

What's on in Edinburgh this week? 21st February 2011

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Another of The Reporter's favourites is coming to The Usher Hall tonight

If you don't know anything about The Penguin Cafe Orchestra then you can listen to them here....

A series of Introductory sessions explaining The Beltane Fire Festival will take place this week. These introductory lessons will explain the history of Beltane, what performing entails and what is expected of those who are involved. These sessions will be running during the week prior to the main recruitment session on Sunday 27th of February at the Arts Complex @ 5pm, on Sunday 27th February St Margaret's House, 151 London Road, Edinburgh, EH7 6AE.

Tollcross Community Centre @ 7:30pm, on Monday 21st February
Tollcross Primary School, 117 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9QG

More information about the Beltane Fire Society can be found [here](#)

Meanwhile Waterstone's West End branch hosts an author event with Sophie Hannah from 6.30-7.30pm. She will be reading from her new book 'Lasting Damage' and signing copies afterwards. Tickets are £2. For further details call 0131 226 2666.

22nd February 2011

The Ceilidh Club at The Bongo Club runs every Tuesday night from 8.20pm, bringing you the best in Scottish ceilidh music and dance. Tonight's guests are the [Òr Ceilidh Band](#). There

will be a caller who will teach the dances, so the event is great for everyone from complete beginners to experienced ceilidhers. "Come and experience Scottish dance the way it's meant to be!"

A PLAY, A PIE & A PINT

Traverse Theatre: Tues 22-Sat 26 Feb, 1.00pm

Double Bill

Both plays adapted by Lewis Hetherington

Directed by Graham McLaren

Instructions for a Butterfly Collector, by Mariana Eva Perez

A young girl in a dusty basement conjures up life from the smallest fragments of hope. She looks at the Butterflies she has put under glass, she handles them carefully and delicately, willing them to come back to life and take flight. She has spent her life longing for her brother, but when he arrived he was not what she imagined at all.

The Archivist, by Hector Levy

The Man tells her she must give him information – about her home, her garden, her bedroom – if he is to help her find her family.

More information and tickets available [here](#).

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Salisbury Centre @ 8pm, on Tuesday 22nd February

2 Salisbury Road, Edinburgh, EH16 5AB

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Head to The Filmhouse to see a special screening of The Cabinet of Dr Caligari, from 1919 by German director Robert Weine. This silent movie will be accompanied by a live music score by acclaimed accompanists Minima. Tickets are £10 or £8 concession, more details can be found [here](#).

Today the first of a series of lectures on **Faith and the Environment** at St Phillip's Church, Joppa, takes place from 2pm – 3.30pm. Two discussions will examine the biblical and theological basis for environmental stewardship, session 1 will focus on God's Abundance and Brokenness. St Phillip's has a lively programme of lectures. For more information take a look at their website [here](#).

Rosie Mapplebeck from the Scottish Storytelling centre takes the little ones on a magical journey of animal discovery with a Noah's Ark themed exploration of tales for tots. Age 6 months to 3 years, accompanying adult free.

[Scottish Storytelling Centre](#) 43-45 High Street, EH1 1SR Tel. 0131 556 9579) | 10 and 11.30 am

The Sacred Art of Armenia at the Scotland-Russia Forum. Lecture by the well known expert in Armenian history and spirituality, Dr Vrej Nersessian. The talk relates to [the exhibition](#) on the Armenian art "The Literary and Visual Tradition", which will be on display until 26th March.

Scotland-Russia Forum (9 South College Street, EH8 9AA, Tel. 0131 668 3635) | 7.30 pm | free, booking essential

23rd February 2011

The Filmhouse is showing this film tonight only. The Spirit of

the Beehive was made in 1973. In Spanish with subtitles. Part of the Introduction to European Cinema season. Booking details [here](#).

✘ And meanwhile at [The Cameo](#) there is a once only opportunity to see Trainspotting...15 years after the original film was released.

The Story of the Harp at National Museum Scotland

On 23 February at 19:00 (1hr)

£5/£4/Members and Patrons free

Book on 0300 123 6789

Join Dr Tacye Phillipson, Senior Curator of Modern Science and Computing, for a musical illustration of the harp's family tree. See examples from Scotland's ancient national instrument and the folk harps of Wales, Paraguay and the Austrian Tyrol to the modern orchestral instrument.

24th February 2011

The Edinburgh Lectures continues on 24th February with architect, Rick Mather, talking about Creative Cities. Mather leads an internationally renowned architectural, masterplanning and urban design practice. He has a particular interest in the cultural and education sectors. In his talk he will reflect on how architecture can combine with culture and creativity in re-visioning urban spaces. Takes place at Royal Society of Edinburgh at 22-26 George Street EH2 2PQ beginning at 18.30pm. Tickets £5 [More information about the series and details of how to get tickets](#)

At The Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston The Scottish Quilt Fair (24 – 26 February) – a showcase of workshops, demonstrations and exhibitors selling a wide range of fabrics and accessories. For more information please call 01406 372 601

Fantasy author [Steven Erikson](#) will be reading from his new book, The Crippled God, at Waterstone's in the West End

between 12.30 and 1.30pm. For further details call 0131 226 2666.

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Forest Cafe @ 7pm, on Thursday 24th February
3 Bristo Place, Edinburgh, EH1 1EY

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25th February 2011

Live music fans of all ages are set for a real treat this evening when award winning [Brian Hughes](#) brings his nine piece band to The Bongo Club as part of a short promotional tour to support the release of his new album 'My Kind Of Paradise'. Brian said, *"having recently completed a successful Scandinavian tour, and before heading off to foreign shores, we felt it would be nice to play our own country and see what the reaction is. We guarantee you'll have a great night!"* Doors are at 7pm and tickets are £8.50.

About-Face exhibition at the Scottish Storytelling Centre-Launch Night. Meet the artist, Mary Kenny's whose drawings and paintings explore the relationship between being an Artist and a Storyteller. Drawing on personal experiences, dreams, pure imagination as well as stories and belief this work looks at what place the role of the artist has in the life of an artist and storyteller.

Scottish Storytelling centre (Address: 43-45 High Street, EH1

1SR Tel. (0)131 556 9579) |6.30pm | Free

26th February 2011

Woodland Crafts – Basket Making Saturday 26th February 2011, 10am – 3.30pm, at Water of Leith Visitor Centre

Using one of the oldest and most enduring craft forms, learn how to make a basket out of willow and other natural hedgerow materials such as ivy and honeysuckle. Booking required. For further information or to book a place, please email Ruth Wyatt at ruth@elgt.org.uk or call 0131 445 4025

Local band [Kid Canaveral](#) are playing a gig at The Wee Red Bar to raise funds to help them get to America's prestigious [South By Southwest Festival](#), and do a mini tour whilst they're at it. Support comes from [The Last Battle](#) and mystery guests. Tickets are a very reasonable £7, so why not go along and help them out.

27th February 2011

At the Art Complex, St Margarets house there is the **2011 Beltane Open Meeting**. This is your chance to find out what is happening with this year's Beltane and how to can get involved. Also this meeting is important to recruit performers, stewards, photographers, and videographers at this meeting. The production and front of house crew will be recruited from mid-March.

[What is Beltane?](#)

Meeting details: Arts Complex, St Margaret's House, 151 London Road, Edinburgh, EH7 6AE. This is just along from Meadowbank Stadium. If you need to get a bus then Lothian routes 4, 5, 15, 26, 44, and 45 will get you there. The meeting is free and open for the general public. Email inquiries to: steve@torchbearers.org.uk. More information about the Beltane Fire Society can be found [here](#)