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Knockengoroch World Ceilidh 2014 Line-up Announced

Organisers of the Knockengoroch World Ceilidh in Dumfries and Galloway have announced this year's line-up.

The festival celebrates the commonality of roots music and the line-up features music originating from across the world in a collaborative fusion of styles.

Vieux Farke Toure, son of the Malian legend Ali Farke Toure and coined as Africa's next great guitar hero, will journey into the Southern Uplands bringing desert blues to the hills. He will be joined by the founders of the label Ninja Tunes, **Coldcut**, 80s pioneers in dance music and sampling, **Neville Staple** of Specials fame bringing a ska staple to the event and the **Dub Pistols** with dub, hip-hop and big beat.

Acclaimed Scottish duo **Ross Ainslie and Jarlath Henderson's** reeling melodies will ring out in Knockengoroch's natural amphitheatre while Mercury Award nominated **Sam Lee** will perform songs learned direct from Roma people of the British Isles and **Kan**, lauded masters of cross-fertilisation, comprising top traditional and jazz players from across the UK, will join the gathering.

Also on the line-up; grounded in klezmer and gypsy styles, the saxophone and accordion fronted **Alejandro and the Magic Tombolinos**, avant garde traditional melodies literally pumped out by Breton band **Plantec** and Glasgow based international stars, long term Knockengoroch residents **Mungo's Hi Fi Sound System**.

Many other acts from across Scotland and further afield will join the party and the festival will ring out with impromptu sessions and tunes traditional, experimental and upland inspired.

As well as music the event will present comedy, theatre, dance, film and spoken word. A collaboration with Reel Festivals will highlight a Scottish Middle Eastern connection, featuring filmmakers, writers, musicians and poets in a performance and discussion event. Workshops, real ales, dedicated children's activities, a sauna, heritage and environmental workshops and much more will feature.

Located in one of Europe's only designated Dark Skies Parks and a recognised UNESCO biosphere site near the Southern Upland way the Knockengoroch World Ceilidh festival environs are considered some of the most bio-diverse and beautiful in Scotland. The festival incorporates the natural locality and social history central to its design.

The festival will take place from 22 to 25 May 2014

Advance tickets are available from SKIDDLE
Family and concession tickets are available.

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