

OUR PICK OF THE FLICKS, TV SHOWS & TUNES TO LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR

MUSIC

ALEX AMOR
THE London-based Glaswegian singer-songwriter has released a string of captivating alt. pop singles. She has a creative background having studied textile design in Dundee, and the tracks ooze style. Recent single Motion is further evidence that her upcoming debut EP Love Language is going to be rather special.

LIIMO
ROUNDING off 2020 with a glorious electro-pop cover of Alexander O'Neal's If You Were Here Tonight, the Edinburgh boys' mix of 80s and contemporary sounds is a true joy. The band's debut album Volume 01 already sounds like a greatest hits. It's packed full of bangers.

LIZZIE REID
STILL in her early 20s, the Glasgow musician seems to have been around for ages. She's been part of many bands I've come across over the years but is now blossoming as a solo artist. With shades of Joni Mitchell and Laura Marling, her delicate folk songs are jaw-droppingly good.
PIC: Chris Almeida



DAYTIME TV
A NEW chapter for the band formally known as Hunter & The Bear. They've re-emerged revitalised and refreshed with stunning first track Side Effects. Fronted by Will Irvine, from Wester Ross, the Anglo-Scots sound like they are onto a winner. I've had a sneak preview of the next couple of singles. Serious contenders.

DRIFT
WITH a delightful mix of folk and electronica, Paisley duo Linzi Clark and Andrew Quinn are making heavenly music. The latest single The Isle of Pt.2 sees Andrew on lead vocals for the first time.
PIC: Marie Collins



RUBY GAINES
CO-MANAGED by Honeyblood's Stina Tweeddale, Ruby Gaines burst onto the scene with her single Cardamom in September. The alias of 2018 Scottish Alternative Music Awards best acoustic winner Megan Airlie, she's moved towards a more jazz-fuelled rock sound. And the results are truly spectacular!

DEAD PONY
IN a former guise Dead Pony featured another of my tips, Lizzie Reid. They lay down some grungy punk, packed with pop melodies. Frontwoman Anna Shields has an incredible presence on stage. BBC Radio 1 airplay and a track featured on Made In Chelsea are setting things up nicely for 2021.

JOSHUA GRANT
AS a Dundee supporter, I wasn't enamoured by Josh's tune Tangerine Blood for his beloved Dundee United. Hate to say, it's rather uplifting. He knocked Lady Gaga & Ariana Grande off the top of the Scottish charts in June with his track Edinburgh, a tribute to his home city. New single Lay Me Down is even better.



BOW ANDERSON
FAVOURABLY likened to Rhianna, the Edinburgh singer has had plaudits from Sir Elton John and BBC Radio 1's Scott Mills. Edgy lyrics and a cool R&B-style sound suggest a bright future for this rising star.
PIC: Cleo Glover



MIKE MCKENZIE
ANOTHER exciting talent from Edinburgh, Mike started his musical journey as the drummer with the band that morphed into Liimo. Winner of last year's inaugural BBC Radio 1 Scottish Singer/Songwriter Award, his recent acoustic EP showcased his talent perfectly.



IT'S hard to say much nice about 2020 as everyone attempts to put the past year in the rear-view mirror. But one of the few positives has surely been the endless amount of quality TV shows, movies and music that kept people entertained during the Covid pandemic. Whether it was

Normal People on the BBC, Quiz on ITV, The Undoing on Sky or The Crown on Netflix, there were plenty of popular programmes for folk to talk about when they couldn't see each other. There were also Hollywood blockbusters such as Birds Of Prey and Bad Boys For Life which managed to

dominate the box office in spite of the global coronavirus crisis. And on the music front, Lewis Capaldi kept the tunes coming and made us laugh with his Twitter banter. Despite the arts sector being hit hard by Covid due to industry-wide production and recording delays plus a lack

of live gigs, it looks like a stellar year ahead for Scottish talent. Here, Features Writer COLAN LAMONT chooses 10 films and 10 TV shows not to be missed in 2021 while music writer and radio DJ JIM GELLATLY has picked 10 up-and-coming acts to watch out for in the charts.

MOVIES



WRATH OF MAN
January 15
NO ONEY has enjoyed a career boost quite like former EastEnders and River City villain Alex Ferns. After starring in Chernobyl, he landed parts in the upcoming Batman movie, as well as this Guy Ritchie-directed thriller about a cash truck with Jason Statham.



WHAT ABOUT LOVE
February 12
THIS romantic drama sees two young lovers change the lives of their parents forever by teaching them how to be happy again. Edinburgh actor and Game Of Thrones star Iain Glen joins Sharon Stone and Andy Garcia in the main cast.



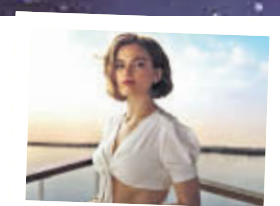
TO OLIVIA
February 19
OUTLANDER star Sam Heughan stars as Paul Newman alongside Keeley Hawes and Hugh Bonneville in this story about the tumultuous marriage between actress Patricia Neal and legendary writer Roald Dahl.



NO TIME TO DIE
April 2
ALTHOUGH there's not much on-screen Scottish involvement in Daniel Craig's final outing as James Bond, the movie takes on special significance after the sad passing of 007 legend Sir Sean Connery at the end of October.



THE SUICIDE SQUAD
August 6
NOT a lot is known about supervillain sequel but Margot Robbie is back as Harley Quinn alongside Sylvester Stallone, Idris Elba and Viola Davis. Scots actor and former Doctor Who star Peter Capaldi also features as The Thinker makes his franchise debut.



DEATH ON THE NILE
September 17
WONDER Woman favourite Gal Gadot stars alongside Aberdeen Game Of Thrones actress Rose Leslie while Kenneth Branagh's Hercule Poirot probes the murder of a young heiress while he's on holiday on the Nile.



GUNPOWDER MILKSHAKE
TBC
FANS may need to wait a few years to see Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol.3, but Inverness-born actress Karen Gillan will be on our screens much sooner. This flick is about a secret sisterhood that comes to the rescue of a mother-daughter assassin team.



PINOCCHIO
TBC
EWAN McGregor voices Cricket as part of a stellar cast which includes Cate Blanchett, Christoph Waltz and Tilda Swinton. It's a darker take on the classic fairytale of a wooden puppet that transforms into a real living boy.



OPERATION MINCEMEAT
TBC
COLIN Firth teams up with Scots star Kelly Macdonald, Matthew Macfadyen and Jason Isaacs in this WW2 story of two intelligence officers using a corpse and false papers to outwit German troops.



THE ETERNALS
November 5
THE Marvel superhero film sees Renfrewshire-born Bodyguard actor Richard Madden join the likes of Angelina Jolie and Salma Hayek in the saga of The Eternals, a race of immortal beings who lived on Earth and shaped its history and civilisations.

TELEVISION



LINE OF DUTY
THE sixth season of the hit show is expected to air in early 2021 with Martin Compston, Vicky McClure and Adrian Dunbar all returning as the cops running AC-12. Trainspotting star Kelly Macdonald is also joining the cast as the unconventional DCI Joanne Davidson.

VIGIL
THE detective thriller stars Scots actors Martin Compston and Rose Leslie as the disappearance of a fishing trawler and a death on board a Trident submarine lead to cops dealing with a dangerous dispute between the Navy and British security services.

GOSSIP GIRL
THE reboot of the US teen drama series that dominated our screens between 2007 and 2012 is shrouded in secrecy. But one thing we do know is that the new version will star young Edinburgh actor Thomas Doherty, 25, in one of the main roles.



SUCCESSION
CONSIDERED by many to arguably be the best show on telly right now, people can't wait to see Brian Cox return as media mogul Logan Roy. It's believed that the cast resumed filming for series three in November which would suggest a 2021 return for the world's most-dysfunctional family. Let the arguments commence.


THE NEVERS
ONCE Upon A Time Star Amy Manson has landed the role of a lifetime in the Joss Whedon sci-fi drama. It's described as an epic tale which follows a gang of Victorian women with unusual abilities, relentless enemies, and an earth-shattering mission.

SEX EDUCATION
ACTOR Ncuti Gatwa, from Dunfermline, won a Scottish BAFTA for his performance as Eric Effiong in the comedy. Although the first two seasons were out in January, the third has been delayed by the pandemic.




OUTLANDER
THE fifth season of the popular time-travel epic was released in February 2020 after a number of delays. But filming on the next offering is expected to start soon and there's a chance we will see Sam Heughan and Caitriona Balfe back on our screens before 2021 is over.

THE NORTH WATER
HOLLYWOOD star Colin Farrell leads a top-quality cast that also includes Peter Mullan, Jack O'Connell, Stephen Graham and former River City favourite Gary Lamont. The show follows a disgraced ex-Army surgeon who signs up to an Arctic whaling expedition — with thrilling and deadly consequences.



GUILT
THE acclaimed first season starred actors Mark Bonnar and Jamie Sives as brothers whose lives were changed forever after an accident one night. The show — written by Eric, Ernie and Neil Forsyth — was renewed for a second instalment in July and cameras started rolling in November.



Hope springs Eternals for entertaining 2021