

**FRINGE 2022**  
WED 3 – MON 29 AUG

# SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE

THE HOME OF SCOTLAND'S STORIES



**BEWARE THE BEASTS** FIRE IS NOT THE ONLY ELEMENT GREEN KNIGHT HEAL AND HARROW  
**IS THIS A DAGGER?** LOUD POETS **MISS LINDSAY'S SECRET** MOHAN: A PARTITION STORY  
**MOIRA IN LOCKDOWN** ROBERT BURNS: A LIFE IN SONGS AND POETRY **SAGAS AND SEASCAPES**  
THE GIRL AND THE DRAGON **THE MAN WHO PLANTED TREES** THE NOT SO UGLY DUCKLING: A  
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TRADITIONAL TALES OF SCOTLAND **WEE SEALS AND SELKIES** WITH THE DEVIL'S ASSISTANCE

# Welcome!

Throughout the year the Scottish Storytelling Centre offers a platform for storytellers, musicians, dancers and all creative minds to explore cultures and traditions (old and new) in Scotland today.

For this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe, as part of Scotland's Year of Stories 2022, we have curated a high-quality programme which reflects the energy and variety in our year-round offer. Join us in story and song as some of Scotland's best storytellers and performers create new conversations around live issues, or reflect on past events which resonate fully in the present.

We are delighted to host award-winning shows and three Made in Scotland showcase events, alongside an exciting programme of new performances and the return of some sell-out favourites from previous years. We also offer a range of accessible performances (see pg. 11), whilst most shows include at least one socially distanced performance. We value the warmth of our welcome and aim to make your visit as safe and



enjoyable as possible. Our bookshop, exhibition space and Haggis Box Cafe are the perfect place for locals, families and visitors to meet for a creative and authentic Edinburgh experience.

We look forward to welcoming you to celebrate Scotland's Year of Stories 2022!

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## Booking

A booking fee of £1.25 per transaction is charged for online and phone bookings from the Centre's Box Office. No booking fee is applied to tickets purchased in person.



Storytelling Centre Supporter prices



Particularly suitable for children & families

## Families welcome

Highchairs & baby changing facilities are available.

## Accessibility

All performance spaces are accessible to wheelchair users and contain hearing loops. **Accessible performances are listed on pg.11 and highlighted in the event listings for relevant shows**

Please let us know if you would like any of our publications in a different format or if you need assistance when visiting us. A full copy of our Access Statement is available on our website.

### Box Office

☎ 0131 556 9579

🌐 scottishstorytellingcentre.com

Open 9.30am – 8.30pm

### Fringe Box Office

☎ 0131 226 0000

🌐 edfringe.com

Open 9am – 9pm

PREVIEW THU 4 AUG  
FRI 5 – SUN 21 AUG (NOT 10, 17-19)



## The Girl and the Dragon

SUITCASE STORYTELLING COMPANY

Join our hero Toral on the adventure of a lifetime as she braves many adventures, all to fight a great and terrible dragon. A fantastical show to warm the heart of young and old alike.

**Time** 10am (50mins)

**Ages** 5+ 🧒

**Full price** £10

**Concessions** £8 (£32 family) (£7.50 🧡 )

**Preview** £8 (£6) (£24 family) (£5.50 SCS)  
2for1 Mon 8 & Tue 9 Aug

**Relaxed & Distanced** Thu 11 Aug

**Venue** Netherbow Theatre

THU 4 – SUN 28 AUG (NOT 10, 17-19, 22-26)



## Is This a Dagger?

ANDY CANNON WITH RED BRIDGE ARTS

By the pricking of my thumb, something wicked this way comes. Andy Cannon tells Shakespeare's classic.

'A tale of sound and fury, signifying first-class theatre for everyone over eight'  
(HERALD)

**Time** 11.30am (1hr)

**Ages** 8+ 🧒

**Full price** £12

**Concessions** £10 (£40 family) (£9.50 🧡 )

2for1 Mon 8 & Tue 9 Aug

**Relaxed & Distanced** Sun 14 Aug

**Venue** Netherbow Theatre

FRI 5 – SAT 13 AUG (ODD DATES ONLY)



## Beware the Beasts

SHONA COWIE

During lockdown magical beasts ventured out of hiding. For your protection, storyteller Shona Cowie will use really excellent traditional tales and songs, clowning and masterful improvisation so you're not squashed or turned into a nugget. You're welcome.

**Time** 10.45am (50mins)

**Ages** 4+ 🧒

**Full price** £10

**Concessions** £8 (£32 family) (£7.50 🧡 )

**2for1** Tue 9 Aug

**Relaxed & Distanced** Thu 11 Aug

**Venue** George Mackay Brown Library

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**PREVIEW** THU 4 AUG

FRI 5 – SUN 28 AUG (NOT 11, 17-19, 22-26)



## Wee Seals and Selkies

JANIS MACKAY

Be transported to the northern seashore, where waves lap, gulls cry and a seal is born in a garden! Join award-winning children's author/storyteller Janis Mackay as she weaves two enchanting tales, accompanied by live fiddle music.

**Time** 12.15pm (50min)

**Ages** 5+ 🧒

**Full price** £10

**Concessions** £8 (£32 Family) (£7.50 🧡 )

**Preview** £8 (£6) (£24 family) (£5.50 🧡 )

**2for1** Mon 8 & Tue 9 Aug

**Distanced** Wed 10 Aug

**Venue** George Mackay Brown Library

FRI 5 – MON 29 AUG (ODD DATES ONLY)



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## The Man Who Planted Trees


PUPPET STATE THEATRE COMPANY

Back by popular demand! Internationally acclaimed adaptation of Giono's classic environmental tale.


'Laughs, heartbreak, war, regeneration, scented breezes, sparkling wit and the best dog puppet ever. Perfect for children and grown-ups. Terrific!' (GUARDIAN)

★★★★★ (SCOTSMAN)

Time 1.15pm (1h 5mins)

Ages 8+ 

Full price £12

Concessions £10 (£40 family) (£9.50 )

2for1 Tue 9 Aug

Audio Described, Touch Tour & Distanced

Wed 17 Aug

BSL Signed Sat 27 Aug

Venue Netherbow Theatre

THU 4 – SUN 28 AUG (EVEN DATES ONLY)



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## Miss Lindsay's Secret

MARIA MACDONELL

Come in. Shut the door. Open the box. The Curator, Musician and Man reveal the intimate tale of a Scottish seamstress, binding Glenesk to Canada's Klondike goldrush. But should secrets remain secret?

★★★★★ (BROADWAYBABY.COM)

★★★★★ (BRITISHTHEATREGUIDE.INFO)

Time 1.15pm (1h 5mins)

Ages 12+

Full price £12

Concessions £10 (£9.50 )

2for1 Mon 8 Aug

BSL Signed & Distanced Mon 22 Aug

Venue Netherbow Theatre

PREVIEW THU 4 AUG  
FRI 5 – TUE 16 AUG (NOT 10-11, 15)



## Mohan: A Partition Story


NIALL MOORJANI


A timely piece of theatre for the 75th anniversary of the Partition of India. A performance of oral storytelling which retells renowned storyteller Niall Moorjani's Grampa's experiences of the Partition of India set to live music.

**Time** 3pm (1h)

**Ages** 14+

**Full price** £12

**Concessions** £10 (£9.50 )

**Preview** £8 (£6) (£5.50 )

2for1 Mon 8 & Tue 9 Aug

**Relaxed & Distanced** Sun 14 Aug

**Venue** Netherbow Theatre

**Info** Contains strong language/swearing and themes which some audiences may find distressing.

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WED 17 – MON 29 AUG (NOT 22)



## The Village and the Road

TOM POW AND THE GALLOWAY AGREEMENT


A personal and collective story about rural depopulation, told through storytelling, live music and theatre. Come into a world of beauty, carrying contemporary imprints of separation, emigration and rootlessness. All human life is here.

MadeInScotlandShowcase.com

**Time** 3pm (1h 10min)

**Ages** 12+

**Full price** £12

**Concessions** £10 (£9.50 )

**BSL Signed, Relaxed, Touch Tour &**

**Distanced** Tue 23 Aug

**BSL Signed** Wed 24 Aug

**Venue** Netherbow Theatre

PREVIEW THU 4 AUG  
FRI 5 – SUN 28 AUG (NOT 10-11, 13, 15-17, 19, 21, 25, 27)



Image © Chloe Harrison

## With The Devil's Assistance

SHONA COWIE AND NEIL SUTCLIFFE


The state of Scotland's high streets are confronted through masterful storytelling, live music and the legend of Maggie Osborne – burnt as a witch for building a flourishing business in one night, with the Devil's assistance...


Contains themes which some audiences may find distressing.

**Time** 4.45pm (55mins)

**Ages** 16+

**Full price** £12

**Concessions** £10 (£9.50 )

**Preview** £8 (£6) (£5.50 )

2for1 Mon 8 & Tue 9 Aug

**Distanced** Sun 7 Aug

**Venue** Netherbow Theatre

PREVIEW THU 11 & SAT 13 AUG  
TUE 16 – FRI 27 AUG (NOT 18, 20, 22-24, 26)



Image © Robin Mitchell

## The Not So Ugly Duckling: A Play for Grownups

JO CLIFFORD AND MARIA MACDONELL


Two older women retell a familiar tale. Finding dark places and unanswered questions, they enter life's gloriously chaotic duckpond to celebrate the pains and joys of lives well-lived.


MadeInScotlandShowcase.com

**Time** 4.45pm (1h)

**Ages** 14+

**Full price** £12

**Concessions** £10 (£9.50 )

**Preview** £8 (£6) (£5.50 )

**BSL Signed** Fri 19 Aug

**Audio Described & Distanced** Sun 21 Aug

**Venue** Netherbow Theatre

**Info** Contains themes which some audiences may find distressing.

FRI 5 – SUN 28 AUG, 8.30PM (NOT 6-10, 13-17, 20-24)

FRI 5 – SAT 27 AUG, 10PM (NOT 7-10, 14-17, 21-24)



## Loud Poets: Best of Fringe

LOUD POETS

Showcasing the best spoken-word talent the festival has to offer, each show features a unique line-up and Loud Poets' classic fist-thumping, pint-drinking, side-tickling, heart-wrenching style of spoken word! This is poetry for the masses!

**Time** 8.30pm & 10pm (1h)

(Sun 28 Aug, 1hr 30)

**Ages** 14+

**Full price** £12

**Concessions** £10 (£9.50 )

£16 (double bill )

**Distanced** Thu 11 Aug

**Venue** Netherbow Theatre

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PREVIEW WED 3 AUG

THU 4 – TUE 23 AUG (NOT 11, 15, 17, 19, 22)



## Moira in Lockdown

ALAN BISSETT/SACHA KYLE

She's back! Following writer-performer Alan Bissett's five-star Fringe-First winning previous instalments of The Moira Monologues, Falkirk's Hardest Woman faces the pandemic with only the essentials: vodka, fags and her BFF Babs on Zoom. Take that, Bear Grylls!


'the most charismatic character to appear on a Scottish stage in a decade'

★★★★★ (SCOTSMAN)


**Time** 6.30pm (1h)

**Ages** 14+

**Full price** £12

**Concessions** £10 (£9.50 )

**Info** Contains strong language/swearing

**Preview** £8 (£6) (£5.50 )

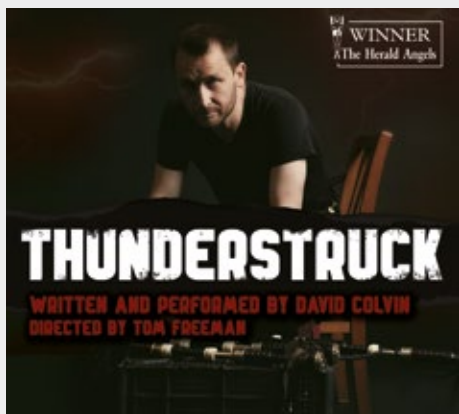
2for1 Mon 8 & Tue 9 Aug

**Distanced** Tue 16 Aug

**Venue** Netherbow Theatre



PREVIEW WED 3 AUG | 8.15PM  
THU 11 – MON 29 AUG | 6.30PM (NOT 12-14, 16, 18, 21, 23)  
THU 4 – SUN 21 AUG | 8.15PM (NOT 5, 11-12, 15-19)



## Thunderstruck

DAVID COLVIN

The international award-winning production concerning the legacy and mythology of a Pitlochry bin man, who flew beyond the summit of his art and changed Scottish music forever.


★★★★★ 'astounding, quite unlike anything else.' (THEWEEREVIEW.COM)

★★★★★ (SCOTTISHFIELD.CO.UK)


Time 6.30pm | 8.15pm

Ages 12+

Full price £12

Concessions £10 (£9.50 )

Info Contains strong language/swearing and themes which some audiences may find distressing.

Preview £8 (£6) (£5.50 )

2for1 Mon 8 & Tue 9 Aug

Distanced Mon 15 Aug

Venue Netherbow Theatre

FRI 5 – SUN 28 AUG



## Traditional Tales of Scotland


SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE

Some of Scotland's best storytellers share the wonderful, and sometimes wild, traditional tales that have shaped the myths and legends of this country. Some relaxed and fun storytelling sessions for Scotland's Year of Stories 2022.

Time 2pm (1h)

Ages 12+

Full price £10

Concessions £8 (£7.50 )

2for1 Mon 8 & Tue 9 Aug

Distanced Wed 10, Wed 17 & Wed 24 Aug

Venue George Mackay Brown Library

MON 15 – WED 17 AUG, THU 18 AUG (ONLINE)



## Sagas and Seascapes

NORDIC VIOLA


Norse stories and landscapes form the inspiration for this performance by Nordic Viola. Music by Scottish-based and Faroese composers stands alongside stunning video and artwork of far northern landscapes, as well as insights from the composers.

[MadeInScotlandShowcase.com](http://MadeInScotlandShowcase.com)

**Time** 8.30pm (1h 15min) | Online 7pm (2h)

**Ages** 14+

**Full price** £12

**Concessions** £10 (£9.50 ) (Online Free)

**Audio Described, Relaxed & Distanced**

Wed 17 Aug

**Venue** Netherbow Theatre

**Online Broadcast** YouTube/Zoom

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MON 22 – WED 24 AUG



## Heal and Harrow


RACHEL NEWTON AND LAUREN MACCOLL

Hugely acclaimed on its release in album form this January, Heal and Harrow pays a humanising tribute to the victims of the Scottish Witch Trials. Based on the writing of Mairi Kidd with visuals by Alison Piper.

**Time** 8.30pm (45mins)

**Ages** 12+

**Full price** £12

**Concessions** £10 (£9.50 )

**Venue** Netherbow Theatre

WED 10 – THU 11 AUG



## Robert Burns: A Life in Songs and Poetry


POOSIE NANSIE BURNS CLUB

Join Edinburgh's prestigious Poosie Nansie Burns Club in this their centenary year for a lively and light-hearted celebration of the life and works of Scotland's Bard. Aimed at a wide-ranging audience.

**Time** 3pm (1h)

**Ages** 12+

**Full price** £12

**Concessions** £10 (£9.50 )

**Distanced** Wed 10 Aug

**Venue** Netherbow Theatre

SAT 6 – SUN 14 AUG



## Green Knight

DEBBIE CANNON

Christmas at Camelot: a monstrous green warrior issues an unwinnable challenge to Arthur's finest knight. But what if the story was retold by the woman at its heart?

'Superlative... storytelling theatre'


★★★★★ (FRINGEGURU.COM)

Best Actress Buxton Fringe 2018

**Time** 5pm (1hr)

**Ages** 12+

**Full price** £10

**Concessions** £8 (£7.50 )

**Touch Tour** Fri 12 & Sat 13 Aug

**Relaxed & Distanced** Sat 13 Aug

**Venue** George Mackay Brown Library

WED 17 – SUN 21 AUG



## Fire Is Not the Only Element

MORNA BURDON

Full of laughter and tears, this is poetry as entertainment. Packed with observations on life. Womanhood. War. Class. Punk. Seagulls. Moving, pithy, funny, gaspingly honest. Punctuated with true-life stories and song.

**Time** 5pm (1h)

**Ages** 14+

**Full price** £10

**Info** Occasional Mild Language

**Concessions** £8 (£7.50 )

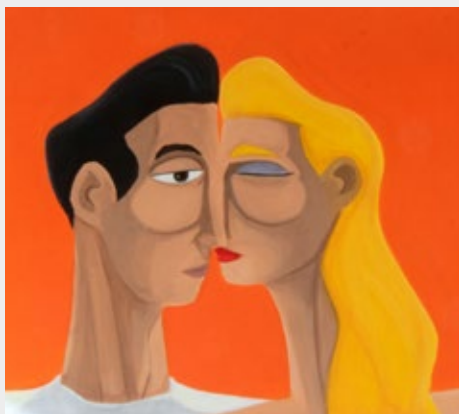
**Distanced** Thu 18 Aug

**Venue** George Mackay Brown Library

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PREVIEW & READINGS THU 28 JUL (6PM)

FRI 29 JUL – MON 29 AUG



## Exhibition: The Profile of Love

CONSTANTINE THE ARTIST & EMILY-ROSE

An artistic exploration of love's various forms and natures. Constantine's paintings explore these visually as Emily-Rose's philosophical writing swoops in to break it down. The combination of striking bold colours and expressive looks, gestures and body postures along with the descriptive, ponderous yet playful writing, complement one another to leave you wondering, reflecting and entertained.

**Time** 10am–8pm (daily)

**Full price** Free (not ticketed)

**Venue** Storytelling Court

## Accessible Shows

If you have any specific questions about these performances, or if you wish to discuss any access requirements prior to your visit, please email us at [reception@scottishstorytellingcentre.com](mailto:reception@scottishstorytellingcentre.com) or call us on 0131 556 9579.

### BSL Signed Performances

**Fri 19 Aug (4:45pm)** The Not So Ugly Duckling with Rachel Amey (*stage right*)

**Mon 22 Aug (1:15pm)** Miss Lindsay's Secret with Rachel Amey (*stage right*)

**Tue 23 Aug (3pm)** The Village and The Road with Greg Colquhoun (*stage right*)

**Wed 24 Aug (3pm)** The Village and The Road with Greg Colquhoun (*stage right*)

**Sat 27 Aug (1:15pm)** The Man Who Planted Trees with Paul Belmonte (*stage left*)

### Relaxed Performances

All relaxed performances are socially distanced. Seating is not assigned, but capacity for the spaces have been reduced.

**Thu 11 Aug (10am)** The Girl and the Dragon

**Thu 11 Aug (10:45am)** Beware the Beasts

**Sat 13 Aug (5pm)** The Green Knight

**Sun 14 Aug (11:30am)** Is This A Dagger?

**Sun 14 Aug (3pm)** Mohan: A Partition Story

**Wed 17 Aug (8:30pm)** Sagas and Seascapes

**Tue 23 Aug (3pm)** The Village and The Road

### Audio Described Performances

All performances with Audio Description are socially distanced. Seating is not assigned, but capacity for the spaces have been reduced.

**Wed 17 Aug (1:15pm)** The Man Who Planted Trees *AD with headset* by Caroline Jaquet

**Wed 17 Aug (8:30pm)** Sagas and Seascapes *AD with headset* by Veronica Kinahan

**Sun 21 Aug (4:45pm)** The Not So Ugly Duckling *AD with headset* by Caroline Jaquet

### Touch Tours

Will take place prior to the advertised show start time, please email or call to reserve a place.

**Fri 12 Aug (5pm)** Green Knight

**Sat 13 Aug (5pm)** Green Knight

**Wed 17 Aug (1:15pm)** The Man Who Planted Trees

**Tue 23 Aug (3pm)** The Village and The Road

### Socially Distanced Performances

**Sun 7 Aug**  
With The Devil's Assistance (4:45pm)

**Wed 10 Aug**  
Wee Seals and Selkies (12:15pm)  
Traditional Tales of Scotland (2pm)  
Robert Burns: A Life in Songs and Poetry (3pm)

**Thu 11 Aug**  
The Girl and the Dragon (10am)  
Beware the Beasts (10:45am)  
Loud Poets: Best of Fringe (8:30pm)

**Sat 13 Aug**  
Green Knight (5pm)

**Sun 14 Aug**  
Is This A Dagger? (11:30am)  
Mohan: A Partition Story (3pm)

**Mon 15 Aug**  
Thunderstruck (6:30pm)

**Tue 16 Aug**  
Moirra in Lockdown (6:30pm)

**Wed 17 Aug**  
The Man Who Planted Trees (1:15pm)  
Traditional Tales of Scotland (2pm)  
Sagas and Seascapes (8:30pm)

**Thu 18 Aug**  
Fire is Not The Only Element (5pm)

**Sun 21 Aug**  
The Not So Ugly Duckling (4:45pm)

**Mon 22 Aug**  
Miss Lindsay's Secret (1:15pm)

**Tue 23 Aug**  
The Village and the Road (3pm)

**Wed 24 Aug**  
Traditional Tales of Scotland (2pm)



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**Extended  
Fringe  
Opening Hours**  
10am-8.30pm  
3-28 August

43-45 High St, Edinburgh EH1 1SR

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**14-31 OCT**  
**2022**

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## SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

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Immerse yourself in the art of storytelling at the Scottish International Storytelling Festival.

Experience old traditions in new ways, through live and online performances, workshops and children's events, featuring storytellers from across the globe as well as talent closer to home, this autumn.

Visit [sisf.org.uk](http://sisf.org.uk) for more information.



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Vegan, vegetarian, GF & DF options**

- Locally roasted coffee
- Scottish beer & cider
- Over Langshaw ice cream
- Snacks & homemade cakes



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& the Scottish Storytelling Centre present

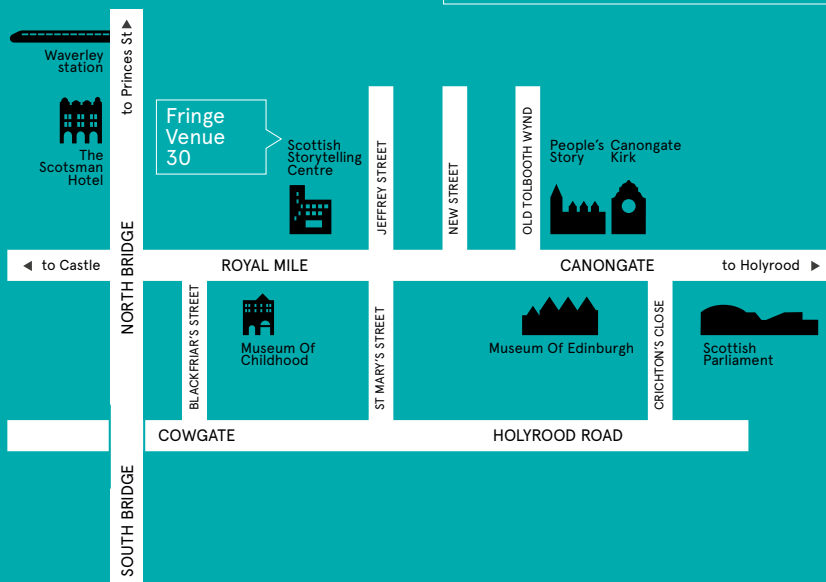
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**6 Live Events  
12 Writers  
8 New Commissions**



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Become a Storytelling Centre Supporter for only £30 per year. Benefits include;

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