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Songwriter to headline busy programme at arts centre

ACCLAIMED Scottish songwriter Michael Marra is to headline the new programme of events at a community arts centre.

The Dundee-born performer, who played alongside Dougie McLean in his first band, Hen's Teeth, in the early 1970s, is the top name signed up for North Edinburgh Arts Centre's January-April programme.

Marra, who has toured Europe as support act for Deacon Blue, is famous for his humour and thought-provoking lyrics.

Last May he aroused controversy when he wrote a protest song about Shirley McKie, the former detective at the centre of a fingerprint justice row and the "lies" surrounding the case.

He will appear at the centre on March 23 as part of a programme that mixes theatre, dance, live music, literature and a range of workshops.

Children's author Simon Puttock will visit the centre on January 27 to tell the story of his Little Lost Cowboy, and Mhari Hedderwick will launch her latest book in the Katie Morag series on March 3.

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