



Burns Night at Stirling Castle - 26th January 2012

The annual Burns Night at Stirling Castle takes the format of a traditional Burns Supper and guests will be entertained with Scottish music, recitals of Burns poetry and excellent guest speakers.

Donny O'Rourke will present the Immortal Memory. Poet, songwriter, film maker, critic, editor, teacher and translator, Donny O'Rourke was born, brought up and educated in Renfrewshire and has degrees from the University of Glasgow and from Cambridge. He continues to teach at each. Many fellowships and awards have come his way including the Hermann Kesten Stipendium which took him as Glasgow's representative to its twin city, Nürnberg, in May 2004. After several years (and very senior positions) in television and journalism, Donny went freelance exactly a decade ago. He still broadcasts regularly and is the author or editor of more than a dozen books, CDs and works for the theatre including translations, mostly from French.

Dougie Donnelly will propose the Toast to the Lassies. Dougie Donnelly is one of the BBC's top television sports presenters with over 20 years experience of live broadcasting from the country's major sporting occasions. His rapport with major sporting figures has led to Dougie being asked to write and direct dozens of top-selling videos and DVDs - including biographies of Ally McCoist, Paul Gascoigne, Gavin Hastings and many others. In addition to his Olympic experiences, Dougie has worked on 2 World Cups, 3 Commonwealth Games, 8 US Masters, 15 Open Championships and no fewer than 27 consecutive Scottish Cup Finals! A former radio deejay and twice Scottish Radio Personality of The Year, Dougie is a law graduate and a popular, humorous after-dinner speaker who has entertained a wide variety and mixture of audiences everywhere from a North Sea Oil Platform to the House of Lords!

The reply on Behalf of the Lassies will be given by **Alison Walker**, a sports journalist and television presenter. She was the first woman to broadcast football matches live and since then has covered more than 20 different sports from shinty and curling to rugby, boxing, and triathlon. She presented the sports news on Reporting Scotland for eight years and has travelled extensively reporting on three Olympics Games and three Commonwealth Games. She is still regularly used by the BBC - Five Live, and BBC Scotland as well as Sky Sports News and has been recruited by World Curling TV but Alison has also moved into the corporate world and is much in demand as a host /presenter of events and as an after dinner speaker.

Roddy Hart, Described as "one of Scotland's best kept secrets", the Glaswegian singer/songwriter will provide a very special performance during the 2012 Burns Night. . Inviting comparisons with greats such as Bruce Springsteen, Elvis Costello, Bob Dylan and Tom Petty, Hart has established himself as an artist in the classic mould, and is gaining a growing reputation for his live shows with his band, The Lonesome Fire. In January 2009, Hart was commissioned to write new melodies to existing Robert Burns poems to celebrate the launch of Homecoming Scotland.



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With this fine selection of speakers and high quality menu, this event will provide a unique opportunity to entertain guests in Stirling Castle.

Approximate Timings:

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| 6.30pm | Castle gates open. Pre-dinner drinks will be served in the Chapel Royal |
| 7.30pm | Dinner in the Great Hall |
| 10pm | After Dinner Speakers: Donny O'Rourke Dougie Donnelly Alison Walker |
| Midnight | Auld Lang Syne |
| 12.15am | Carriages |

Dress: Black Tie/Highland Dress

Seating: Seating will be by table plan. Tables can be reserved for parties of up to 10.

Burns Menu:

Tarbet Crab Cake, Apple and Watercress Salad with a Lemon Dressing



Great Chieftain's Haggis Puddin' Race



Slow Roasted Fillet of Prime Scotch Beef, Fondant Potato
Savory Cabbage & Carrot and a Roasted Salsify Red wine Jus



Lemon Posset, Stem Ginger Shortbread, Poached Figs



Tea, coffee with Scottish tablet

Sparkling wine and a selection of soft drinks will be available during the drinks reception and a dram will be served during dinner.

Dietary/Special Requirements:

If you have any dietary or special access requests, please indicate your requirements on the table plan previously forwarded for your attention.

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