

Did you know that Scotland and Rheinland-Pfalz signed a partnership agreement in culture, education, higher education and research in 2021? Each year, at the end of June,

Scotland is coming to Rheinland-Pfalz

We are celebrating 5 years of our friendship agreement at the one and only **Scot-t Fest in Rheinland-Pfalz** with an extended programme. And you are invited!

Friday, 26 June to
Sunday, 28 June 2026

As part of our Summer of Culture, *Kultursommer Rheinland-Pfalz 2026*, the JGU Scotland HUB is hosting the **Scot-t Fest** in partnership with the Institut français Mainz.

Named after Scotland (Scot-) and the nation's world-renowned author Sir Walter Scott (Scott-), the **Scot-t Fest** is a blend of academic and artistic events (in English and German). The **Scot-t Fest** is open to everyone, young or old, with kilt or without.

Looking forward to seeing you all!
The JGU Scotland HUB Team



The **Scot-t Fest 2026**
will take place at
the **Institut français Mainz**
(Schillerstraße 11, 55116 Mainz).

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Scott Fest

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More Information on the "Scot-t Fest":
www.scotland.uni-mainz.de/scot-t-fest



Scott Fest

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Friday, 26 June 2026

- 10.00 **Welcome to the 2026 Scot-t Fest**
- 10.15 **10 Years After the Vote: Scotland in Europe**
Frank Moeschler (Head of Research and Innovation, Scottish Government, Brussels)
- 11.30 **Scotland in Europe: Roundtable with**
- Sigrid Rieuwerts, Chair (JGU Scotland HUB)
 - Christiane Hullmann, (German Consul General Edinburgh)
 - Frank Moeschler (Scottish Government)
 - Gisela Holfter (Centre for German – Irish Studies, University of Limerick)
- 13.15 **Break for Lunch**
- 14.30 **5 Years on: Celebrating RLP-Scotland Partnership Agreement**
- Christiane Hullmann, Chair (German Consul General Edinburgh)
 - Sophie Sellers (Scottish Government, Berlin)
 - Linda Dörflinger-Wittor (Ministry for Science, Skills and Health in RLP)
 - Lorna Hughes (University of Glasgow)
 - Sigrid Rieuwerts (JGU Scotland HUB)
 - Markus Häfner (JGU International Office)
- 16.00 **Coffee Break**
- 16.30 **Scott Lecture: Scott's European Heimat**
with musician-scholar Sally Garden
- 18.00 **Wine and Pretzels**
- 19.00 **Concert: Scotland in Song**
Robyn Stapleton and Alistair Paterson

Saturday, 27 June 2026

- 10.00 **Welcome Honouring our new Fellows**
at the JGU Scotland HUB /
at the University of Glasgow
- 10.30 **Scotland in RLP** with contributions from RLP and Scottish Universities, and Scottish Government
- Frank Moeschler (Scottish Government)
 - Lorna Hughes and Team (University of Glasgow)
 - Stefan Müller-Stach (VP for Research, JGU)
 - Rainer Emig and Team (JGU)
 - Eckhard Thines (Biotechnology Coordinator for RLP)
- 11.30 **GO Heimat - Coffee Break** with Presentations by Students from Scotland, Ireland, Latvia and Rheinland-Pfalz
- 12.15 **Workshop/Lecture**
- **Alistair Paterson and Robyn Stapleton:** Songs of Robert Burns
 - **Louise Welsh and Zoë Strachan:** Creative Writing and Working as Authors
- 13.15 **Break for Lunch**
- 14.00 **Workshop/Lecture**
- **Andy MacKinnon:** FAODAIL | FOUND - From Islanders' Perspectives
 - **Alistair Paterson and Robyn Stapleton:** Scots Songs of Love and Friendship
- 15.00 **Workshop/Lecture**
- **Margaret Bennet:** Sir Walter Scott's Visit to Skye
 - **Silke Stroh:** Gaelic Workshop



- 16.00 **Coffee Break**
- 16.30 **A Reading by Louise Welsh and Zoë Strachan**
The Cut Up and *Catch the Moments As They Fly*
- 16.30 **Whisky Tasting with Frank Winter***
- 17.30 **Film Screening: Beatha nan Eilean Andy MacKinnon:** Screening followed by Discussion
- 19.30 **Workshop**
Learn to Ceilidh: A Practical Lesson in Traditional Scottish Dances
- 20.00 **Ceilidh (Scottish Dancing for Everyone)**
Narhalla Dancers
John Wolfe Gang



Sunday, 28 June 2026

- 10.00 **Matinee**
Musicians from the **Arran International Festival** together with students from **Hochschule für Musik Mainz.** Introduced by Christiane Hullmann, German Consul General Edinburgh and Richard Morrison, founder and artist director of the **Arran International Festival**

12.00 **Farewell – End of Scot-t Fest**

The events at our **Scot-t Fest in Rheinland-Pfalz** are free!



*But please register for the whisky tasting here (7€ fee)