StAnza
Scotland's International Poetry Festival

2023 Festival Summary

92 events | **4** days | **9** languages

41% of events available digitally

21% of events included Scots or Gaelic



68 artists from **7** countries

14,168 audience – 12,973 in person, 1,195 online

40 volunteers

568 days of employment for **91 freelancers**

"What an inspiring and vibrant and open hearted festival! Loved the diversity of voices - the extraordinary range and quality of the poetry, the kindness of all the staff and volunteers [...] Thank you StAnza!" – Artist, 2023

Nurturing Scottish talent...

Our Scotland's Young Makars programme saw 12 sessions delivered by 9 artists to 690 young people across Scotland.

6 Young Makars performed new work live at the festival, with 6 Next Generation Young Makars performing digitally.

10 writing workshops were delivered by artists at the festival – live and online – to 214 attendees

"I performed in the Young Makars event and it was incredible. It was the first time I'd done something like that and it was amazing. Everyone was so welcoming and I had so much fun, thank you for having me!" – Young Makar, 2023

85% of audience rated the festival as 4 or 5 stars

100% of artists rated the festival as 4 or 5 stars

100% of artists and audience said they would likely return to StAnza in future.

"StAnza is my favourite time of year in St Andrews. It shows you that poetry can come in many different voices, forms, and dialogues -- and even people that think they do not like poetry come to see that they can and do love poetry because there is something for everyone." – Audience member, 2023

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The List

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Fife Contemporary

St Andrews Heritage Museum & Gardens

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"StAnza is always great fun, social, increases connectivity with the community and a valuable international event that I know many people look forward to all year long, until the next StAnza." – Audience member, 2023

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