

Dancing with Norman

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In April the macrobert presents a unique live performance celebrating of the work of Stirling-born film-maker Norman McLaren. Devised by Canadian company 4d Arts (makers of Cirque du Soleil's stadium extravaganzas), *Norman* fuses live theatre and cinema.

McLaren was born in Stirling in 1914 and educated at Stirling High School and Glasgow School of Art, where he began making short experimental films.

His work attracted the attention of another son of Stirling, John Grierson, who offered him a job with the GPO film unit in London and then invited him to Canada, when he moved there in 1939 to set up their National Film

Board. There McLaren developed new animation techniques, including painstakingly scratching his drawings directly onto film stock. His genius was widely recognised, and his short film *Neighbours* won an Oscar in 1953.

Norman brings his colourful animations to life in a quest by dancer Peter Trotzmer to find out more about McLaren's life and work. 4d Arts have developed a visually stunning virtual reality bridging the gap between performance and documentary film-making.

Trotzmer screens interviews made with people who knew McLaren and his work, witnesses who materialize out of

thin air and appear onstage to guide the dancer in his exploration.

The show also includes a selection of McLaren's films, some of them never released.

As well as talking to us about his love of McLaren's world, Trotzmer dances with his geometric shapes in a dazzling series of scenes, magically making colourful shapes appear, and sometimes being knocked flat by a stray animated creation!

Norman is at the macrobert from 17-19 April. For tickets and more information phone 01786 466666 / ticketsandinfo@stir.ac.uk.

The Community Council

The Community Council meets on the third Tuesday of every month in the Allan Centre at 7.30 p.m.

The elected members are: Les Paterson (Chair), Alison Logie (Vice Chair), Frances Hamilton (Secretary), Keith

Ironside (Treasurer), Marjorie Russell (Youth and Medical matters), Jim Christie (War Memorial), Sam Shortt (Link Road), Claire Gibbons (Planning), Ian Anderson (Village History), John Gill (General) and Jamie Nicol (Wallace High Youth Representative).

Matters important to the village such as roads, toilets, planning applications, developments, parks etc. are all discussed. Members of the public - old and young - are very welcome to attend and help the Community Council in its endeavours to improve the village and its facilities.

You may email the Community Council at boacc@hotmail.co.uk.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 18th March.

Elections take place in January to March and it is hoped to have four new members by then, making a total of 15.



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