

ANGUS MACPHEE

WEAVER OF GRASS



ROGER HUTCHINSON & CHRYS SALT

The life of a remarkable man
told in poetry and prose.

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Artist Extraordinary Angus MacPhee wove garments out of grass. Brought up in the rooted simplicity of a Hebridean crofting community he spent 50 years in a mainland mental institution, quietly weaving amazing garments of grass, sheep's wool, wild flowers and leaves in the hospital grounds.

He has become an icon for a lost way of life, but did this loss provide the impetus to develop his very particular art-form? What are we to make of an artist for whom the making was all and the subsequent destruction, of no consequence? And is it the financial crisis of the first decade of the 21st century - a crisis of values, not just of value - that has drawn writers and audiences back to Angus?

These absorbing questions underpin the recent work of two award winning writers that offer a joint performance to literary and arts Festivals and venues in 2012 and 2013. Roger Hutchinson and Chrys Salt trace the life and work of this remarkable man in a rich, moving and enthralling exploration of mental illness, the creative process, human frailty and ancient traditions. Roger reads from his extraordinary book *The Silent Weaver* (Publisher: Birlinn 2012), counterpointed by Chrys Salt's poem *Angus MacPhee, Weaver of Grass*, the centre-piece of her latest collection *Grass* (Publisher: Indigo Dreams. 2012).

ROGER HUTCHINSON'S 'THE SILENT WEAVER'

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"A fascinating, poignant read" - THE SCOTSMAN

"Another great event" "a fab fab evening" "Chrys Salt is a weaver of words"

CHRYS SALT'S POEM, ANGUS MACPHEE: WEAVER OF GRASS

"Chrys Salt's celebratory sequence 'Weaver of Grass' portrays Angus MacPhee with such empathy and descriptive richness as to conjure up his interior and exterior realities both astonishingly and movingly." - STEWART CONN

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For enquiries about availability and costs for this inspiring double-bill please contact Richard Macfarlane - telephone 077688 93731, email richard@rmacfarlane.co.uk

Roger Hutchinson and Chrys Salt are registered with the Scottish Book Trust and can be booked for events in Scotland that are funded by Live Literature Scotland.