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John: Grant McDonald

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Kathleen: Elaine Blair

Rosemary: Christie Gourlay

Gerard: Derek Banner

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Babs: Sarah C Meikle

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Seven Short Plays for Christmas

Gilded Balloon Basement Theatre, Edinburgh

Wednesday 4th December at 8pm

The Rum Shack, Glasgow

Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm

Cameron's, Ayr

Friday 6th December at 7.30pm

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Can we really leave the past behind or does what once was, define who we are now?

Stuffing by Felix O'Brien

"Christmas is happy. We love Christmas, don't we, Dad?"

Drop 24 by Derek Banner

"Four pm on Christmas Eve. Most folk are already off or home hours ago. I should be home. Tucked up wi my bird. Having a can and finishing off a box set. That's what I should be doing."

Return of the Child by Tom Murray

Sandra is okay with being an adult. Its who she is now. She has reasons for not wanting to 'return' to her childhood Christmas. Father Christmas has other ideas though.

Sprinkles by Kat Harrison

Single mum Sam is looking for romance but is hindered by a well meaning 'family friend'.

Next Year it Will be Different by Margaret Callaghan

Rosemary has spent her life looking after someone but this year she has planned to do something for herself but will her husband, mother and daughter let her get away?

Cruel Christmas by Karen Barclay

Babs wants a perfect Christmas, but she's at work, with a feverish colleague, nothing prepared, a mouse, and mank.



Derek Banner - Derek is an actor and writer from Cumbernauld.

Karen Barclay - Karen won the Playwrights Studio, Scotland's Ignite competition & is a writer, director and producer who lives in the countryside.

Margaret Callaghan - Margaret Callaghan has a MLitt in creative writing from the University of Glasgow and been shortlisted for the Scottish Book Trust's New Writers and First Chapter Awards.

Kat Harrison - Kat Harrison is an actor, director and occasional writer based in central Scotland. This is her first time writing solo for SAST and also her first attempt at writing comedy, unless you didn't find it funny... then it was a serious drama, honest.

Felix O'Brien - Felix is a London-based Scottish actor, writer, singer, director and card-carrying ukulele hipster twat. He graduated from The Academy of Live and Recorded Arts (ALRA) with BA(Hons) in Acting in Summer 2012. This is the fourth play he has written for Short Attention Span Theatre.

Claire MacLaine - This is Claire's first foray into playwriting but she has written her own short stories to perform at spoken word events.

Tom Murray - Tom Murray is a playwright living in Dumfries. His recent plays include: Yes/No Monologues performed by himself at Duns PlayFest 2019. Man With the Child in his Eyes by Short Attention Span Theatre Company 2019; Lady Grinning Soul by Short Attention Span Theatre Company 2019; What Lies Beneath. by Firebrand Theatre Company as part of Playwright Studio Scotland Talkfest in the Scottish Borders 2018; Woodstock. 2018; He is currently Lead Reader for Open Book Reading in the Scottish Borders. He has held a number of residencies including Scottish Book Trust Reader in Residence to Scottish Borders Libraries; Creative Writing Fellow to Tyne & Esk Writers; Writer in Residence in Clackmannanshire. He was also editor of the Scottish Borders literary magazine The Eildon Tree for nearly twelve years. His website is: <https://tmurraytg.wordpress.com/>

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