

**Next generation take the hammer for May Bull Sales**  
*283 pedigree bulls and females on show and sale*



United Auctions is putting an experienced team of rising star auctioneers at the helm of the Stirling Bull Sales next month.

In a nod to 2018 being the Year of Young People, a trio of next generation auctioneers - Ross Fotheringham (27), Raymond Kennedy (27) and Murray Rainnie (30) – will between them lead the sales of 283 pedigree bulls and females at the May event.

The Stirling Bull Sales take place at Stirling Agricultural Centre from Sunday 6 May to Monday 7 May 2018.

United Auctions' commitment to succession planning and advancing people from within the Company is shared by its strategic partner Galbraith, the leading independent property consultancy. Galbraith became the sole, all-year sponsor of the Stirling Bull Sales this year.

At the two-day May event, no less than eight pedigree breeds will be on show and sale. Judging will take place on Sunday 6 May for Charolais, Simmental and Aberdeen-Angus and on the morning of Monday 7 May for Limousin, Beef Shorthorn, Salers, Highland and Hereford breeds. All sales will be held on the Monday.

This year sees a record entry of Simmental bulls forward, reflecting the growing popularity of the breed in the sale ring.

John Roberts, United Auctions' Group Sales Director, said: "It's great to see another breed record entry for Simmentals and we're delighted to have the support of so many pedigree breeders who recognise the value of being part of the May Bull Sales.

"Handing the gavel for this set of sales to our next generation of leaders is a huge tribute. They may be young in years but they have solid experience of both pedigree and commercial sales under their belts,

and it shows just how much confidence we have in them by letting them take the mantle of such an important event.”

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**Notes to editor**

Photo caption: Next in line: the next generation of United Auctions and Galbraith, the all-year sponsors of the Stirling Bull Sales line up. (l-r) Raymond Kennedy, Al Christie, Isla King, Ross Fotheringham, Isla Shaw and Murray Rainnie.

**Judges**

Charolais- Neil Blyth, Middleton House Farm, Elwick, Hartlepool

Simmental- Chris Boyd, 9 Glebe Cottages, Ahoghill, Ballymena

Limousin- John Duncan, Dyke Farm Cottage, Milton of Campsie, Glasgow

Salers- Ian Smith, Netherton, Whitehouse, Alford

Beef Shorthorn- Cathryn Williamson, Balnespick Farm, Kincaig

Aberdeen-Angus- Emma Hodge, Rulesmains, Duns

**SHOW & SALE PROGRAMME**

**Friday 4 May**

5pm Yard opens

**Saturday 5 May**

2pm Charolais bull inspection

3pm Aberdeen-Angus bull inspection

4pm Simmental bull inspection

**Sunday 6 May**

10.30am Show of Charolais bulls

12 noon Show of Simmental bulls

12 noon Beef Shorthorn bull inspection followed by Salers, Highland & Hereford bulls

1pm Limousin bull inspection followed by females

2pm Show of Aberdeen-Angus bulls

**Monday 7 May**

9am Show of Limousin bulls followed by females

10.30am Show of Beef Shorthorn bulls followed by Salers & parade of Highland & Hereford cattle

10.45am Sale of Charolais bulls (42)

11.45am Sale of Simmental bulls (73) followed by Limousin (66 & 12 females), Salers (9), Beef Shorthorn (12), Hereford (1), Highland (6) and Aberdeen-Angus (61 & 1 female).

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United Auctions are Scotland's leading livestock auctioneers and procurement specialists and operate a network of different auction markets across Scotland, including Stirling, Huntly, Lairg, Dalmally, Tiree, Islay, South Uist and Oban. The company conducts auctions of both commercial and pedigree livestock, including the world-famous Stirling Bull Sales, and provides farm-to-farm and farm-to-abattoir procurement services.