

Celtic CONNECTIONS 2012



CELTIC CONNECTIONS ON TV, RADIO AND ONLINE

Festival fans can catch the best bits of Celtic Connections 2012 on TV, radio and online once again this January.

The **BBC** has supported Celtic Connections since its very first year and the festival is pleased to collaborate once again with Scotland's national radio station. BBC Radio Scotland will stage six live shows at BBC Scotland's headquarters at **Pacific Quay**.

For the first time ever, Celtic Connections will celebrate the **2012 festival programme launch** with a live event at Pacific Quay, broadcast live on a special edition of **Mary Ann Kennedy's Global Gathering** on 25th October. Then in January, Mary Ann features music from round the world and round the corner with a handpicked selection of festival artists playing live in BBC Scotland's headquarters on the Clyde on Tuesday 24th and Tuesday 31st January.

Bruce MacGregor presents two special editions of **Travelling Folk** live at Pacific Quay on Thursday 26th January and Thursday 2nd February, featuring some of the best folk acts at the festival.

Another Country with Ricky Ross comes live from Pacific Quay on Friday 27th January and Friday 3rd February, with performances by Americana and alternative country artists.

BBC Radio Scotland's longest running programme **Take The Floor** makes a welcome return to the festival on Saturday 4th February with presenter **Robbie Shepherd** hosting a great night of music, song and dance courtesy of Iain Anderson and his Scottish Dance Band at the Pearce Institute's MacLeod Hall.

The station will also bring live coverage of the **BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year** competition, featuring performances by the six talented finalists live from City Halls on Sunday 5th February.

BBC Radio 2 return to Celtic Connections to broadcast the highlights of this year's festival in two hour-long specials presented by Ricky Ross - on Wednesday 2nd February and Wednesday 9th February at 10pm.

Following the huge success of **BBC Radio 3's World on 3** broadcasts at the previous two festivals, World on 3 returns for a four-night residency live from Late Night Sessions. Presented by **Mary Ann Kennedy**, the shows will feature a top line-up of festival artists performing live between Tuesday 31st January to Friday 3rd February, broadcast from the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall's Exhibition Hall.

BBC Scotland TV

BBC Scotland's highly successful annual event at the Old Fruitmarket will take place on 23rd January, featuring a diverse range of some of the best artists from this year's festival. It promises to be a night of musical surprises and will be broadcast at a later date on BBC television.

Visit bbc.co.uk/celticconnections for full listings and to enjoy all of the BBC's coverage on demand, including exclusives you won't find anywhere else, and follow [@bbcscotmusic](https://twitter.com/bbcscotmusic) for Twitter updates.

Community radio station **Celtic Music Radio** will also bring listeners all the latest information on shows, interviews with the stars and up-and-coming artists, the latest ticket availability and the very best in Celtic music during the festival.

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