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WOMEN OF THE WORLD
FESTIVAL

PERTH

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PERTH CONCERT HALL



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WOW PERTH 2017

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Artistic Director, Southbank Centre

Founder, WOW - Women of the World Festival

Since founding *WOW* at Southbank Centre, London in 2010, I'm thrilled by how quickly the movement has grown, with *WOW* festivals in 20 cities across 5 continents.

Female voices have become immensely powerful as a force for positive change worldwide. Women's stories of triumph, tragedy, progress or setback are a crucial source of knowledge and I believe that women from Kathmandu to Karachi, Baltimore to Bradford should connect so they can make new solutions together. *WOW* festivals make that happen with nearly 2 million girls, women, boys and men taking part, and I am so pleased that the festival is going to be in Perth for the very first time.

As women's progress accelerates, backlash and resistance surfaces, some basic rights are under threat and violence against women is at frightening proportions; we must use all our creativity

to support each other and have the courage to move beyond our own circles and to learn how other women face challenges different from our own. *WOW* celebrates and learns from diversity of all kinds - and welcomes everyone to be part of this global movement for change.

Each festival is built by the community it's in, and I know, thanks to the terrific contributions from so many people and the leadership of the *WOW* Perth team, you'll see your city reflected in the programme. We're so proud that *WOW* will be a catalyst for conversation and making change in Perth - especially at a time of such unprecedented female leadership in Scotland. It's going to be inspiring, and I look forward to seeing you there.

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Welcome to Scotland's inaugural *WOW* - Women of the World Festival!

What can a gender equal Scotland look like and how do we play our part in creating a gender equal world? These are the questions at the heart of the *WOW* Perth programme.

WOW is a festival for everyone, a space to have conversations around gender equality which are current and necessary.

The festival is a celebration of Scotland's women and girls hosted by the community of Perth and Kinross. Over the past months I have met a great array of women from across Scotland. Amazing local women from Perth and Kinross and brilliant women from a variety of Scotland's dynamic communities. You will discover some of their stories over the course of the *WOW* weekend alongside some of Scotland's most prolific female leaders and thinkers.

WOW is not just a journey of the head. It will make your heart sing and your gut warm. Whether you're throwing some shapes, learning something new or having that conversation you have been desperate to have, *WOW* is a space for positive and constructive change.

This is Scotland and Perth's first *WOW* and I hope you will jump in and participate. I hope you are moved, inspired, empowered and that you have fun. Because the best things come out of joy and positivity, even when we might be tackling the more difficult topics.

I am delighted to share the programme with you and can't wait to welcome you to Perth Concert Hall.

Lou Brodie
WOW Perth 2017 Festival Programmer

HOW TO BOOK

**WOW Perth launch -
in conversation with Nicola Sturgeon**
£7.50 | £5 concession

Day pass: £12 | £9 concession

Weekend pass: £20 | £16 concession
(price includes £1.50 booking fee)

Day and weekend pass holders have a choice of activities throughout the festival. If your first choice is full due to limited capacity do not worry. We encourage you to try other sessions - sometimes an unsuspecting second choice will be the best thing you'll see! Thank you.

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Friday 27 October

7.30pm - 9pm

WOW PERTH LAUNCH - IN CONVERSATION WITH NICOLA STURGEON



Concert Hall

TICKETS £7.50/£5

Nicola Sturgeon



The *WOW* Festival has landed in Scotland! Get yourself to Perth Concert Hall for the hottest event this Autumn. Join Scotland's First Minister **Nicola Sturgeon**, *WOW* Festival founder **Jude Kelly** and our festival *WOW*sers - the young women who've been working on *WOW* - for an evening celebration to kickstart the weekend.

The First Minister will be in conversation with Jude Kelly, followed by questions from our teens as they ask the First Minister about gender equality, what drives her, the women who inspire her and more.

Expect an evening of fun and frank chat, an exploration into the most potent topics for women and girls today and the steps we can all take towards equality.

WOW VOLUNTEERS

The *WOW* volunteers are on hand all weekend to welcome you to the festival, answer queries, offer help and share information about the festival programme. When you see them, be sure to say hello!

ACCESS

All venues are accessible to people with disabilities. For building-related access queries, please email wowperth@southbankcentre.co.uk.

A number of the sessions will be British Sign Language interpreted. Please email wowperth@southbankcentre.co.uk if there are any sessions in particular that you would like to be BSL interpreted or if you have any other access queries.



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WOWSERS

The *WOW*sers are young Perth volunteers aged 14 – 18 who are working together in the lead-up to the festival to create a piece of work to be showcased at *WOW* Perth 2017. The *WOW*sers are also speaking on various panels throughout the weekend, ensuring that the voices, opinions and interests of Perth's young people are represented.

SHOP, EAT & DRINK

Due to our city centre location there are a number of eateries nearby. Our Festival venue **Perth Concert Hall's Classrooms Café** is the perfect place to meet, catch up with *WOW* friends and take in the festival vibes.

They have a great range of teas and coffees, cakes, contemporary menus, fine wines, classic cocktails, crisp lagers and champagne for special occasions!



Saturday 28 October

9am - 10am

WOW Morning Yoga

Norrie Miller Studio



Stretch out in preparation for the weekend's events.

Mothers and babies welcome. Bring your own mat if you have one, but we'll have some too.

10.15am - 10.30am

WOW Views on the News

Concert Hall



Join us for a quick flick through the morning's headlines, and what they mean for women and girls. With **Val McDermid** and **Jude Kelly, founder of WOW - Women of the World**. Grab a coffee and join us as we ease you into your WOW Perth experience!

10.30am - 11.30am

Under 10s Feminist Corner*

Tilt

Feminism isn't just for grown-ups ... or teenagers!

Are you a budding young feminist? Do you think girls should have the same opportunities in life as boys? If so, we've got the perfect session for you.

Join other girls and boys for an interactive workshop led by **Lauren Oakes**, exploring what being a girl means, and get tips on how to start a campaign in your bedroom. This is a mixed session for all genders aged 6 - 10 years old. These workshops are for young people only.

*Please note, this free event requires a ticket which can be booked through the Horsecross Box Office.

10.30am - 11.30am

Braw Lassies from Bonnie Scotland

Concert Hall



Come and hear about the courage, initiative, intelligence, willpower and all-round badassery of some of our greatest Scottish foremothers. Legendary crime writer **Val McDermid** and film-maker **Kiana Kalantar-Hormozi** talk about the women from history who've inspired them.

Kiana Kalantar-Hormozi



12 noon - 1pm

Childlessness

Norrie Miller Studio

Approximately 3.5 million people in the UK have difficulty conceiving, and damaging stereotypes like the 'crazy cat lady' and 'mad spinsters' still prevail. This open and in-depth facilitated discussion on being childless by circumstance will look at shame, disappointment and how the social and political aspects of fertility, infertility and assisted reproduction impacts personal life.

Led by **Lu Kemp**, Artistic Director of Perth Theatre

Saturday 28 October

12 noon – 1pm

Shame

Concert Hall



Shame is an emotion that has been used to control women for centuries. From teenage girls avoiding sport because of shame around their bodies, to women not seeking help for abuse because of fear of stigmatisation, carrying unspoken shame can have devastating effects. Come and hear how we can move past this in ourselves and in society.

Speakers include: **Leyla Josephine** who has spoken out about her experience of abortion and whose poem *I Think She Was A She* went viral in 2014, **Claire Hewitt** whose transgender grandson took his own life last year and **Halina Rifai**, author of online blog My Rad Fat Diary.

Chaired by **Ellie Hutchinson**, founder of The Empower Project.

12 noon – 1pm

Welcome Hame

Tilt

Scotland prides itself on its sense of place, community and a warm welcome to all, but how do you fare if you are a woman and a refugee trying to figure out where and how you belong?

In this session, hear from speakers including Scottish Refugee Council's **Jewels Lang**, founder of Refuweegee **Selina Hales** and refugee women themselves about the real stories behind the headlines, the obstacles faced by refugee women and what displacement in Scotland can feel like.

1pm - 3pm

Artist Rooms: Louise Bourgeois

Guided Exhibition Tour and Talk*

Perth Museum & Art Gallery

Artists, makers and all are invited to join this special guided tour to get under the skin of one of the most celebrated artists of the 21st Century - Louise Bourgeois. Led by Culture PK Creative Learning Officer, **Helen O'Brien**

In addition to the Saturday session, Culture PK invite WOW audience members to join them on Friday 27 October, 1.30-3.30pm, for **Welcoming Hands** at Perth Museum & Art Gallery. Drop in and join artist **Jill Skulina** for a making workshop encouraging play with materials and concepts within the work of Louise Bourgeois.

*For more information or to book a place on either of the sessions, please email HOBrien@culturepk.org.uk

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Period Poverty

Norrie Miller Studio

period poverty

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being unable to afford female sanitary products.

Period poverty is a very real issue for many women around the world - and Scotland is leading the way in tackling it. Come along and hear what is happening, and what more can be done to drive forward the message that those of us who menstruate should not be penalised for it!

Speakers include: Labour MSP **Monica Lennon**, film-maker **Alison Piper**, the Trussell Trust's **Lyndsay Cochrane** and period poverty campaigner **Shauna Gauntlett**.



••••• Saturday 28 October

1.30pm – 2.30pm

What Does Brexit Mean for Women?

Concert Hall



Does Brexit spell the end for women's rights or will it do the reverse? As the government prepares the way for Britain's exit from the EU, come and hear some of Scotland's leading experts discuss the pros and cons of the referendum result for women and girls.

Speakers include: **Angela O'Hagan** of the Scottish Women's Budget group and **Susie Fitton** from Inclusion Scotland.

Chaired by STV News Tonight Presenter **Halla Mohieddeen**.



Speed Mentoring Credit: Belinda Lawley

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Speed Mentoring*

Tilt

Join experts across many fields including journalists, scientists, theatre directors, campaigners, artists, *WOW* speakers and many more. This hour-long session includes three individual 15-minute mentoring sessions to share your challenges, exchange ideas and potentially identify a new mentor.

*Please note our speed mentoring sessions have a very limited capacity and mentees will be welcomed to the session on a first come first served basis.

1.30pm - 4pm

Sexism and Mental Health

Drop-In Workshop for Women*
Earn

Does sexism affect your mental health? How are they connected? What are the strategies that help us cope? Through creative activity and conversation we will discuss, share our experiences, and listen to others in this safe drop-in workshop led by award-winning theatre-maker **Julia Taudevin** and Head of Policy and Research for the Mental Health Foundation **Dr Iris Elliot**.

This workshop, presented in partnership with SMHAF, is part of ongoing research to create a new theatre show, *Hysteria!*, a darkly comic political cabaret for our times to be premiered at the Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival.

*This session is for women only, including transwomen, those who were assigned female at birth, and all others who identify as female, genderqueer or non-binary.

2pm - 4pm

Playing with Fire*

Kinnoull Woodland Shed

Woodcraft, firelighting, whittling and campfire cooking are activities that are all too often seen as belonging to men. Join **Bonnie Maggio** from the Forestry Commission for a relaxed and fun afternoon in the woods around the campfire. Explore women's connections to our wild surroundings and learn some practical woodland skills.

*Very limited capacity. For more information, venue directions and to book a place email wowperth@southbankcentre.co.uk

Saturday 28 October

3pm - 4pm

Is 60 the New 30?

Concert Hall



Hot off the back of her celebrated BBC documentary, *The Insider's Guide to the Menopause*, broadcaster **Kirsty Wark** leads a discussion on all the fabulous (and not-so-fabulous) realities facing women as they step into the third age.

Speakers include: Perth's own **Rachel Weiss**, founder of Perth (and the world's) first menopause café, and **Clare Cooper**, entrepreneur and passionate advocate for independent living for older people.



3pm - 4.30pm

I am Perfect as Me*

Tilt

Are you afraid to be nude in front of your partner? Do you feel uncomfortable in communal changing rooms? Come and try life modelling and/or drawing, and hear the testimonies of women who have found life modelling to be a transformational experience. Be professionally guided in a peaceful space, or just come to listen.

Women model together as a group, with poses lasting up to 20 minutes. Art materials, robes, a changing area and a warm, comfortable space to pose are provided. If you have health concerns, inform us and we will do our utmost to accommodate you.

*This session is for women only, including transwomen, those who were assigned female at birth, and all others who identify as female, genderqueer or non-binary.



Saturday 28 October

3pm - 4.30pm

Intersectionality for Beginners: A Practical Workshop

Norrie Miller Studio

"There is no such thing as a single issue struggle because we do not live single issue lives", wrote African American lesbian feminist writer Audre Lorde. So how do we fight sexism without ignoring other issues such as race, gender, disability, sexuality and class?

Join **Claire Heuchan** aka **Sister Outrider** and **Rosalind Tyler-Greig** from Inclusion Scotland for a practical workshop exploring intersectionality, what is it and why you should care.



Sister Outrider

Rosalind Tyler-Greig

4.30pm - 5.30pm

Teens Talk Back with Gemma Cairney

Concert Hall



Healthy Relationships: with our bodies, other girls and women, with love interests, with the internet, and with ourselves

Join **Gemma Cairney** - Radio DJ and author of *Open: A Toolkit for How Magical and Messed Up Life Can Be* and teenage guests for an honest and open session exploring the importance of cultivating healthy relationships and the hurdles teen girls might face in doing so. If you care about girls, or are a girl, come to this session.

Featuring contributions from local girls and our festival WOWsers.



Teens Talk Back Credit: Belinda Lawley

Saturday 28 October

6pm - 7pm

Intergenerational Dance Party

Concert Hall Foyer

Intergenerational Dance Party is strutting its stuff down to WOW Perth. Artists **Tashi Gore** and **Laura Bradshaw** are back with the mother of all dance parties for all ages.

Bring your best moves, dancing shoes, and someone of a different generation - or just come along and meet them there. Expect a warm and welcoming atmosphere, varied dance styles and music. All abilities welcome!

Intergenerational Dance Party is a pop-up event for festivals and a variety of contexts. Launched with great success as part of Luminate: Scotland's Creative Ageing Festival 2015 with dancers aged 18 months - 89 years, we are very excited to be back as part of Scotland's very first WOW Festival.

8pm

LUISA OMIELAN - AM I RIGHT LADIES?!

Concert Hall

TICKETS £15.50 NO CONCESSIONS



Comedy phenomenon **Luisa Omielan** is bringing her smash hit show '*Am I Right Ladies!?*' to Perth.

Her first show '*What Would Beyonce Do?!*' was hailed as 'one of the biggest stand up hits of the last decade' (*The Guardian*) and was launched on BBC3 as a stand up special. This is the follow up!

Her joke on the Thigh Gap went viral with currently over 40 million views.

Nominated for Best Comedy Show in Melbourne, sold out tours in 12 countries, released a book, crowdfunded a DVD and changed the face of comedy - there's no stopping Luisa. This is a one-off special; book early to avoid disappointment.

*"You'll have the time of your life
and you'll owe it all to her"*

***** Chortle



..... **Sunday 29 October**

9am - 10.30am

Dawn Chorus Sing Along

Norrie Miller Studio

Grab your coffee and get your voice in gear as we sing the house down with some celebratory songs and anthems.

Led by Horsecross choir leaders and theatre-maker **Morna Burdon**, kick-start your Sunday with songs and stories from unsung heroes.

10.30am - 11.30am

WOW Views on the News

Concert Hall



What better way to start our Sunday than with a *WOW* take on a classic weekend tradition. Dive in-depth into the papers with us as we discuss what the headlines mean for gender equality.

10.30am - 11.30am

Under 10s Feminist Corner*

Tilt

See page 5 for details.

11.30am - 1pm

Speak Up and Speak Out

Norrie Miller Studio

Dundee and Angus College's Head of Performance **Jennifer MacGregor** offers a practical and fun session on vocal confidence and how to apply this in your everyday life. A workshop for anyone who has ever found themselves lost for words or silenced by others.

12 noon - 1pm

You Are Not Alone

Ending Violence Against Women and Girls

Concert Hall



Women and girls across the globe and within our communities are still facing gender-based violence, domestic abuse, sexual abuse, and exploitation. Come and discuss what works to prevent it and how we can change attitudes.

Including contributions from Perthshire Women's Aid, Scottish Women's Aid, Perth and Kinross Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre, Amina and Zero Tolerance.

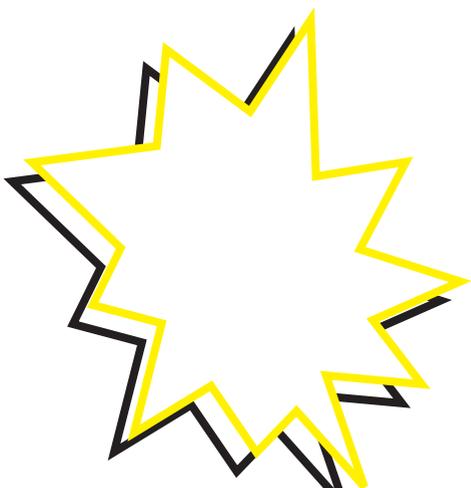
Chaired by **Talat Yaqoob**, founder of Women 50/50 and Director of Equate Scotland.

12 noon - 1pm

WOW Bites

Tilt

Come along to *WOW Bites* for short talks, performances, readings and soapbox moments delivered by all sorts of women with amazing stories. Five speakers cover a wide range of subjects from the serious to the funny.



Sunday 29 October

12 noon - 2pm

Self Care on the Move*

South Inch Park -
meet at top of Scott Street

Self-care and time for reflection is important. Here's a chance to buddy up and go for a wander around the South Inch Park for some quiet reflection and a one-on-one check-in with a *WOW* friend, new or old.

Meet our *WOW* Volunteers at the top of Scott Street where they will buddy you up with another woman and offer you some guiding questions and structure for your women walking session.

*Please note this is an outdoor session and participants should dress for winter weather. In the event of extreme wet weather, alternative arrangements will be made.

12 noon - 2pm

WOW on Wheels*

Concert Hall Foyer and outdoor areas

Get ready for demonstrations and pop-up performances from some of Scotland's best female skateboarders, BMXers and roller-skating experts. Whether you're a complete beginner who just wants to have a go for the first time or looking for some tips on your latest trick, this session is for you!

The revolution will be a ten year-old GIRL on a longboard!

*Suitable for all ages however we ask that young people under the age of 12 come with a supervising adult.



Sunday 29 October

3pm - 4.30pm

Funny Women Stage Award Heats

Norrie Miller Studio

Come along and support some of Scotland's up-and-coming funny women in an eclectic hour of jokes, skits, anecdotes and maybe even a comedy song or two...



CALLING FEMALE COMEDIANS

Are you a stand up? Musical comedian? Sketch Group? Improv troupe? Character act? Clown? Cabaret performer? Whatever genre your comedy style, Funny Women is looking for you!

Whether you're established, up-and-coming or a complete newbie, the Stage Award seeks the best new female comedy performer(s) in a series of live heats across the UK and Éire.

The Funny Women Awards, now in their 15th year, are the launch pad for female comedians, performers, writers and short film-makers. Celebrate your talent and put yourself in front of the right people to progress your comedy career.

Deadline for the Stage Award is 30 September 2017. Register to take part in our Scottish heat for the Funny Women Stage Award on their website: funnywomen.com/awards/stage-award

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3pm - 4.30pm

The Parliament Project presents Politics 101

Tilt

Ever thought about getting involved in politics but didn't know where to start? Confused by what a Councillor or MP or MSP does or how to become one?

Come along to this workshop from the Parliament Project where we look at how women can get involved in politics, how to demystify the roles and how you can take your first steps to becoming an elected representative.

Including contributions from guest speaker **Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh OBE**.

4.30pm - 5.30pm

WOW Finale - Pick of the Festival

Concert Hall



Join us for a final session of *WOW Bites* to take you on a whirlwind tour of your favourite festival moments and the gems you may have missed before leaving you with one final call to action.

Hosted by **Lou Brodie**, *WOW Perth 2017* Festival Programmer.

All listings correct at time of going to press

THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND

WOW MARKETPLACE

The heart and hub of the festival – our specially designed indoor market is a central meeting point where people can gather, find information, do some shopping, network with others, get a feel for the festival and experience a whole range of products, ideas and activities.

Concert Hall Foyer 10am - 5.30pm

WOW LIBRARY & READING CORNER

A cosy corner filled with contributions from various national and international organisations and projects. Drop by and check out the reading material and possibly encounter some intimate and small pop-up discussion sessions.

**Threshold Artspace -
Mezzanine of Concert Hall Foyer**

HOW TO... MARATHON

Drop into the How To...Marathon for quickfire courses on everything from how to change a tyre to getting your head round 'feminist economics'; led by the Scottish Women's Budget Group. Running throughout the weekend, you'll come out much the wiser.

Check in with the Welcome Desk for the schedule.

Concert Hall Foyer 11.30am - 4.30pm

WOW CRÈCHE

Babes in arms are welcome to all WOW sessions. There will also be crèche facilities for children aged 5 and under available each morning of the festival.

Crèche places are free for day and weekend pass holders. Email us at wowperth@southbankcentre.co.uk to book a place for your child.

Earn 10am - 1pm

EXHIBITION: WOMEN*

Witness Horsecross Arts' ground-breaking collection of work by women - artists' films, performances for the camera, critical writing, podcasts and limited editions by women artists from over 30 countries featured in the Horsecross Arts collection of contemporary art since 2005. Discover works reflecting the diverse artists' interest in issues of memory and migration, dance and drama, films and fibres, poetry and Perthshire, theatre and taboos, landscape and love, choreography and calligraphy, Orient and Occident, and much more.

*Curated by Iliyana Nedkova. Produced by Horsecross Arts for Threshold Artspace. Supported by over 30 Horsecross Arts partners and funders since 2005.

**Threshold Artspace, Perth Theatre
and Concert Hall**

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Spirit of 2012 is a funding charity, established with a £47m endowment from the Big Lottery Fund. It funds partners across the UK that provide opportunities in sports, physical activity, arts and culture, volunteering and social action. Spirit was founded to continue and recreate the spirit of pride, positivity and social connectedness that people experienced during the London 2012 Games. They invest to create good outcomes for people and communities and have invested over £25 million into community projects in over 100 locations across the UK, benefiting more than 1 million people.



WOW SPIRIT

WOW Spirit is delivering nine WOW festivals in five cities across the UK (one in 2016, three in 2017 and five in 2018). It's a Southbank Centre initiative funded by Spirit of 2012. WOW Spirit is targeting areas where a lack of cultural infrastructure, limited access to resources and restricted opportunities for female leaders can be barriers to community cohesion. Each festival is based on ideas raised at a series of planning sessions called 'Thinkins'. Everyone can come to these to share their ideas and suggestions and make sure that WOW looks at important local issues. Building new festivals across the UK allows women, men, girls and boys (including some of the most marginalised voices in society) to get actively involved in their local communities. As programmers, volunteers and participants, they can help create a fairer, happier society.

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WOW PARTNER VENUE

Horsecross Arts is the creative organisation that runs Perth Concert Hall and the soon-to-reopen Perth Theatre. Our multi award-winning team has earned a reputation for adventurous programming, unique commissions, critically acclaimed performances by world-class artists and inspirational community activities. We are at the heart of cultural life in Perthshire and our venues are a destination and a resource base for everyone.

We are excited to be partnering with Southbank Centre to bring Scotland's first WOW Festival to Perth.

horsecross.co.uk

SUPPORT WOW

WOW has positively shaped the lives of thousands of women, men, girls and boys around the world, but there is still so much to do.

You can help WOW continue to grow and provide more platforms for these conversations to take place around the world. To give **£5**, text **WOWS01 £5** to **70070** or call 020 7921 0995 for more information about how you can get involved.

Thank you.