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## **LOVE SCOTLAND HITS 100TH EPISODE WITH SCOTT'S MARGARET MACDONALD STATUE DREAM**

Renowned Kelpies' sculptor Andy Scott has revealed hopes to create a sculpture of Margaret Macdonald, the influential visual artist who worked closely with her husband Charles Rennie Mackintosh on many projects.

Scott shares the wish with Jackie Bird in the 100<sup>th</sup> episode of the National Trust for Scotland's podcast, Love Scotland, released on Friday 18 October. In the episode, Scott, who is now based in the US, talks about his career creating pieces for communities in Scotland, and discusses one of his lesser-known works, a sculpture of Charles Rennie Mackintosh which is on the corner of Argyll Street and St Vincent Street in the Anderston area of Glasgow.

Scott recounts his lifelong connection with Mackintosh, which began as a child and was consolidated during his time at the Glasgow School of Art.

Scott says how delighted he was to hear that the National Trust for Scotland had taken on the care of the Mackintosh at the Willow tearoom on Sauchiehall Street in addition to the conservation charity's care of the Mackintosh-designed Hill House in Helensburgh.

Andy Scott said: "My big passion is to have Margaret commissioned.... Charles himself used to say that Margaret was the brains of the outfit."

Scott remarks that this reminds him of his relationship with his own wife Hanneke.

He goes on: "Theirs was a love story for the ages and yet she was sadly largely overlooked... so it's always been in the back of my mind that Margaret really deserves some kind of sculptural tribute somewhere.

"However, I do realise that there is a tremendous financial implication in that and it requires a great deal of logistics, so I've got another couple of wee things up my sleeve that we might be able to pull off, related to Charles and Margaret, but it's early days."

Macdonald's role as a creative in her own right has received more recognition in recent years, as has her pivotal and influential role in many projects with her husband Charles Rennie Mackintosh, including both the Mackintosh at the Willow and the Hill House.

Jackie continued: "We are proud to have reached the 100<sup>th</sup> episode of our podcast Love Scotland. We've been joined by fantastic guests over the years from our charity's own expert rangers, to best-selling authors and stars of stage and screen. They always have a great tale to share and help us uncover the amazing stories of Scotland and what it makes it so special."

Season 10 of the National Trust for Scotland podcast Love Scotland started on Friday 4 October with a focus on Robert Burns and runs until December. Listen and subscribe on Apple & Spotify.

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#### **About the National Trust for Scotland**

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In March 2022 the National Trust for Scotland launched *Nature, Beauty & Heritage for Everyone*, its ten-year strategy which sets out the ambitions of the charity over the coming decade. From speaking up for Scotland's heritage which doesn't have a voice, to improving the lives and wellbeing of people across the country, and responding to the climate and biodiversity crisis, the Trust will build on its work in recent years to grow its impact and conserve and restore more of Scotland's heritage, as it moves towards its centenary in 2031.

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