Furthermore their whole set is performed back to back with brilliantly unpredictable medleys linking songs such as Justin Timberlakes - Sexy Back with the Jackson 5's - Blame It On The Boogie and Kool and the Gangs - Get Down On It.

Stevie Agnew

Stevie Agnew has been singing and playing music for most of his life and has played all over the world. He has the most amazing musical soul which is very evident in his performances. There isn't much Stevie can't sing as he has the most comprehensive repertoire of any local performer on the scene. Catch him when you can and you won't be disappointed.

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Tim O'Leary/Islander Ceilidh Band

Drawn together by their passion for Irish and Scottish music, Islander is a long established and highly successful ceilidh band known both in Scotland and in such far away places as Baku, Azerbaijan for the ability to provide great entertainment in a variety of settings. Playing traditional tunes from Ireland and Scotland and some of their own compositions, Islander is also known for sensitive renditions of popular Irish and Scottish songs.

The polished, tight sound of fiddle and flute, rhythmically paced with driving guitar and drums for optimum dancing speed and the infectious enthusiasm of the caller makes for a highly entertaining evening for dance participant and listener alike.



Velour Amour

Velour Amour are one of Scotland's premier covers bands. This is a band that knows how to get a party started and keep it going until you drop.

With an exciting repertoire of songs spanning the decades, you better be ready to dance the night away. From The Beatles to The Bee Gees, Paulo Nutini to Gary Numan, Black Eyed Peas to Kings of Leon, and Abba right through to Amy Winehouse, this band will make your night one to remember.

The Whistleblowers

Upbeat tunes with a celtic flavour expertly delivered by these superb musicians.

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Wild Geese Ceilidh Band

Andrew Hennessey - Electric Fiddle & Dance Calling

Andrew Hennessey, Scottish fiddle player, dance caller and storyteller has played and toured with Scottish bands of various styles and genres, including support to; Jean Redpath, Status Quo and the Mediaeval Babes, Blues n Trouble. He comes from the tradition of the Scottish Fiddle orchestra and the Scottish folk scene and has a catalogue of recordings. He also writes and composes for theatre and groups and specialises in stories from Scottish mythology.

Steve Tyler - Guitar

Steve has a wonderfully solid and dynamic guitar technique

Marc Marnie - Drums

As well as playing with The Wild Geese Ceilidh Band, marc drums with heavy rock band Death Star 4, classic rock/blues band Shameless & country band Alabama Chrome



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