



## **Bloody Scotland**

Scotland's International Crime Writing Festival

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**STRICTLY EMBARGOED UNTIL WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2016**

## **STELLAR CAST REVEALED FOR INSPECTOR FARO PLAY AT BLOODY SCOTLAND INCLUDING STUART MACBRIDE IN TITLE ROLE**

Number one bestseller Stuart MacBride who is already opening the Bloody Scotland International Crime Writing Festival has been revealed today as the star of the Inspector Faro play written by Alanna Knight.

Set in Victorian Edinburgh, The Horrific Hotel Slaying, will be performed by a stellar cast including Stuart MacBride as Inspector Faro, BBC TV presenter turned crime writer Theresa Talbot as Pearl Stark, award-winning author Abir Mukherjee as Paul Vane, crime writer and one of the founders of Bloody Scotland G. J. Brown as P C Baillie and Marsali Taylor as Isobel Vane.

MacBride will first appear at the Festival with Caro Ramsay when they open the Festival with their event which takes place in the Albert Halls at 7pm on Friday 9th immediately after the presentation of The McIlvanney Prize.

If you would like to talk to any of the cast or request tickets for the performance which will take place in the Wallace Room of the Golden Lion Hotel on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September (5.30-6.30pm) please contact [fiona@brownleedonald.com](mailto:fiona@brownleedonald.com) 07767 431846

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### **NOTES FOR EDITORS:**

Bloody Scotland is Scotland's International Crime Writing Festival, unique in that it was set up by a group of Scottish crime writers - Alex Gray, Lin Anderson, G J Brown and Craig Robertson - in 2012. This year marks the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Full information at [www.bloodyscotland.com](http://www.bloodyscotland.com)

The judges for The McIlvanney Prize are journalist, Lee Randall, award-winning librarian, Stewart Bain and former editor of The Scotsman and The Times Scotland, Magnus Linklater. The award recognises excellence in Scottish crime writing, includes a prize of £1000 and nationwide promotion in Waterstones

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Press office / Green Room location: The Oak Room, Golden Lion Hotel, 10 King Street, Stirling, FK8 1BD (NOTE NEW LOCATION - DON'T BE THE ONE JOURNALIST SITTING IN THE STIRLING HIGHLAND WONDERING WHERE ALL THE ACTION IS. THE BAR AT THE GOLDEN LION IS LIKELY TO BE THE HUB OF ALL SOCIAL ACTIVITY)

Media Passes: Please collect a PRESS lanyard from the press office on arrival which will need to be signed for with email address and name of publication / blog / broadcaster or by leaving a business card. (NOTE DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND YOU NO LONGER NEED A SEPARATE TICKET FOR EVENTS AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS)

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987537 ([tim.donald@brownleedonald.com](mailto:tim.donald@brownleedonald.com)) (NOTE NEW CONTACTS - it's an entirely new team this year with Laura Jones ([laura@bloodyscotland.com](mailto:laura@bloodyscotland.com)) on social media. Festival Director, Dom Hastings has also left and the new director is Bob McDevitt [bob@bloodyscotland.com](mailto:bob@bloodyscotland.com))

Press office hours: Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th 9.30am-7pm (NOTE FOR BOTH FRIDAY NIGHT EVENTS PASSES WILL NEED TO BE COLLECTED AT THE OPENING RECEPTION / McILVANNEY PRIZE PRESENTATION IN THE GOLDEN LION BALLROOM 5.15-6.45PM. Passes are not offered for the master classes)

Social Media: If you're not doing so already please follow us [@bloodyscotland](https://twitter.com/bloodyscotland) and use the hashtag [#bloodyscotland](https://twitter.com/bloodyscotland) as much as possible over the weekend of 9-11th so we can get it trending.

Public tickets priced at £9.50 (£8.50) for events at the Albert Halls and £7.50 (£6.50) for all others, are on sale at [www.bloodyscotland.com](http://www.bloodyscotland.com) or at the Box Office in the Tolbooth Stirling (Tue-Sat 10am-6pm) or in the Albert Halls (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). **Free standby tickets are available to the unemployed or those on a low income**, on the day of the event if there is good availability. Proof of eligibility is required and tickets are limited to one person. Visit [www.bloodyscotland.com/standby](http://www.bloodyscotland.com/standby) for full details. **A 10% discount is available to people residing in the Stirling Council area.** You must give your address at the time of booking. Visit [www.bloodyscotland.com/localdiscount](http://www.bloodyscotland.com/localdiscount) for details.