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EDINBURGH'S WINTER FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 2024 – JANUARY 2025

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the Capital*

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at the '**Home of
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Edinburgh; home of internationally acclaimed Christmas events and renowned Hogmanay celebrations, is once again transformed into a festive feast for the senses, ready to welcome visitors of all ages for seven magical weeks of rollicking activities and events this winter tide!

Edinburgh's Christmas, Edinburgh's Hogmanay and the wider Winter Festival programme are cornerstones of the UK's cultural calendar and places the Scottish capital squarely on the global stage. With traditional Christmas Markets, classic funfair rides, spectacular indoor and outdoor events and delicious food and drink, all set against the backdrop of Edinburgh Castle and the enchanting Georgian architecture that glitters in the snow. Edinburgh is the ultimate destination for festive fun this Christmas and New Year!

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**We're proud to
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Edinburgh's Winter
Festivals since
1993.**

Whether you're browsing for gifts in our bustling Christmas markets, winding your way through the historic Old Town as part of our magical Torchlight Procession or bringing in the New Year in spectacular style with our world-famous Hogmanay celebrations, there's something for everyone this festive season.

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EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS

15 NOV 2024 - 04 JAN 2025

FIND OUT MORE:

EDINBURGH-CHRISTMAS.COM

Attractions Overview

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- * Traditional Christmas Markets
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- * Festive Illumination trail
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EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS

Booking Info

Tickets for all events across Edinburgh's Christmas are available online, over the phone, and in person at all of our on-site Box Offices.

Book online at edinburgh-christmas.com or scan the QR code

Contact our Box Office

Phone: +44 131 623 3033 Phone lines open daily 10am – 6pm
Email: customerservice@unique-assembly.co.uk

Box Office Opening Hours

East Princes Street Gardens 10am–9.45pm
West Princes Street Gardens Mon–Thu: 12am–9pm, Fri–Sun: 10am–9pm
George Street 10am–9.45pm
Box Offices are closed on Christmas Day



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Travel Info

Edinburgh is extremely well connected and there are plenty of transport options available for you.

Getting Here

Edinburgh's Christmas is spread across four main locations: East Princes Street Gardens, West Princes Street Gardens, St Andrew Square & West George Street between Charlotte Square and Castle Street.

Many of the events in our programme are hosted by external organisations and occur in various locations across the city, so make sure to double-check your event's page.

By Bus

Lothian Buses operates over 70 bus routes in and around Edinburgh. Their website and App can be found at lothianbuses.com, and offers up-to-date timetables and maps, as well all the different ticket types.

By Tram

Edinburgh's Christmas events are easily accessible with Edinburgh Trams, with stops at St Andrew Sq., Princes Street & West End. You can plan your journey at edinburghtrams.com



By Rail

The nearest railway station to Edinburgh's Christmas is Edinburgh Waverley which is approximately 2 minutes' walk to the entrance to East Princes Street Gardens. The most direct route is via the Waverley Bridge exit, which is also step-free. Plan your journey at scotrail.co.uk or lner.co.uk

By Coach

The nearest coach station is Edinburgh Bus Station, which is a 6-minute walk away, with arrivals from across the country from citylink.co.uk and uk.megabus.com.

By Car

There is no designated parking for the event. There are some parking spaces and multi-storey car parks in the city centre, these will be busy due to the time of year. There are park and ride facilities available on the outskirts of the city too.

For more information on all our sites and events, please visit our website



EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS

Traditional Markets and Festive Illuminations

Wind your way through a glowing trail of festive lights from the Market Street entrance to East Princes Street Gardens, to reach our traditional Christmas Markets. Delight in sumptuous food and drink options, from bratwurst and mulled offerings to mini pancakes and decadent hot chocolates before perusing the various stalls full of gifts and treats.

East Princes Street Gardens is also home to the LNER Big Wheel, Scotland's largest festive ferris-wheel standing at 46m tall giving passengers a unique perspective of the city, and an exciting selection of thrill rides including a Helter Skelter and the 80m Starflyer.

DATE

Fri 15 Nov – Sat 4 Jan

LOCATION

East Princes Street Gardens

INFO

Opens Friday 15 November – evening

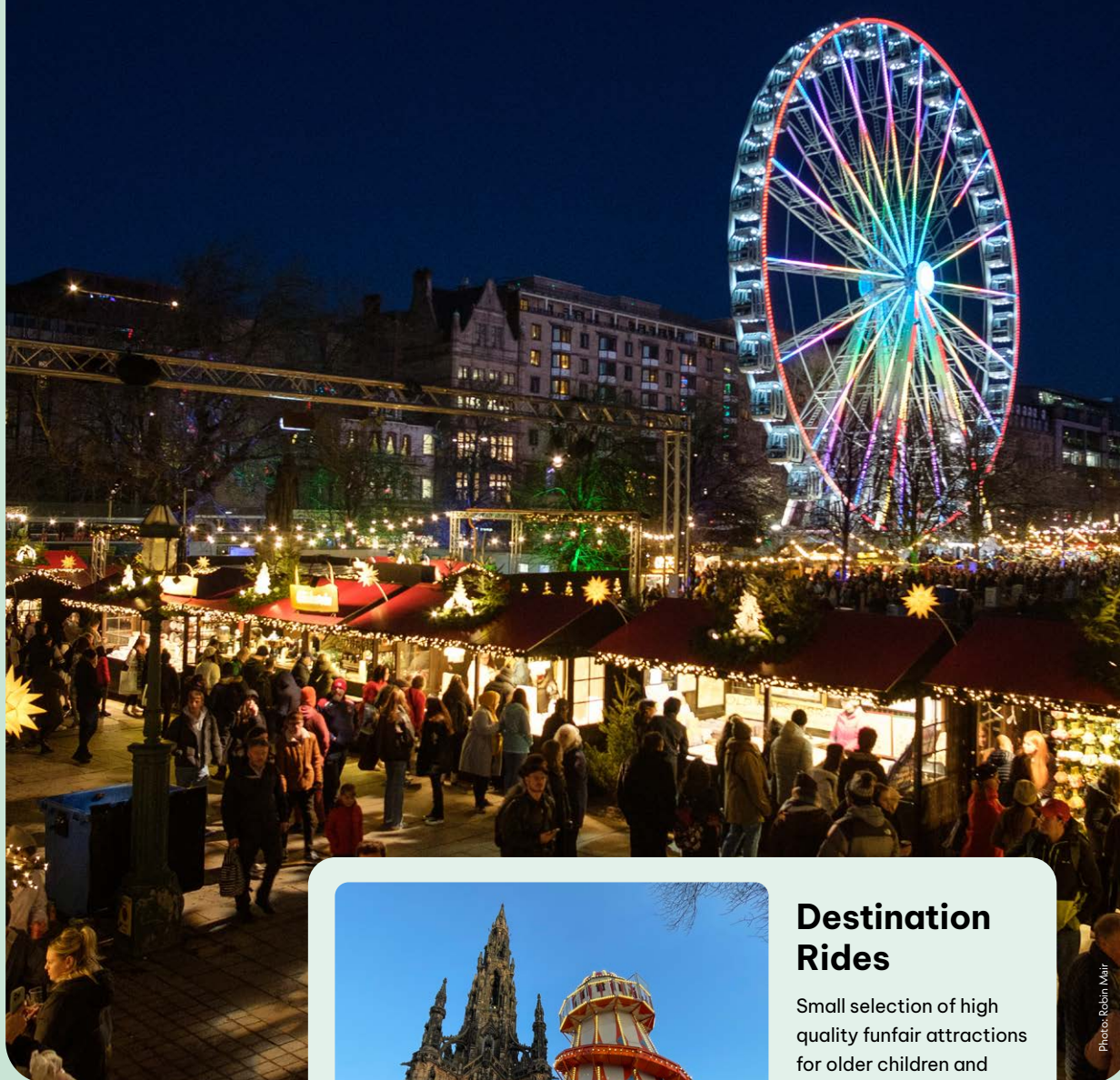
Open daily 10am – check website

FREE ENTRY to Christmas Markets

EH postcode Residents will receive a 20% discount on ticketed rides and attractions – check the website for full T&Cs

Please allow extra time during busy periods

More info at edinburgh-christmas.com



Destination Rides

Small selection of high quality funfair attractions for older children and adults, including:

- * LNER Big Wheel
- * 80m Starflyer
- * Helter Skelter

Photo: Robin Mair





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A magical after-dark trail for everyone

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EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS

Traditional Christmas Markets

A veritable trove of twinkling trinkets and tasty morsels awaits visitors to East Princes Street Gardens. We have over 70 stalls offering crafts and gifts, sweets and chutneys and a host of food and beverage to warm the cockles on a fine Scottish winter's day.

Stalls this year include:

Ancestral Name

Barrel Smiths

Bowzos

Buck & Birch Wild Spirit & Liqueur Emporium

Cherry Tree Preserves

Chock Shop

Cozy Camper Ltd

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Ducks Quack Quack

Edinburgh Honey Co.

Edinburgh Skincare

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Pincho Poncho

Pizza Pitch

Putu Clothing Co Ltd

Rise & Grind Coffee

Roasters

Royal Mile Silver

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EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS

The LNER Big Wheel

The LNER Big Wheel returns to East Princes Street Gardens to give passengers a unique perspective of our spectacular city. With incredible views of the historic Old Town, Edinburgh Castle and Arthur's Seat, as well as sparkling evening views of Edinburgh's Christmas attractions, one ride on the Big Wheel won't be enough! Enjoy the comfort of the enclosed and weather-proof pods.



For additional information head to our website edinburgh-christmas.com or scan the QR Code

DATE

Fri 15 Nov – Sat 4 Jan

LOCATION

East Princes Street Gardens

INFO

Price: From £11.00

Time: Open 10am–10pm (last admission 9.30pm) Tickets are date-specific but there are no set time slots – admission is on a first come, first served basis.

Age Rating: Age 0 and above

Warning: Your ticket time (e.g., 10:00 AM) shows when the wheel opens. It is valid for one ride anytime during the day, from opening until 30 minutes before closing

Tickets are only valid for the selected date and cannot be used on another day.

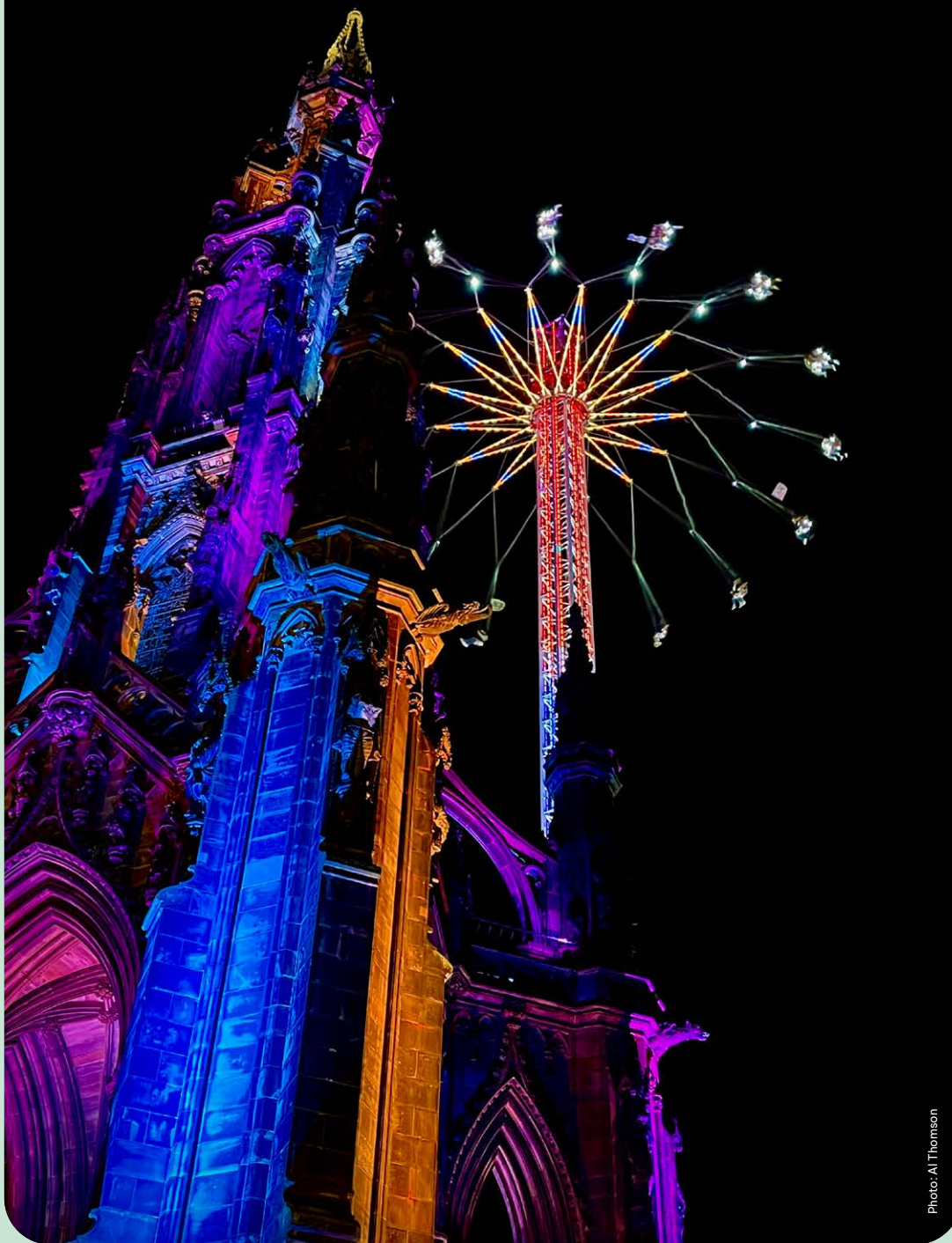


Photo: Al Thomson

EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS

Around the World Starflyer

Try it if you dare! Edinburgh's Christmas hosts the world's largest transportable Starflyer!

At a whopping 80m tall, the Starflyer towers over the East Princes Street Garden Christmas Market and provides the finest (and most thrilling!) views of the stunning city centre skyline.



Hold on tight and enjoy the views as you fly high above the rooftops!

Photo: Tom Duffin

DATE

Fri 15 Nov – Sat 4 Jan

LOCATION

East Princes Street Gardens

INFO

Price: £12.50

Date: 15 Nov – 4 Jan

Time: Various times

Age Rating: Age 12+ (Restriction)
Height restrictions apply

Warnings: Your ticket time (e.g. 10:00 AM) shows when the Star Flyer opens. It's valid for one ride anytime during the day, from opening until 30 minutes before closing.

Tickets are only valid for the selected date and cannot be used on another day.



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WINTER GARDENS

West Princes Street Gardens

Opening on Saturday 16 November, our Winter Garden will fill the area around the Ross Fountain with the ever-popular family funfair, and an assortment of market stalls and warming zones to retreat to.

The Winter Gardens will be illuminated with a twinkling light trail and festive garden shelters whilst once again playing host to the local schools' Winter Windows exhibition for visitors to enjoy, all under the majesty of Edinburgh Castle.

DATE

Sat 16 Nov – Sat 4 Jan

LOCATION

West Princes Street Gardens

INFO

Time: Opening times vary, please check our website

No ticket required for entry, ride tokens can be purchased at each attraction using our tap & ride system.

EH postcode residents will receive a 20% discount, for eligibility please check our website.



WINTER GARDENS

Light Night Concert

Join us at the Ross Bandstand for a fun-filled family concert to celebrate the opening weekend of Edinburgh's Christmas as we light-up the city for the festive season.

With a full programme of community choirs, local schools and professional dancers and musicians, as well as a few surprises from your favourite festive faces, there's no cheerier way to start the season!

With a lantern parade from local performers, leading to the finale celebrations, get ready for a festive sing-along, bring the whole family as Edinburgh begins to sparkle that bit brighter for Christmas 2024.

DATE

Sun 17 Nov

LOCATION

Ross Bandstand,
West Princes Street Gardens

INFO

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Price: Free Event

Edinburgh's Norwegian Christmas Tree Light-up Service

For over 30 years now, Edinburgh has enjoyed the wonderful gift of a Christmas tree from the people of Hordaland and Vestland County Council that takes pride of place on The Mound. The tree is gifted in thanks for support Scotland gave to Norway during World War II, and is truly a wonderful symbol of this special bond of friendship between Norway and Scotland.

The lighting of this tree truly heralds the start of the festive season in the city. Locals and visitors alike are invited to join us as we illuminate the Norwegian tree before heading along to St. Giles Cathedral for the Scottish Norwegian Advent Carol Concert.



DATE Mon 18 Nov

Tree Switch On:

Location: Mound Place

Time: 5.45pm

Price: Free Event

Scottish Norwegian Advent Carol Concert:

Location: St. Giles Cathedral

Time: 7pm

Price: Free Event

Silent Discos

Come down to the Ross Bandstand to enjoy a festive family silent disco for the young and young at heart. Alternatively, after the sun goes down, what better way to keep warm than by dancing away to your favourite Christmas tunes in the West Gardens.

Silent Disco headset hire can be secured in advance or will be available to purchase on the day at the Bandstand if there is availability.

Free to watch or join in the dancing with a small hire fee per headset.

DATE

Sat 23 Nov

LOCATION

Ross Bandstand

INFO

Time: 1pm - 4pm
(3x family sessions)
and 5:30pm - 7:30pm
(2 x adult only sessions)

Sessions last approx. 1 hour

Price: Check website

Edinburgh Sings

Programme of community choirs and music from local groups. Pop along and enjoy performances of your favourite Christmas Carols and festive hits at the Ross Bandstand. We welcome you to join in the singing and get in the festive mood.

DATE

Sun 24 Nov

LOCATION

Ross Bandstand

INFO

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Price: Free Event

Reserve free tickets or simply turn up on the day of the event.



St Andrew's Day Family Ceilidh

Head over to the Ross Bandstand for a St. Andrew's Day celebration ceilidh. We'll have a live band and a caller to teach you the steps, so whether you're a dab hand at the Dashing White Sergeant or a first-time Highland Flinger, you're sure to have a great time having a wee whirl around West Princes St Gardens. These traditional Scottish dances are as fun to do as they are to watch, and there will also be performances by Highland Dancers to show us all how it's done.

DATE

Sat 30 Nov

LOCATION

Ross Bandstand

INFO

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Price: Free Event

Reserve free tickets or simply turn up on the day of the event.

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The 20th Edinburgh **SANTA** FUN RUN & WALK

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2024

West Princes Street Gardens
Registration: 9.30am - 10.45am
Starts: 11am

Register at
www.thesantarun.org.uk



ENTRY FEE:

- * Adult Santa's: £15.00 (12yrs and over)
- * Junior Santa's: £5.00 (5yrs to 11yrs)
- * ELF: £2.50 (2yrs to 4yrs)
- * Infants under 2 FREE
- * Santa Paws FREE

FAMILY TICKETS:

- * Santa: 2 Adults, 2 Juniors: £35.00
- * Mrs Claus: 2 Adults, 1 Junior, 1 Elf: £32.50
- * Elf: 2 Adults, 2 Elf: £30.00

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EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS

Santa Run & Santa Paws Dog Walk

Edinburgh's Christmas are delighted to support When you Wish upon a Star's Edinburgh Santa Fun Run & Walk.

Celebrating 20 years of the Edinburgh Santa Fun Run & Walk on Sunday 8th December 2024, fundraising Santas & Elves will run, jog or walk around West Princes Street Gardens. Or come on down and cheer on the Santas!

Santa Paws

Don't let your furry friends feel left out this Christmas – throw on their best festive outfits and come on down to the Ross Bandstand for Santa Paws, after the main Santa Fun Run & Walk.

We'll have photo opportunities and lots of fun activities throughout the afternoon, ending with a dog show on the Bandstand with a parade of the best dressed pups.

Head to our website to register:
edinburgh-christmas.com

DATE

Sun 8 Dec

LOCATION

Ross Bandstand

INFO

Registration:

9:30am – 10:45am

Start Time: 11am

Price: Registration fees vary, please check website for details.



ICE RINK

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Get your skates on and head to George Street to glide around Scotland's largest outdoor ice rink. Set amongst the Georgian boulevard, those not taking to the ice can visit our viewing platform and stay warm with a tippie from the café bar

With Toddler sessions and Late Skates - hosting a bit more of a party atmosphere - there's something for everyone to skate their way into Christmas! Then head on to the various restaurants and cafés that line George Street or our own Coorie Inn and Polar Ice Bar.

DATE

Fri 22 Nov - Sat 4 Jan

LOCATION

George Street (West) - Between Castle Street & Charlotte Square

INFO

Price: From £10.00

Time: Open daily (except Christmas Day)

Opens Friday 22 November 5pm. Chec website for session times

EH Postcode residents will receive a 20% Discount - check the website for details on how to redeem.

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult (18+), no babes in arms.

Children must be over 1.1m in height; we will have designated sessions for the wee ones.

The minimum skate size boot on the rink is a children's size 8, and the maximum is an adult size 15.



Photo: Robin Mair



Photo: William Burdett-Coutts



For additional information head to our website edinburgh-christmas.com or scan the QR Code

**DATE**

Mon 25 Nov – Sat 4 Jan

LOCATION

George Street – between Castle Street & Frederick Street

INFO

Price: From £15.00

Time: Open daily (except Christmas Day)
Opens Monday 25 November 5pm
Check our website for session times

Age Rating: Strictly for 18+

EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS**The Polar Ice Bar**

Presenting Partner
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New to Edinburgh's Christmas 2024, take some time to 'chill' at the Polar Ice Bar, the coolest bar in the city, where your table, chairs and glasses are sculpted entirely from ice. This unique pop-up bar experience has to be kept at a chilly -10°C, but we'll make sure you'll be cosy the whole time with jackets and gloves provided to you on arrival.

Inside the Polar Ice Bar you'll enjoy delicious festive alcoholic and non-alcoholic cocktails, served in an individual pre-carved ice glass, with your first drink included in your entry ticket.

Take in the beautiful, engraved ice wall sand sculptures featuring winter forests and wildlife, providing perfect insta-moment for you and your friends.

The Polar Ice Bar is an **over 18s experience only** operating a Challenge 25 policy and ID will be required to enter. Limited family sessions will be opened in early mornings where the bar provision will not be available. Check the website for further details.

**Top Tip**

Make sure you wrap up warm as the Polar Ice Bar is kept at a chilly -10°C. Cozy Polar Ice Bar jackets and gloves provided if you need the extra layers

Event Partners

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EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS The Coorie Inn on George Street

Presenting Partner **ESSENTIAL EDINBURGH**

Our Winter Warming bar on George Street is getting a new look and a whole new vibe! Embrace the darker nights and colder weather and get ready to *Coorie Inn* with your friends and loved ones at our highland lodge.

Your Special Winter Warmers at the Bar

- * Innis & Gunn Winter Warmer
- * Mulled Campari
- * Traditional Mulled Wine
- * Luxury Hot Chocolates

With tartan throws, plush seating and outdoor heaters to keep you toastie, be transported to a luxurious highland hideaway right in the heart of the city.

With a programme of live music, pub quizzes, crafts and wreath making workshops, as well as delicious festive fayre, George Street has even more to offer this winter season.

With events, workshops and live performances announced regularly, be sure to follow our socials and check our website for each week's entertainment.

What's On Throughout December

- * Wreath Making
- * Whisky Tasting
- * The Stuffed Goose - Festive Pub Quiz
- * Live Music Friday nights and Sunday afternoons with a host of local talent
- * With more workshops and activities to be announced



From date nights to festive catch-ups, the Coorie Inn is the place to be this Christmas!

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OPEN DAILY 10am - 6pm
25 NOVEMBER to 22 DECEMBER

EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS

Castle Street Christmas Market

Castle Street Christmas Market has been running since 2007 and is delighted to return with stalls run by local makers filled with an abundance of quality gifts and delicious food choices, for 28 consecutive days!

Nestled around the corner from the hustle and bustle of Rose Street and George Street, the market has to be in one of the world's most beautiful locations, in the heart of Edinburgh, looking up to the majestic Edinburgh Castle.

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FESTIVE AND GIFT SELECTION INCLUDES:

Food & Drinks / Soaps / Candles / Knitwear /
Artwork / Woodcrafts / Rugs / Hats / Ceramics /
Jewellery / Fashion / Holistic & Wellbeing Gifts

SOCIAL BITE Festival of Kindness

Your kindness is needed now more than ever

This Christmas, Social Bite needs your help to distribute 300,000 meals, gifts and essential items across the country to individuals and families who are vulnerable or experiencing homelessness.



Bring a gift to the Tree of Kindness for someone who is vulnerable this Christmas

Castle Street, 25th Nov – 22nd Dec

Opening Times Mon – Wed: 12–4, Thurs – Sun: 11–7

Or donate online at social-bite.co.uk

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Registered Charity (SC045232)



CASTLE STREET

Festival of Kindness

We are once again delighted to host Social Bite's Festival of Kindness, this year on Castle Street.

Dedicated to spreading festive goodwill to those who need it most, the space on Castle Street will hold Social Bite's Kindness Tree and Gift Donation Point alongside the Castle Street Christmas Market.

Donations can also be made to help provide thousands of Christmas dinners, food packs and gifts to homeless and vulnerable families, children, and individuals, or for shelter to those without a roof over their heads this winter.

INFO

Dates: Mon 25 Nov – Sun 22 Dec

Location: Castle Street

Opening times vary, check the website for further details

Bring a gift to the Tree of Kindness or donate online at social-bite.co.uk



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CASTLE STREET

EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS

Santa's Stories

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**Santa is making his annual visit to Edinburgh!
Make your little one's day and bring them along to
our Santa experience as part of the official Edinburgh
Christmas celebrations.**

Santa and some very helpful elves will be tucked away in St. Andrew Square ready to welcome children and families and provide a magical Christmas experience. Santa's Stories are group sessions for up to 22 children, however each child will have the opportunity to meet Santa and receive a gift.

Relaxed Performances:

We are delighted to introduce relaxed venue sessions this year for children with additional support needs. Whilst our venue is always welcoming and accessible, with helpful Elves on hand to support those who need it, we know that for some children the experience can be overwhelming. Our 'relaxed' sessions are designed for Children who are neurodiverse or have additional requirements such as sensory processing difficulties, to enjoy in a way that better suits.

During these sessions, you'll find:

- Smaller groups with less families able to book each session
- Music volume lowered throughout and can be turned off if required
- No flashing lights or loud noises
- A fully wheelchair accessible Grotto
- Fully trained elves and staff in disability awareness



For a full list of Relaxed Performances, please check out our website edinburgh-christmas.com or scan the QR code.

**DATE**

Sat 23 Nov – Tue 24 Dec

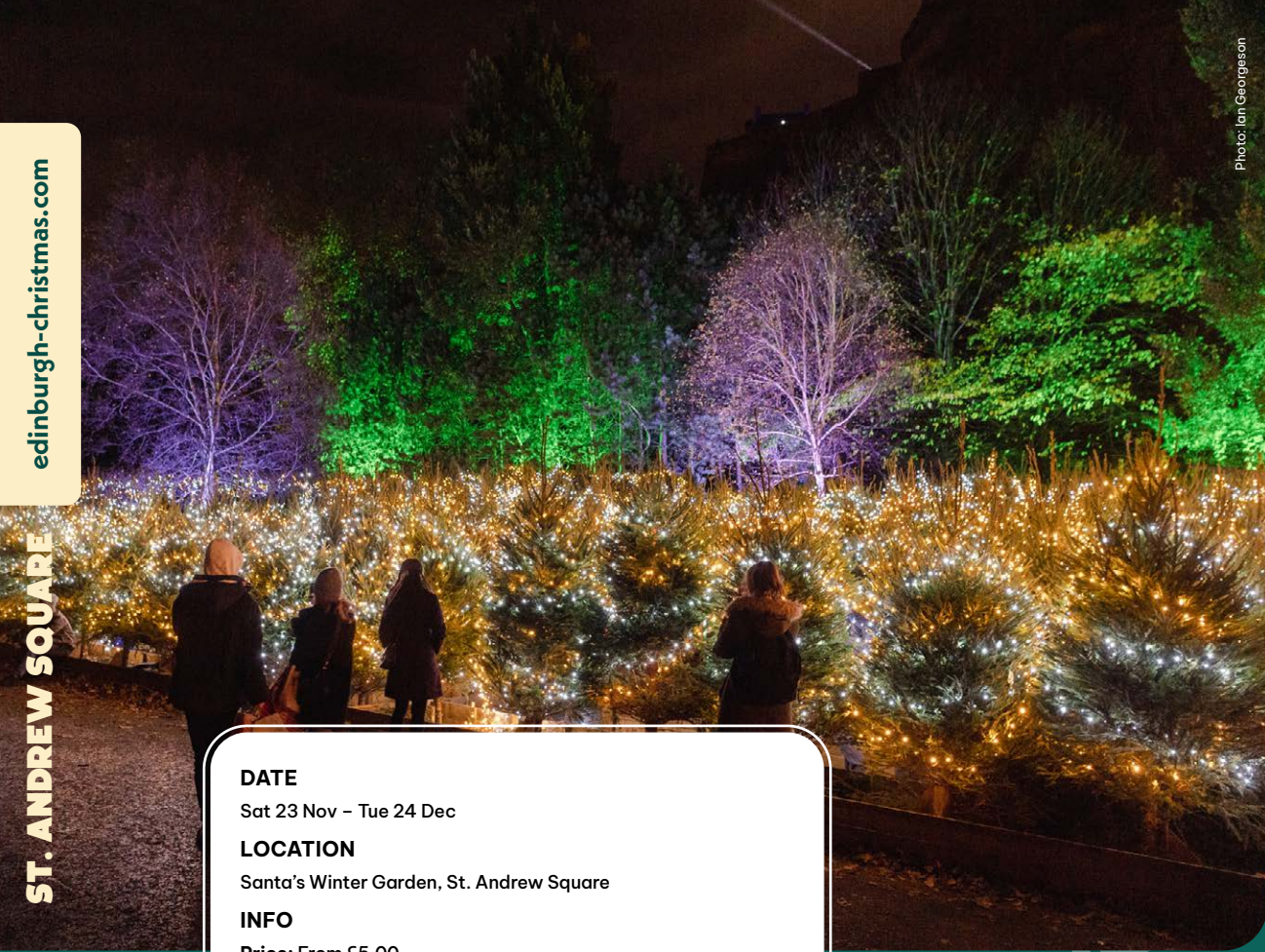
LOCATIONSanta's Winter Garden,
St. Andrew Square**INFO****Price:** From £6.00**Duration:** 20 min**Time:** Various times**Age Rating:** Age 0 and above

All performances last approximately 20 minutes and all children will receive a gift suitable for their age range.

**Santa's
Post Box**

Also in St. Andrew Square this year, you can find our very special Santa's Post-Box and Letter Writing Station – a free attraction to make sure your letters get straight to Santa!

Photo: Ian Georgeson



DATE

Sat 23 Nov – Tue 24 Dec

LOCATION

Santa's Winter Garden, St. Andrew Square

INFO

Price: From £5.00

Time: Various times

Age Rating: Age 0 and above

Warnings: Your ticket time (e.g. 10:00 AM) shows when the Maze opens. It's valid for one visit anytime during the day, from opening until 30 minutes before closing. Tickets are only valid for the selected date and cannot be used on another day.



For additional information head to our website edinburgh-christmas.com or scan the QR Code

EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS

Christmas Tree Maze

Presenting Partner **ESSENTIAL EDINBURGH**

Come and get lost in the magic at St. Andrew Square! St. Andrew Square presents one of the UK's largest Christmas Tree Maze attractions, inviting you to find your way through a trail of over 450 illuminated trees. A much-loved festive attraction for all the family and Christmas photo opportunities in the heart of the city.



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CHRISTMAS SHOWS AT ASSEMBLY HALL

This year Edinburgh's Christmas is adding a bit of drama to our festive celebrations with an expanded programme of performances from some of your favourite Fringe performers and famous faces. Throughout December laugh, sing-along and be entertained with hilarity and wonder for all ages.



The Bubble Show

Step right up, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls! Mr Bubbles is coming to town, and he's making a splash with "The Bubble Show"!

Brace yourselves to be dazzled by an enchanting array of whimsical soap bubbles in all shapes and sizes! From the exciting eruption of the bubble volcano to the spiralling marvel of the fire tornado, prepare to be astounded!

So come one, come all, and let your imagination soar as we dive headfirst into the spectacular world of bubbles!

DATE

Sat 21 - Sun 22 Dec

LOCATION

Assembly Hall, New College, Mound Place

INFO

Price: From £12.50

Duration: 60 min

Time: 2pm

Genre: Children's Shows

Age Rating: Age 3+
(Guideline)

Warning:

Audience Participation

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ASSEMBLY HALL

Jason Byrne: NO SHOW

There's no show like a
Jason Byrne NO SHOW.

NO SHOW is a show with no comedy safety net. By the end of NO SHOW you'll have experienced a once in a lifetime show or NO SHOW. Jason, along with the audience, will begin NO SHOW with no show whatsoever. Witness Jason use his infamous audience interactions with a sprinkle of props, both on and off the stage, to create NO SHOW! Your 'full-on, double-up, gasping-for-oxygen hilarious' (Chortle.co.uk) NO SHOW will never be repeated.



For additional information head to our website edinburgh-christmas.com or scan the QR Code



DATE

Fri 6 – Sat 7 Dec

LOCATION

Assembly Hall, New College,
Mound Place

INFO

Price: £25.50

Duration: 60 min

Time: 7pm

Genre: Comedy

Age Rating: Age 14+ (Guideline)

Warning: Strong
language/swearing

No babes in arms.



16+

Swamplesque

Edinburgh's Christmas has your festive night
out sorted!

After taking Australia by storm and smashing box office records at Edinburgh Fringe 2024, everyone's favourite ogle-inspired burlesque and drag parody is coming to Edinburgh to celebrate Christmas.

Swamplesque is the award-winning, critically acclaimed, burlesque parody show from Far Far Away! This 'outrageously fun' (The Advertiser, Adelaide) show offers its audience a smorgasbord of performance styles.

Prepare for a night filled with belly laughs, festive surprises, and a touch of the risqué that's sure to put you on the nice list.

Don't be green with envy. Gather your friends and grab your tickets now for this fabulously naughty night out! Whether you're a seasoned burlesque fan or new to the scene, Swamplesque promises to leave you enchanted, entertained, and begging for more, like a kid on Christmas morning!

Join us for an unforgettable evening that proves fairy tales (and holiday magic) are for everyone!

With more shows still to be announced be sure to check the Edinburgh's Christmas socials and website for up-to-date performance information: @edinburghschristmas (@edxmas on X) and edinburgh-christmas.com

DATE

Thu 5 Dec
– Sat 4 Jan

LOCATION

Assembly Hall,
New College,
Mound Place

INFO

Price: From £19.00

Duration: 60 min

Time: Various times

Genre: Cabaret

Age Rating: Age 16+
(Restriction)

Warning: Nudity,
Strobe Lighting,
Scenes of Sexual
Nature



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Val McDermid & Nicola Sturgeon: In The Company of Books

Join book lovers **Nicola Sturgeon** and **Val McDermid** with special festive guests In The Company of Books – old favourites and new – as they explore the joys of reading (and a few glasses of mulled wine!)

DATE

5 Dec 2024

LOCATION

Assembly Hall,
New College,
Mound Place

INFO

Price: From £23.00

Duration: 60 min

Time: 4pm

Genre:
In conversation



EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS

Nativity Carol Concert and Blessing

Working with **Edinburgh City Centre Churches Together**, everyone is welcome to enjoy a blessing from local faith leaders at the **Thomas Hildernbrand** designed 'This Nativity Scene' on The Mound (Mound Place).

We will then process by Piper down the Mound to the Ross Bandstand, where the **Nativity Carol Concert** will get everyone in the festive spirit, singing Christmas Carols accompanied by a local choir and the **Salvation Army Brass Band**, with readings from special guests.

DATE Sun 1 Dec

Nativity Scene Blessing:

Location: Mound Place

Time: 2.50pm – 3.15pm

Price: Free Event

Nativity Carol Concert:

Location: Ross Bandstand

Time: 3.30pm – 4pm

Price: Free Event



EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS

Making Christmas sparkle across Edinburgh

Bringing light to the darks nights of Winter is what the festive season is all about – does any city do it better than Edinburgh?

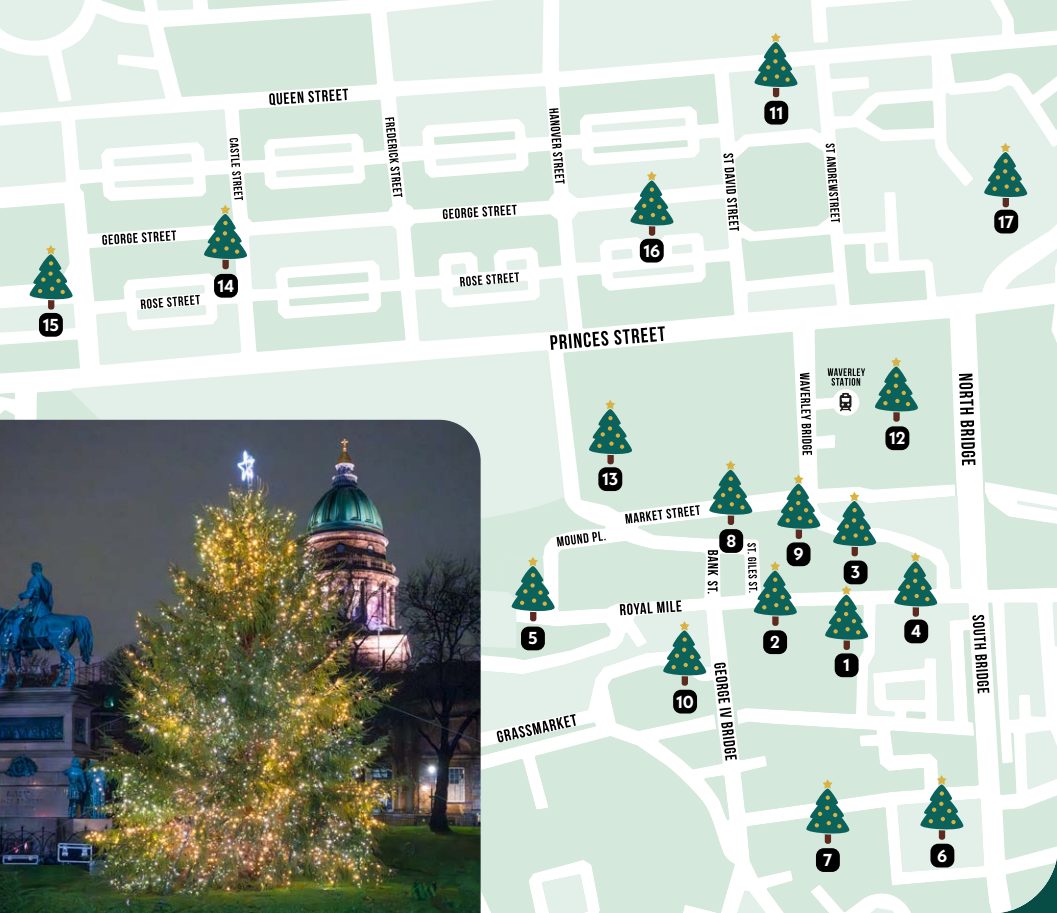
Along with our City Centre illuminations and world-famous festive events, the whole city twinkles that little bit brighter each winter. Check out the dates below for official Edinburgh Christmas events and community switch-on dates in your neighbourhood.

Location	Date	Start (est.)
Edinburgh's Christmas Light Night	17 November	4pm
The Norwegian Tree on the Mound (& Carol Concert at St Giles)	18 November	6pm (7pm)
South Queensferry	28 November	Check website
Corstorphine	28 November	6.45pm
Davidsons Mains	30 November	5pm
Stenhouse	3 December	6pm
Morningside	4 December	5pm
St Patrick Square	4 December	6pm
Eric Liddell	4 December	6pm
Roseburn	5 December	4.30pm
Portobello	5 December	4.30pm
Marchmont	7 December	4pm
Ratho Village	8 December	5pm
Gorgie Dalry	15 December	6.30pm

If your neighbourhood isn't listed, please check our website for more up-to-date information.

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EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS Christmas Tree Trails

From The Mound Christmas Tree gifted to the people of Edinburgh from our friends at Hordaland and Vestland County Council, to the ever-popular decorations that sparkle along George Street, our city is brightened by the twinkling lights of Christmas Trees.

Here is a list of some of our favourite for you to visit.

Did we miss your favourite? Be sure to tag us in your pictures and maybe they'll make the 2025 Christmas Tree Trail @edinburghschristmas!



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This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
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www.MTIShows.co.uk



As part of our mission to spread good will in the community during the festive period, we have joined forces with local and national charity partners to fundraise throughout Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay events, helping those who need it most this winter. We wanted to introduce you to these charity partners and all donations are welcome.

onecitytrust.com

One City Trust is Edinburgh's Social Inclusion charity, fighting inequality and exclusion in the City of Edinburgh and giving people the means to reach across the divides of the city and support those who are excluded from the community.



whenyowishuponastar.org.uk

When You Wish Upon a Star grants the wishes of children living with a life threatening illness. Since their founding in 1990, When You Wish Upon a Star have granted over 18,000 wishes, transforming the lives of children and families across the UK. When You Wish Upon a Star return to Edinburgh's Christmas with the Santa Run and Santa Paws events as part of the Ross Bandstand community events programme.

simonscotland.org

Simon Community Scotland are a homelessness charity dedicated to meeting people where they are. Services in Edinburgh include the Support Hub,



Housing First and Street Teams making a daily impact on the support of the homeless community in the city.

social-bite.co.uk

Founded in 2012, local Edinburgh charity Social Bite are at the forefront of the movement to end homelessness, and provide homes, jobs, food and support to empower people to transform their own lives. Returning to Edinburgh's Winter Festival with the Social Bite Festival of Kindness on Castle Street, opportunities to support Social Bite will be available throughout the Winter Festival.



Children's Hospices Across Scotland

chas.org.uk

For over thirty years CHAS (Children's Hospices Around Scotland) has been offering full family support for babies, children and young people with life-shortening conditions, committed to ensuring their time together is filled with happiness and fun. Edinburgh's Winter Festival partner with CHAS this year for the Concert in the Gardens headlined by Texas, with opportunities to donate throughout the festivities.

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WHERE THE WORLD COMES TO CELEBRATE

From the spectacular Torchlight Procession to the world-famous Street Party, the stage is set for a New Year like no other.

[VISITSCOTLAND.COM/HOGMANAY](https://visitscotland.com/hogmanay)

The logo for Edinburgh's Hogmanay, featuring a stylized burst of green and blue lines with stars, and the text "EDINBURGH'S HOGMANAY" in a bold, sans-serif font.

EDINBURGH'S HOGMANAY



**Sunday 29 December 2024
– New Year's Day 2025**
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Come join the party!



For over three decades Edinburgh's Hogmanay has welcomed the world to party in Scotland's capital, the 'Home of Hogmanay'.

From the inaugural festival created back in 1993, Edinburgh's Hogmanay quickly established itself as one of the world's greatest New Year celebrations, receiving global acclaim as a 'bucket list' event for those looking to celebrate the arrival of the New Year in style. Since then, over 3 million revellers have joined the celebrations, transforming the capital into a winter carnival of fire and light, with a raucous mix of spectacular live music, street theatre, flaming torches, and the world-famous Midnight Fireworks, lighting-up the skies above Edinburgh Castle.

A special four-day programme of worldclass events awaits from Sunday 29 December 2024 - Wednesday 1 January 2025, and we can't wait for you to join the celebrations. Whether carrying a torch for charity at the **Torchlight Procession** (29 Dec), dancing the night away at the **Night Afore Disco Party with Hot Dub Time Machine** (30 Dec), singing pop anthems with headliners **Texas** at the **Concert in the Gardens** or counting down to the **Midnight Fireworks** with 45,000 friends at the legendary **Street Party**, we want to create memories for you which last a lifetime.

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Edinburgh's Hogmanay Events Diary

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Edinburgh's Hogmanay Torchlight Procession

Presenting Partner **EventScotland**

Edinburgh's Hogmanay partnered with **EventScotland**, is proud to present the spectacular **Torchlight Procession**, once again lighting-up the city with a river of fire created by 20,000 torch bearers and friends from around the world.

Launching the Edinburgh Hogmanay festival and signalling the start of global New Year celebrations, the Torchlight presents a carnival atmosphere, with live Street Theatre, Fire Performers, and Drummers getting everyone warmed-up, before the **Massed Pipes & Drums** and Vikings from Shetland's **South Mainland Up Helly Aa' Jarl Squad (SMUHA)** lead the procession through the capital's historic Old Town.

INFO

- Sunday 29 December
- Start Location: The Meadows / Gather from 5pm
- End Location: Castle Terrace
- Pre-Entertainment from 6.30pm
- Procession Starts 7.30pm / approx. 45min route
- Event Finish approx. 9pm
- Torches £18.00 (plus booking fees)
- Additional Procession Tickets £6.50 (plus booking fees)

A donation of £2.00 from each Torch sold & £1.50 from Additional Procession Tickets will be donated to our local charity partners Once City Trust, When You Wish Upon a Star Scotland, Simon Community Scotland and Social Bite.



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Street Party and Concert In The Gardens

31 December - into the New Year



CONCERT IN THE GARDENS
Texas + Callum Beattie
 West Princes Street Gardens
 Stage live from 8.50pm / Doors 8pm

STREET PARTY

- Tartan Zone** ZONE 1, Castle St
 The Poozies, Valtos, Peatbog Faeries
- Party Zone** ZONE 2, Princes St
 DJ Stage Broadcast to all screens
- Silent Disco Zone** ZONE 3, Market St
 Silent Disco Ticket Required
- DJ Zone** ZONE 4, Waverley Bridge
 Hot Dub Time Machine + Arielle Free

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Night Afore Concert

IDLEWILD

+ SPECIAL GUESTS



Edinburgh's Hogmanay are proud to present a special Night Afore Concert of ferocious live music from indie-rock legends Idlewild.

Formed in Edinburgh in 1995, Idlewild have endured four-decades, producing nine acclaimed albums with their ambitious and painstakingly crafted alt-rock, that was always faster and more dissonant than their indie-rock contemporaries. Don't miss this chance to see them in an intimate venue setting.

The band's line-up consists of **Roddy Woomble** (lead vocals), **Rod Jones** (guitar, backing vocals), **Colin Newton** (drums), **Andrew Mitchell** (bass), and **Luciano Rossi** (keyboards).

INFO

Monday 30 December
 Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street
 7.30pm – 10.30pm (Doors 7pm)
 Tickets £30.00 (plus booking fees)
 Standing & Balcony Seating
 Please note: This event is for over 14's. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult over 18yrs



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HOT DUB TIME MACHINE



100% BANGERS

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THE CUBAN BROTHERS



HIGH FADE

Edinburgh's Hogmanay **Night Afore Disco Party**

Step back in time, as global smash-hit and time-travelling DJ sensation **Hot Dub Time Machine** returns to Edinburgh's Hogmanay for the first time in a decade to headline this year's **Night Afore Disco Party**.

The Edinburgh Fringe sensation will bring his famous 'dance through the decades' audio-visual party joined by very special guests **The Cuban Brothers** and Edinburgh funk trio **High Fade**.

Don't miss this chance to join the **BEST PARTY EVER!**

INFO

Monday 30 December

West Princes Street Gardens

6.30pm – 10.30pm (Doors Open 5.30pm)

Enclosure Tickets £35.00 (plus booking fees)

Gardens Tickets £30.00 (plus booking fees)

Access to outdoor bars, street food and facilities within the arena

Age Restrictions: 12+ years / Under 16yrs must be accompanied by an adult



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Candlelit Concert at St. Giles' Cathedral

A festive and tranquil celebration seeing in the New Year in the candlelit atmosphere of St. Giles' Cathedral at the end of its 900th year anniversary.

This year's concert marks the festive season with the concluding three cantatas from J.S.Bach's Christmas Oratorio: Bach at his most exuberant.

St. Giles' Cathedral Choir, directed by Michael Harris, with the St. Giles' Camerata, leader Angus Ramsay, are joined by a stunning array of talented young soloists.

Everyone at Edinburgh's Hogmanay extend our heartfelt thanks to Master of Music Michael Harris, and best wishes for his retirement from St. Giles' from 31st December.

J.S.Bach Christmas Oratorio Parts 4,5 & 6

Carine Tinney - Soprano
Judy Brown - Mezzo-Soprano
Joseph Doody - Tenor
Jerome Knox - Bass

St Giles' Camerata

St. Giles' Cathedral Choir

Michael Harris - Master of the Music

INFO

Tuesday 31 December

St. Giles' Cathedral, High Street

6pm - 7.30pm (Doors 5pm)

Tickets £22.50 (plus booking fees)

Please note: This event is not suitable for babies or young children



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With thanks to **ST GILES' CATHEDRAL**

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HOT DUB + SPECIAL GUEST ARIELLE FREE

Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party

The world-famous Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party returns to the historic city centre, to once again light-up the Edinburgh skies, at one of the world's greatest New Year celebrations.

Set against the stunning backdrop of the Edinburgh Castle, this year 45,000 revellers from around the globe, will party their way into 2025 with a feast of entertainment throughout the city centre, featuring the DJ sensation **HOT DUB TIME MACHINE** broadcast throughout the city centre for one giant party. With live music, DJ's, Giant Screens, International Street Theatre, Pipers, Drummers, funfair attractions, delicious street food & drink throughout the arena, you can enjoy a carnival of light and sound to welcome 2025 in style!

INFO

Tuesday 31 December ... and into the New Year
Edinburgh City Centre
9pm - 12.45am (Gates Open 8pm)
General Admission Ticket £30.00 (plus booking fees)
Street Party & Mega Silent Disco £37.00 (plus booking fees)
Local EH Ticket Offer £24.00 (plus booking fees)

Edinburgh's Hogmanay is proud to support our local charity partners with a 50p donation from every Street Party ticket, plus fundraising throughout the festival and additional donation options when buying tickets.



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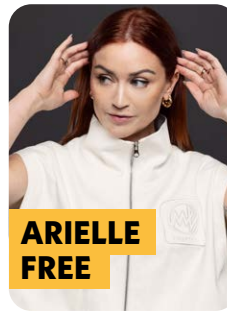
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**ARIELLE
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The Waverley Bridge DJ ZONE

Take a journey through time with the return of the spectacular **HOT DUB TIME MACHINE!** It's non-stop bangers as DJ Tom Lowndes showcases songs from every decade, and every genre of music, into one electrifying soundtrack. Joined by very special guest BBC Radio 1 & House **DJ ARIELLE FREE**, this promises to be an incredible night of music, that will be relayed throughout the city centre to create one mega-dancefloor!



**PEATBOG
FAERIES**

Castle Street TARTAN ZONE

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The Tartan Zone welcomes the very best in Scottish trad music and will have you birlin' into 2025, as we create a massive dancefloor on Castle Street. Expect high-energy tunes from the Isle of Skye with the legendary **PEATBOG FAERIES** and exhilarating Celtic-electronic from **VALTOS**, plus special guests **THE POOZIES** will kick-start a night of non-stop dancin'!



Photo: Andy Cullin

Market Street SILENT DISCO ZONE



Edinburgh's Silent Adventures return to the Street Party for an even bigger **'Mega Silent-Disco'**! Join over 4,000 party people for an epic DJ Battle, where you control the tunes to keep you dancin' into 2025! Street Party & Silent Disco required.



City Centre STREET THEATRE & PERFORMANCES

International Street Theatre returns to Edinburgh's Hogmanay, as the award-winning **CLOSE ACT** join the Street Party with **I-PUPPETS**, walking, running, jumping and even flying amongst the crowds. Many thanks to the Embassy of Kingdom of the Netherlands for their support.

EDINBURGH NOISE COMMITTEE will be keeping the beat with some high-energy drumming, along with **PIPES & DRUMS**, and spectacular Edinburgh artists **DE-LIGHTERS**, with illuminating stilt-walkers.

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Edinburgh's Hogmanay

Concert in the Gardens

Edinburgh's Hogmanay are thrilled that Scottish music icons **TEXAS** will headline the Concert in the Gardens, marking their 35th anniversary with a hit filled set beneath the spectacular back-drop of Edinburgh Castle including **I Don't Want a Lover, Say What You Want, Halo and Inner Smile.**

Texas will be joined by very special guest, Edinburgh-born **Callum Beattie**, closing a triumphant year for the singer-songwriter, who's punchy, rousing, emotive and gloriously catchy debut album scored a No.1 in The Official Scottish Albums Chart.

Hosted by award-winning comedian **Susie McCabe**, leading you all in the countdown to midnight!

Edinburgh's Hogmanay is proud to support Concert in the Gardens charity partners CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland).



Children's Hospices Across Scotland
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INFO

Tuesday 31 December ... and into the New Year

West Princes Street Gardens

8.50pm - 12.45am (Gates Open 8pm)

Gardens tickets £72.50 (plus booking fees)

Enclosure tickets £87.50 (plus booking fees)

Premium tickets SOLD OUT

Access to outdoor bars, street food and facilities within the arena

Each ticket includes a £1.00 donation to CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland)



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Edinburgh's Hogmanay Bairns New Year Revels

A special Bairn's New Year Revels allows young party-goers a chance to join the celebrations with a huge family ceilidh, live music, dancing and Hogmanay fun for all.

Don't worry if you don't know the moves, it's a relaxed 'have-a-go' environment, where everyone can join in the fun.

INFO

Tuesday 31 December 2024

Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street

2pm – 3.30pm (Doors 1.30pm)

Tickets Standard £16.50 (plus booking fees)

/ Child Tickets £14.00 (plus booking fees)

Age Restrictions: recommended for ages 6yrs+

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult over 18yrs



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Edinburgh's Hogmanay New Year Revels

The New Year's Revels returns to the famous Assembly Rooms, with a **MAXIMUM CEILIDH** edition!

With more live ceilidh bands than ever before across two dancefloors, the New Year Revels will send you birlin' through the bells into 2025, with a delicious feast of live music featuring **Jimi Shandrix Experience, Bella McNab's Ceilidh Band, Hugh MacDiarmid's Haircut** and more!

Premium Ticket Holders can enjoy exclusive access to the Grand Drawing Rooms for a welcome glass of fizz and a Midnight Moment Dram to toast the bells. Along with comfortable seating areas to catch-your-breath between dances, and engage in select Whisky Tasting Sessions. New Year Revels hosts will ensure a memorable evening.



INFO

Tuesday 31 December 2024... into the New Year

Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street

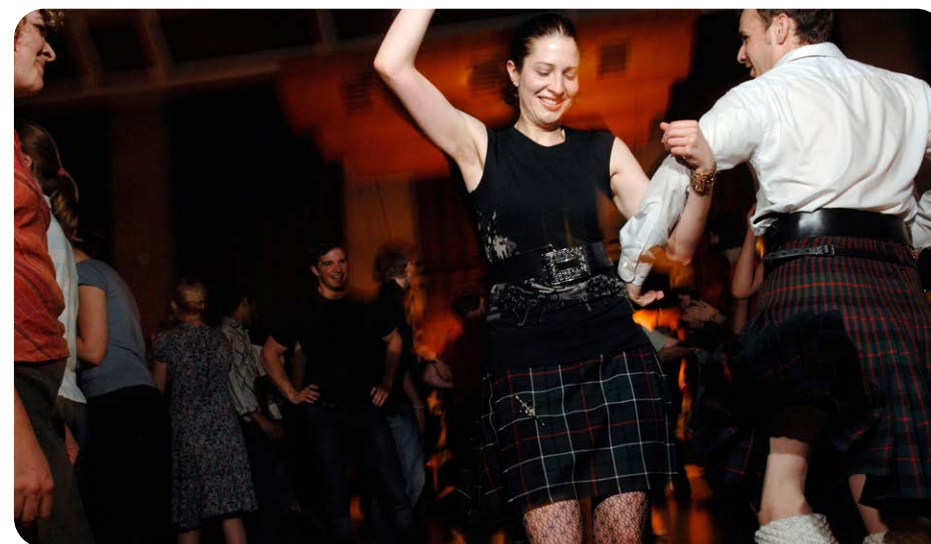
9pm – 1am (Doors/Bars open 8.30pm)

Tickets Standard £67.50 (plus booking fees)

Premium Tickets £100.00 (plus booking fees)



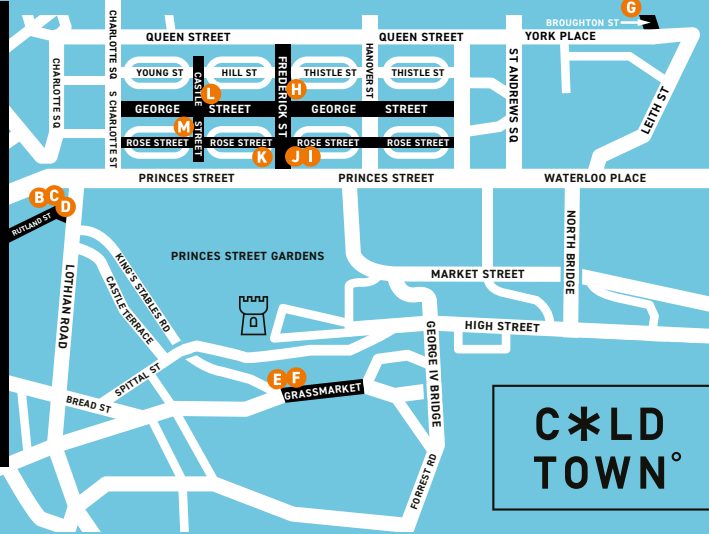
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Edinburgh's Hogmanay

First Footin'

First Footin' invites audiences to explore the city, discovering a feast of live music featuring artists from across Scotland and beyond, as we embrace Hogmanay traditions of friendship, love, resolution and some delicious food and drink along the way.

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Wednesday 1 January

2pm - 1am

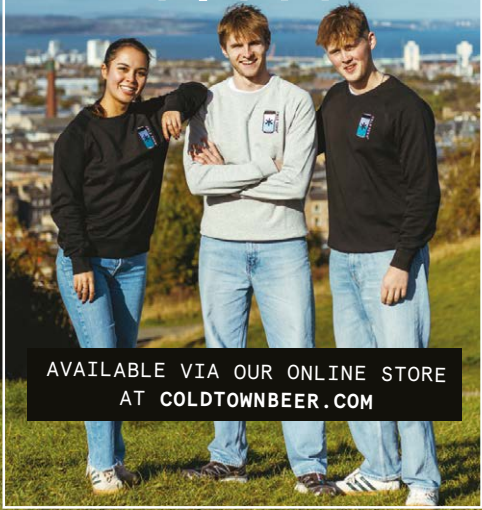
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An afternoon of spectacular live music featuring award-winning 'Scottish-Electronic' duo **Valtos**, plus breakthrough acts **Spyres, NATI** (solo), and Edinburgh born **Lewis McLaughlin**.

Full First Footin' programme, venues and event times available at edinburghshogmanay.com



FIRST FOOTIN' SESSIONS with Cold Town Beer

Monday 1 January 4pm-8pm

A programme of FREE live music in Edinburgh's best city centre pubs and bars including:

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Full programme announced early December at edinburghshogmanay.com



LEITH ARCHES

Edinburgh's Hogmanay @ Leith Arches

NYD Club Night

FEATURING HAYLEY ZALASSI / SWATT TEAM / DISCO T*TS

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A New Year's Day to remember at the Arches, for those with a shared love of House and Old Skool Tunes!

Leith Arches hosts a New Year's Day Club Night for those looking to continue the party into the wee hours, with Scottish DJ **Hayley Zalassi**, joined by an all-female line-up featuring Edinburgh's own **SWATT Team** and **Disco T*ts**, bringing a shared love of all things House, guaranteed to have music fans dancing their way into 2025.



SWATT TEAM



DISCO T*TS

INFO

Wednesday 1 January

Leith Arches, 6 Manderston Street

9pm – 1am (Doors 8.30pm)

Tickets £16.00 (plus booking fees)

Age restrictions: Over 18yrs



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FEATURING:

THE VASELINES ✦ **DJANGO DJANGO** (DJ SET)**SACRED PAWS** ✦ **VIC GALLOWAY & ANDY WAKE**

Expect non-stop dancin' at a night of rock'n'roll, psych, cosmic disco, soul, funk and rarities, all the good stuff basically and everyone is invited!

Keep the party going on New Year's Day with a much-needed boost of **VITAMIN C**, as **Vic Galloway** (BBC Radio Scotland) & **Andy Wake** (The Phantom Band) bring their spectacular club night to Porty Town Hall for a night of incredible live music, featuring alt-rock legends **The Vaselines**, joyous support from **Sacred Paws**, and a party DJ set from **Dave Maclean** (Django Django).

"Shake off the night before, and indeed the year before, with a proper Party knees up and some fun, festival vibes by the sea. See you down the front!"

Vic Galloway

THE VASELINES

INFO

Wednesday 1 January

Portobello Town Hall

7.30pm – 1am (Doors 7pm)

Tickets £25.00 (plus booking fees)

Standing & Balcony Seating

Please note: This event is for over 16's. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult over 18yrs.



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Edinburgh's Hogmanay Family Ceilidh Events

Come join the party at our Sprogmanay Family Ceilidh events, for an afternoon of ceilidh dancing and fun on New Year's Day.

This year Sprogmanay Family Ceilidh's will be taking place at Assembly Roxy (2 Roxburgh Pl.) and at a new event in Portobello Town Hall, presenting fun, relaxed 'have-a-go' sessions suitable for all levels of experience, and a great way to introduce kids to the joys of ceilidh dancing and music

Fruin Ceilidh Band (Assembly Roxy) and **Bella McNab's Dance Band** (Portobello Town Hall) will provide the foot stompin' sets to get you dancin', and an expert caller will be on-hand to ensure that everyone can learn some moves and join in.

**FREE
EVENTS**

INFO

Monday 1 January
 Assembly Roxy, 2 Roxburgh Place 2pm – 5pm
 Portobello Town Hall 12.30pm – 4pm
 Dances called as needed
 Free event
 All children must be accompanied by an adult
 For the full programme details, visit edinburghshogmanay.com

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Sprogmanay

Sprogmanay is back for another packed day of family fun on New Year's Day!

Presented in partnership with our friends at National Museum of Scotland, kids can kick-start 2025 with a bumper afternoon of music, arts, and crafts for all ages, plus the traditional Family Ceilidh event is only a short walk at Assembly Roxy.

Featuring the return of the incredible **Unicorn Dance Party**, and a special street theatre performance from international artists **Close Act**, plus much more to be announced.

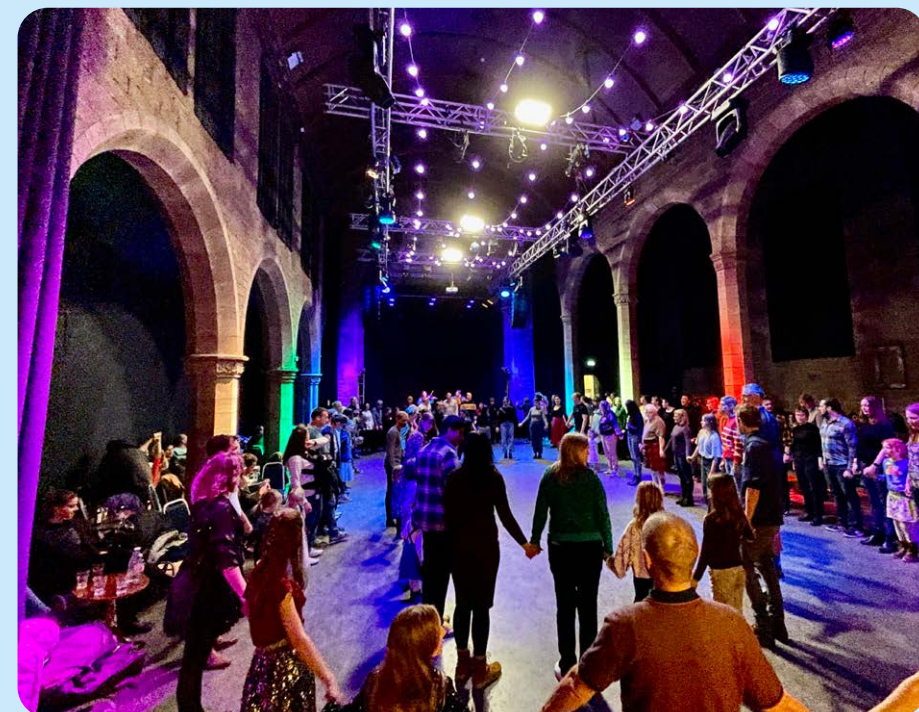
INFO

Wednesday 1 January 2025
 National Museum of Scotland,
 Chambers Street
 2pm – 5pm
 Sprogmanay is a free programme of family activities for New Year's Day
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Booking Info

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Phone lines open daily 10am–6pm

EMAIL: **customerservice@unique-assembly.co.uk**

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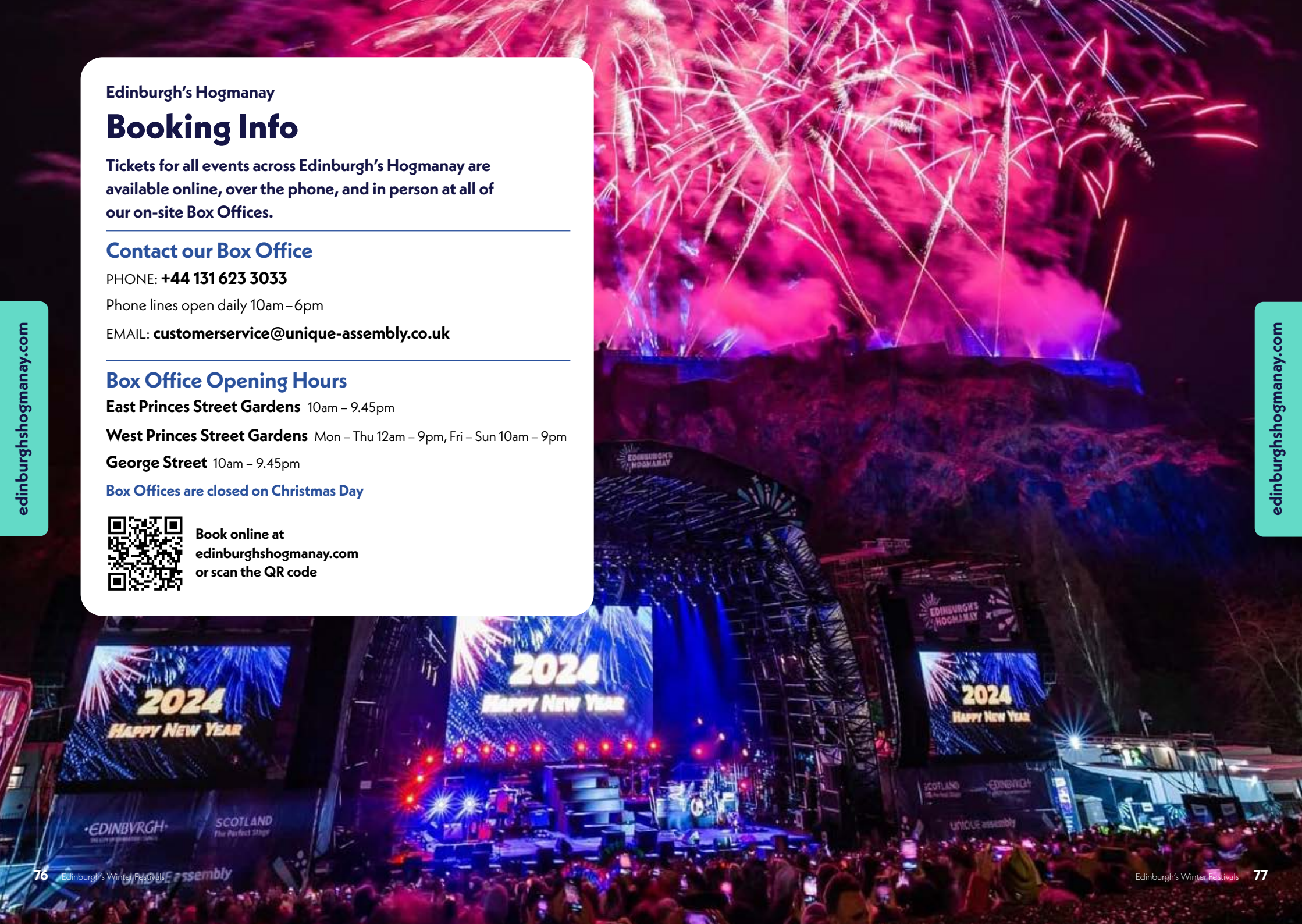
West Princes Street Gardens Mon – Thu 12am – 9pm, Fri – Sun 10am – 9pm

George Street 10am – 9.45pm

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Tron Kirk Market **Tron Kirk**

DAILY, 10:00 – 18:00

Art & Design Market. The Tron Kirk Market has over 20 Scottish artists and designers all affiliated with the Scottish Design Exchange.

Final Symphony **Usher Hall**

08 NOV, 19:30

Final Symphony, the award-winning concert experience of stunning orchestral suites based on the music from video games FINAL FANTASY VI, VII and X, comes to Scotland for the very first time. With sell-out performances and rave reviews across the globe don't miss the chance to hear these epic soundtracks performed live by Scotland's National Orchestra.

Edinburgh Ceilidh Club **Assembly Roxy**


8 NOV & 20 DEC, 19:30

Regular ceilidh dancing with the best live ceilidh bands. The bands all teach the dances so everyone can get involved. Open to over 14-year-olds.

Edinburgh Ceilidh Club **Summerhall**

12, 19 & 26 NOV & 3, 10 & 17 DEC, 20:00

Regular ceilidh dancing with the best live ceilidh bands. The bands all teach the dances so everyone can get involved. Open to over 14-year-olds.

Rachmaninov by Candlelight **St. Giles' Cathedral**

15 NOV, 18:15

Featuring renowned concert pianist, Ashley Fripp, performing an outstanding selection of Rachmaninov's piano masterpieces.

Carmina Burana **Usher Hall**

15 NOV, 19:30

Passion, drink and roasted swans – choral music isn't meant to be this much fun! But the medieval monks who wrote the words to Carmina Burana didn't seem to have been that bothered. Expect great tunes, unstoppable rhythms and some thoroughly bad behaviour from Orff's outrageous piece. Plus, we begin the evening with a playful cello concerto featuring the nonsense verse of Edward Lear, reimagined by Elena Langer and RSNO Principal Cellist Pei-Jee Ng.

G4 Christmas **Assembly Rooms**

15 NOV, 19:30

Experience sumptuous harmonies in an idyllic festive setting, with the original X Factor stars G4.

Vivaldi Four Seasons by Candlelight **Colin Campbell**

15 NOV, 20:00

The exceptional musicians of the Piccadilly Sinfonietta perform Vivaldi's masterpiece The Four Seasons and other magnificent works.

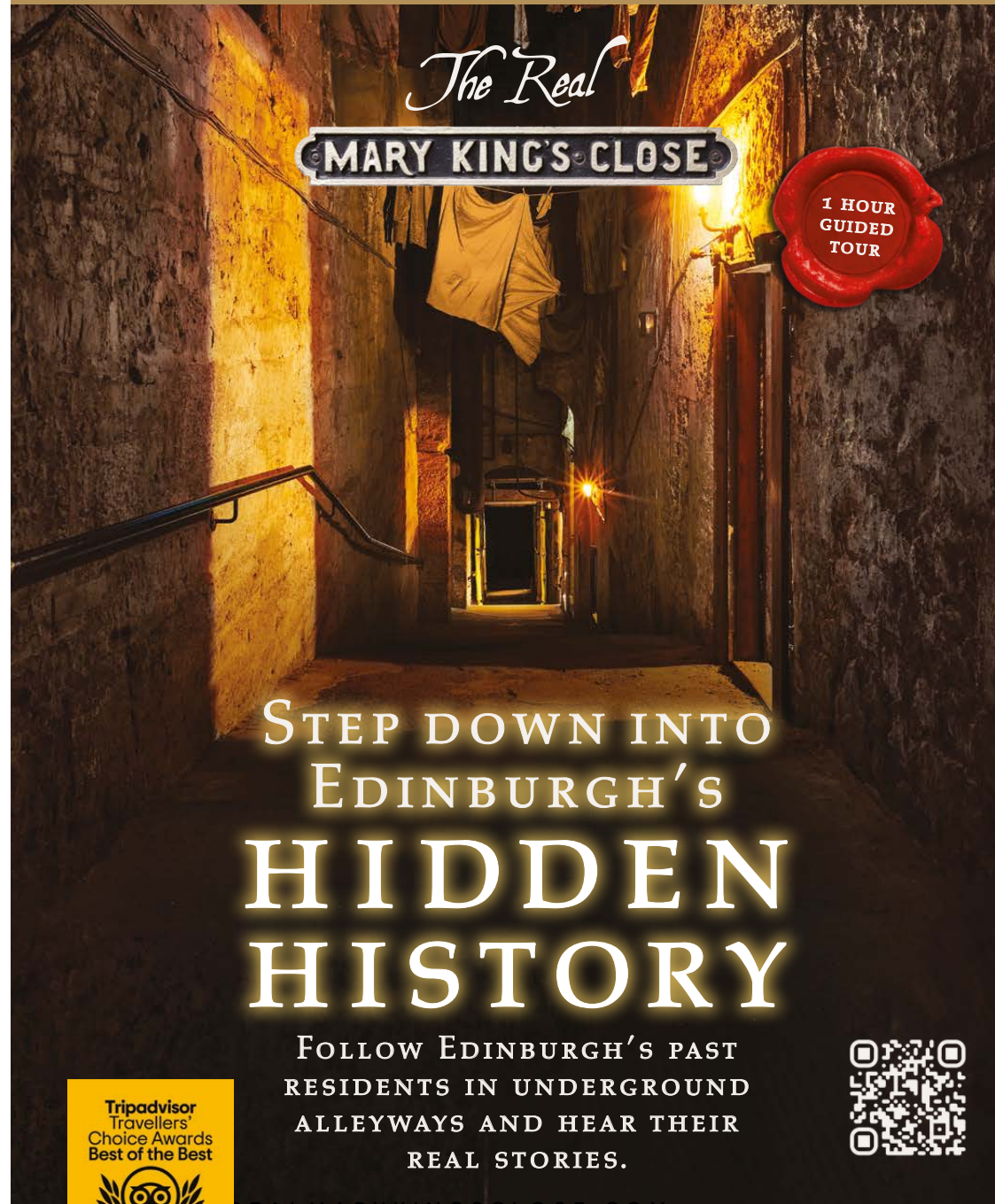
Festive Frolics at Camera Obscura **Camera Obscura & World of Illusions**

15 NOV 2024 – 05 JAN 2025, 8:30 – 22:00

Celebrate the festive season at Camera Obscura & World of Illusions! Enjoy 5 floors of interactive exhibits, themed decorations, rooftop views of Edinburgh, and more. Open daily, book online.



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Moonlight Sonata by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

16 NOV, 18:15

Featuring renowned concert pianist, Murray McLachlan, the concert includes Beethoven's masterpiece The Moonlight Sonata and many other outstanding classical and romantic piano works.

A Night at the Opera by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

16 NOV, 20:00

The exceptional musicians of the Piccadilly Sinfonietta and some of the UK's leading opera singers will perform a dazzling selection of the world's greatest operatic repertoire.

Christmas at Newbattle

🏰 Newbattle Abbey

16 – 17 NOV, 10:30 – 16:00

3D2D host this annual Art, Craft & Design Fair in the magnificent Abbey with over 70 exhibitors selling only their own quality handcrafted work.

Christmas Gifts and Tree Decorations

🎀 Edinburgh Palette

16, 23, 30 NOV & 14 DEC, 12:00 – 16:00

Join for our festive Christmas workshop where you will learn how to create handmade tree decorations, personally designed leather or copper notebooks, and personalised engraved leather gift tags.

Full Events Listings:
edwinterfest.com

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St. Giles' at Six

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

17 NOV, 18:00

Musicians from The Edinburgh Academy present a programme of choral music by Stanford, Chilcott and others performed by the Chamber Choir, girls' and boys' choirs, and chamber ensembles.

Royal Norwegian Advent Concert

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

18 NOV, 19:00

Featuring the Schola Cantorum of Edinburgh directed by Eric von Ibler, alongside musicians Sigrid Moldestad, vocal and fiddle, Roald Kaldestad, guitars, and Sigbjørn Apeland, organ and piano, from Vestland, Norway.

Festive Dining at The Roseate

🌟 The Dunstane Restaurant & Bar, The Roseate

18 NOV 2024 – 5 JAN 2025, 12:00 – 21:00

Enjoy a festive lunch or dinner with seasonal dishes, sparkling wine, and a joyful Christmas atmosphere at The Roseate Edinburgh.

Sip & Paint

🎀 Holyrood Distillery

21 NOV, 18:00 – 20:30

Let our bar team get creative with your drinks while you create your own artworks. Includes painting materials and 3 drinks.

Christmas at the Botanics

🏰 Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

21 NOV – 30 DEC, SELECTED DATES, VARIOUS TIMES

The magical, botanical illuminated trail returns with spectacular new installations. Sparkling lights, seasonal sounds and festive food and drink offers. Ideal for friends and family.





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A Night at the Opera by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

22 NOV, 19:30

London Concertante presents a sensational evening at the opera with an array of the finest opera arias and overtures, performing works from Puccini, Verdi, Rossini, and Mozart.

Vivaldi Four Seasons at Christmas by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

23 NOV, 20:00

Enjoy an exceptional musical evening in the lead-up to Christmas with a performance of Vivaldi's timeless classic, The Four Seasons along with Chopin's ever-popular First Piano Concerto.

Cinderella

🎵 Festival Theatre

23 NOV – 31 DEC, VARIOUS TIMES

You shall go to the ball this Christmas with the spectacular family pantomime Cinderella. Join returning panto favourites Allan Stewart, Grant Stott and Jordan Young with a new magical pantomime for all the family!



Castle Of Light

🏰 Edinburgh Castle

22 NOV 2024 – 04 JAN 2025, SELECTED DATES
16:30 – 21:00

Discover the iconic site after-dark and enjoy unmissable immersive displays, interactive installations, music and wonder. See Edinburgh Castle in a whole new light. To book tickets visit castleoflight.scot

St. Giles' at Six, Service of Festal Evensong

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

24 NOV, 18:00

The choirs of St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral Edinburgh, Paisley Abbey and St Giles' Cathedral join forces to sing Evensong for the feast of Christ the King.

Fairytale of New York

🎵 Usher Hall

24 NOV, VARIOUS TIMES

Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Irish culture as our talented singers, musicians and dancers perform a world class concert featuring all the festive favourites!

Chopin by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

23 NOV, 18:15

Renowned British concert pianist, Warren Mailley-Smith, will perform an outstanding selection of Chopin's much-loved piano works.

Christmas with Anton Du Beke

🎵 Usher Hall

27 NOV, 19:30

Embark on a dazzling journey into a festive wonderland as Strictly's one and only Anton Du Beke brightens up your Christmas.

Full Events Listings:
edwinterfest.com
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Festive Cocktail Masterclass

 **Holyrood Distillery**

28 NOV & 12 DEC, 18:00 – 20:00

Get all the inspiration you need to be the perfect drinks host this festive season. Includes 3 cocktails, you get to make, shake and enjoy!

Bach's Christmas Oratorio (SCO)

 **The Queen's Hall**

28 NOV, 19:30

Celebrate the coming festivities with one of music's most uplifting seasonal creations.

White Heather Club Ceilidh

 **Bonnie & Wild's Scottish Marketplace**

28 NOV & 26 DEC, 20:00 – 23:00

Join Bonnie & Wild's legendary White Heather Club ceilidh and take part in a night of fabulous Scottish Highland music, dancing and good cheer. All welcome. Free.

Treasure Island

 **Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh**

28 NOV 2024 – 04 JAN 2025, VARIOUS TIMES

This Christmas, join The Lyceum on a treasure hunt to the isles of Orkney in our festive adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island.

Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake

 **Usher Hall**

29 NOV, 19:30

Misty waters, dancing cygnets, a wicked sorcerer and a swan princess – who doesn't love the story of Swan Lake? Tchaikovsky's wildly romantic music is the finale of a concert that begins with a rediscovered masterpiece by one of Edwardian Britain's favourite composers, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, and stars the astonishing young Scottish pianist (and 2022 BBC Young Musician finalist) Ethan Loch in Beethoven's First Piano Concerto.

With Music Director Thomas Søndergård on the podium, it promises to be a concert full of good stories and even better tunes.

Amy Leach + Alasdair Paul, Folk Gig

 **Assembly Roxy**

29 NOV, 20:00

Amy Leach and Alasdair Paul have been singing songs together for years. With roots in Edinburgh, Wester Ross and Newcastle they share a love of traditional songs and the stories behind them. Their debut EP 'Six Sangs' launched in 2024, showcasing their simple and striking approach using just guitar and voice to tell these tales.

Winterfest at Dalkeith Country Park

 **Dalkeith Country Park**

29 NOV – 06 JAN, VARIOUS TIMES

Step into the magic of WinterFest this Christmas at Dalkeith Country Park. Glide across the NEW outdoor Ice Rink under twinkling lights, or join Santa for a special group session at 'A Tale with Santa' in The Christmas Cabin. Enjoy Elf Storytelling, race through the Festive Dottie Dash, get creative in the Kids' Christmas Workshops, or gather friends to craft something special in Restoration Yard's Wreath Making Workshops. And don't miss a magical start to the day at Breakfast with Santa. Plan your perfect festive day out and soak up the Christmas spirit at WinterFest!

Evening Concert Series

 **St. Giles' Cathedral**

30 NOV, 19:00

Edinburgh City Orchestra Richard Wagner: Prelude and Liebestod from 'Tristan und Isolde' Sergei Rachmaninov: Symphony no. 2 in E minor.



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★ Out of the Blue Abbeymount Studios

30 NOV & 1 DEC, 12:00 – 17:00

Come and meet our resident artists and makers. Everything is handmade in their studios. There's lots on offer, from textiles, ceramics and mosaics to photography, paintings and illustrations.

Polar Express Train Ride Edinburgh

📍 Edinburgh Waverley Station

30 NOV – 23 DEC, SELECTED DATES, VARIOUS TIMES

A thrilling theatrical experience based on the 2004 motion picture THE POLAR EXPRESS™ awaits families of all ages at Waverley station this Christmas. This is your opportunity to wear your PJs and dressing gowns as you jump on board The Polar Express™ for the journey of a lifetime! Do you believe?



A World of Winter Wonder

📍 Dynamic Earth

30 NOV 2024 – 06 JAN 2025, VARIOUS TIMES

This winter, dive into the epic story of planet Earth at Dynamic Earth. Meet Santa and learn about his polar world and enjoy a selection of winter classic movies in our Planetarium. Book your tickets now at dynamicearth.org.uk

Edinburgh Christmas Festival 5k & 10k Runs

★ Inverleith Park

01 DEC, 9:30 5K / 11:00 10K

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★ Inverleith Park

01 DEC, 12:30

Under 16s New event. Medal to all participants.

St. Giles' at Six, Organ Recital - Michael Harris

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

01 DEC, 18:00

Michael Harris – Organ Flor Peeters Toccata, Fugue et Hymne sur Ave maris stella J.S.Bach Nun komm der heiden Heiland BWV 661 & BWV 659 Heinrich Scheidemann Magnificat VI Toni Guilman Pastoral (Sonata 1) Charles-Marie Widor Allegro (Symphonie VI).

Makers 'n' Bakers' Christmas Craft Market

🏠 Leith Arches

01, 12, 24 DEC, 10:00 – 17:00

MnB is returning to Leith Arches for their first Christmas market, showcasing the unique and exceptional work of local artisans, designers, and makers.

Sleighbell Sundays

🎵 Brewhemia

1, 8, 15, 22 – 24 DEC, VARIOUS TIMES

Start the day with a screening of a North Pole approved Christmas movie whilst the whole family enjoys breakfast alongside Santa & Mrs Claus.

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Dining & Drag

🎵 Brewhemia

01, 08, 15 & 22 DEC, 19:00

Naughty or nice, this is all things spice! We invite you to finish off the week in true style and join us for drinks, dining & the most sensational drag performances Scotland has to offer. Expect dancing, lip-syncing, live vocals, and more variety and drama than a family Christmas dinner!

Festive Tasting Tales

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Whisky Experience

SELECTED DATES IN DEC, VARIOUS TIMES

Join our Festive Tasting Tales and enjoy an hour long fully tutored tasting of four Scotch whiskies matched with canapé style highlights from Scotland's larder.

Wreath Making at Edinburgh Zoo

🦋 Edinburgh Zoo

SELECTED DATES IN DEC, VARIOUS TIMES

Add a touch of homemade charm this Christmas by joining our Wreath Making Workshop! We'll show you how to create a beautiful 14-inch sustainable wreath decoration with materials naturally sourced from Edinburgh Zoo.

Meet Mr and Mrs Claus at the Zoo!

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SELECTED DATES IN DEC, VARIOUS TIMES

Make your little one's day at Edinburgh Zoo extra special this festive season. Meet Santa Claus and Mrs Claus at our Grotto!



Festive Fizz n Flicks

🎵 The Scotsman Picturehouse

SELECTED DATES IN DEC, 10:30

Christmas classics with brunch in the Grand Cafe, glass of prosecco on arrival, then head down to the Picturehouse for the magic to begin! Films include: Love Actually, Miracle on 34th Street & It's A Wonderful Life.

Moonlight Sonata at Christmas by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

02 DEC, 18:15

Renowned British concert pianist, Warren Mailley-Smith, will perform an outstanding selection of much-loved piano works, including Beethoven's masterpiece, The Moonlight Sonata.

An Evening With: Denise Mina & Chris Brookmyre

🎵 Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh

02 DECEMBER, 19:30

Join us for an evening with Denise Mina and Chris Brookmyre, in aid of The Lyceum, hosted by our Artistic Director, David Greig.

Vivaldi Four Seasons at Christmas by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

02 DEC, 20:00

Enjoy an exceptional musical evening with a performance of Vivaldi's timeless classic, The Four Seasons along with Rachmaninov's ever-popular Second Piano Concerto.

Full Events Listings:
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Christmas Afternoon Tea

🌟🌟 Edinburgh Castle

02 DEC 2024 – 05 JAN 2025, VARIOUS TIMES

Our Christmas themed afternoon tea is the perfect way to kick start your festive celebrations.

Evening Concert Series, Trussell Carol Concert

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

03 DEC, 19:00

Trussell is an anti-poverty charity and community of food banks who work together to ensure no one in the UK needs a food bank to survive. Join Trussell this festive season as they host an evening of timeless carols, impactful stories and breathtaking spoken word pieces.

The Holiday - Film with Live Orchestra

🎵 Usher Hall

03 DEC, 19:30

Beloved Christmas romcom The Holiday (2006) is to be presented live in concert this festive season.

Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

🎵 The Edinburgh Playhouse

03 – 29 DEC, VARIOUS TIMES

Featuring much loved pop and musical theatre classics, including Any Dream Will Do, Close Every Door, There's One More Angel In Heaven and Go, Go, Go Joseph. Book your dream ticket today!



Disney's The Muppet Christmas Carol: Film with Live Orchestra

🎵 Usher Hall

04 DEC, 19:00

The Muppets perform Charles Dickens' classic holiday tale, with live orchestra.

Half & Half - beer & whisky tasting

🌟🌟 Holyrood Distillery

05 DEC, 18:00

Guided tasting led by local producers Pilot Brewery & Holyrood Distillery.

Syrian Supper Club

🌟🌟 Coffee Saints, 2a Little King St

05 DEC 2024 & 23 JAN 2025, 19:00 – 21:00

Experience authentic Syrian cuisine in Edinburgh! Support a good cause and join us for delicious Syrian food cooked with love by our award-winning chef Noura.



Winter Arts Market

📦 Out of The Blue Drill Hall

06 – 08 DEC, FRI 17:00 – 21:00,
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Christmas Party Nights

★ Dynamic Earth

06, 07, 13, 14, 20, 21 DEC, 19:00

A Night Under The Stars! Enjoy a glass of fizz, indulge in a festive 3-course meal and dance the night away!

Kevin Quantum: Edinburgh Magic

🎵 The Caledonian Hotel

06 – 18 DEC, 18:00 & 20:30

Witness an unbelievable performance of magic tricks that have fooled some of the most famous names associated with the city.

Sounds on Saturday - Christmas Favourites & Carols for All

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

07 DEC, 17:30

Jordan English - Organ / Michael Harris - Master of the Music. Come and sing favourite Christmas Carols and enjoy the festive atmosphere with St Giles' Cathedral Choir.

Swing Into Christmas

🎵 The Queen's Hall

07 DEC, VARIOUS TIMES

Celebrate the festive season in style with the vocalists and instrumentalists of Down for the Count Orchestra, as they Swing Into Christmas! This is a Christmas celebration like no other!

Assembly Rooms Christmas Fair

🏠 Assembly Rooms, 54 George St

07 – 08 DEC, 10:30 – 17:00

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A Christmas Carol

🎵 Usher Hall

08 DEC, 15:00

'Tis the season to be jolly! Children's Classic Concerts (CCC) need your help to save Scrooge from his surly ways (what the Dickens is that all about?). Can the magic of the festive season take away those 'bah humbugs' and fill him with Christmas joy? CCC pulls out all the stops in their orchestral retelling of the festive classic... Scrooge surely won't be able to resist this sparkling celebration. Kickstart your Christmas season with guaranteed fun for all the family.

St. Giles' at Six, Songbirds

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

08 DEC, 18:00

Libby Crabtree - Director. Scotland's highly acclaimed women's choir Songbirds invite you for an hour of wonderful and varied Christmas music from around the world – both traditional and contemporary.

Moonlight Sonata at Christmas by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

09 DEC, 18:15

Renowned concert pianist, Simon Watterton, will perform an outstanding selection of much-loved piano works, including Beethoven's masterpiece, The Moonlight Sonata.

An Evening With: Alan Cumming

🎵 Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh

09 DEC, 19:30

Join us for an evening with Alan Cumming, in aid of The Lyceum, hosted by beloved broadcaster Kirsty Wark.



Handel's Messiah at Christmas by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

09 DEC, 20:00

Enjoy an outstanding candlelit concert with a selection from Handel's masterpiece, The Messiah and other exceptional classical works. Brought to you by The Piccadilly Sinfonietta.

Musik Mondays

🎵 Brewhemia

09 & 16 DEC, 19:30

Get ready to jingle and mingle with Musik Mondays at Brewhemia! Start your week with a festive feast of cheer, live music, and merry-making! Join us for a night where your holiday spirit can truly shine.

Winter in the West End

🏠 St John's Church,
Princes St / Lothian Rd

09 – 22 DEC, 11:00 – 18:00

From the organisers of the West End Fair, Edinburgh's new Art Craft & Design Fair.

An Evening With: Jenny Colgan & Sophie Gravia

🎵 Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh

10 DEC, 19:30

Join us for an evening with Jenny Colgan and Sophie Gravia, in aid of The Lyceum.

Love Actually - Film with Live Orchestra

🎵 Usher Hall

10 DEC, 19:30

The star studded and Christmas favourite Love Actually, will come alive this winter, with a full orchestra performing its soundtrack live!

Christmas Cabaret

🎵 Brewhemia

10 & 17 DEC, 19:30

Get into the Christmas spirit with our cabaret spectacular, step into a winter wonderland and experience an evening bursting with great food, drinks, festive cheer and a little debauchery; life really is a cabaret this Christmas!

Home Alone in Concert

🎵 Usher Hall

13 DEC, 19:00

A true Christmas favourite, this beloved comedy classic features renowned composer John Williams' charming and delightful score performed live to picture by the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. Macaulay Culkin stars as Kevin McCallister, an 8-year-old boy who's accidentally left behind when his family leaves for Christmas vacation, and who must defend his home against two bungling thieves. Nominated for two Academy Awards® for Best Original Score and Best Original Song (Somewhere in My Memory), Home Alone is hilarious, heart-warming festive fun for the entire family!

Nativity! The Musical

🎵 Assembly Roxy

10 – 15 DEC, VARIOUS TIMES

This Christmas join Captivate Theatre for the hilarious comedy the whole family will love – Nativity! The Musical. St Bernadette's School's unlucky in love teacher Mr Maddens is staging this year's school Nativity and making it a musical!

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Beethoven Moonlight Sonata by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

13 DEC, 18:15

Join us for an evening of serene ambience and musical brilliance, as we celebrate the artistry of these incredible composers, performed by virtuoso pianist, Daniel Grimwood.

Christmas Baroque Featuring The Four Seasons by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

13 DEC, 20:00

Join us for an unforgettable evening featuring the timeless melodies of Vivaldi's Four Seasons, the festive brilliance of Torelli and Corelli's Christmas Overtures, and the majestic grandeur of Handel's "Messiah" Overture.

Christmas at the movies by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

14 DEC, 18:15

Get ready to unwrap the ultimate holiday treat with our Christmas at the Movies concert! Home Alone, Love Actually, Elf, Polar Express, White Christmas, A Christmas Carol, It's a Wonderful Life, and many more!

London Concertante: Viennese Christmas Spectacular

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

14 DEC, 20:00

Experience the enchantment of Viennese Christmas at our spectacular concert!

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Breakfast with The Clauses

🌟 Edinburgh Zoo

14 - 24 DEC, 09:00

Bring the family and enjoy breakfast with Santa and Mrs Claus. Dining in our restaurant, you'll tuck into festive snowman pancakes, participate in craft activities and listen to a story from Mrs Claus.

St. Giles' at Six, Rudsambee Company of Singers

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

15 DEC, 18:00

A cappella music, old and new, from near and far, for the festive season. Entry is free, with an optional donation.

Live At Christmas With Sara Pascoe

🌟 The Queen's Hall

15 DEC, 18:30

The country's best comedians are coming to Queen's Hall for a spectacular all-star festive show!

Toyah & Robert

🎵 The Queen's Hall

16 DEC, 19:00

Toyah Willcox and Robert Fripp are bursting out of their kitchen again, for the Christmas Party 2024 and hitting the road for an evening of classic rock

Cool Yule Christmas Show

🎵 Voodoo Rooms, West Register Street

16 DEC, 19:30 - 22:15

La Dolce Vita Swing Collective put the swing into Christmas with - Winter Wonderland, Let it Snow, Jingle Bells, Sleigh Ride & a whole lot more!





Sufjan Stevens Songs for Christmas

🎵 The Queen's Hall

17 DEC, 19:30

A joyous festive celebration for all ages bringing together guest singers, eclectic band and a community choir in an evening to warm the soul.

Edinburgh International Magic Festival

🎵 Various Venues

17 – 30 DEC, VARIOUS TIMES

Edinburgh's 14th annual festival of magic! With shows, events and workshops around the city!

Children's Messiah

🎵 The Queen's Hall

18 DEC, 16:00

Fun for all the family is guaranteed in Dunedin Consort's interactive, 45-minute Children's Messiah — specially crafted with little ears in mind!

Messiah

🎵 The Queen's Hall

18 DEC, 19:00

It's no surprise that Handel's Messiah continues to draw audiences back year after year. There are few more uplifting ways to celebrate the festive season.

Silent Night (SCO Chorus)

🎵 Greyfriars

18 & 19 DEC, 19:30

Join the luminous voices of the SCO Chorus in the intimate setting of Greyfriars Kirk for a much-loved Edinburgh musical tradition.

Whisky & Cheese Tasting

🌟 Holyrood Distillery

19 DEC, 18:00 – 20:30

Tour the distillery followed by a paired whisky tasting with seasonal cheeses.

An Evening With: Sir Alexander McCall Smith

🎵 Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh

19 DEC, 19:30

Join us for an evening with Sir Alexander McCall Smith, in aid of The Lyceum, hosted by our Artistic Director, David Greig.

Phil Cunningham's Christmas Songbook

🎵 The Queen's Hall

19 – 22 DEC, 19:30

Full of jovial anecdotes, modern and traditional Christmas music and exquisite musicianship that will tug at one's heartstrings, it is indeed "the perfect way to fill up your festive fuel tank" (The Scotsman)

Moonlight Sonata at Christmas by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

20 DEC, 18:00

Renowned British concert pianist, Warren Mailley-Smith, will perform an outstanding selection of much-loved piano works, including Beethoven's masterpiece, The Moonlight Sonata.

Vivaldi Four Seasons at Christmas

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

20 DEC, 20:00

Programme Pachelbel – Canon in D
Rachmaninov - Piano Concerto No. 2
Vivaldi - The Four Seasons.

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Moonlight Sonata at Christmas by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

21 DEC, 18:15

Featuring renowned concert pianist, Madalina Ruso, the programme will include an outstanding selection of much-loved piano works, including Beethoven's masterpiece, The Moonlight Sonata.

BBC SSO: Christmas At The Movies

🎵 Usher Hall

21 DEC, 19:30

The BBC SSO's festive feast of movie music is back by popular demand, returning to the Usher Hall for its second year!

Vivaldi Four Seasons at Christmas by Candlelight

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

21 DEC, 20:00

Featuring the outstanding musicians of The Piccadilly Sinfonietta and leading violin soloist Ben Norris, Enjoy an exceptional musical evening with a performance of Vivaldi's timeless classic, The Four Seasons.

Meet Mr and Mrs Claus in the Evening

🏰 Edinburgh Zoo

21 – 23 DEC, VARIOUS TIMES

Mr and Mrs Claus will also be joining us on several evenings to see as many children as possible whilst visiting Edinburgh Zoo!

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RSNO Christmas Concert featuring The Snowman

🎵 Usher Hall

22 DEC, 15:00

The RSNO's magical Christmas Concert is packed full of your favourite festive melodies, singalong carols and the enduringly enchanting film The Snowman. Shown on the big screen, the film will be narrated by our special star guest – Still Game's Sanjeev Kohli – accompanied by the Orchestra, and of course features the wonderful Walking in the Air. So, gather friends and family together and join the RSNO for this special feast of Christmas cheer!

St Giles' at Six, Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas

🎵 St. Giles' Cathedral

22 DEC, 18:00

St Giles' annual carol service for Advent, with music and readings reflecting the journey from Advent to Christmas. Entry is free, with an optional donation.

Nine Lessons & Carols at St Mary's

🎵 St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston Place

22 & 24 DEC, 19:30

Free entry. Experience a cathedral at Christmas with this service of carols sung by our choir. Doors 7pm; queues from 6.40pm. Unassigned seats (some no-visibility).

MagicFest Christmas Special

🎵 Church Hill Theatre

23 – 30 DEC, SELECTED DATES, VARIOUS TIMES

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Record & CD Fair

 **Ocean Terminal**

27 – 29 DEC, 10:00 – 16:00

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Edinburgh's History of Magic

 **Scottish Storytelling Centre**

28 DEC, 16:00

Join magician, psychologist and writer Professor Richard Wiseman in a fascinating local history talk exploring the surprising and little-known magical history of Edinburgh.

The Invention of Magic

 **Scottish Storytelling Centre**

29 DEC, 17:15

This intimate show celebrates my love of magic, contains illusions crafted by an unknown master magician, and explores the invention of the impossible.

Countdown to Hogmanay, Ceilidh with The Sensational Jimi Shandrix Experience

 **Assembly Roxy**

29 DEC, 19:30 – 23:00

An evening of high energy traditional Scottish ceilidh dancing. The Sensational Jimi Shandrix Experience is the band kicking off the 2024 Countdown to Hogmanay.

The After Christmas, Christmas Show!

 **Scottish Storytelling Centre**

29 – 30 DEC, 10:15 & 11:30

Laugh your Christmas socks off with Scotland's "Children's Entertainer of the year" Tricky Ricky in this funny, punny magic show.

Whisky Distillers' Fair

 **The Scotch Whisky Experience**

29 – 30 DEC, 11:00 – 16:00

For connoisseurs and first-timers alike, this event offers a rare opportunity to meet whisky distillers following your expert-led Gold Tour through the world of Scotch.

Dan Bastianelli: Deception

 **Scottish Storytelling Centre**

29 – 30 DEC, 13:30

Masterful sleight of hand and personal stories to create an incredibly intimate magical experience.

Magic Bros: Tinsel & Tricks

 **Scottish Storytelling Centre**

29 – 30 DEC, 14:00

Step into a world of wonder with 'Tinsel & Tricks,' a captivating magic show presented by young magicians, Logan Ford and Jamie Leonard.

Dr Houston's Conjuring

 **Scottish Storytelling Centre**

29 – 30 DEC, 15:15

The last five hundred years are filled with astonishing moments of magic and now you have a unique opportunity to discover the truth behind the smoke and mirrors.

Oracle: Do You Want to See the Future?

 **Scottish Storytelling Centre**

29 – 30 DEC, 17:00

A 'premonition party' if you will, hosted by one of the UK's finest mystery performers and you, whoever you are, are a welcome guest.



Tim Licata: Close-Up & Personal

 **Scottish Storytelling Centre**

29 – 30 DEC, 18:45

A tale of magic, the mafia and delightful deception!

Magic 101: A Workshop

 **Scottish Storytelling Centre**

30 DEC, 12:00 & 17:00

Join psychologist Richard Wiseman and sleight of hand expert Will Houston as they introduce you to the world of magic.

Countdown to Hogmanay, Ceilidh with The Big Shoogle

 **Assembly Roxy**

30 DEC, 19:30 – 23:00

An evening of high energy traditional Scottish ceilidh dancing. The Big Shoogle, the world's rockiest Ceilidh band, is playing the second night of the 2023 Countdown to Hogmanay for Laldie Ceilidhs. Traditional Scottish jigs and reels with a rocky edge, occasionally mashed up with rock riffs and anthems and always full of surprises. You always know when you've been Shoogled!

Hogmanay Aboard Britannia

 **The Royal Yacht Britannia**

31 DEC

Experience a New Year's Eve to remember aboard The Royal Yacht Britannia, Queen Elizabeth II's former floating palace.

Hogmanay Ceilidh with HotScotch Ceilidh Band

 **Assembly Roxy**

31 DEC, 20:00 – 01:00

Hogmanay, the biggest night of the year. This is an extended, high-energy, traditional Scottish Hogmanay ceilidh dance, with HotScotch Ceilidh Band returning to play for us once again.

New Year Gala (SCO)

 **Usher Hall**

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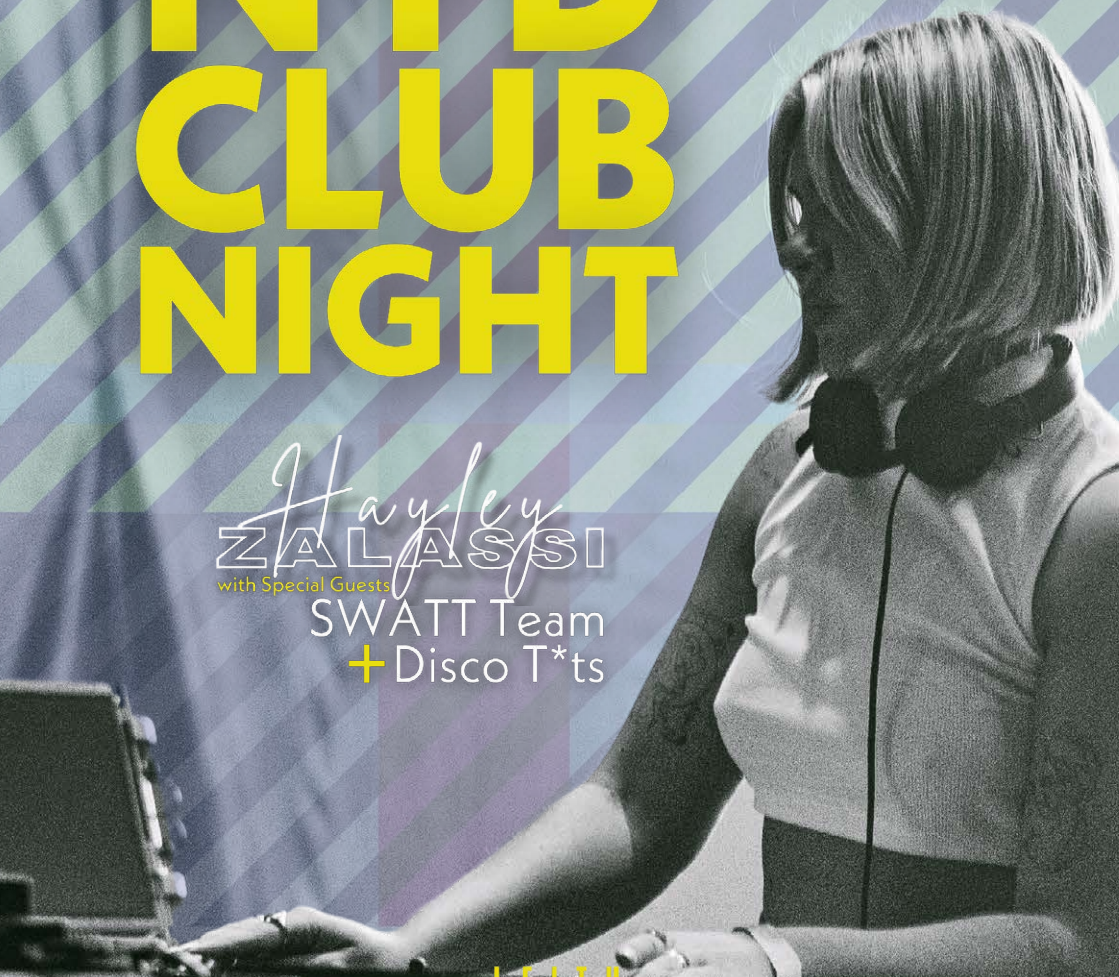
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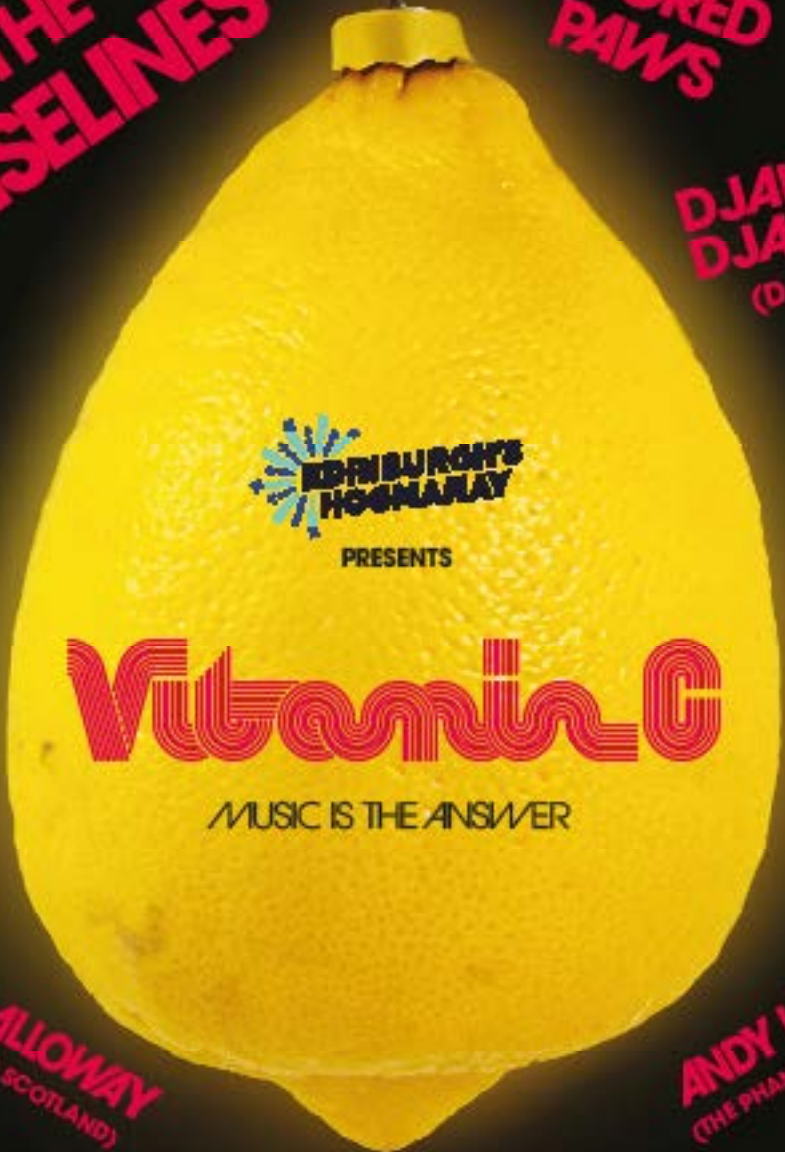
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