

# Bella Hardy to appear at the 2015 Dumfries and Galloway Arts Festival

✘ Ingenious singer-songwriter, Bella Hardy, will play at the 2015 Dumfries and Galloway Arts Festival as part of her new album tour of the UK.

The Edinburgh-based songstress, who was Singer of the Year in last year's BBC Radio Folk Awards, has just released her eagerly anticipated new album *With the Dawn*, a heart-felt collection of self-composed songs which tell a story of travel, of choices, lessons and hope.

Bella has been hailed as one of the most creative and prolific original singers in the UK and *With the Dawn*, her seventh solo album, has already received a number of five star reviews from the national press and was recently described as "nothing short of a masterpiece" by the Sunday Times.

Bella comes to the Corner House Hotel in Annan on Saturday, 23 May, at 7.30pm and the concert is one of over 70 performing arts events taking place across Dumfries and Galloway during 22 to 31 May.

Festival programme director, Peter Renwick, said: "The Dumfries and Galloway Arts Festival has an excellent 36-year reputation for bringing world-class performing arts to predominately rural parts of Southern Scotland.

"We are delighted to be hosting an artist of such high calibre in Annan.

"Bella is an exceptional artist at the forefront of the contemporary folk movement. It is great for the festival to be capturing one of the country's leading rising stars and this is very much about the us investing in high profile acts coming to the smaller towns of south-west Scotland.

"We are all looking forward to hearing her."

Further information from <http://www.dgartsfestival.org.uk>

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