

## **PORTRAIT GALLERY FAREWELL FESTIVAL**

4 April – 5 April 2009

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Join us for a celebratory weekend marking the temporary closure of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery as we begin our exciting and ambitious Portrait of the Nation project. See portrait artists at work and hear them in conversation; enjoy live music performances; have your portrait made or create your own. Plus, hear about our plans for the future, tell us about your memories of the Portrait Gallery and toast the exciting future of this much-loved gallery.

### **Farewell Festival Programme of Events**

#### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**All day - Queen Street Café** – Enjoy the best of the café's delicious fare chosen by visitors in the last week. You can also obtain discount vouchers for the Dean & GMA café.

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#### **11.00am -5.00pm Entrance Hall & Raeburn Room**

Meet Mary Queen of Scots & Robert Burns in full costume.

#### **Drop in workshops on the Ambulatory & Raeburn Room**

##### **11am –12pm & 1- 4pm**

Choose from:

- Picture Yourself: digital photography with digital artist Janey Nicoll
- Drawing and painting portraits – create an original drawing at an easel, working from a live costumed model or with the help of a mirror capture yourself in time by making a self portrait using lots of drawing materials.
- Creating a clay portrait bust – Inspired by works in the PG collection try your hand at modelling a 3-D clay head and shoulders bust to take home.

#### **Demonstrations by Alex Main**

##### **11am – 1pm & 2pm -4pm**

Sculptor Alex Main, who has recently made a bust of actress Tilda Swinton, demonstrates how he starts making a portrait bust from a model using clay. Through examples he will explain the stages involved in transforming the clay sculpture into a bronze, discuss his techniques and answer questions.

**11:15am & 12:15pm**

**Behind the Scenes: Prints and Drawings**

Senior Curator Stephen Lloyd looks at highlights of the Portrait Gallery's extensive prints and drawings collection.

12 places – booking on the day essential

**12:00-12:45pm Main Hall**

**Live Music Now: Sarah Naylor (fiddle) and Douglas Millar (Piano/keyboard)**

**1.15-1.45pm**

**Iain Clark and Muriel Gray - in conversation (Temporary Exhibition gallery)**

Broadcaster Muriel Gray will discuss portraiture with Iain Clark in relation to his own work and illustrated by his portrait of Muriel. Muriel will reflect on the role of the sitter in portraiture and Iain on the process of creating photographic portraits.

**2-2.45pm**

**Portrait of the Month**

An introduction to a selection of some of the many faces in the Portrait Gallery's collection including Mary Queen of Scots, John Campbell, 4th Duke of Argyll, The Oncologists and a self portrait by John Bellany.

Meet in the main entrance.

**3.-3.45pm**

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**4-4.30pm**

**Ken Currie in conversation with Dr Tom Normand (Room 2)**

Dr Tom Normand, University of St Andrews talks to artist Ken Currie about his striking portrait of the three Oncologists. Discussing his relationship with the sitters, the reasons behind the choice of subject matter and the impact of the work on the viewer.

**Programme Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**Visit the Queen Street Café & shop**

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**4.00pm Main Hall**

**Speeches & toast supported by Drambuie and Ruthvens**

**Musical finale 4.15 – 17.00pm Main Hall**

**The Cast : Mairi Campbell & Dave Francis (Main Hall)**

Live music in the Main Hall. Mairi was awarded Scots singer of the year 2008 and their recording Auld Lang Syne featured in the film 'Sex and the City' in 2008