



# scotland interPlay convergence

with  
**Cynthia Winton-Henry  
& Phil Porter**

**AUG 14-26, 2013**

**Enjoy the beauty of Scotland, play with folks from all around during two great weekend “Untensives,” perform during the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and travel to the enchanting Isle of Lismore.**

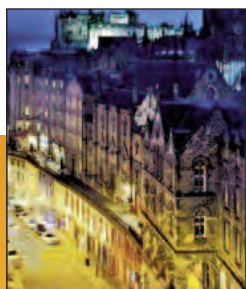
What an opportunity! A 14-day InterPlay trip to the beautiful country of Scotland from August 14-26, 2013. One of our newest and most enthusiastic InterPlay leaders, **Mairi Campbell**, invites us to come take part in two weekend “Untensive” workshops in **Edinburgh**, the second of which leads to a performance as part of the **Festival of Spirituality and Peace** that runs alongside the **Edinburgh Fringe Festival** (taking part in the actual performance is optional). InterPlay co-founders **Cynthia Winton-Henry** and **Phil Porter** will lead the group.



Between the two workshops you will have an opportunity to travel to the **magical island**

**of Lismore**, one of the ancient centers of Celtic spirituality. There the group will soak up the ambience, play lightly and enjoy local culture. Mairi’s family has a delightful cottage there where she often teaches fiddle workshops.

If you sign up for the full program you will be part of the “core group” which will be limited



to 15 participants. Anyone from anywhere in the world can be part of this group (other than Edinburgh locals). Those in the core group will still get to choose between going to Lismore or staying in Edinburgh between the Untensives.

The core group will be provided local homestays that will make the trip especially affordable. Others may choose to make their own arrangements for housing and sign up for workshops separately.

### **Tentative schedule**

**Wed Aug 14** Travel to Edinburgh (if flying from US or other distant locations)

**Thu Aug 15** Arrive / Day off to acclimate / Meet homestay hosts

**Fri-Sun Aug 16-18** InterPlay Untensive (beginning on Friday evening)

**Mon-Thu Aug 19-22** Optional trip to Lismore (some may choose to stay in Edinburgh)

**Thu-Sun Aug 22-25** “Unbelievable Beauty of Being Human” Untensive (UBBH) beginning on Thursday evening and culminating in a performance on Sunday afternoon

**Mon Aug 26** Travel home

### **Cost**

The cost is **\$1300**, which includes **tuition for all events and homestays** from Thursday August 15 through Monday morning August 26.



Some homestays may include breakfast, and some meals may be provided for the group at certain points during the Untensives. Participants will be responsible for all other meals, local transportation and incidental expenses. Those traveling to Lismore will be responsible for the cost of their round-trip transportation between Edinburgh and Lismore. Travel logistics will be arranged for the group and accommodations in Lismore are included in the cost.

A **non-refundable deposit of \$250** is required to reserve your spot in the core group.

### **Option B**

Arrange your own flights, meals, local transportation and other miscellaneous expenses, and register for either or both “Untensives” separately. Tuition for the first InterPlay Untensive will be \$275 USD (£160 for Edinburgh residents). For the UBBH Untensive the tuition will be \$325 USD (£190 for Edinburgh residents). The Lismore trip will only be available for those in the core group because of limited space.

### **Mairi Campbell**

Mairi Campbell is a Scottish singer and musician, born and raised in Edinburgh. Her work has taken her all over the world, teaching and performing, at times with her musical partner and husband David Francis with whom she has a duo called ‘The Cast’. They’ve made a number of recordings over the past 20 years, but are now largely involved with supporting grass roots music making at a more local level.



They have had occasional brushes with stardom however...namely when Sarah Jessica Parker heard Campbell singing 'Auld Lang Syne' for President Clinton and Sean Connery at the Kennedy Center Honors and chose Mairi's version of the song to be in the pivotal scene of her block buster 2008 movie 'Sex and the City'!

Campbell is the musical director of Sangstream, a folk song choir based in Edinburgh and has founded her own little fiddle school at her cottage on the Island of Lismore.

Recently she fell in love with InterPlay and traveled to the United States several times to take part in InterPlay events. She has also already hosted several US InterPlay teachers in Scotland and has graciously agreed to help organize this event.

### **Edinburgh**

Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, is marked by its striking landscape. It is the home of the internationally known Fringe Festival and is a popular tourist destination. The city was one of the historical major centers of the Enlightenment, led by the University of Edinburgh, helping to earn it the nickname "Athens of the North."

### **Lismore**

The Isle of Lismore is a partially Gaelic speaking island in the Inner Hebrides of Scotland. This fertile, low-lying island was once a major centre of Celtic Christianity, with a monastery founded by Saint Moluag and the seat of the Bishop of Argyll.

They say that when you step off the ferry, you feel like you have arrived in a different world. There is an immediate sense of peace, of having "got away". Once the ferry traffic has departed, there is little sound but the calling of birds. The air is pure and intoxicating! The island is tranquil and unspoiled, and surrounded on all sides by stunning mountain scenery.

### **The Edinburgh Fringe Festival**

The Edinburgh Festival Fringe is the largest arts festival on Earth, an inspiring celebration of the best performance and entertainment coming out of every continent of our planet. In 2012, a record-breaking 2695 different shows were presented. The Festival is "open-access." Anyone willing to organize a show and get a venue can be added to the Festival line-up!

### **The Festival of Spirituality and Peace**

The Festival of Spirituality and Peace (FoSP) is one of Edinburgh's most exciting and diverse Festivals. It features over 400 activities across 21 venues each year in August. With top-quality speakers, conversations, performances, film, food, exhibitions, family activities, workshops, art, culture and more the festival is now looking forward to its twelfth year. FoSP is committed to the principles of creativity, inclusivity and dialogue and to modeling the dynamics of peacemaking: to sponsor the kind of conversations and encounters which need to happen in the wider world if there is to be peace and respect for all—and to garner wisdom wherever it is to be found.

