



## Foxlowe Films

### On the Road (15) Tuesday 5th March

Superb period detail and grand American landscapes frame Walter Salles' much-anticipated adaptation of Jack Kerouac's semi-autobiographical cult beat novel.

UK/USA/France 2012 124 mins

### Rust and Bone (15) Tuesday 12th March

"Romantic, but pitiless, fearlessly emotional as well as edgy, *Rust and Bone* is a powerhouse."

*Los Angeles Times*.

France/Belgium 2012 120 mins

### Argo (15) Tuesday 19th March

Ben Affleck's highly acclaimed, Oscar-tipped third directorial outing is a tense but amusing thriller. Based on true events, *Argo* chronicles the life-or-death covert operation to rescue six Americans, which unfolded behind the scenes of the Iran hostage crisis - the truth of which was unknown by the public for decades.

USA 2012 120 mins

### Untouchable (15) Tuesday 26th March

Based on a true story, the film tells of an unlikely friendship between a disabled millionaire and his street-smart ex-con caretaker who find camaraderie rooted in honesty and humour. An irreverent and uplifting comedy about friendship. The film has scooped multiple awards and is a huge hit with audiences worldwide.

France 2011 112 mins (subtitled)

Doors open 7pm.

Films start 7.45 pm.

Tickets £5 CASH ONLY.

## Voracious Magpies

Foxlowe Arts Centre's next exhibition promises to be a kaleidoscope of colour and design, the work of three talented women, their common roots a wish to create works which invite us to look beyond the subject to engage with the diversity of materials, inviting us to explore the concepts of colour, and texture in each exhibit.

**Pat Bennett's** original training in Fine Art (Painting and Lithography) at Wolverhampton College of Art and a teaching diploma from Manchester University was followed by 40 years in Art Education,

which persuaded her into exploring further skills in print-making, textiles and sculpture.

Her work through the years, using a great diversity of materials, is steeped in her life, creating, to her, evocations of events and situations, a visual diary, which in turn touch us as we respond to intangible, but resonant effects of colour, pattern and surface.

**Angela Thompson** was born in Glasgow, raised in South Wales and trained in Manchester in the mid sixties and retired in 2002,

after teaching Textiles for 35 years in the Greater Manchester area.

A memorable work of art was her creation of a wedding dress, complemented by five crocheted full-length bridesmaids' dresses, made during her spare time.

Her creative curiosity, and capacity for hard work did not stop on retirement. She turned her skills to quilting, joining a Quilters' group in 2006, where she experiments with colour, and texture, extending her versatility as a seamstress, knitter and embroiderer.

**Kiera Bennett** earned a BA Hons in Fine art at Oxford University in 1993, followed by an MA at the Royal College of Art in 2002, and works as a lecturer at the City and Guilds of London Art School.

Her work has been on exhibition throughout the world, including London, Italy, Berlin, New York and Japan. Currently, working for a solo exhibition at the Charlie Smith Gallery in April 2013, we are privileged to have the opportunity to view some of her work here at the Foxlowe Arts Centre.

Her work ranges vastly in scale; large canvases (8x5ft) to pieces only 3x4 inches. These miniatures are created from thousands of slivers of coloured paper which are intricately manipulated in each image, where magnification enables one to recognize the complexity of their creation.

**Voracious Magpies** runs from 9 March until 21 April. The Gallery opens: Wednesday-Saturday 10am-4pm. Sunday 11am-4pm

## The Situation

On Friday 1 March, the Foxlowe Arts Centre's resident not-for-profit indie and alternative music promoters, *The Situation*, have another great night lined up with three more outstanding original local acts: **Gravity Dave**, **Elly Kingdon**, and **Interlinked**.

Headlining are, a Leek-based original prog-punk-indie-rock band. Drawing on the artistic flare of prog, the socialist punch of punk and the tight back-beat and melody hooks of rock and indie, **Gravity Dave** combine and subvert these influences with one ear to the ground to create a new epic, catchy, relentless and unique sound. Simon Edwards, spokesman for *The Situation*, said: "Gravity Dave are one of the most original acts to appear on the local scene in the last year."

**Elly Kingdon** is a local folk-punk singer-songwriter, from Congleton, who plays baritone ukelele on stage. "I like singing about things like feminism, *The Muppets*, public transport, Stoke-on-Trent, bands I like and learning to grow up." said Elly.

**Interlinked** are opening the evening's



Voracious Magpies

entertainment. A young band from Leek High School, they play their own brand of 'Alternate Rock' - very fresh and energetic. Simon Edwards said: "Catch these guys now, at the very start of their musical adventure - they are sure to go far."

Looking ahead, *The Situation's* May event, *The Situation's Big May Birthday* is part of the Leek Arts Festival and will be on Sunday May 5th. It will be an all-dayer, with fifteen plus acts in twelve hours! More details next month.

Tickets for Friday 1st March will be available soon, at £2, from the bands, or you can pay on the door. Doors open at 8.30, first act on stage at or around 9pm, finishing at 11.30pm.

Tickets for Foxlowe Arts Centre events available: [www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk/tickets](http://www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk/tickets)

## Children's Rock & Pop Workshops

The workshops provide a great opportunity for young musicians to meet up, arrange, rehearse and perform rock and pop cover songs.

They are designed to be fun but young musicians will pick up skills in playing in time, listening hard, working with others and general stagecraft. We generally have 2 groups running in the workshop, one for rock, the other for pop to keep everyone happy.

The workshops started in the Summer holidays 2012. Shortly after, two young bands performed at the 2012 *Totally Locally* Birthday Bash. They were brilliant! We are hoping to put on a similar performance this year and possibly at other events such as Leek Arts Festival.

The workshops are led by Paul Hill and Steve Giddings. Both teach guitar

privately and both have loads of experience of running bands.

Musicians will need their own instruments but amplifiers, leads and microphones are provided. We are also working on a 'house' drum kit.

Recommend ages are 11-15. We are very keen to hear from any bass players, drummers or singers at the moment!

The workshops generally take place on the last Sunday in the month, 1.30 - 3.30pm but please double-check the calendar.

Dates are: 3 Mar, 24 Mar & 21 Apr, 1.30 - 3.30pm.

The cost per workshop is £10 (payable on the day).

For more information or to let us know you would like a child to attend please telephone Paul Hill on 01538 384589 or email [johnpaulhilluk@aim.com](mailto:johnpaulhilluk@aim.com)

*High quality, mellow acoustic music*

## The Foxlowe Sessions

Friday 8th March

**MEL HILL'S FINE AND DANDY JAZZ BAND** featuring MEL HILL Trumpet & Vocals, PETER 'PEDRO' ROBINSON, Guitar and JAKE REEVES, Guitar, Vocals & Banjo.

A journey through the musical landscape of nostalgia and roaming across The Great American Songbook, Tin Pan Alley, jazz and blues standards, jazz and some original songs. The band describe themselves as *Retro Nouveau*.

Sunday 24th March

**THE HUT PEOPLE:**

*So much more than it says on the label*

A hut is a very small house and *The Hut People* are an accordion/percussion duo but there the understatement must rest. Boasting the largest array of percussion instruments it is possible to assemble on a stage, they offer a driving, high energy set of folk and world tunes.

**SAM PIRT** has played accordion with the likes of Kathryn Tickell and Sharron Shannon, whilst also winning the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award with his band 422.

**GARY HAMMOND** is a celebrated session drummer, spending a number of years as a member of *The Beautiful South*. Together they've taken their mix of music, ranging from African to Danish, Brazilian to Basque, Irish to Quebecois, to many of the major folk and world music festivals across the world.



## CREATIVE WRITING AT THE FOXLOWE ARTS CENTRE

presented by **Borderland Voices**

supported by the Peak Park Sustainable Development Fund  
with local writer **Joe Rennie**

An invitation to a short series of 6 evening workshops. Your chance to work in inspiring surroundings with an up-and-coming local writer. All sessions take place in the Cruso Room. Workshops are free but donations towards BV's work welcome.

Thursdays 7-9pm from 7 March to 18 April but NOT 28 March. Places are limited: to book your place please email or ring (if necessary there's an answer phone) and leave your contact details. Telephone: 01538 528708. Email: [andy@borderlandvoices.org.uk](mailto:andy@borderlandvoices.org.uk)

## Open Mic from Buxton in Leek

Open-microphone original performers from Buxton appear at the Foxlowe Arts Centre on Saturday March 9th from 8-10pm,

Johnny Dysfunctional took his band *Boy in a Doll's House* to the semi-final of Live & Unsigned and his 'Singalong Recession Song' represented High Peak in a Houses of Parliament sponsored song competition.

In Leek he will perform an eclectic mix of comic songs and ballads.

Jack Regan, an hilarious word contortionist and killer rhymer opens the show before talented Hilary Iredale sings her own songs of love, sorrow and irony.

Evening compere, performance poet Julian Cohen then introduces Susannah Thompson, an artist and colourful poet whose work speaks from the heart, followed by Johnny Dysfunctional.

The event is free but donations can be made towards Foxlowe Arts Centre which the artistes are supporting.

## Borderland Voices

Promoting health and mental wellbeing through the arts

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### MOORLAND THERAPISTS

hold a free healing clinic on the 3rd SATURDAY of each month 12noon-4pm.

Therapies include reflexology, reiki & spiritual healing.

*Sessions are free but donations accepted towards costs.*

Quaker Meeting House  
Overton Bank, Leek.