



Illumination 4: Sand Dunes, West Sandwick, Yell

Welcome to our fourth illumination for Mirrie Dancers in a Festival of Light for the Shetland winter. The focus of this illumination is the Sand Dunes. We would like to collect your stories about the Sand Dunes, so we'd be grateful if you could let us know.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the project, particularly in Yell, for without your enthusiasm and commitment, the project would not be possible.

We have collected a lot of films that people from the area have contributed to the first illumination. The light installations are the result of a summer of 'Light Labs' involving members of the public from all over Shetland, from 3 years to over 80 years old, who have worked with artists Nayan Kulkarni and Roxane Permar to create 'colour scores' for the various sites, using video cameras and specialised software.

Roxane has also worked with pupils from Mid Yell School. Members of the Mid Yell WRI have made some films as a group following a talk that Roxane gave in September. They've all made films that you can see translated into the dynamic colour light scores for this illumination.

The public were also involved in the selection of the sites that were finally chosen to be illuminated. In this area we had the largest tour of all eight throughout Shetland, requiring us to hire a larger coach. The tour included a lot of pupils, some of whom suggested the final site. We looked at thirty one sites before short-listing four and finally selecting the **Sand Dunes**.

It was extremely difficult to make a short-list. We considered not only the way each site would look with illumination but also their meaning locally, and for Shetland generally, as well as visibility. Practical design, safety and technical considerations also influenced our decision.

Lighting for the **Sand Dunes** at West Sandwick will be visible every evening from 5 pm to 11.00pm until 30th November, after which we'll dismantle the intallation and take the kit to the Glasshouses in Tingwall. This illumination is running at the same time as the one at the Da Giant's Grave, Lochend, Northmavine.

One of the artists, Roxane Permar, will lead a mini-bus tour to look at this site and the Sand Dunes at Yell on Saturday 27th November. If you would like to join the group when they reach the Sand Dunes, please contact Roxane on (01595) 859 202 or email: roxane@mirriedancers.com to find out what time they will arrive.

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ILLUMINATION no. 3, Da Giant's Grave, Lochend, Northmavine

Programme of film contributions

Mondays:

Jenny Steer, Jeanette Nowak, John Robert Johnson, Keiran Johnson, Luis Strachan, Martha Colclough, Sonny Smith, Mid Yell WRI

Tuesdays:

Freya Hannay, Havanna Duncan, Jenny Steer, Rob Colclough, Roxane Permar

Wednesdays:

Andy Ross, Ashley Thomason, Erin Hamilton, Jenny Steer, Jack Irvine, Lizzie Colclough, Mid Yell Junior High School Teachers

Thursdays:

Andy Ross, Ben Johnson, Havanna Duncan, Martha Colclough, Mitchell Odie, Roxane Permar

Fridays:

Conrad Inkster, Craig Irvine, Emma Blain, Jayde Odie, Maggie Bowler, Margo Mouat, Rachel Colclough

Saturdays:

Andy Ross, **Jackie**, Lizzie Colclough, Luis Strachan, Roxane Permar, Rita Smith

Sundays:

Annette Gear, Erin Hamilton, Freya Hannay, Rachel Colclough, Robson Gray, Reuben Irvine