



Burns Night at Stirling Castle 27th January 2011

£150 + VAT per person ☞ **Tables seat up to 10 guests**

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.

Sandy Strang will present the Immortal Memory. Sandy, a journalist who has penned long running columns in *The Herald*, *The Edinburgh Evening News*, *The Sun* and *Scotland on Sunday*; a footballer for Cambridge University - and won at Wembley; a cricketer who's played in a record number of Scotland Cup Finals, he's a man with a tale or two. Sandy is one of Scotland's most sought after Burns speakers and has spoken at Burns Club dinners around the world.

Raymond O'Hare will propose the Toast to the Lassies. Raymond was director of Microsoft in Scotland for five and a half years until the end of 2009, and is the current Chairman of the Institute of Directors in Scotland. He spent twelve and a half years working for the Microsoft Corporation. He speaks regularly at conferences and events. Raymond has been a huge fan of Burns for many years, his early interest was kindled while he lived and worked in Ireland. O'Hare believes passionately that despite Burns' many faults, he has something to teach all of us about life, love and the art of communication.

The reply on Behalf of the Lassies will be given by **Jackie Bird**, Jackie is one of the best-known faces on Scottish television and can turn her hand to anything. She presents BBC Scotland's flagship nightly news programme Reporting Scotland and also hosts other key programmes including the Hogmanay Show and BBC Children in Need. Since joining BBC Scotland in 1990 Jackie has presented a variety of programming including a light entertainment quiz series 'Superscots'. She has also presented a number of programmes on BBC Radio Scotland and for two years hosted her own three hour Saturday morning show. She is also the regular presenter of the monthly political programme Scottish Questions from Westminster. When not broadcasting Jackie is a self-confessed 'obsessed athlete'. She is a qualified aerobics teacher and swim coach, a triathlete competitor and keen half marathon runner. Jackie is in high demand as host of corporate events, award ceremonies and after dinner speaking.

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:

7pm	Pre-dinner drinks in the Chapel Royal
8pm	Dinner in the Great Hall
10.30pm	After Dinner Speakers: Sandy Strang Raymond O'Hare Jackie Bird

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:

Trio of Salmon, Smoked, hot smoked and Stirling Castle's own cured gravlax.
Micro greens and lemon oil



Haggis neeps and tatties



Roast saddle of borders lamb with garden herb stuffing, red currant gravy,
Fondant potato

Buttered savoy cabbage and carrots



Glayva and toasted Grampian oatmeal parfait



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.

benugo at Stirling Castle offer a comprehensive wine list with house wine priced at £15.00 per bottle. Wine can be pre ordered from benugo on confirmation of booking.

Dietary/Special Requirements:

If you have any dietary or special access requests, please indicate your requirements with your booking request. Final catering numbers are required 5 working days before the event.

Accommodation:

Special overnight rates are available at the Stirling Highland Hotel (Tel: 01786 272727).

Please contact the hotel direct for more details quoting 'Stirling Castle Burns Night'. Contact details for other local hotels can also be provided.

Tickets and Cancellations:

A 50% deposit is required on confirmation and an invoice will be issued to you. The remainder of the fee will be required 3 months before the event. Cancellations received in writing before 11 December 2010 will be refunded with 50% of the full payment. Historic Scotland reserve the right to cancel the event within 4 weeks and all payments will be refunded.

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