

What's on in Edinburgh this weekend? 18th February 2011

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Age of Arousal

Royal Lyceum Theatre: Friday 18th February – Saturday 12th March, 7.45pm Tue-Sat eves, 2.30pm Wed & Sat matinees.

By Linda Griffiths

Wildly inspired by The Odd Women by George Gissing

Directed by Muriel Romanes

A co-production with Stellar Quines Theatre Company

Determined to make women rich, ex-militant suffragette Mary Barfoot and her devoted protégé and lover Rhoda enlist female students to master the new invention that will gain them freedom – the typewriter. Three spinster sisters are invited into the school to rescue them from poverty, setting in motion an odyssey of alcoholism, cross dressing and sexual revolution.

More information available:
http://www.lyceum.org.uk/webpages/show_info.php?id=1005

Michael Marra with Mairi Campbell

The Queen's Hall: 8.00pm

Michael Marra is one of Scotland's most prolific songwriters, and a much loved & respected figure in the entertainment business. He was brought up in the Lochee district of Dundee and his first public performance was at an NCR Christmas party in the 1950s. Although predominantly known as a songwriter, Michael has worked extensively in theatre, radio and television.

Award winning Scottish singer songwriter **Mairi Campbell's** first solo album is to be released in 2011. She been described by the Scotsman as '*one of the great sounds of Scottish folk music today*'. International attention came her way following her haunting rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne' in the movie 'Sex and the City'.

More information:
<http://www.thequeenshall.net/whats-on/shows/michael-marra-with-mairi-campbell>

The **Loveboat Big Band** perform at Portobello Town Hall from 8pm – midnight, featuring Orkestra Del Sol, The Bevvv Sisters, The Ivitsky Bros, Admiral T and special guest Captain Barnacle. The Loveboat Big band was born in Edinburgh's Bongo Club as a cabaret act ten years ago and has since headlined major events including Hogmanay Vegas in Edinburgh and has had sell-out shows at the Fringe and the Spiegeltent. Tonight the band will perform swing and vintage favourites. Tickets are £15 and are available from Woodwares, Portobello High Street or to book online and for more information go to the-pod.org

Scottish Storytelling Centre organizes Battle of Prestonpans Tapestry, you are welcome to free drop in stories and fun related to the Battle of Prestonpans Tapestry with Tim Porteus and The Pans Tellers! The event is related to the exhibition about the Jacobite rebellion. Exhibition will be shown until Saturday, February 19.

Scottish Storytelling Centre (Address: 43-45 High Street, EH1 1SR Tel. +44 (0)131 556 9579) | 11am-4pm | All ages | Free – just drop in

19th February 2011

☒ Saturday 19 February 2011: 7.30pm

Following two sold out UK tours in 2009 and 2010, Anton Du Beke and Erin Boag return to [The Usher Hall](#) with a fabulous

new show Puttin' on the Ritz

With music from Irving Berlin, Leonard Bernstein, Kander & Ebb and Cole Porter the show will include classic hits such as PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ, ON THE TOWN, LIEBER TANGO, THAT OLD BLACK MAGIC, WUNDERBAR, RAZZLE DAZZLE, SOMEWHERE IN TIME, TENDERLY and ALL I NEED IS THE GIRL.

Britain's favourite dance couple from the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing, will be joined by superb guest dancers and a live orchestra conducted by Richard Balcombe

We recommend a trip to [The Filmhouse](#) this weekend to see [True Grit](#)

Scottish Cultural Polish Association Ball

The biggest Polish cultural organisation in Scotland will celebrate its 40th anniversary on the 19th of February. The programme includes a 4-course dinner, live music and dancing until the dawn at Hilton Edinburgh Grosvenor Hotel . The event is open to the non-members of the society as well!

The price of the tickets is 25 pounds for the members and 27 for the non-members (organisers ask for bookings before the 9th of February). They are available at Deli Polonia shop (237 Leith Walk, EH6 8NY) and also by post: 71 Charterhall Grove, Edinburgh EH9 33HT.

More information (site available in Polish):
<http://www.edinburgh.com.pl/content/view/1726/141/>

Today is the last day the Southern Light Opera perform Fiddler on the Roof at the King's Theatre. There is a matinee performance at 2.30pm, tickets from £12, and an evening performance at 7.30pm, tickets from £14. This is an amateur production, directed by Andy Johnston. You can call the Kings Theatre Box Office to book tickets on 01315296000, or go to www.fctt.org.uk/kings_theatre for more information and to

book online.

20th February 2011

New Looks – Creative Writing on Sunday 20 February at 13:30
(3hrs) at National Museum Scotland

Age 14-18 Free

What would a lighthouse say if it could speak? Take inspiration from the story of Scotland's lighthouses and those who lived in them. Have fun playing around with words and create a poem, tall tale or short story.

Book now on 0300 123 6789 (limited spaces)

A wedding exhibition to finish off Valentine's week. Best Western Capital Hotel Wedding Exhibition takes place on Saturday afternoon. More information [here](#).