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Russell Kane, Nish Kumar & Rosie Jones set to bring the laughter back to Big Burns Supper 2022

- **Line-up also includes Skerryvore, Stanley Odd and London African Gospel Choir**
- **Extended festival runs 14th – 30th January 2022 reflecting a new model designed to provide a safer return to in-person events across Dumfries**
- **Tickets on sale now via www.bigburnssupper.com**

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The first set of acts for 11th **Big Burns Supper** have been announced as festival organisers promise a return '*as close to normal as possible*' for the 2022 festival which runs from **14th – 30th January** across Dumfries. Big Burns Supper is the largest community platform in the South of Scotland, with over 250 events each year, and the biggest contemporary Burns Festival in the world.

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Comedians **Russell Kane, Nish Kumar, Rosie Jones** join festival favourites **Skerryvore**, Scottish Album of the Year 2021 contenders **Stanley Odd**, the return of homegrown festival favourite **Celtic cabaret Le Haggis Royal** and **London African Gospel Choir** performing a special rendition of Paul Simon's *Graceland*, thirty-five years after its first release. The 2022 festival opens with the **Eden Winter Warmer**, a magical winter celebration in partnership with the Eden Festival.

Following last year's cancellation of the physical festival due to Covid, the 2022 programme reflects learnings as gained from delivering a hugely successful online event in 2021 while so embracing the opportunity to try something new. The refreshed festival model also reflects input from an extensive 18-month community consultation about the future of the festival, a result of which ushers in several new initiatives to help sustain a balanced growth into the next decade, including reduced operating hours mid-week and a longer festival which will run over a three-week period, helping to drive stronger social and economic impact. The 2022 festival programme also includes an increased in experiential events to offer a more diverse programme, scheduled at different times of the day with the hope of engaging a wide range of new and established audiences.

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heart of the festival, and is reflected in various aspects of the revamped 2022 offer including; the return of the much-loved **Dumfries Carnival**, commitment to utilise empty buildings in Dumfries town centre as festival spaces and **Stand-Up Dumfries**, a new stand-up comedy show showcasing local comedic talent.

Further programme details on the revamped 2022 festival will be made in October.

Graham Main, Chief Executive of Big Burns Supper said: “Our line-up and remodelled festival includes as much humour and community togetherness as we could possibly achieve. We feel, that more than anything our audience could do with a laugh and a chance to reconnect with old friends and new. We’ve listened and learned a lot since our last physical festival in 2020 and we are confident and so very excited that our massively revamped 2022 festival represents not only the best of our local community and the finest artists in the UK, but also really properly shows off the transformative power of the arts to bring us back together.”

Councillor Adam Wilson said; “Dumfries and Galloway Council is delighted that 2022 can be welcomed in with an extended Big Burns Supper Festival. It was sorely missed in Dumfries town centre in 2021 but online it gained a worldwide profile to promote our region’s charismatic and confident cultural sector. Big Burns Supper has more surprises than a hyperactive jack in the box and I’m really looking forward to taking in many of its events.”

Tickets are available now online at www.bigburnssupper.com, in person at the Creative Hub in the Loreburne Shopping Centre or by calling 01387 733717.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Big Burns Supper

Big Burns Supper is the largest community platform in the South of Scotland, with over 250 events each year, and the biggest Burns Festival in the world. The festival 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 three weekends 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. Big Burns Supper is also the home of Dumfries Carnival, one of Scotland’s largest community events.

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