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For Immediate Release

Fair Play Productions in association with Art27scotland invites you to:

The Great May Day Cabaret

Join us for a fabulous get-together for International Workers' Day and the 125th anniversary of the Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC).



When: Sunday 1 May, 19:30

**At: Southside Community Centre
117 Nicolson Street
Edinburgh
EH8 9ER**

For press tickets, please email cameron@art27scotland.com stating your publication and number of tickets required.

Supported by:

Edinburgh & Lothians May Day Committee | STUC | Peace & Justice Project | Unite

About the show

Featuring a fantastic line-up of music, poetry and comedy, the Great May Day Cabaret is a cultural celebration of both International Workers' Day and the 125th anniversary of the Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC). Showcasing 7 high-calibre acts, we are in for an excellent-value night of entertainment to mark a very important day in the history of workers' rights.

Performing on the night will be:

Rab Noakes

National treasure Rab Noakes is an accomplished singer-songwriter whose work reflects his lifelong interest in popular and folk music. Rab continues to be an unstoppable force to be reckoned with in the world of music in Scotland and beyond.



Saber Bamatraf

Saber Bamatraf is a Yemeni pianist and music composer, and an Art27scotland Artist in Residence. He works to reconceptualise the Yemeni work spread throughout Arabia by focusing solely on instrumentals. This way, he attempts to represent the Yemeni musical legacy and heritage in a style that can be enjoyed worldwide.



Becci Wallace

Glasgow based singer-songwriter and producer Becci Wallace is firmly placed at the heart of Scotland's song-writing community. Becci is known for her unique vocals, tight harmonies and thought-provoking lyrics. She has been broadly featured on STV Glasgow, BBC Radio Scotland, Celtic Connections and features in various stages in Festivals across the UK.



Calum Baird

Calum Baird is a Scottish singer-songwriter, musician and artist-activist, playing songs that tie together progressive and romantic themes in a folk music style influenced by Neil Young, Bob Dylan, Dick Gaughan, Phoebe Bridgers and Phil Ochs amongst others. Calum's music incorporates a wide selection of instruments which takes his music into the indie-folk/folk-rock genres, also.



Ghazi Hussein

A poet and teacher, Ghazi Hussein has taught Arabic poetry and calligraphy for many years. He studied philosophy and Arabic grammar and went on to teach a range of different age groups and abilities in schools and universities. Ghazi's poetry became a way for him to survive imprisonment. Ghazi says that 'when you are full of anger and you cannot speak, when you are full of sadness, but you cannot cry, poetry is a way to survive'.



Iona Lee

Iona Lee is a 25-year-old poet, illustrator, musician, writer, editor and spoken-word performer from East Lothian. With a keen interest in the history of witchcraft, faerie and folklore, her work often revolves around an etic and metaphorical approach to these themes. Iona is fascinated by dream, memory, magic, storytelling, word-smithery and womanhood.



Susan Morrison (Compere)

Our host for the evening Susan Morrison is a comedy volcano, erupting with an endless flow of scorching hot gags, spewing forth at a blistering pace. Whether performing her own solo act or hosting The Stand's big weekend gigs in Glasgow and Edinburgh, Susan is in a class of her own when it comes to quick-fire wit.



The evening includes stunning projections celebrating May Day heritage around the world, provided by Art27scotland Artist in Residence **Robert Motyka**. Take a look at some of Robert's previous work:



Notes to editors

For all press enquiries and tickets, please email cameron@art27scotland.com, stating your publication and the number of tickets required.

For any further information, please email swright@fairpley.com.

General sale tickets are available at:
www.art27scotland.org/eventbrite-event/the-great-may-day-cabaret/.

For access information, please visit: www.art27scotland.org/accessibility.

BSL and other language support is available on request.

About Fair Pley Productions

Established in 2003, Fair Pley is a Glasgow-based arts production company. It produces and promotes a range of events, including music, theatre, comedy, and special events. In the last decade and beyond, Fair Pley has delivered and developed projects working with a broad range of theatres, co-producers, and partner organisations- including Trade Unions and a range of third sector organisations.

For more information, please visit www.fairpley.com.

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About Art27scotland

Art27scotland is an Edinburgh-based non-profit Community Interest Company. It is inspired by Article 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that 'Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, and to enjoy the arts.' Art27scotland is focused on exploring the powerful and sometimes conflicting relationship between our shared human and cultural rights.

Art27scotland is part of the Culture Collective and funded by Creative Scotland.

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