

# talking fiddles

## Powder Room

*Your chance to listen, question and tap into the expertise of the people who know the tradition inside out*

## saturday

*Entrance with a Saturday Day Ticket or a Supersaver*

### **Joshua Dickson: The Scottish Traditional Music Graded Exams Project** 11.30am

Dr Dickson, who currently manages this project at RSAMD, will talk about recent developments and how they may affect the future of the tradition. A Highland piper himself, he's a published expert in the field.

### **David Boag: The Feis Movement** 12.30pm

In 2006 the Feis Movement celebrated its twenty-fifth year. This talk will summarize the history and achievement of this impressive home-grown phenomenon.

### **Paul Bowers: The Making of The Fiddle** 1.30pm

Paul (of Violin Makers Scotland, and award-winning teacher of many years) will show how a good fiddle is made from tree to concert platform. A rare glimpse inside the world of the master craftsman.

### **What is the Edinburgh Youth Gaitherin?** 2.30pm

Come along and find out what we do throughout the year, from our hugely popular Easter holiday event and Fiddle Festival workshops to our monthly song-writing classes, our exciting new Craigmillar Ceilidh Club and our Trad for Teens workshops. Concerts, ceilidhs, classes, tune-writing, touring, sessions and lots of fun – find out how both children and adults can get involved.

## sunday

*Entrance with a Sunday Day Ticket or a Supersaver*

### **Louise Hunter & Katie Boyle: The Irish Music Scene in Glasgow** 11.30

These talented young fiddlers, who now travel worldwide, will discuss the music scene that nurtured them (past, present and future) and look in particular at the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, an organisation which has successfully promoted Irish traditional music in Glasgow for the last fifty years.

### **Emma Pethybridge: The Therapeutic Use of Fiddle Music** 12.30pm

Emma, who works for the children's music service in East Lothian will give a short introduction into how it works, how to train, and the instruments used. She will illustrate her talk with case studies and, if instruments are to hand, a short demonstration.

### **Brian Rattray: Fiddle Maintenance** 2.30pm

Few of us pay attention to the needs of our fiddle until it reaches the stage of total breakdown. Brian, who has worked with fiddles all his life and understands their needs and maintenance as no one else, will give us a lightning education in how to keep our fiddles healthy.