

What's on in Edinburgh this week? 4th April 2011

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[Cumulus exhibition](#) launch, Out of the Blue Drill Hall, 36 Dalmeny Street, Edinburgh, EH6 8RG. 7pm – 9pm

This exhibition is a selection of work by Säde Foley, now in her final year of Drawing & Painting at Edinburgh College of Art. The show consists of works in mixed media created during her degree, revisited and brought together for the first time. Based on a variety of sources rooted in the natural world (from cow parsley to icebergs) the pieces convey running themes of transience, water in its different forms, timelessness and etherealness which are at the core of the artist's inspiration.

Exhibition runs daily (except Sundays) until April 14th from 10am – 5pm.

Come along to the launch of Gate 55, the brand new home of [Sighthill Library](#).

"We'll have story telling sessions for children, a 'pig parade' craft session and fruit tasting with the centre's new food co-op.

You'll also be able to take part in face-painting, employment skills workshops, giant jenga and a cv clinic!"

Monday (4th April) from 3 – 5pm – see you there!

5th April 2011

Fortnightly Blog-Together – Blogger Meetup @ Sofi's Bar, Leith

Love your blog but never get around to writing it?

Here's the plan – fairy lights, Swedish yummy goodness and a group of fellow bloggers plagued with hectic lifestyles and a world filled with procrastination.

Whether you're a post-a-day blogger, a total novice or somewhere in between bring your laptop, meet other bloggers, find some peace, drink, chat, laugh and get down to some writing!

Every other Tuesday from 6pm – 8pm.

NEXT EVENT: TUESDAY 5th APRIL 2011

"Please let us know if you're coming at: <http://twtvite.com/Edblogtogether> or send an email to georgia@ideaspot.co.uk"

Hustings at Friends Meeting House on Victoria Terrace arranged by [Transform Scotland](#).

Those coming along to represent their political parties are:

- Scott Douglas – Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party
- Alison Johnstone – Scottish Green Party
- Alex Cole-Hamilton – Scottish Liberal Democrat Party
- Shirley-Anne Somerville – Scottish National Party
- Charlie Gordon – Scottish Labour Party

Prof. George Hazel OBE has kindly agreed to act as chair for the evening.

 Get Organised at The Usher Hall at 1.10pm

Stirring Marches and Romantic Adagios

John Kitchen contrasts marches such as Walton's Orb and Sceptre, Eric Coates's Knightsbridge March and Percy Whitlock's intriguingly-named March 'Dignity and Impudence' with gentle pieces to include the Adagio from Widor's Symphony no. 6, Thalben-Ball's Elegy and Easthope Martin's sentimental Evensong.

Tickets £3

Duration approx 40 minutes

[Transmission Meditation](#) is a form of group meditation with a focus upon openness and friendliness for novices to the ancient spiritual practice. When practiced regularly meditation can enhance emotional balance, well-being and spiritual growth. Transmission meditation is a combination of two yogas: Karmic Yoga and Laya Yoga and was introduced to the world in 1974 by Benjamin Creme, now there are hundreds of Transmission Meditation groups across the world. Introductory workshops happen once a month, they are free and involve a group meditation. Go along and meet like-minded folk. Tonight 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the Theosophical Society, 28 Great King Street, Edinburgh EH3 6QH. Telephone: 0131 443 9862 Email: newlight@hotmail.co.uk.

6th April 2011

Edinburgh Bookshop are hosting a Book Swap at Henderson's  on Hanover Street at 19.30 today. You can [book online](#) for £5.00

NYOS Concert at the [Usher Hall](#) tonight at 7.00pm

NCOS Conductor: Roland Kieft

Peter van Anrooy Piet Hein Rhapsodie

Serge Prokoviev Lieutenant Kijé Suite

William Walton Spitfire Prelude and Fugue

NYJOS and NYOS Strings Directors:

Malcolm Edmonstone and Andrew Bain

Three NYOS ensembles combine for a spring extravaganza, giving audiences the opportunity to experience the very best musical talent NYOS has to offer.

In the first half The National Children's Orchestra of Scotland perform three fantastic pieces based around the theme

of heroes. Presented by Dutch Maestro Roland Kieft, audiences will be guided through these exciting pieces, which tell tales of Dutch pirates, phantom war heroes, and the inventor of the famous aircraft that won the Battle of Britain.

The second half of this concert presents a new collaboration between senior Jazz and Strings players performing new works composed for the event by director Malcolm Edmonstone and the students.

Tickets £18/£16/£12/£10

half price concs/£2 (Student/Child)

Ten Tracks present Broken Records (acoustic) and Donna Maciocia at Forest Hall as part of a series of [Roofraiser](#) gigs to help save the Forest Cafe. The gig takes place between 8 and 11pm for a suggested donation of £5.

Come and join **Bethany's Sportive event** – a non-competitive charity cycling fundraising event. Now in its third year this exciting event for serious amateurs involves a super challenge route 102 miles. There is a shorter route of 72 miles is also on offer for those who would not be able to complete the longer stretch within 8 hours or less. Entries are limited to 400 with an entry fee of £30 per entrant. Please sign up quickly to ensure your spaces. There are 50 free spaces for riders who can raise over £100 in sponsorship! All participants are requested to register using the Online Registration Form at Entry Central. Click 'Enter Bethany Sportive Now' to start the Registration process. Registration is essential for participating in the event. All proceeds from this event will help homeless and vulnerable people through the work of Bethany Christian Trust. For more info please get in touch

Start Time: April 06, 11 08:00:00AM

End Time: April 06, 11 05:30:00PM

Where: EH19 2LA

Category: Mass Participation/Sportive

Contact: sportive@bethanychristiantrust.com

7th April 2011

Ten Tracks celebrate the release of their April Fools bundle, curated by Atzi of [Lipsync for a Lullaby](#), with another one of their [Roofraiser](#) gigs at ECA's [Wee Red Bar](#). The music bundle, which you will be able to download for £1, spans post-rock, metal, classical, jazz and hip hop. Bands include [Tokamak](#), [Secta Rouge](#), [The Discordian Trio](#), and a one-off collaboration between [Asthmatic Astronaut](#), [Sileni](#) and Lipsync for a Lullaby. The gig has performances from Lipsync for a Lullaby and Tokamak, and proceeds will go towards the campaign to save the Forest Cafe. Doors are at 7pm, tickets £4

8th April 2011

[Usher Hall](#) tonight Beethoven Piano Concerto No 4

Programme:

Kodály: Dances of Galanta

Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 4

Haydn: Symphony No. 70

Kodály: Háry János Suite

Gilbert Varga: Conductor

Marc-André Hamelin: Piano

Royal Scottish National Orchestra

Usher Hall brochure entry correction: Nicola Benedetti is not playing in this evenings concert

Ever heard a whole orchestra sneeze? In Hungary, that means you're telling tall tales – but who's counting, when they're as flamboyant and fun as Kodály's rollicking musical fairy-tale *Háry János*? Haydn might seem more polite, but he's every bit as witty – meanwhile, Beethoven poses us a series of poetic puzzles in his gentlest, and most personal, piano concerto. The great Canadian pianist **Marc-André Hamelin** is the perfect guide.

Pre-concert talk 6.45pm Marc-André Hamelin in conversation

with Gale Mahood (RSNO Director of Planning and Orchestra Management)

Tickets £32/£24/£17.50/£13/£10

U16's go free to all RSNO 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.

Album Launch: [Real Dave and the People](#), with special guests Portnawak and The Woo Bludslugz. 8-11pm at the Forest Cafe, tickets £3.

9th April 2011

This afternoon the Forest Cafe has a gig by [Robin Williamson](#), formerly of The Incredible String Band, plus support. Doors are at 4pm, tickets a suggested donation of £5.

10th April 2011

The Black Diamond Express Club Night at The Store (GRV), raising money for The Forest Cafe. 11pm – 3am, tickets £1 before 11pm or £3 afterwards.

Mountain Bike Orienteering – A fun 3 hour navigation event that tests strategy and strength. It's open to all ages and abilities. Prices start from £15 for solo entry More info at <http://www.smbo.co.uk>

Start Time: April 10, 11 09:30:00AM

End Time: April 10, 11 02:30:00PM

Where: EH14 5QB

Category: Mountain Biking

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