

What's on in Edinburgh this weekend? 29th April 2011

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Today at The Filmhouse from 1300 they are showing L'Affaire Farewell directed by Christian Carion (France 2009) Certificate 12A Cast: Guillaume Canet, Emir Kusturica, Willem Dafoe, Diane Kruger, Alexandra Maria Lara. French, English and Russian with English subtitles

Director Christian Carion brings together a magnificent cast for this nuanced thriller, based on a true story.

In Cold War Moscow, two years after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, a French businessman, Pierre Froment (Canet) forms a bond with Grigoriev (Kusturica), a disenchanted KGB officer, who soon starts passing him information about Soviet spies in the US. As, via Froment, the information is passed higher and higher up the chain all the way to the White House, the KGB start to look in deadly earnest for their leak, and the life of an ordinary man in an extraordinary position starts to unravel around him.

✘ Meanwhile at [The Dominion](#) they are showing Oranges and Sunshine this weekend. The film tells the story of Margaret Humphreys, a social worker from Nottingham, who uncovered one of the most significant social scandals in recent times: the forced migration of children from the United Kingdom. Almost singlehandedly, Oranges and Sunshine tells the story of Margaret Humphreys, a social worker from Nottingham, who uncovered one of the most significant social scandals in recent times: the forced migration of children from the United Kingdom. Almost singlehandedly, against overwhelming odds and with little regard for her own well-being, Margaret reunited thousands of families, brought authorities to account and worldwide attention to an extraordinary miscarriage of

justice. She discovered a secret that the British government had kept hidden for years: one hundred and thirty thousand children in care had been sent abroad to commonwealth countries, mainly Australia. Children as young as four had been told that their parents were dead, and been sent to children's homes on the other side of the world. Many were subjected to appalling abuse. They were promised oranges and sunshine, they got hard labour and life in institutions.

For those of a more sporting nature Boroughmuir rugby club host their annual [sevens tournament](#) at Meggatland tonight. Some of Scotlands top club sides including Glasgow Hawks, Watsonians and Stirling County will be battling to win the trophy. The first game kicks off at 6pm and the final is due to take place at 9pm. Admission is £5.

[Grassmarket Edinburgh](#) has created a free live music festival to be held from Friday 29th April to Sunday 1st May.

The Grassmarket Festival will showcase work from many of Scotland's leading and most innovative artists and makers. Vintage clothing, furniture and ceramics will sit alongside secondhand vinyl, artist books, quilts and other cool collectables.

Opening hours: Friday 29th April 12pm – 8pm; Saturday 30th April 12pm – 8pm; Sunday 1st May 12pm – 6pm.

[Spirit of the Dance](#) started at the [Festival Theatre](#) last night.

The Irish show blends Irish Dance with Flamenco and Salsa and has been seen by more than 25 million people worldwide.

Shows start at 7.30pm tonight and Friday, culminating in Saturday's 2.30pm matinee.

Tickets are between £19 and £23 – book online at <https://booking.fctt.co.uk/ShowDatesCombo.aspx> or call the Box

Office on 0131 529 6000.

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☒ Tracy Griffen is behind the pop up shop with a difference this Saturday.

The first ever [Balfour Street Bazaar](#) is for one day only and will showcase local artists, as well as offer a treasure trove of retro goodies and nick-nacks...

More specifically, there will be jewellery, second hand clothes, bric a brac, home baking, preserves, wee plants and 'I heart Leith' prints all for sale.

Pop in for a cup of herbal tea and you can even have a go at hula hooping!

At The Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston The Scottish Home Improvement and Self Build Show (30 April & 1 May) – Now in its sixth year this is one of the most inspiring home improvement events in Scotland. For more information go to their [website](#).

The [Beltane Fire Festival](#) takes place tonight, from 9pm til 1am on Calton Hill.

Celebrate the start of summer at this legendary festival which has a unique and wild procession of fire, drumming and revelry.

Tickets are £6 and can be bought from:

[The Hub Ticket Office](#): 0131 473 2000 ; [The Forest Cafe and Ripping Records](#): 0131 226 7010

1 May 2011

The Musselburgh Hotpot is calling all Musicians, Story-tellers, Poets and Artists to come on down to the sea-side to try out their fledgling tricks and more seasoned talents in a

friendly monthly acoustic open-floor platform. This all takes place at Stagg (Volunteer Arms) 81 North High Street, Musselburgh at 8pm on the first Sunday of every month. Please get there at 7.30 pm in order to register to perform or otherwise just turn up to watch. Entry is by donation. For more details contact Stephen 0131 653 6577 or Angie 0131 653 2423.

The Cameo is showing [Jamie Cullum](#) live from Cheltenham Jazz Festival at 8.30pm.

The SEStran Megacycle runs from Penicuik to Musselburgh racecourse along a 20 mile route largely following the course of the river Esk. It is a non-competitive all-abilities cycle event designed to promote cycling for health and as a form of transportation for shorter journeys.

Start Time: May 01, 11 12:00:00PM

End Time: May 01, 11 06:00:00PM

Where: EH26

Category: Group Rides

Contact: info@sestran-megacycle.co.uk

World War Experience at the National Museum of Flight

Sun 1 May

10:00 – 16:00

Adult £10.50/£8.50, Child £5 (under 5 free), family ticket £27.50

Parking, £4

Book on 0300 123 6789

“Meet our re-enactors and their military vehicles from the First and Second World Wars, see them in battle and watch the skies for an aerobatic flying display. Join in our street party, learn to ‘make do and mend’ in our craft workshops, find out how your grandparents used to play as children and dance to the music of the time. Age restrictions may apply for some activities.”

It's [Earthy Foods & Goods](#) 3rd birthday today and they are celebrating with a barbeque cooked by Sascha and Hugh Grierson, along with a host of guest producers in-store to offer tastings of different produce.

Producers will include Phantassie Organic Foods, Fentiman's, Cream O'Galloway, Trotter's Independent Condiments, and Your

Piece Baking.

We also have it on good authority there will be birthday cake supplied by two local ladies.

The event is free to attend and takes place today from 11am – 3pm at Earthy Foods & Goods, 33-41 Ratcliffe Terrace.