



STIRLING
CASTLE

WHAT'S ON

FEBRUARY – APRIL 2012

ARGYLL'S LODGING

Argyll's Lodging is Scotland's most splendid and complete example of a 17th-century townhouse. Situated on the upper approaches to Stirling Castle, its fine architecture marks it out as a property intended for a great nobleman serving the royal court. Highlights include the High Dining Room with its impressive painted decoration, the Drawing Room with its grand fireplace, recreated tapestries and elaborate chair of state and My Lady's Closet, where Lady Anna, Argyll's second wife, would have spent much of her time.

Tours of Argyll's Lodging leave from the castle daily and cost £2 for adults, £1.50 for concessions and £1 for children under 16.



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Welcome to our spring programme which has lots of inspiring ideas for this “Year of Creative Scotland” starting with our popular ‘Taste of the Past’ event. Other highlights include ‘Enchanted Easter’ which is great fun for all the family and of course our annual gun salute. For more information call 01786 450 000 or visit www.stirlingcastle.gov.uk.

FEBRUARY	Where	When	
<p>A Taste of the Past Included in castle admission price Back by popular demand, this event takes a look at how the royals dined in renaissance times. Find out more about the foods that were considered delicious in these days and how servants prepared the meals. Great fun for all the family.</p>	Great Hall	4th & 5th February 11am–3pm	
<p>Hand Puppet History Included in castle admission price Join us for tales from Scottish History. Hamish the Highlander will tell the story of the Jacobites, Janette the Witch will put a spell on you with her magical powers and you can meet Pickles the last bear in Scotland. A great way for children to learn about our history and culture and very enjoyable for adults too.</p>	Great Hall	16th & 17th February 12pm–4 pm	
MARCH	Exhibition Room	Throughout March Castle Opening Hours	
<p>Our Castle’s Got Talent Included in castle admission price As anyone who has been to Stirling Castle will know, our staff are first class at their job and are often a highlight for many visitors but their talent doesn’t end there. Many of our staff are skilled artists, photographers and craftspeople and this exhibition will highlight some of their fantastic works.</p>	APRIL	Great Hall	1st April 7.30pm
<p>Premiere of Tom Wilson’s ‘Blütenblätter’ Text by local playwright Clive Wright. Music includes Robert Schumann’s Frauenliebe und Leben. An evening of poetry and music featuring local soprano Elizabeth McCormack. Tickets cost £15 for adults and £13 concessions/HS Members and are available from the Albert Halls on 01786 473544.</p>	Various	7th & 8th April 12pm–4pm	
<p>Enchanted Easter Included in castle admission price For a magical day out this Easter visit Stirling Castle. Meet a 1,000 year old wizard, watch spectacular jugglers and jocular jesters and discover all about James IV’s personal alchemist who tried to fly from the castle walls.</p>	Great Hall	7th April 8pm–10.30pm	
<p>Castle Magic Come along and relax in the rich ambience of Stirling Castle’s Great Hall. Be entertained by our skilled magicians and hear some of the darker stories from the castle’s dramatic history. Bar available. Not suitable for children under 12. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets cost £15 for adults & £10 for concession/ HS members and can be purchased from www.stirlingcastle.gov.uk</p>	Exhibition Room	Throughout April Castle Opening Hours	
<p>Left Right, Left Right, Swing Those Arms Included in castle admission price A wonderful photographic exhibition which looks at the role of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders within the Castle’s Walls. To complement this exhibition, our guides will be offering special military themed tours during April.</p>	French Spur	Saturday 21st April 12 noon	
<p>Gun Salute Included in castle admission price Help us mark the occasion of her Majesty The Queen’s birthday with a 21-gun salute. An enjoyable and memorable experience!</p>			