

What's on in Edinburgh this week? 23rd May 2011

Monday 23rd May 2011

At [The Scottish Storytelling Centre](#) at 8pm. For Adults 16+

Sorry is the Hardest Word

Jess Smith – author, storyteller and Traveller – will perform a challenging monologue about the treatment of the Gypsy Travelling Community in Scotland. The performance will be followed by the opportunity for discussion with an invited panel. This event is held prior to the Church & Society Report on Tuesday 24 May which will consider a report by the Racial Justice Group of Action of Churches Together in Scotland, on the Church's attitude to the Travelling Community in Scotland. Tea and coffee will be available from 7.30pm before the performance.

Tuesday 24th May 2011

Scottish Opera: Rigoletto at The Festival Theatre

Tue 24, Thu 26 & Sat 28 May 2011 at 7.15pm

By Giuseppe Verdi

Sung in Italian with English supertitles UK Premiere

Director **Matthew Richardson** brings Verdi's *Rigoletto* to the stage in a stylish, intelligent and theatrical production.

Based on a play by Victor Hugo, Verdi's opera tells a tragic tale. Rigoletto, a hunch-back jester at the court of the Duke of Mantua, is forced to find new conquests for his carefree,

womanizing master. As the web of court intrigue tightens around him, Rigoletto finds himself the victim of a grave curse, but it is his carefully protected daughter Gilda who is the one to suffer.

From the aching naivety of Gilda's first love to the Duke's untroubled revelry and Rigoletto's tortured realisation of his failure as a father, Verdi takes the characters from elation to despair in an opera densely packed with extraordinary music.

English baritone **Eddie Wade** sings Rigoletto in his debut in the role, and **Edgaras Montvidas**, Nemorino in the recent production of *The Elixir of Love*, sings the role of the Duke. Scottish Opera Emerging Artist **Nadine Livingston** brings a fresh innocence to the role of Gilda. **Tobias Ringborg**, well known to Scottish Opera audiences from 2009's *Così fan tutte*, conducts.

Running time approximately 2hrs 40mins [More details here.](#)

Walk the Water of Leith today at 10.00am. Details on [Activcity's website.](#)

Wednesday 25th May 2011

Thrive for Business

Thrive for Services

Scotch Malt Whisky Society, Edinburgh

12.00 Noon – 2.00 PM

VIP Speakers: Colin Chisholm, Head of HR at the Scottish Parliament

Excitement and pride has feverishly spread throughout the country with the SNP winning a landslide victory in the Parliamentary elections earlier this month. With an

independence referendum on the cards a lot will be changing for the Parliament, our country, and in turn our business. Thrive for Business Ltd, the networking organisation that create long-lasting business relationships, host regular events with at least one senior representative from a company to speak about a topic relating to the particular event. Thrive are particularly delighted to be welcoming Colin Chisholm from the Scottish Parliament who will surely spark a mass of discussion and debate at this networking event.

So how will the dramatic turn of Scotland gaining independence and separating from their English allies affect our businesses and organisations? If you want to voice your opinions or simply listen to what shall be discussed, make sure you are there as places are filling fast.

Thrive host regular events like this every month and to make sure you are at the next one visit www.thriveforbusiness.co.uk to book your place.

Thursday 26th May 2011

[The Musselburgh Arrow](#) takes place at The Racecourse today. Competed for by the Royal Company of Archers it is said to be the oldest sporting trophy in the world.

Friday 27th May 2011

Guid Crack at the Waverley Bar at 7.30pm. Edinburgh's monthly storytelling session with guest storyteller Mike Rust. Ages 18+. Donation of around £3.

Undergraduate open day today at Edinburgh College of Art. More details [here](#).

Saturday 28th May 2011

[Friends of the Earth AGM and Land Rights conference](#). Location: Out of the Blue Drill Hall, 36 Dalmeny Street,

Edinburgh EH6 8RG 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday 29th May 2011

The 1 Walk, Holyrood Park, Edinburgh, 29 May 2011

Gather your girlfriends, grab your trainers and join the crowds all giving 1 hour to change a child's life.

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