

THE ARRAN BANNER

Baritone's concert paves the way for local music festival



An upcoming concert by international baritone, Richard Morrison will be a prelude to the new Arran International

Richard Morrison will be performing on Arran later this month and is one of the key players in the new Arran International Festival of Chamber Music and Song which will be launched next year.

Festival of Chamber Music and Song which is set to be launched next year, writes Colin Smeeton.

Richard, who has strong ties to Arran, sings in Europe's leading opera houses and concert halls and his Arran concert will include songs from Scotland, England, Germany, France, Italy and Russia as well as hits from operetta and American musical theatre.

The concert will take place on Friday August 18 at Corrie and Sannox village hall at 7.30pm.

Richard is one of the founding artistic team members of the future Arran International Festival of Chamber Music and Song which will be launched in August/September 2024. He said: "I am a professional opera singer and travel all over Europe singing in music festivals, all of which extol the

virtues of their locations for arts events – and I have always thought that none of them offer more in terms of natural beauty, atmosphere and location than the Isle of Arran."

The festival aims to celebrate Arran's rich natural and cultural heritage, to bring leading international artists to the island, and to involve the community in the creative process.