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Le Haggis VI - Scotland's Five Star Cabaret returns to ravish the Big Burns Supper

- **Le Haggis VI returns with fresh new line up as incredible international circus artists join spectacular Scottish talent**
- **Irish street performance world champions Lords of Strut, Romanian deliciously daring aerialist Andrei Tazlauanu and UK's fire breathing rock 'n' roll aerialist Fuel Girl Kat join 2019 cast**
- **Top Scottish folk band Hó-Ró provide thumping trad beats to accompany cheeky Celtic cabaret**
- **Le Haggis VI fires into Big Burns Supper engulfing the Spiegel tent on the 25th, 26th Jan & 1st, 2nd Feb 2019**
- **Tickets on sale now via bigburnssupper.com or by calling 01381 271 820**



It's not La Clique, it's not La Soiree, it's **Le Haggis** and it's a Scottish national treasure, back to ravish, delight and astound with a fresh new show. **Le Haggis VI** returns to its spiritual home in the **Big Burns Supper Spiegel tent** with a high-octane speed, shimmering like a tartan sporran hanging off the side of very chiselled looking lowland warrior.

Cabaret is the frantic beating heart of the festival and no stronger example of its ability to provide a contemporary reflection of Burns can be found than through that of the home-



grown cabaret smash-hit, Le Haggis. Expect a heart wrenching **Celtic rock harmony** laid on rhythmic tribal anthems from an incredible live band of Scottish musicians alongside an international host of variety acts and the raunchiest cabaret.

Le Haggis VI sees unbelievable **international circus artists perform alongside top Scottish musicians** to create a blistering cabaret experience truly unique to Big Burns Supper. The new stellar cast includes; Romanian born **Andrei Tazlauanu**, an incredibly talented aerial and hand balancing artist who has performed around the world. Britain's Got Talent 2017 semi-finalists, street performance World Champions, Cork's favourite spandex wearing lads, **The Lords of Strut** and the UK's fire breathing, rock 'n' roll aerialist **Fuel Girl Kat** collaborate alongside local Dumfries talent creating a cheeky Celtic cabaret that will spark your every sense.

The incredible Le Haggis VI cast are joined on stage every night by **Hó-Ró**, the young, energetic Scottish folk band hailing from the Highlands & Islands providing thundering Celtic rock harmonies and legendary Burns songs laid on rhythmic tribal anthems to complete the true Le Haggis experience.

Le Haggis VI runs on the 25th, 26th Jan and the 1st, 2nd Feb 2019 at 7pm. New for 2019, **Le Haggis VI Late at 11:15pm** offers a naughtier late-night experience, guaranteed to push boundaries and set pulses racing!

Graham Main, Executive Producer of Big Burns Supper said; "Le Haggis is circus for the soul – it's our homegrown creation and one we are incredibly proud of. Big Burns Supper's reason for being is to bring people together through arts and culture, Le Haggis is the bold beating heart of our festival here in Dumfries as it captures our ethos of togetherness through blistering performance and international cultural collaboration."

"2019 marks the 6th year and we just couldn't be happier to see our saucy creation continue to delight audiences as we once again welcome international artists to Dumfries to collaborate with homegrown talent. Le Haggis VI is going to be an absolute belter and I'm hugely excited to announce our amazing cast of 2019 today and look forward to revealing a few more surprises in the coming weeks."

Lords of Strut said; "We are expecting a rowdy, wild and raw show at Le Haggis, putting this much Celtic talent in a tent is asking for trouble... the kind we like!!!"

"Lords of Strut will bring our signature bombastic style of glitz, glam and ridiculous dance routines, and some eye-popping surprises... that we hope our Scottish brethren can handle! This is going to be DEADLY! Love the LORDS OF STRUT."

Andrei Tazlauanu said; "I'm very excited and proud to perform for the very first time in Scotland. I'm hoping that my performances will make the audience feel just like I do when enjoying a good single malt scotch - anxious, excited, surprised, scared, nostalgic and happy."

Hó-Ró said; "We're absolutely thrilled to bring our sound all the way from the Highlands and Islands to Scotland's award-winning risqué cabaret, Le Haggis. Our soundtrack is



energetic, fast and rich with unbeatable poetry of Gaelic song – and we’ve heard that the Le Haggis audience are up for a party, so we’re keen to put that to the test.”

Le Haggis VI leads the cabaret action at Big Burns Supper but it’s not the only act in town. Returning after last year’s storming success is **Queer Haggis** (26th Jan) which this year welcomes a brand-new cast of the nation’s most celebrated LGBT artists peppered with a tight bondage of cabaret, aerial acrobatics, drag and disco. Community dirty storytelling is the name of the game as **Smut Slam** (31st Jan) sees creator and host Cameryn Moore joined by some of Dumfries’ top storytellers and performers, all with tales of “firsts” for an adult story time you didn’t know you needed until now!

The **Big Burns Supper 2019 (24th Jan – 3rd Feb 2019) programme** also features performances from some of the biggest names in music, cabaret, theatre and comedy including; Scottish rocker **KT Tunstall**, psychedelic cult rockers **Colonel Mustard & the Dijon Five**, acoustic-folk extraordinaire **Frank Turner**, actor, presenter, DJ, funk & soul icon **Craig Charles**, top Irish stand-up **Ed Byrne**, BBC radio and TV regular **Hardeep Singh Kohli** and UK folk scene’s rising stars **Talisk**.

Sunday Sessions – a unique festival within a festival on Sunday 3rd Feb features **Alabama 3, The Troggs, The Complete Stone Roses and Mànran**.

The family programme returns with **Youth Beatz Take Over**, Scotland’s biggest free youth music festival, science’s greatest and most volatile show **Brainiac Live!**, a fabulous **Family Roller Disco** and the Edinburgh Fringe sell-out hit **Baby Loves Disco**.

The 2019 Big Burns Festival runs from 24th January – 3rd February. Tickets are available to book via www.bigburnssupper.com or by calling 01381 271 820.

Big Burns Supper Festival is a non-profit event, produced by local charity Elektronika and has received support through **Scotland’s Winter Festivals**.



Burns Night

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LISTINGS



Le Haggis VI

Dates: 25th, 26th January, 1st and 2nd February 2019

Time: 7pm

Price: £24.50 (Ringside) / £250.00 (Booth)

Location: 38-39 Whitesands, Dumfries, DG1 2RS

Le Haggis VI Late

Dates: 25th, 26th January, 1st and 2nd February 2019

Time: 11:15pm

Price: £24.50 (Ringside) / £250.00 (Booth)

Location: 38-39 Whitesands, Dumfries, DG1 2RS

Big Burns Supper Listing Highlights can be accessed [here](#)

Images can be accessed [here](#)

Notes to Editors

About Big Burns Supper

Big Burns Supper is Scotland's landmark Burns Night event which takes place in Dumfries and features a heady mixture of cabaret, comedy, music and entertainment in over 30 different venues as the town goes bonkers for nine days of winter magic. If you are going to check out Dumfries – this is definitely the time to do it, with events including Burns Night Live – which is streamed live to the world. The festival is also the home of Le Haggis, Scotland's finest five-star cabaret experience.

www.bigburnssupper.com

Elektronika

Elektronika (formally Electric Theatre Workshop) is a cultural producer which creates platforms for audience engagement through a diverse range of community arts based programmes, including Big Burns Supper Festival, Carlisle Fringe Festival, Creative Schools, Dumfries Community Choir, Dumfries Youth Theatre and our award winning participatory programmes that have helped to transform the communities we serve. We believe everyone has the right to experience culture.

www.elektronika.org.uk

Scottish Winter Festivals

SWF aims to mobilise the people of Scotland and those with an affinity to Scotland to join in the St Andrew's Day, Hogmanay and Burns celebrations, boosting our key tourism and events sectors and the wider economy, enhancing community engagement and raising Scotland's international profile.

Scotland's Winter Festivals is a Scottish Government initiative, delivered in collaboration with VisitScotland, BEMIS Scotland, the Fair Saturday Foundation, the English-Speaking Union Scotland and a range of other partners.

Scotland's Winter Festivals will welcome hundreds of thousands of people to funded events celebrating St Andrew's Day, Hogmanay and Burns right across Scotland; significantly boosting the economy and engaging our diverse communities during the winter months whilst showcasing our unique world class tourism assets to a global audience.



Burns Night

1. Robert Burns is Scotland's national poet and his birthday is marked every year on January 25th with celebrations of his life and his cultural legacy at home and around the world.
2. After his death at the age of just 37, Burns' works became internationally renowned and the sentiments of many of his poems and songs continue to resonate to this day with people from all corners of the world singing 'Auld Lang Syne' to bring in the New Year.
3. There are many ways to get involved and celebrate the life and works of Robert Burns. For example, host a Burns Supper. A Burns Supper is an inspiring event to be part of. The haggis is traditionally piped in to dinner and then specifically addressed in poetry. Further poems including 'A Toast to the Lassies' are exchanged by dinner guests with accompanying drams of whisky, however there are many modern variations and twists on these traditions that befits Scotland, a country that champions fairness, equality and inclusivity.
4. In addition, the national and community events programme celebrating Burns Night offers something for everyone with events taking place right across the country. Further information is available at scotland.org/burns.
5. Learn more about Robert Burns himself and how to hold your own modern Burns Supper as well as the meaning behind some of his most famous words and phrases by visiting scotland.org/burns.