

Scottish Storytelling Centre

PROGRAMME

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The Edinburgh Festival
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THE HOME OF SCOTLAND'S STORIES



WELCOME

Throughout the year, every week, the Scottish Storytelling Centre offers a platform for storytellers, musicians, dancers, artists, creatives, café-dwellers, families, tourists and locals to engage with culture and traditions in Scotland today, exploring what it means and where it takes us. The Edinburgh Festival Fringe offers us a chance to curate a high-quality programme, produced by companies and performers based in Scotland who fit with our ethos of inclusiveness and openness.



LOCAL TALENT. INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT.



Throughout the programme there is a sense of community, friendship and fun. There is language and love, Shakespeare and Burns, African mythology and Indian reflections. There is Gaelic culture and Falkirk culture, questions of mortality and self-discovery, strong female narratives and poetry of the heart. There is human interaction here.

The story is told eye to eye, mind to mind and heart to heart. We look forward to welcoming you.

Daniel Abercrombie,
Programme & Events Manager

A booking fee of £1 per transaction is charged for online and phone bookings from the Centre's Box Office. No booking fee is applied to tickets purchased in person.

Symbols



-  Storytelling Centre Supporter prices (SCS)
-  Particularly suitable for children & families

Families welcome

Highchairs & baby changing facilities are available.

The Centre is accessible

Accessible to wheelchair users, there is a hearing loop in the Theatre & Braille signage throughout. Please let us know if you would like any of our publications in a different format or if you need assistance when visiting us.

Box Office
 0131 556 9579
 scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk
In Person 10am – 9pm

Fringe Box Office
 0131 226 0000
 edfringe.com

PREVIEW THU 3 AUG
FRI 4 – TUE 15, SAT 19 – SUN 20, SAT 26 – SUN 27 AUG





The Wonderful World of Lapin

LE PETIT MONDE

Tania arrives from Paris for the World's Tastiest Carrot competition! In her trunk she carries her garden, where Lapin and his carrot-hungry animal friends live. Oh la la! Performed in English with French language from the puppets. Made with support from Creative Scotland.

Time 10.30am (50mins)
Full price £8
Preview £6 (£4) (£16)
Relaxed performance Thu 10 Aug

Ages 3+ 
Concessions £6 (£24 family) (£5.50 SCS) 
2 for 1 Mon 7 & Tue 8 Aug

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PREVIEW THU 3 AUG
FRI 4 – TUE 15 AUG



At a Stretch

JORDAN AND SKINNER

A stretchy physical comedy for children and families about two women who meet, get stuck together with elastic and, despite their best efforts, fall in love. Exciting choreography and breathtaking physical theatre from the Fringe First award-winning Jordan and Skinner.

Time 1pm (50mins)
Full price £9
Preview £6 (£4) (£16)

Ages 6+ 
Concessions £7 (£28 family) (£6.50 SCS) 
2 for 1 Mon 7 & Tue 8 Aug

PREVIEW THU 3 AUG
FRI 4 – SUN 20 AUG (NOT 10, 17)



Is This a Dagger? The Story of Macbeth

ANDY CANNON AND RED BRIDGE ARTS

"By the pricking of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes."

Andy Cannon retells Shakespeare's classic story, taking audiences on a thousand-year journey from fact to fiction and back again.

'Strikingly heartfelt and intelligent... immensely classy stuff' (*Scotsman*)

Time 3pm (1hr)

Full price £9

Preview £6

Signed performance Fri 11 Aug 🗨️

Ages 8+ 🧒

Concessions £7 (£28 family) (£6.50 SCS) 🧡

2 for 1 Mon 7 & Tue 8 Aug

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THU 3 – SUN 27 AUG
(ODD DATES)



Mairi Campbell: Pulse

GREENGOLD PROJECTS AND
AUTHENTIC ARTISTS

Co-devised and directed by Kath Burlinson

Award-winning musician's five-star show returns after a triumphant Fringe 2016.

'Bare, unabashed honesty... you'll feel transformed' ★★★★★ (*ThreeWeeks*)

'Mesmerising... an exhilarating blend of music, movement, animation' (*Scotsman*)

Time 5pm (55mins)

Full price £12

2 for 1 Mon 7 Aug

Ages Adults 8+

Concessions £10 (£40 family) (£9.50 SCS) 🧡

FRI 4 – MON 28 AUG
(EVEN DATES)



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Leaf by Niggle

PUPPET STATE THEATRE COMPANY

JRR Tolkien's miniature masterpiece – the mystical tale of Niggle, a struggling artist with a long journey to make. Performed by Richard Medrington (*The Man Who Planted Trees*) with soundtrack by Karine Polwart and MJ McCarthy.


'exquisite... so beautifully told... completely seductive' ★★★★★ (*Scotsman*)


Time 5pm (1hr 15)

Full price £12

2 for 1 Tue 8 Aug

Ages Adults & 10+

Concessions £10 (£40 family) (£9.50 SCS) 

Signed performance Thu 10 Aug 

PREVIEW WED 2 & THU 3 AUG
FRI 4 – MON 28 AUG (NOT 14, 21)



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(More) Moira Monologues

KYLE/BISSETT PRODUCTIONS

Written and performed by Alan Bissett
Directed by Sacha Kyle

She's back! Single mum Moira Bell returns: a new instalment of Bissett's hilarious and much-loved one-woman show.

'The most charismatic character to appear on a Scottish stage in a decade' ★★★★★ (*Scotsman*)

'Moira is a legend' ★★★★★ (*Skinny*)


'It's a – sometimes scary – pleasure to spend an evening in her company' ★★★★★ (*Independent*)

Time 7pm (1hr)

Full price £15

Preview £10

Ages 16+

Concessions £12 (£11.50 SCS) 

2 for 1 Mon 7 & Tue 8 Aug

FRI 4 – MON 28 AUG (NOT 14, 21)



Loud Poets

LOUD POETS

This is fist-thumping, pint-drinking, side-tickling, heart-wrenching poetry. This is the spoken word revolution! A unique blend of poetry, live music and film, this is a brand-new show filled with comedy, tragedy and politics.


'Throughout, there's a humour, poignancy and most of all a confidence which serves to inspire' (*Scotsman*)

Time 9pm (1hr)

Full price £10

2 for 1 Mon 7 & Tue 8 Aug

Ages 14+

Concessions £8 (£7.50 SCS) 

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PREVIEW MON 14 AUG

TUE 15 – SUN 20 AUG



Turntable | Edinburgh

MICHAEL JOHN MCCARTHY AND
RED BRIDGE ARTS


Turntable started when MJ McCarthy and his Great Aunt Kathleen connected over a stack of vinyl. Since then the Turntable team have toured her record case around Scotland, inviting listeners to investigate its contents and reflect on the importance of music in their lives. Now, we invite the people of Edinburgh to gather, share stories and spin records to create a soundtrack for the city.

Time 5.30pm (50mins)

Full price £8

Preview £6

Ages Adults & 8+

Concessions £6 (£24 family) (£5.50 SCS) 
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PREVIEW MON 14 AUG
MON 21 – MON 28 AUG



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Fairich: Live

WHYTE


An immersive audio-visual experience by Gaelic electronica duo WHYTE. Their album *Fairich*, released in October 2016, contains new arrangements of rarely heard 17th- and 18th-century Gaelic songs, as well as original compositions and has drawn comparisons with the likes of Sigur Rós and Martyn Bennett.

'achingly beautiful arrangements' (*fROOTS*)

Time 3pm (1hr), 8pm (Mon 14 & 21 only) **Ages** All

Full price £10

Preview price £8 (€6) (€24)

Concessions £8 (£32 family) (£7.50 SCS) 

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FRI 18 – SUN 27 AUG



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Home is Not the Place

ANNIE GEORGE

Award-winning writer Annie George contrasts her grandfather's struggles, shortly before India's independence, with her own, as an immigrant in the UK.


'A rich and meditative piece' (*Scotsman*, about *The Bridge*)

'An exquisite score' (*Herald*, about *The Bridge*)

Time 1pm (1hr)

Full price £10

Ages 12+

Concessions £8 (£32 family) (£7.50 SCS) 

PREVIEW THU 3 AUG

FRI 4 – MON 7, SUN 13 – THU 17, MON 21 – THU 24 AUG



The Illusion of Truth

MARA MENZIES

Enter a world where Gods feast and wander through forests. Through ancient African mythology, performance storyteller Mara Menzies explores our relationship with truth, intention and powerlessness wrapped in the thin cloak of power.


'Spellbinding' (EdinburghGuide.com)

Time 1.30pm (1hr)

Full price £9

Preview £6 (£4) (£16)

Ages 12+

Concessions £7 (£28 family) (£6.50 SCS) 

2 for 1 Mon 7 Aug

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FRI 4 – SUN 27 AUG (NOT 14, 21)



Robert Burns: Rough Cut

ROUGH CUT ROBIN PRODUCTIONS

Meet the real edgy bard. In crisis and contradiction but at full creative stretch. The man behind the myth, but one who wears many masks.


'Raw, punchy and a universe away from shortbread tins' ★★★★★ (*List*)

Time 3.30pm (1hr 5)

Full price £10

2 for 1 Mon 7 & Tue 8 Aug

Ages 14+

Concessions £8 (£7.50 SCS) 

TUE 8 – SAT 12 AUG



The Headless Woman and Other Delights

STORYWHEEL


Through live storytelling, peep-boxes and projection, the audience are drawn into a story circle where ancient tales of boggarts and mermaids hold hands with contemporary accounts of supernatural landscapes and uncanny visitors. A collaboration between storyteller Jacqueline Harris and artist Marjan Wouda.

Time 1.30pm (1hr)

Full price £9

2 for 1 Tue 8 Aug

Ages Adults & 7+

Concessions £7 (£28 family) (£6.50 SCS) 

THU 17 & MON 21 AUG



Fuaigh – Interweaving


FUAIGH ARTIST COLLECTIVE

Gillebride MacMillan and a Gaelic choir perform Rona Macdonald's evocative play. Directed by triple Fringe First winner John Binnie, fusing Judy Parrott's visuals with ritual and landscape, exploring the separation of a South Uist woman from home. Originally commissioned as part of National Theatre of Scotland's Home Away 2016.

Time 3pm (1hr)

Full price £10

Ages Adults & 6+

Concessions £8 (£32 family) (£7.50 SCS) 

FRI 18 – SUN 20, FRI 25 & SAT 26 AUG



Bonnie Fechtters – Songs & Stories Of Hope & Resistance

MORNA BURDON

Morna Burdon presents inspiring stories and songs of women's activism and struggle, from the Scottish witch killings to Vietnam, from 'strikers in saris' to Zero Tolerance.

'Deeply moving' ★★★★★ *(BroadwayBaby.com)*

Time 1.30pm (50mins)

Ages 14+

Full price £9

Concessions £7 (£28 family) (£6.50 SCS) 

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THU 10 & THU 24 AUG



Café Voices


TRACS

The story is told eye to eye, mind to mind and heart to heart. Enjoy live storytelling in the relaxed surroundings of the Storytelling Court with special guest storytellers, Jacqueline Harris (10th) and John Nichol (24th) and an open-floor section for contributions.

Time 7.15pm (2hrs)

Ages 14+

Full price £8

Concessions £6 (£5.50 SCS) 

MON 21 – WED 23 AUG



The Strange & The Eerie: Ballads and Stories of Auld Scotland


CANTRIP TEASEL

Scotland's dark and mysterious past is hidden deep in its songs and legends. Heather Yule, Jeanie Roy Collins and Alison Bell lead a dangerous quest through ancient ballads and stories, accompanied by the atmospheric music of the Scottish harp. Be prepared for murder and magic, ghosts and the terrifying unseen.

Time 8.30pm (1hr 30)

Full price £10

Ages 12+

Concessions £8 (£7.50 SCS) 

SAT 29 JUL – MON 28 AUG



Exhibition: Drawn to Edinburgh

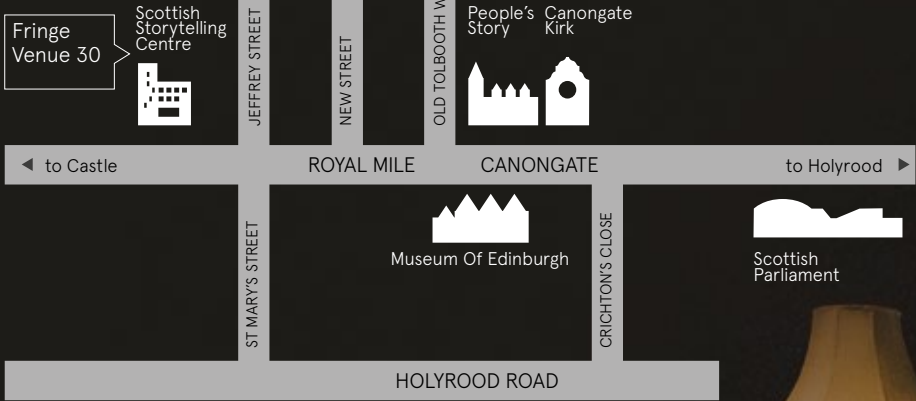
THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH –
EDINBURGH COLLEGE OF ART STUDENTS

Themed around a sense of place and what makes Edinburgh unique, showcasing a variety of styles of illustration: iconic buildings in the city and little-known gems of the University's special collections.

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- Invites to special events
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T&Cs apply.

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