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SPIRITUAL VOYAGE AROUND STAFFA

Experience a stunning visual and musical homage to Mendelssohn's visit to the fabled Fingal's Cave

A visual and musical treat is being offered to Library visitors during August when they will get the first chance to experience a new collaborative work that will have its World Premiere at the Edinburgh International Festival's 70th anniversary celebration concert.

Staffa is a film and musical score that pays homage to Felix Mendelssohn's famous 1829 visit to the haunting Fingal's Cave on the island of Staffa, which provided the inspiration for his *Hebrides Overture*.

BAFTA and Grierson award-winning filmmaker Gerry Fox and acclaimed composer Ned Bigham have collaborated on the new work for full orchestra and large screens depicting three simultaneous visions of the uninhabited island. *Staffa* can be seen and heard for free at the Library from 17-27 August as a three-screen quadraphonic installation, with a stunning performance recorded by the Royal Scottish National Orchestra,



Fingal's Cave, Staffa

repeated throughout the day from 10am - 6pm.

Staffa will have its World Premiere at the 70th anniversary concert on 27 August, performed by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra.

The project has been supported by Creative

Scotland and involved the use of pioneering drone-mounted footage of Staffa in three contrasting weather conditions; sunny, rainy and stormy.

The musical score dramatically evokes the different moods in a perfect

marriage of sound and image.

Gerry Fox said: "We have hopefully captured the vastly different moods and conditions of Staffa to create a spiritual voyage around the distinctive cave and its beautiful surrounding landscape."