

What's on in Edinburgh this weekend? 7th January 2011

Edinburgh Weather this weekend according to the Met Office :-

Sunny and cold today Friday. Some sleet and snow this evening.

Today: Frosty start, otherwise a fine dry day with some bright or sunny spells. It will become cloudy during afternoon with sleet and snow developing towards Dumfries and Kelso towards dusk. Maximum temperature 2 °C.

Tonight: Sleet and snow will extend to the rest of the area this evening, giving slight to moderate falls especially on higher ground. Rain more likely towards the east coast. Minimum temperature -2 °C.

Saturday: Sleet and snow gradually clearing north during the day, as sunny spells spread from the south. A frosty evening with ice, some snow showers reaching the west. Maximum temperature 2 °C.

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12.45-1.30pm at Hawthornden Lecture Theatre – Weston Link (National Gallery Complex) Free No booking required: free, unticketed.

The work of the Glasgow-born Thomas Campbell (1777-1844) is almost entirely overshadowed by that of his contemporary compatriots, Scott and Byron. The National Galleries of Scotland hold Turner's wonderful set of watercolours commissioned to illustrate an 1837 edition of Campbell's Poems. Campbell's own story is a fascinating one; the story of Turner's commission is equally revealing of the artist's approach to his work. A talk by Mungo Campbell, Deputy Director of the Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery.

The King's Speech opens at cinemas across Edinburgh today. We tell you more about it in our separate article in the films section.

[No Excuses Networking](#) has a get together at a secret location tonight. You have to register to be told where to go so contact them through the website.

Tonight you could go Stargazing at The Royal Observatory, Edinburgh Visitor Centre EH9 3HJ 7 January 2011 Two sessions: 6:30pm-7:30pm and 8:00-9:00pm Contact: 0131 668 8404 | vis@roe.ac.uk This is what the Royal Observatory say on their [website](#)

"Join us on our spectacular rooftop gallery for stargazing with the naked eye and telescopes. Step inside our newly refurbished historic dome and discover the inspirational work of the observatory, past and present. £3.00 adult, £1.50 children and concessions. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking required."

✖ At the Cameo Love and Other Drugs starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway (recently seen filming in Edinburgh). Based on Jamie Reidy's memoir 'Hard Sell: The Evolution of a Viagra Salesman', LOVE & OTHER DRUGS is a bright and sexy romantic comedy with sharp lead performances from Anne Hathaway (RACHEL GETTING MARRIED) and Jake Gyllenhaal (DONNIE DARKO).

Maggie (Hathaway) is a free-spirited artist who thinks true love is a complete fallacy. That is until she meets Jamie (Gyllenhaal), a handsome and charming pharmaceutical salesman who's used to getting what he wants. Eschewing the formulaic slushiness of ten-a-penny Hollywood romcoms, Zwick's (BLOOD DIAMOND) intelligently scripted film takes an adult look at what happens when love strikes out of the blue.

A new exhibition opens this weekend at Newington Library called Three Perspectives. It is a display of work by two

photographers and an artist. More information on the [Tales of One City](#) blog.

The Friday Show at The Stand York Place Tickets £10 Tel 0131 558 7272 – Comedy in case you don't know!

RSNO New Year Viennese Gala at The Usher Hall. Tickets from £6 to £16 and available by telephone 0131 228 1155. The Blue Danube may feature.

You Me At Six – eventually they may perform tonight at 7pm at The Corn Exchange! Pop-punk Tickets may well be sold out at £16.50 but you can phone 0131 477 3500 to check.

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Camera Obscura open from 10 each morning.....more info [here!](#)

2-2.45pm & 3-3.45pm Gallery of Modern Art (Modern Art Galleries) No booking required: free, unticketed

A tour of the [Gallery of Modern Art's](#) new re-hang, focusing on key works. Meet at the main entrance.

The Secret Garden is still on at The Festival Theatre. Tickets from £5 to £30 Tel 0131 529 6000

Jack and The Beanstalk is on at The Kings Tickets from £8.50 upwards. Tel 0131 529 6000

The BUPA Great Winter Run takes place in Holyrood Park on Saturday 8th January.

Saturday mornings at 10.30 The Playhouse organises Theatre Tours to let you see behind the scenes.

"If you'd like to find out more about our beautiful theatre then why not join us on a Saturday morning when one of our experienced tour guides will show you around the inner sanctum of this much loved theatre and tell you a thing or two about its colourful history."

Tours last approximately 90 minutes and content may vary depending on the visiting production. More details [here](#).

The Fruitmarket Gallery still has their Childish Things exhibition which we told you about in our [earlier article](#) and is previewed here...

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Impressions of Paris is the exhibition at the [French Institute](#) in Randolph Crescent. Or take the plunge and book a French course!

Something for the children among you

2-4pm National Gallery (National Gallery Complex) Free No booking required

Collect a Portrait Detectives kit, supplied by two artist-sleuths, then head off to find evidence and clues in order to solve crimes and mysteries found in Scottish History. Alternatively, uncover the fascinating stories behind the many other faces and places on display from Scotland's present and past.

At [Cineworld Edinburgh](#) The Next Three Days (12a) has just opened starring Russell Crowe and Liam Neeson.

One man has just 72 hours to break his wife out of prison, risking everything for the woman he loves...

The idyllic family life of John Brennan (Russell Crowe) is shattered when his wife Lara (Elizabeth Banks) is arrested for murder and sentenced to 20 years in prison. John, a professor of English at a community college, is convinced of her innocence. While he desperately holds his family together, he pursues every means available to prove she didn't commit murder. After three years, and with the rejection of their final appeal, Lara becomes desperate and attempts suicide.

John decides there is only one course of action: he must break her out of prison. Enlisting the help of Damon Pennington (Liam Neeson), John embarks on a dangerous and elaborate plan to save his wife. This is a tense action-thriller from Oscar-winning screenwriter and director Paul Haggis (writer/director of Crash), based on the French thriller Pour Elle.

And then there is the wonderful Johnny Depp starring alongside Angelina Jolie in The Tourist. Good mystery movie with some real action and comedy moments.

Hairspray is on for the last few days of its run ending this Sunday. You might be lucky enough to get tickets. Contact the Box Office through [The Playhouse](#) website.