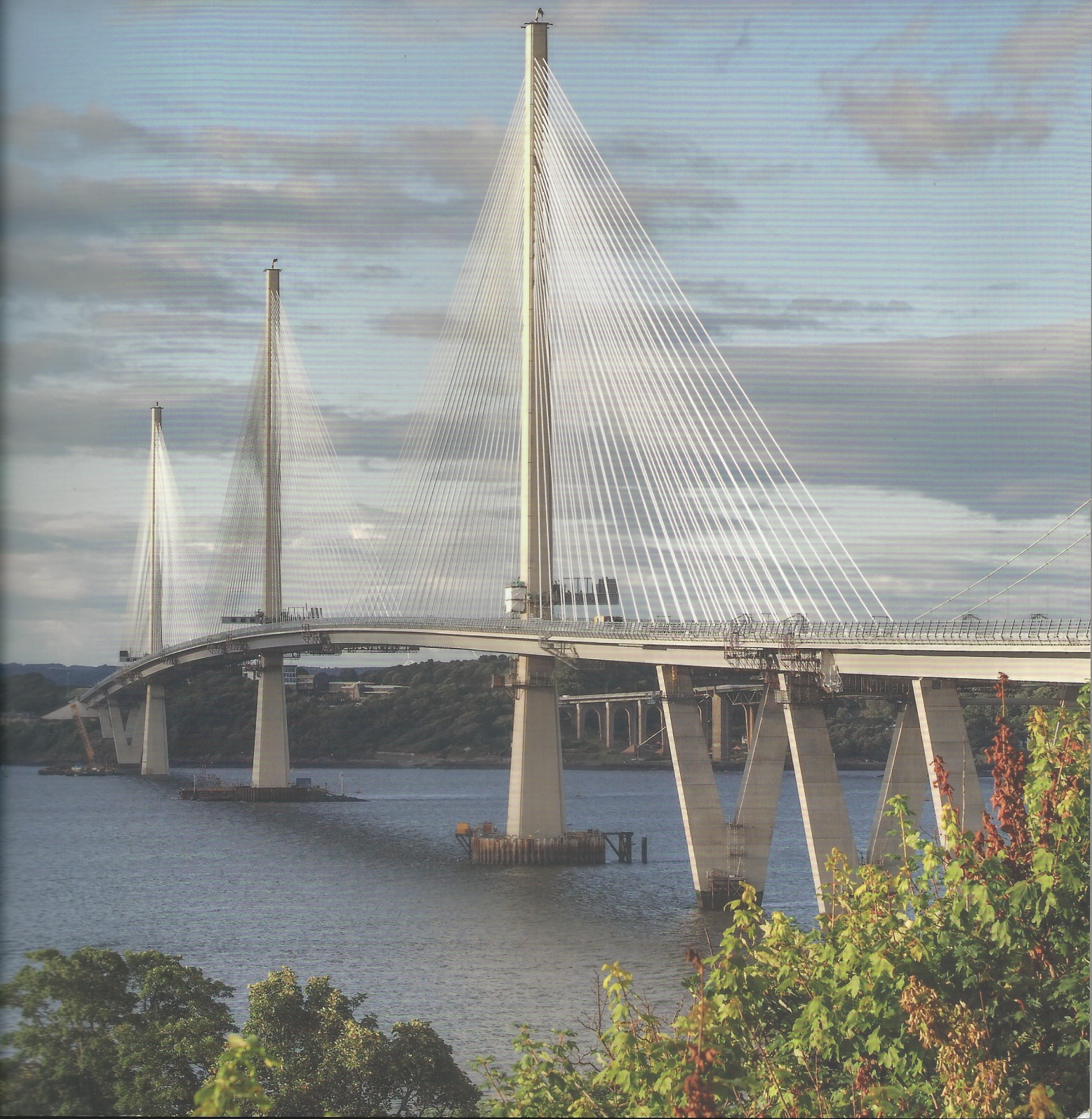


Official Opening

in the presence of
Her Majesty the Queen

4th September 2017





Karine Polwart with Steven Polwart and Inge Thomson

Cited as a 'new national treasure', Karine is a multi-award-winning Scottish songwriter and musician. In 2016, in association with Edinburgh International Festival

and the Royal Lyceum, she wrote, co-produced, and performed 'Wind Resistance', her critically-acclaimed debut solo work for theatre, with sold-out runs in the Edinburgh Festival and Celtic Connections. The show won a Critics Award for Scottish Theatre and Karine has also been nominated for Best Actor 'Scottish Oscar' in the Sunday Herald Culture Awards. She will perform selected songs alongside Inge Thomson and brother Steven Polwart.

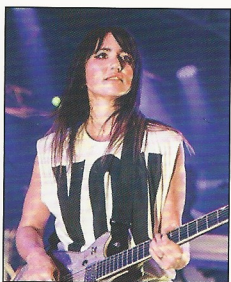


King Creosote

AKA Kenny Anderson, from Fife, he is one of Scotland's most prolific contemporary artists having released over 40 albums. He has been nominated for the UK Mercury Prize and the Scottish Album of the Year. In

2014, as part of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games celebrations, he wrote the entire soundtrack for the acclaimed archival film by Virginia Heath *From Scotland With Love*. (EIF, Celtic Connections, Edinburgh's Hogmanay and on BBC TV). With his band King Creosote, today's performance will include exclusive live accompaniment to segments of the film including 'Something To Believe In' (featuring the Forth Bridge).

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KT Tunstall

Hailing from St Andrews, KT Tunstall will join fellow Fifers King Creosote as a special guest. Since the release of her debut album 'Eye' to the Periscope in 2004 accompanied by many appearances on Jools

Holland, she has become an international artist with five albums to her credit, most recently 'Kin' at the end of 2016. This year she is touring extensively in the UK, Europe and Japan.

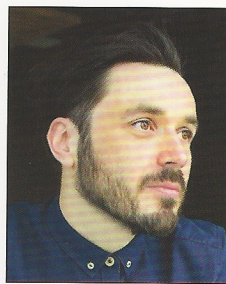
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'Our Bridge', a film by Micky MacPherson / Plum Films

BAFTA award winning Micky MacPherson's Plum Films (Teacup Travels currently on CBeebies) brings the Queensferry Crossing to life through the voices of the people who built it, lived with its construction and the children and local people who will inherit it from today. A special song written and sung by the children of Bankfoot Primary School provides the soundtrack.

'Bridging Scotland', an Appreciation by Don Coutts

Notable film and television director Don Coutts takes us on a stunningly beautiful visual and lyrical journey reminding us how Scotland's bridges, often at the forefront of engineering and architectural design, have enhanced our lives, linked communities and made our country a better place in which to live and prosper.



Roddy Hart, Compere

A highly regarded Glasgow based musician and songwriter, Roddy has worked with a host of notable international artists including Kris Kristofferson at this year's Glastonbury Festival. Associate music director of the

film *Sunshine on Leith*, compere of this year's opening concert of Celtic Connections and curator of the acclaimed Roaming Roots Revue, Roddy has a weekly music programme on BBC Radio Scotland and hosts The Quay Sessions.

Boghall & Bathgate Caledonian Pipe Band

Scotland's award winning Grade I Pipe Band.

West Lothian Schools Pipe Band

The UK 'Champion of Champions' Juvenile Pipe Band of 2016.

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