

What's on in Edinburgh this weekend? 27th May 2011

Friday 27th May 2011

Hopetoun Farm Shop opens today. More details on the Hopetoun House [website](#).

Tonight's The Night at The Queen's Hall. [Tickets and more information here.](#)

Back by very popular demand, Tonight's the Night: Take Two is an evening of bubbly, nibbles, fun and frivolity with entertainment selected from musical theatre, old and new.

A wonderful selection of professional singers, including Marcella Macdonald, supported by a choir of students from The MGA Academy of Performing Arts, musical arrangements and direction by Simon Hanson and direction and musical staging by Murray Grant.

Saturday 28th May 2011

[Jupiter Artland](#) a contemporary sculpture garden in the grounds of Bonnington House, Edinburgh is open now until 18 September 2011 Thursdays to Sundays 10am to 5pm.

If horses are your thing or you would like them to be then go to [Hopetoun House](#) for a Horse Themed Family Fun Day

"To give you a taste of all things horsey in the run up to the horse trials at the end of July, join our Education Team for a fun, family afternoon of horsey games and activities. Try your hand at tossing the hay bale, hobby horse races, tug of war and throwing horseshoes. There will also be a crafts activity and trails to complete in the House and Grounds to win prizes. There will also be a visit from a real horse and carriage.

It's sure to be a super event for the whole family."

[Edinburgh Light Orchestra](#) Sat 28 May at 7.30pm at The Queen's Hall

Edinburgh's popular Concert Orchestra [presents another evening](#) of the best in light music with its summer Journey Into Melody.

And once again – with the emphasis on easy listening – the programme includes favourites from the musical stage and the wonderful melodic world of light music. Plus a selection of memorable and well-loved songs with Elizabeth McKeon (Soprano). "One of Britain's finest and most popular light orchestras" (The Light Music Society) "A well-established popular feature in Edinburgh's music scene." (Journal Into Melody – The official magazine of The Robert Farnon Society)

Haddington Farmers Market 28 May 9am to 1pm – yes in Haddington – it is a holiday weekend so you could go out there on the bus.

The Rugby [World Sevens Series](#) Finale returns to Edinburgh on Saturday and Sunday. A rare chance to see the best sevens teams in the world including the All Blacks, Fiji and Samoa in action tickets are available [here](#).

We will have our own John Preece there with his camera so watch this space (well under Sport!)

The East Neighbourhood Partnership and Friends of Lochend Park are to host a joint celebration to mark the completion of a £62,000 improvement project.

Work on **Lochend Park**, which began at the start of March, included the installation of a wildlife viewing platform on the park's pond and the addition of benches, bins and signage detailing the area's history.

The celebration, which will take place at Lochend Park on May 28, will feature information displays and fun activities for nature lovers young and old.

The free event will begin at 11am with the official opening at 12pm.

**Friends of the Earth Scotland AGM / Land Rights Conference at
Out of the Blue Drill Hall**

28 May 2011

9:00am – 5:00pm

Free – registration required.

The Annual General Meeting for Friends of the Earth Scotland members will be held in the morning.

Attending the AGM is your opportunity to have your say in the way that Friends of the Earth Scotland is run.

In the afternoon there will be a free conference open to the public on land rights in Scotland and overseas.

Details below.

Annual General Meeting

10:30-11:00 Registration for AGM attendees

11.00-13:00 AGM (open to Friends of the Earth Scotland members)

13:00-14:00 Lunch for AGM attendees

Land Rights Conference

13:15-13:55 Registration for people attending the land rights conference only

14:00-15:15 Andy Wightman – Land rights in Scotland and Palestine

15:15-15:30 An introduction to the afternoon workshops

15:30-15:45 Tea and coffee

15:45-16:45 Workshops on biofuels and indigenous rights in West Papua

To find out more about submitting a motion or standing for the Board, please get in touch with

Stuart Middleton on 0131 243 2700



Sunday 29th May 2011

[Veggie Q](#) Edinburgh 36 Ardmillan Terrace Edinburgh

Celebrate National Vegetarian Week with a Fairtrade VeggieQ this Sunday. Tuck into delicious salads, including the Maftoul Couscous recipe from our website and some delicious Fairtrade Palestinian Olive Oils.

Share your veggie recipes and culinary skills with like minded people from across Edinburgh and bring your own food.

Bread, Salads and Drinks to be provided.

For more info contact David at 0131337 2513

The [Royal Scottish National Orchestra](#) will hold a matinee concert this Sunday featuring Mendelssohn's F Minor Quartet, Beethoven's Sextet and Brahms' F Minor Quintet. A gorgeous array of classical music with rich textures and melodies is promised. Book [here](#) or call 0131 228 1155. It takes place in the lush new arts space, Dovecot Studios, 10 Infirmary Street, Edinburgh EH1 1LT. All tickets are £16 however Under 26 is £5 and Under 16 is free.

[Queen's Hall 29 May](#)

Young Scottish Jazz Musician 2011

"We invite you to come and support the next generation of young jazz musicians supported on stage by some of Scotland's very best musicians: Paul Harrison (piano), Calum Gourlay (bass) and Alyn Cosker (drums).

Now in its 5th successful year, the Scottish Jazz Federation is proud to present this year's semi finalists chosen by a panel of experts through blind listening and, as in previous years, they come from a wide geographical spread and age

range. The standard is extremely high.

Past winners have included award winning musicians such as pianist Alan Benzie, saxophonist Joe Wright, bassist Andrew Robb and the 2010 winner saxophonist John Fleming.

Our main sponsors are Creative Scotland and we also gratefully acknowledge the support of the Carntyne Trust, Yamaha Education, Glasgow Jazz Festival, BBC Radio Scotland's Jazz House (92-95 FM, Digital and Online), The Queen's Hall and all those who have donated prizes and their free time.

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