

## Press release

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### **Musician Mairi Campbell takes her Fringe-hit theatre show on tour around Scotland**

TOUR LOCATIONS INCLUDE INVERNESS, BANCHORY, NEWTON DEE, NEW DEER, TULLYNESSLE, TARLAND, EDINBURGH, TOBERMORY, GREENOCK, NEW GALLOWAY & DUMFRIES



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**Mary Brennan, The Herald**

Musician Mairi Campbell is touring her critically acclaimed one-woman theatre show *Mairi Campbell: Pulse* around Scotland from March.

The tour, which sees Campbell play everywhere from Inverness to Dumfries, follows her show’s month-long successful run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August 2016. Critics and audiences alike gave the show fantastic feedback.

Campbell kicks off her tour at the Atlantic Islands Centre in Luing on 10<sup>th</sup> March, followed by Eden Court Theatre in Inverness on 16<sup>th</sup> March, and The Barn in Banchory on 17<sup>th</sup> March. She has strong connections with many of the places she will be visiting, and is excited to be visiting others for the first time.

She said: “I know the story of *Pulse* resonates far and wide, so that’s why I’m so happy to be touring to all kind of venues, such as the Atlantic Islands Centre in Luing, a beautiful venue with extraordinary views from the stage out to the sea.

“Then there’s Benderloch in Argyll, where my grandfather Duncan Campbell was from. I’m also looking forward to visiting some places for the first time such as New Deer and Tullynessle in Aberdeenshire. My great-grandfather John Anderson came from Rhynie up there.

“I hope folk will venture out to give us a good reception and support not just me but the wider arts scene in Scotland.”

Campbell will also play one show in her hometown of Edinburgh at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Co-devised and directed by Kath Burlinson, Pulse is Campbell’s story of her musical homecoming, a journey of the heart and quest to find her pulse. Apprenticed into the professional orchestral world, her frustration hits boiling point and she breaks away from the stifling autocracy. Pulse charts her passionate and, sometimes, painful journey of discovery to love and danger in Mexico, step-dancing in Cape Breton, and beyond. With the help of mentors and guides, Campbell charts a path back to her pulse through Scotland’s indigenous music and ‘comes home’.

The show resonates strongly with these times, in Scotland, socially, culturally and politically. We too are finding our feet, our inner strength and our pulse.

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## **Pulse tour dates**

Here’s the full list of Pulse tour dates, with tickets on sale now.

LUING: 10 MARCH  
Atlantic Islands Centre Luing  
01852 314096 / [info@atlanticislandscentre.com](mailto:info@atlanticislandscentre.com)

INVERNESS: 16 MARCH  
Eden Court Theatre 7.30pm  
01463 239841  
<https://www.eden-court.co.uk/whats-on/shows/mairi-campbell-pulse>

BANCHORY: 17 MARCH  
The Barn 7.30pm  
01330 825431  
[https://uk.patronbase.com/WoodendBarn/Seats/NumSeats?prod\\_id=1NT&perf\\_id=1&section\\_id=M&action=&seat\\_type\\_id=S](https://uk.patronbase.com/WoodendBarn/Seats/NumSeats?prod_id=1NT&perf_id=1&section_id=M&action=&seat_type_id=S)

NEWTON DEE: 19 MARCH  
The Phoenix Arts Centre, 7.30pm  
01224 868701  
<http://neatshows.co.uk/event/mairi-campbell-pulse-3/>

NEW DEER: 22 MARCH

New Deer Public Hall

01771 644217

<http://neatshows.co.uk/event/mairi-campbell-pulse-4/>

TULLYNESSLE: 23 MARCH

Tullynessle & Forbes Hall

019755 63154

<http://neatshows.co.uk/event/mairi-campbell-pulse/>

TARLAND: 24 MARCH

MacRobert Memorial Hall

<http://neatshows.co.uk/event/mairi-campbell-pulse-2/>

EDINBURGH: 30 MARCH

Storytelling Centre 7.30pm

0131 556 9579

<http://www.tracscotland.org/scottish-storytelling-centre/centre-events/6419/mairi-campbell-pulse>

TOBERMORY: 14 APRIL

Mull Theatre, 8.00pm

01688 302211

<http://www.comar.co.uk/whats-on/mairi-campbell-pulse>

GREENOCK: 6 MAY

Beacon Arts Centre 8.00pm

01475 723723

[https://uk.patronbase.com/BeaconArtsCentre/Seats/ChooseMyOwn?prod\\_id=22J&perf\\_id=1&section\\_id=M&action=&seat\\_type\\_id=S](https://uk.patronbase.com/BeaconArtsCentre/Seats/ChooseMyOwn?prod_id=22J&perf_id=1&section_id=M&action=&seat_type_id=S)

NEW GALLOWAY: 2 JUNE

Dumfries and Galloway Arts Festival

The CatStrand theatre. 7.30pm

DUMFRIES: 3 JUNE

The Theatre Royal 7.30pm

01387 253383 / [www.dgartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.dgartsfestival.org.uk)

For a full list of Mairi's upcoming gigs visit: <https://mairicampbell.scot/gigs/>

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## About Mairi Campbell

Mairi Campbell is an influential and pioneering figure in Scottish music. Her music has a rooted and powerful quality, and her mesmeric performances, soundings and songs, using viola and voice, dig deep into an ancient thread of Celtic ancestry.

Mairi's musical interests are wide ranging: from playing Scottish dance music to pushing the boundaries of the traditional music scene with her one-woman music

theatre show, which received 5-star reviews in her run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2016. From March 2017, Mairi will be touring Pulse across Scotland.

In 2016, Mairi was nominated for Event of the Year 2017 for her show at the Scots Trad Music Awards. Previous awards include Instrumentalist of the Year 2016 and Scots Singer of The Year 2008.

Mairi's voice was heard worldwide when her version of Auld Lang Syne, with David Francis, was used in the pivotal scene of the blockbuster movie Sex and The City.

She studied viola at the Guildhall School of Music in London with Csaba Erdelyi from 1984-88. She has been playing her viola, which was made by Victor Unsworth in 1977, since she was 16-years-old. Her viola teacher in Edinburgh was Michael Beeston.

Mairi returned to Scotland in 1991 to apprentice herself to traditional music. She continues to play a key role in the current Scottish folk music revival, in particular the re-emergence of Scottish step dancing.

“her voice can stop the clock” – The Scotsman

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