

Scottish Fiddle Orchestra comes to the Usher Hall

The Scottish Fiddle Orchestra have a lively programme of traditional Scottish music to perform at Edinburgh's Usher Hall on Saturday 10 June 2023.

The 80-strong orchestra – led by conductor, Blair Parham – will share the stage with special guests, The Ross Ainslie and Ali Hutton Trio, for an evening of world-class entertainment.



This year, the orchestra is celebrating the music of Orkney and Shetland, with traditional pieces from the Northern Isles at the heart of their performances.

Ross Ainslie's mum Aileen has been part of the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra for 32 years, and the Usher Hall concert will allow both of them to perform together on stage for the first time.

The Ross Ainslie and Ali Hutton Trio, featuring Jenn Butterworth on guitar, will bring their renowned repertoire of

original tunes to the event, as well as performing some special pieces with the orchestra.

Ross and Ali met at the Vale of Atholl pipe band when they were 12-years-old, before going on to play in many leading Scottish bands including Treacherous Orchestra, Old Blind Dogs and Shooglenifty.

After years playing in different bands and line ups, the pair decided to concentrate on creating music together, releasing their albums Symbiosis and Symbiosis II in 2016 and 2018, and appearing on a multitude of festival line-ups. Ross's piping shot into the international spotlight earlier this year when he welcomed Snoop Dogg to Scotland with a rendition of Still D.R.E. on the pipes which made news around the world.

At the Usher Hall, music lovers of all ages can expect to enjoy toe-tapping reels and jigs, lively strathspeys and marches, poignant slow airs and well-known favourites performed by the skilled members of one of Scotland's foremost traditional music organisations. The proceedings will be hosted by MC for the evening, Robert Lovie.

Bob Diamant, chair of the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra, said: "This June we will be going on a musical journey from Edinburgh to the Northern Isles and back – without getting our feet wet, and we hope you can join us! We can't wait to perform at the iconic Usher Hall once again – the audience in Edinburgh are always amazing, and we're delighted to be joined by the incredible Ross Ainslie, Ali Hutton and Jenn Butterworth. It's shaping up to be a fantastic evening of live music led by our skilled conductor Blair Parham, with Robert Lovie overseeing proceedings."

Ross Ainslie said: "It's an honour to be sharing the stage with my mum and the wonderful Scottish Fiddle Orchestra for the first time this June. A lot of my first public performances out with the pipe band were with various fiddle

orchestras that my Mum played with so will be really nostalgic to be playing in that setting again, especially at such an amazing venue!”

The Scottish Fiddle Orchestra is a charity run by volunteers and is fully self-supported. The orchestra makes donations to other musical-related charities and partner pipe bands. Bucket collections at all of the orchestra’s events allow them to support medical charities and the RNLI.

The SFO’s Usher Hall performance starts at 7.30pm on Saturday 10 June 2023. Tickets are priced between £7.50 – £25 and are [on sale now at this link](#)



Members of Scottish Fiddle Orchestra photographed outside The Usher Hall in Edinburgh Scotland, Blair Parham (conductor, blue kilt), Catriona McLean (fiddle, red skirt), Jamie Mason (double bass), Bob Diamant (fiddle red kilt) and Christine Anderson (fiddle, green skirt)



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