

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

Monday 21st March 2011

✖ At [The Filmhouse](#) tonight a one night only showing of The Kite Runner at 18.00. A lovely film from a lovely book, although the story is a very emotional one.

Tuesday 22nd March 2011

Daniel O'Donnell at The Usher Hall tonight. You might still be able to get a ticket! Ticket Prices: £35.50, £33.50 and £29.50 (£29.50 ticket are limited/restricted view)

Wednesday 23rd March 2011

The [National Library of Scotland](#) invites business people to a free workshop to learn how to access online resources to grow their business. The NLS has Scotland's largest collection of publicly available business and marketing information for professionals in the business capital. This can be accessed from one's home PC, with a little tuition. 23rd of March 2pm, free admission but book online [here](#) or call 0131 623 3918.

4pm , Blackwell's Bookshop, 53-62 South Bridge, Edinburgh

✖ Blackwell's and the [Scotland-Russia Forum](#) invite you to meet bestselling author Rachel Polonsky.

When Rachel Polonsky went to live in Moscow, she found an apartment block in Romanov Street, once a residence of the Soviet elite. One of those ghostly neighbours was Stalin's henchman Vyacheslav Molotov. In Molotov's former apartment, Rachel Polonsky discovered his library and an old magic lantern. Molotov – ruthless apparatchik, participant in the collectivizations and the Great Purge – was also an ardent bibliophile. Molotov's library and his magic lantern became the prisms through which Rachel Polonsky renewed her vision of

Russia.

My Perestroika: documentary film will be introduced by Rachel Polonsky at Edinburgh Filmhouse, approx 6pm (exact time to be confirmed) [This 'remarkable' film](#) is being shown as part of the Russia since 1991 Lecture Series

Tickets will be available soon from [The Filmhouse](#) – tel. 0131 228 2688

Penny Black is a 4 piece rock band from Edinburgh creating a fusion between early 2000's indie and lo-fi rock. They strive to keep things simple. Melody is important to the band as well as rich harmonies which come across in the bands EP 'Penny Black.' They are just one of the bands appearing tonight at [The Queen's Hall at 7.30pm](#) in a show delayed from December 2010 to showcase new young talent.

[Book Club at Eteaket](#) tonight at 7.00pm until about 8.30. "For next month we decided to go for the Classics: so book choices are either: (a) Villette by Charlotte Bronte or (b) Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway.

9.30am – 5pm

Tickets: Free for fashion/textile students and tutors – £25 for others.



The production, consumption and marketing of fashion in the future will look very different. This conference will introduce exciting new approaches, which seek to transform the way we design, make and relate to fashion so that the rights of workers and the environment are respected. This event will equip Scotland's fashion & textile tutors and students with ideas so they can be leaders in this important emerging area.

A day of presentations, workshops and discussions with

contributions from:

High Street Retailer // New Look

Victoria McQuillan // Online Ethical Store – Think Boutique

Kate Fletcher // Slow Fashion Pioneer

Kate and Fi Mackay // Edinburgh-based Design Duo

Tania Pramschufer // PR Company – Handupmedia

Nuran Gulenc // Garment Worker Advocate

Info and bookings: info@fashioninganethicalindustry.org

.Thursday 24th March 2011

Lemon & Dine Drinks event on March 24th between 6pm-8pm at The Roxburghe Hotel. Numbers will be limited to 25.

“Lemon & Dine is social first and business second. Our focus is on facilitating ‘connections’ as opposed to ‘networking’ with real people in a friendly, informal and sociable environment. Over time these connections will become a vital professional network. If you would like to join us please click on the link below and book direct www.lemonandine.com. Booking is easy and you will automatically receive a VAT receipt.

Friday 25th March 2011

At [The Usher Hall RSN0](#) – Jarvi Conducts the Leningrad

Dvorak: Serenade for Strings

Shostakovich: Symphony No. 7 *Leningrad*

Neeme Järvi: Conductor

Royal Scottish National Orchestra

Written in a city under seige, smuggled through enemy lines

and blasted through loudspeakers at the Nazi forces, Shostakovich's Seventh isn't just one of the great symphonic blockbusters – it practically changed the course of modern history.

Every performance is a special event – so join Conductor **Laureate Neeme Järvi** as he unleashes a super-sized RSN0 on Shostakovich's powerful, defiant – and utterly unforgettable – score.

Pre-concert talk 6.45pm John Cushing (RSN0 Principal Clarinet)

Tickets £32/£24/£17.50/£13/£10

U16's go free to all RSN0 concerts at the Usher Hall ((offer excludes Festive concerts – 50% off instead) –

children must be accompanied by a paying adult – maximum 2 free children per adult ticket. Additional children charged at £5 each. Please contact the box office by phone or in person to make use of this offer.

Curator's Choice: **The Chambers Woodblock Collection** At National Museum Scotland Friday 25 March

14:00 (1hr) £5/£4/Members and Patrons free Book on 0300 123 6789

In the 1860s, Chambers Publishers commissioned a series of wood engravings to illustrate Chambers' Encyclopaedia and The Book of Days. Alison Taubman, Principal Curator of Communications, explores the fascinating collection.

FRIDAY 25 MARCH 7-9pm at AX0

Ash Coates is currently the international artist and resident at AX0 Gallery. On March 25th his 2 months residency comes to an end and all the hard work goes up for show and/or sale. It will consist of a bunch of new paintings and installation work that deals with the notion of paradise whilst making references to quantum physics, graffiti art, cave painting and sci fi pop imagery.

This exhibition will only be up for the weekend, from the 25th

to the 27th so make sure you are quick. It will open Friday 25th at 7pm and go through til 9pm with free drinks and finger food. This is a great opportunity for any would be collector to pick up a great investment from one of Australias up and coming new talents. 50% of any of the proceeds made by the artists will go towards relief funds for victims of the Japanese tsunami.

AXO GALLERY

59/61 QUEEN CHARLOTTE STREET

LEITH EH6 7EY.

(Opposite the motorbike shop at Leith Links.

left at the cherry tree and up the garden path)

Saturday 26th March 2011

✖ Mushaira An evening of South East Asian poetry at McDonald Road Library. Admission free.

Earth Hour is this Saturday at 20.30 when many prominent buildings across the world will be darkened to signify our dependence on energy and our awareness of what that dependence might be doing to the environment.

At Out of the Blue Drill Hall every Saturday between 10 and 2 there is a Tinker Tailor event. This is an opportunity for you to take along something that needs mending, and get some help to fix it with supervision from someone who knows how! More details on the [Tinker Tailor website](#).

If you live or work in the [South West Neighbourhood Partnership](#) area they want to hear how YOU want the area improved.

They are starting this consultation at 1pm on Saturday the 26th of March with an event at Tynecastle High School. This session will last 3 hours and cover all aspects of life in the area.

“Its the future of YOUR area and we need YOU to tell us what

it should look like.”

All are welcome.

The South West Community Conference

**1pm to 4pm,
Saturday 26th March,
Tynecastle High School,
McLeod Street**

For more information email [Graham Budd](#) or [Scott Neill](#) or telephone 0131 527 3800.

Remember the [Farmers' Market](#) this morning on Castle Terrace. All manner of organic and wholesome foods, but you can also stroll around and get a coffee here.

You might fancy the Weightlifting Seminar this weekend at the University of Edinburgh's Centre for Sport and Exercise. More details [here](#).

Sunday 27th March 2011

Barnardo's Big 5k at Inverleith Park today so get your running shoes on. [More details here](#).

[Body & Soul Fair at Meadowbank](#) this weekend. The organisers say:-“At our Fair in Edinburgh on 26/27 March we are very excited to have Ursula James, author of *You Can Think Yourself Thin*, *You Can Be Amazing* and *The Clinical Hypnosis Textbook*. Ursula is one of the most prominent Hypnotherapy practitioners in the UK and her new and captivating book, **The Source – A Manual of Everyday Magic** takes you on a thrilling inner journey. It is being compared with best-selling books **The Celestine prophecy**, **The Secret**, and **Eat, Pray Love**, yet the style of the book is unique.”

Supermarionation on stage at 10.45pm at [Whistle Binkies](#)

tonight.