

# The Edinburgh Reporter guide to what's on in June 2011

Wednesday 1 June 2011



There may be opera at the Big Screen on Lothian Road tonight. It is certainly listed on the [BBC website](#) – but we are not sure about the sound. The last time we told you about something at the Big Screen it was the Last Night of the Proms and there was no sound! So beware, but if you do get along then please let us know about the music.

## Writers Bloc at Mr Big Society

Writers appearing at Mr Big Society will include: Morag Edward, Andrew C. Ferguson, Gavin Inglis, Jane McKie, Andrew J. Wilson and Kirsti Wishart plus new comrades Bram E Gieben, Mark Harding, Helen Jackson and Stuart Wallace.

*8pm, Wednesday 1st June 2011, Wee Red Bar, Edinburgh College of Art, EH3 9DF. Admission is an affordable [£3 if you book your ticket online](#), or £4 (£2 concessions) on the door.*

[Hebrides Ensemble – Kafka Fragmente](#) 1 June 2011 at 7:30pm at The Queen's Hall

Alexander Janiczek, violin

Elizabeth Watts, soprano

Schumann: Liederkreis Op. 39 movement 7 'Auf einer Burg' [1840] (transcribed for cello and piano)

Janáček: The Kreutzer Sonata [1923] (arr. for piano trio by Till A. Koerber)

Kurtág: Kafka Fragments [1985-87] (for solo violin and soprano)

Composed in the late 80s during the fall of the Iron Curtain and a transition to democracy in the composers home country of Hungary, Kurtag's Kafka Fragmente is a work of incredible boldness, based on tiny fragments from Franz Kafka's diaries and letters, some less than a minute in length.

This colossal contemporary masterpiece pushes both audience and musicians in its intensity and agility. Vivid, emotionally powerful and yet fantastically fragile and lyrical at times, this is a piece of music which will completely engulf you.

True to Hebrides Ensemble programming ethics, the first half brings the programme full circle with works by Schumann and Janáček completing this literally theme and the link between song and words as well as Kurtag's own homage to their works.

### **Thursday 2 June 2011**

Planting of 'The Poetry Tree' at St Andrew Square Gardens. Takes place on Thursday, June 2nd, 11am.

[Apocalypse Now](#) at The Filmhouse Directed by Francis Ford Coppola/USA 1979/147 minutes/Rated 15

Cast: Marlon Brando, Martin Sheen, Robert Duvall, Dennis Hopper, Harrison Ford.

English, French, Vietnamese and Khmer with English subtitles showing at 2:30pm and 8:15pm

### **RESTORED CLASSIC**

Heralded by many as the film that crystallises most perfectly the experience of the Vietnam War, Francis Ford Coppola's hallucinatory masterpiece has been painstakingly restored by his own Zoetrope studios under his close supervision.

Troubled US Captain Willard (Martin Sheen), is given a special mission, to go far upriver into Cambodia. Once there, he is to track down renegade Colonel Kurtz (Brando) – a man who is

waging his own personal and violent war – and assassinate him. Arriving on location massively overweight and with a shaven head, Brando was not exactly what Coppola had in mind as the power-crazed Kurtz. But, amid the psychedelia and barbarism, the brooding presence of the actor glimpsed in half-shadow brought a mythical quality to the role.

### **Friday 3 June 2011**

Legal Toolkit for start-ups with Morton Fraser: Becoming an Employer at The Melting Pot from 2pm to 3pm

A practical seminar covering the legal obligations and the potential pitfalls when taking on your first employee. A minimum of 10 attendees are required for the seminar to proceed, so if this is of interest to you, sign up today!

£15 for non-members, free to members of The Melting Pot.  
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Rick Wakeman at [The Queen's Hall](#) this evening.

*A welcome return to Rick Wakeman with his one man show where he will perform solo on the piano and tell his ridiculous and funny anecdotes.*

*Mention the name Rick Wakeman for 50 different people and ask them what he does and you are likely to get 50 different answers! Thanks to 50 million record sales around the world, which have included more than 150 record releases, more than 50 DVDs, soundtracks for more than 25 films, numerous high profile television appearances including those on Countdown, Top Gear and Grumpy Old Men, and more than 4,000 world-wide concert performances of one sort or another, Rick has endeared himself to all genres and all ages, a rare accomplishment in this day and age!*

*His one-man show follows a simple recipe:*

- 1. Take a large concert grand piano and seat Rick Wakeman in front of the keys.*
- 2. After the first piece sprinkle in a ludicrous and funny anecdote.*
- 3. Repeat 1 & 2 for approximately 2 hours.*

### **Saturday 4th June 2011**

[The Meadows Festival](#) is on this weekend. Completely free to attend and run entirely by volunteers. Tell us your stories from the Festival!

### **Sunday 5th June 2011**

The Musselburgh Hotpot is calling all Musicians, Story-tellers, Poets and Artists to mosey on down to the sea-side town and try out their fledgling tricks and seasoned talents in a friendly monthly acoustic open-floor platform. This all goes down 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.

### **Monday 6th June 2011**

Blackwell's Book Quiz 6pm at Cafe Nero, in Blackwell's Bookshop, 53 – 62 South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1YS

Do you know your Waugh from your Peace, or your Meyer from your Heyer?

Then join us for Blackwell Bookshop's monthly BOOK QUIZ. We will quiz you on anything from Classics to current Bestsellers, Booker Prize winners to Celebrity Biographies.

Teams of up to five people can take part.

It is FREE to enter, but seats are limited so please come early to secure your place. There are no tickets required for this evening of fun!

For further information please contact James Anderson on 0131 622 8222 or [james.anderson@blackwell.co.uk](mailto:james.anderson@blackwell.co.uk)

Ticketing: No Ticket Required



Bat Boy – The Musical

Monday 6 June – Thursday 9 June

The Caves, Niddry Street South

MGA Productions proudly present The MGA Academy of Performing Arts Full-Time Students in a show you can really get your teeth into!

Based on a story in the U.S. tabloid Weekly World News, Bat Boy: The Musical is a show about a boy who is half boy, half bat, found living in a cave.

Tickets are priced between £7.50 (15yrs and under) and £10.50 and are available from the MGA Academy.

Box Office: 0131 466 9392

Email: [tickets@themgacompany.com](mailto:tickets@themgacompany.com)

Don't forget to keep an eye out for our exclusive preview of the show later this week!

**7th June 2011**

National Museum of Scotland Chambers Street

A Passion For Glass Fri 20 May – Sun 11 Sept 2011 Free

10:00-17:00

See the work of over 100 British and Irish glassmakers, from the Dan Klein and Alan J Poole private collection

Be inspired by a dazzling collection of modern glass recently gifted to National Museums Scotland by Alan Poole and Dan Klein.

Dan and Alan began collecting in the late 1970s and over the subsequent thirty years assembled one of the most comprehensive collections of modern British and Irish glass. This exquisite collection includes work by over one hundred makers at the very cutting edge of their art.

A Passion for Glass will be the first chance to see these objects and find out about these makers and the skills used to create these remarkable pieces.

To find out more, visit [their website](#).

### **8th June 2011**

Dyslexia Awareness Training Event Wed 8 June 2011, 10am to 4.30pm

The course will cover: Strains of Dyslexia, Coping Strategies, Disability Discrimination Act and Reasonable Adjustment. £85 per person inc lunch, special group rates. For further information and to book please contact the Dyslexia Awareness Event Manager via [dyslexia.itsc@gmail.com](mailto:dyslexia.itsc@gmail.com)

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**Bonhams** are selling [jewellery](#) today commencing at 11.00am.

**Edinburgh Zoo** is hosting a one-day conference on The Living Forest today. More details [here](#).

### **9th June 2011**

## ✘ **John Cleese's Alimony Tour**

Thu 9 June, Fri 10 June, Sat 11 June at 7.30pm

For the first time ever, in the spring of 2011, comedy legend and the most senile member of Monty Python will be bringing his Alimony Tour to the UK. Best known for his idiosyncratic turns in Monty Python's Flying Circus and Fawlty Towers, John Cleese will bring his unique comedic perspective to audiences across the UK next year.

From writing to starring in plays, musicals, theatrical and comedy productions, to films and sitcoms, Cleese has done it all, and now it's time for him to tell you about his jam-packed life.

Cleese says "it is an evening of well honed anecdotes, psychoanalytical tit-bits, details of recent surgical procedures, and unprovoked attacks on former colleagues, especially Michael Palin.

### **Wind of Change Documentary film screening**

Thurs 9 June 2011, 2.30pm to 3.30pm – Free

Screening of short documentary film by Edinburgh film-maker Cornelia Reetz, looking at how the village of Fintry in rural Stirlingshire is fighting fuel poverty. 15 minute film followed by a short discussion.

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**The next Public Meeting of Forth Neighbourhood Partnership will be tonight Thursday 9th June from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Edinburgh's Telford College. The theme of the meeting will be Regeneration activity across Forth.**

**Race for Life** Edinburgh at Holyrood

9th June 2011

It's that time of year again. It's time to join the girls and walk, jog, run or even skip the Race for Life to help raise funds and beat cancer. In association with Tesco, Cancer Research UK organises a great day out packed with so many things for you and your family and friends to do.

Enter now to raise money and help the groundbreaking work that gives people hope to beat cancer.

Enter [here](#).

**10th June 2011**

☒ "The Secret Life of Owls and other Works" by Allan Goodwillie at Axolotl Gallery

6pm – 8pm

Axolotl Gallery are delighted to present "The Secret Life of Owls and other Works" by Allan Goodwillie.

The owl paintings are a mixture of fact and fiction and are being developed for a children's story book. The exhibition includes oils, acrylics, watercolours and drawings.

Also showing new works by Ewan Stirrat, Clare Bassett and Olivia Irvine. Exhibition runs till 4 July 2011

Leith Festival from today – too much to mention so [look on their website](#)

Emily Baker live at Loudons tonight. Emily Baker is a fantastic singer, so this promises to be a very special night.

Ticket price includes a glass of wine and some Loudons nibbles.

Doors open at 7.00pm and the music will start 7.30ish More information [here](#)



**11th June 2011**

Absolutely Legless – Bringing Irish Traditional Dance & Music Alive Absolutely Legless, a traditional Irish Dance Group based in Edinburgh, is performing once again on your doorstep. This vibrant group of over 25 dancers and musicians has developed a reputation for exciting and innovative performances throughout the world. Inspired by the Irish hard and soft shoe traditions, Absolutely Legless perform original dances in a relaxed and informal manner while remaining faithful to their roots. The dancers combine the grace of the soft shoes with the power and rhythmic precision of the hard shoes to provide a truly exhilarating experience. This approach is reflected in the music from the band. The unique line-up of fiddles, flutes and guitar play new arrangements of traditional and original airs, jigs and reels. For more information on the group, visit [www.absolutelylegless.co.uk](http://www.absolutelylegless.co.uk) At Tte Scottish Storytelling Centre at 7pm. £10/£8

Here is a taste of what the dancing might be like

Edinburgh College of Art [Degree Show](#) starts today until 19 June 2011. 10.00 – 17.00

“Each June the College opens its doors to the public for the annual Degree Show. Work by more than 400 students of art, design and architecture will be on display throughout the College. Visit us to view, buy and commission original pieces of art by our exceptional graduates.”

[Scottish Chamber Choir](#)

“Our next concert, Totus Tuus – Old and New sounds from Eastern Europe, takes place on Saturday, 11th June at 8.00pm in St Giles’ Cathedral, High St., Edinburgh. We will be performing Jacob Handl’s Missa super Sancta Maria , a Renaissance masterpiece, framed by contemporary music in honour of Mary.”

Tickets (£10, £5 for students, under-18s free) may be obtained

from members of the Choir and from the St Giles' Cathedral Shop (0131 226 0673).

## **MoonWalk Edinburgh 2011**

June 11 2011, Inverleith Park

It's the annual Edinburgh MoonWalk! A chance to get honed, toned and a little bit fitter while raising money for vital breast cancer causes in Scotland. This is the 6th year the event has taken place and over 10,000 men and women will be taking part to do the marathon (26.2 miles) and the half marathon (13.1 miles).

Entries have now closed but anyone who still wants to take part might still be able to go along and be a volunteer.

## **12th June 2011**

Edinburgh Bookshop are treating Edinburgh author, Nicola Morgan, to [afternoon tea](#), and you are invited to join them. Tickets cost £30 which includes a copy of the book and afternoon tea at The Howard Hotel on Albany Street.

The glittering ceremony for the Critics' Awards for Theatre in Scotland (CATS) returns to [The Festival Theatre](#) for a third time. A highlight of the Scottish theatre calendar, the CATS celebrates the actors, directors, playwrights and other theatre artists who have made the most thrilling contributions of the year.

Previous winners range from David Tennant to Cara Kelly, from Blackbird to Black Watch and from Wee Stories to the National Theatre of Scotland.

[CATS](#) is a must-see event for audiences and theatre-makers alike. Featuring guest presenters, drinks and refreshments and a post-show chance to mingle with the winners.

 **Bike Station's Post Code Challenge**

Leave your car at home and come join in the free fun at the Bike Station's Postcode Challenge on Sunday 12th June.

The Bike Station in conjunction with The People's Postcode Lottery is running a kids and adult-friendly event, which is a bit like a Treasure Hunt on wheels (walkers are also welcome).

So, whether you fancy doing something different this summer or are looking to re(discover) your love of cycling, come and join us on Sunday 12th June!

The challenge is to find 10 cards which can be found at different postcodes along the North Edinburgh traffic-free cycling pathways. Our fantastic Innertube map will help guide you round the quiet and scenic routes in Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh.

Collect all ten cards, hand them in to us and you will be in with a chance to walk off (or should that be cycle off?) with a big prize.

### **Monday 13th June 2011**

The next Thrive for Business Networking Workshop 'Working the Room'...

How do you walk into a room full of strangers, introduce yourself and establish a meaningful connection? Perhaps you avoid working the room and stick to the familiar faces or come back with hundreds of business cards but have no idea what you are meant to do with them?

If you can relate to any of these scenarios you are not alone. Few of us have been taught how to effectively network as we are generally expected to "get the hang of it". However, only professional training will give you the edge on your competitors.

Thrive has designed a highly interactive and fun workshop that will reduce the gamble and you help to achieve better results.

Date: Monday 13th June

Time: 5pm-7pm

Venue: The George Hotel, George Street, Edinburgh

Cost: £30 + VAT (drinks and canapes included)

Don't miss your opportunity to improve your mingling skills and see what Thrive can do for your business!

For more details and to book go to the [Thrive website](#) or please contact the office.

Debrasco playing at [Bannermans tonight](#). "Four-piece melodic alternative rock band from Scotland, who have been compared to Nirvana, Stooges, Foo Fighters and Wool. They have so far released two albums: 'One Truth in a Thousand Lies' and 'The Joys of Chaos'."

THE world's top explorers and daredevils are gathering under one roof for one night only to share their experiences of adventure with a live audience.

More than 450 guests will be treated to six talks from some of the finest adventurers on the face of the planet during 'A Night of Adventure' at Vue Cinema, in Edinburgh's Omni Centre, on Monday June 13, 2011.

Speakers will range from Andrew Murray, who ran from John O'Groats to the Sahara in 78 days, to Mark Beaumont, who cycled round the world in a record time of 194 days and 17 hours. There will also be tales from less conventional adventurers, including Simon Varwell, who went on a world-wide quest to visit all the places called Mullet. So far Simon's search has taken him to far flung corners of the globe, including Albania and Australia.

Doors to 'A Night of Adventure' open at 6.30pm, with the first talk starting at 7pm.

For more information, or to book tickets,

email [david.james@hopeandhomes.org](mailto:david.james@hopeandhomes.org) or telephone 01722 790111 or click on the following click (<http://www.hopeandhomes.org/NightofAdventure>).

**Tuesday 14th June 2011**

[Michael Ball](#), Britain's leading musical theatre star, multi-platinum recording artist, TV and radio presenter and Olivier Award winner, has today announced that he will be hitting the road once more across the breadth of the UK to perform a brand new show; 'Heroes'. Aptly named, Michael will be performing some of his own hits plus many of his own 'Heroes' of the music world will be immortalised on the tour with Michael's own tributes to stars of past and present.

Michael Ball has wowed West End audiences, to stunning critical acclaim as the fabulous, lovable, supersized Edna Turnblad in the hit production of 'Hairspray'. Such was the response to this production of 'Hairspray' at the Shaftesbury Theatre that the production hit the road throughout the UK and Ireland this year, with Michael, again taking his role as 'Edna' at some venues.

A dynamic performer and multi-platinum recording artist, Michael tours the UK on a regular basis and plays to capacity audiences every time. He has had his own BBC Radio 2 programme, as well as his current ITV 1 series – The Michael Ball Show, which is pulling in massive ratings for his brilliant mid afternoon TV chat show.

Tickets £32.50 – £36.00

Buy tickets [here](#).

**Wednesday 15th June 2011**

Start of the [Edinburgh International Film Festival](#)

[Reforesting Scotland](#) launches 1000 huts with talks from Lesley Riddoch and Andy Wightman

**Thursday 16th June 2011**

'Under The Stars'. Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th June 2011. Free outdoor cinema screenings in St Andrew Square Garden. More information on the Edinburgh International Film Festival [website](#).

SOUTH CENTRAL PARTNERSHIP  
OLDER PEOPLE'S DAY OF ACTION  
KING'S HALL  
41A SOUTH CLERK STREET

1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

The South Central Neighbourhood Partnership is holding its first ever themed Partnership event. The focus of this event will be Older People, their Carers, and their issues. Please come and tell us what you feel would help improve your quality of life. There will be a number of specialists present who can offer advice on housing adaptations, benefits, debt management, the environment, re-cycling and a variety of other subjects.

Take part in our planned activities which include Art, Music and Dancing; Seated exercise, indoor curling, walking and/or have a basic health check ie blood pressure, weight and relaxation.

The Kings Hall is on a well served bus route and is situated between Rankeillor Street and East Preston Street – opposite the Queens Hall!

There is disabled access to the venue.

**CAMRA Scottish Real Ale Festival**

Thursday 16th June Noon – 11pm

Friday 17th June Noon – 11pm

Saturday 18th June Noon – 9pm

CAMRA Members £3.00

Non-Members £5.00

Tickets are only available at the door.

Readmission to the Festival is free at later sessions on presentation of your badged glass.

Further information can be found on [their website](#).

### **Friday 17th June 2011**

Gold Glass Rubber and Recycling at Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh from 10.00 am – 6.00 pm

An exhibition of work by six Danish designers united in their concerns with the use of resources. Fascinated by re-using things discarded by others, their jewellery, textiles and installations show imaginative responses to materials. In partnership with the Danish Cultural Institute.

Venue: John Hope Gateway

Price: Free

Booking: No booking required

Find out about other exhibitions on the Royal Botanic Garden's [website](#).

### **Saturday 18th June 2011**

Tracy Griffen is running another pop-up shop at her Balfour Street studio today. All arty crafty goods on sale!

From today until 26 July an art exhibition will be on display at [The Scottish Storytelling Centre](#).

**Two Old Town Artists** – A celebration of the life and work of Kenny Skeel and Nell Dunn. A striking and charismatic couple, Kenny Skeel and Nell Dunn, were well known, much loved local artists, who lived in the Canongate from 1974 – 2009, and were closely involved with the Save Our Old Town campaign. Their work covered a wide creative spectrum: paintings, etchings, prints, exquisite pen and ink drawings, sculptures, banners, graphics, murals, sign-writing, shop fronts, specialist interior decoration, private and public commissions. Nell travelled the length and breadth of Scotland, and overseas, undertaking her very versatile and personal style of painting and interior decoration, leaving her mark on many private homes and public spaces. Kenny, well known for his distinctive shop fronts and murals, was a veteran of the Campaign for a Scottish Parliament and a founder member of the Regent Road vigils, a 'free-thinker' and great raconteur. This exhibition pays tribute to their achievements and memories.

Father's Day Network at [The Scottish Storytelling Centre](#). 11am to 4pm

Enjoy a positive celebration of fatherhood on the day before Father's Day. This is a great opportunity for Dads to enjoy time with their children, tell stories, or listen to tales that promote the importance and joy of active fatherhood. There will be interactive storytelling sessions, workshops on storytelling with and for children, as well as artworks and poems celebrating paternal bonds. Many dads have difficulties with access but it's hoped they will still feel able to attend, by bringing artwork by their child, or a poem or verse written about fatherhood. There will also be the opportunity to meet other Dads who have similar challenges and share ideas, whilst support and advice will also be on

hand.



**Sunday 19th June 2011**

[Tea Dance Flyers\(V3\) \(3\)](#)

[My Home Supper Club](#) is throwing a secret lunch party today.

Cancer Research UK's 10K and 5k Race for Life at Holyrood

Join the girls in Edinburgh (Holyrood) and walk, jog or run to help beat cancer.

Tesco and Cancer Research UK's Race for Life is a great day out, packed with inspiring memories and amazing moments to share with your family and friends.

Enter now and raise money for our groundbreaking work that has saved millions of lives. Cancer Research UK is entirely funded by the public and we need your support to continue to make progress and give hope to people affected by cancer.

10k run starts at 10am

5k run starts at 12am

Find out about more details [here](#).

We hope they don't bump into the competitors in the [Seven Hills of Edinburgh](#) who are also running today.

It's Good to Give are running a Zumba class today. More details [here](#).

[Awesome Abseil](#) **Duke of Edinburgh's Award** is looking for brave supporters to take part in their Awesome Abseil to help raise funds for the DofE in Scotland!

"It's going to be another fantastic day for everyone involved. Last year we raised more than £10,000 for the DofE and we are aiming to at least double that this year with your help.

If you are interested to take part in this great event then

please register by downloading these relevant forms and sending them to the DoFE office along with your £20 registration fee. This will confirm your booking and you will be allocated with a time slot.”

## **20th June 2011**

Jekyll and Hyde at Edinburgh Playhouse at 7:30pm

Marti Pellow, the hugely successful solo artist and front man of Wet Wet Wet, makes a hotly-anticipated return to the UK stage in a major new production of the hit Broadway musical, Jekyll and Hyde.

Marti Pellow's successes with Wet Wet Wet include dozens of top ten singles and multi-platinum albums; their hit single, Love Is All Around, spent 15 weeks at the number one spot in the UK charts in 1994 when it featured on the soundtrack to the romantic comedy of the decade, Four Weddings and a Funeral. As well as a critically-acclaimed solo career, Marti has gone on to star in the West End, on Broadway and on national tour in the smash-hit stage musicals Chicago and The Witches of Eastwick.

Glamorous, sexy and deliciously wicked in equal measures, Jekyll and Hyde is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic gothic novella. Seize your moment and book today for the theatrical event of 2011!

For more information please visit the dedicated [website for Jekyll & Hyde](#). You can book tickets [here](#).

## **21st June 2011**

Café Ceilidh

2pm-4pm at The SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE 43-45 High Street

Join Linten Adie and friends from the Scots Music Group for a relaxed afternoon of music and song celebrating Edinburgh's

Old Town. All welcome. Ticketing: No Ticket Required

Further Information:

[www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk](http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk)  
[reception@scottishstorytellingcentre.com](mailto:reception@scottishstorytellingcentre.com)

### **Wednesday 22nd June 2011**

☒ Regular Music presents Don McLean America's Legendary Singer-Songwriter at 8:00pm

Prior to Glastonbury later in the year, legendary songwriter Don McLean, best known for smash hit American Pie, will be performing live at the [Usher Hall](#).

£26.50/£25 + £2.50 booking fee

SPOKES Bike Breakfast

#### [Final Poster](#)

The SPOKES Bike Breakfast will take place today at the City Chambers from 8am until 10am. It is part of the Edinburgh Bike Week and you can meet fellow cyclists and enjoy a cooked breakfast and a cup of tea, and the best part is it's free!

[SPOKES](#) have various stalls and competitions and the first 20 people to turn up at the map stall will receive free SPOKES maps.

No ticket necessary. Just show up with your bike!

### **23rd June 2011**

#### [The Royal Highland Show](#)

The Greatest Show on earth bringing the best of food, fun, countryside and farming to Edinburgh every June. For four days only – don't miss this year's Royal Highland Show!

From wellies to watches, feather hats to fabulous frocks and a

stunning selection of bespoke jewellery, designer knits and country wear, the Greatest Show on Earth has many independent designers showcasing the best in contemporary fashions.

A playground for little ones – the Greatest Show on Earth will build memories for life – a seat on a gigantic tractor, up close to cows, sheep and ponies, yummy food and lots of things for hands to make and do. Not to be missed, The Discovery Centre, opens the door to a wonderland of learning.

Find out more on their [website](#) or phone 0131 3356236.

## **24th June 2011**

Guid Crack

at The Waverley Bar

Edinburgh's monthly storytelling session hosts an open floor special to celebrate Edinburgh's Old Town. Adults (18+).

### **Making short videos for web distribution**

2 day training course

Friday 24 June 2011, 10am to 5pm

Friday 1 July 2011, 10am to 5pm

Specifically designed for people working in the third and public sector, this course will teach you how to plan, shoot and edit short videos and distribute them online. Whether you want to capture your organisation's events (such as conferences, talks or media stunts) or inform people about a campaign, this course will equip you with the skills to make short videos at low cost. No prior knowledge is required.

For a detailed course outline, please visit [www.corneliareetz.co.uk](http://www.corneliareetz.co.uk)

Registration deadline is Friday, 3rd of June.

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### **25th June 2011**

Nothing But...Poems about film at the SCOTTISH POETRY LIBRARY 5 Crichton's Close, Canongate, Edinburgh from 11:00am-12:30pm

A celebration of the silver screen, in honour of the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

In these relaxed and friendly discussions you won't need any background knowledge, or advance reading; just book and turn up. We'll run the discussion, so you can simply come fresh to the text of single poems, take the time to read deeply and let new discoveries emerge as you talk over poems with others.

In Spring 2011, some Saturday morning sessions will have a special theme; as well as this session in celebration of the Edinburgh International Film Festival, we'll be taking a closer look at poems by songwriters and poems for April Fools! See what takes your fancy!

Ticketing: Ticket at Venue Prices/Concessions: £5/£3 Further Information <http://www.spl.org.uk/>

The Zoo are holding a [pantomime](#) today. Yes you read that right! The pantomime Charlotte's Web is due to be staged today following cancellation in December 2010.

### **26th June 2011**

Last day of the [Edinburgh International Film Festival](#).

Kings of Leon perform at Murrayfield Stadium. Tickets available [here](#).

### **27th June 2011**

At the National Gallery of Scotland **Dürer's Fame** Admission Free

Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528) was the most important artist of the Northern Renaissance and one of the most celebrated artists of all time. Dürer's Fame showcases a selection of around thirty prints, drawings and paintings from the National Galleries of Scotland's collection, including the iconic prints *Melancholy*, *Saint Jerome in his Study* and *Knight, Death and the Devil*.

As well as featuring a selection of Dürer's magnificent prints, this display also includes contemporary and later copies of his work, shown alongside imitations and a likely forgery, as well as portraits and works that reflect Dürer's art.

In addition to famous examples by Italian and Netherlandish artists, the exhibition includes works by Scottish artists John Runciman (1744-1768/69) and William Bell Scott (1811-1890), and also considers Dürer's continuing relevance in the 21st century.

**28th June 2011**

The Edinburgh Playhouse Midnight Tango at 2:30pm

**Vincent and Flavia are back!**

**Vincent Simone** and **Flavia Cacace** have dazzled television audiences for six series of the BBC's **Strictly Come Dancing** with their stunning Tango routines. Now they have created their own live show – **Midnight Tango** – a breathtaking evening bringing all the drama, sensuality and elegance of this most exciting of dance forms to life.

Set in a late night bar in downtown Buenos Aires, and featuring some of the finest Tango dancers in the world, **Midnight Tango** takes you on a journey into the heart of this intoxicating city. As danger and excitement, joy and jealousy, pain and passion all combine – this is a spectacular and explosive evening not to be missed!

Strictly seven performances only so book now for the season's most eagerly anticipated theatrical event.

### Midnight Tango

**29th June 2011**

Fleet Foxes at Edinburgh Corn Exchange at 7pm

Melodic indie-folk band from Seattle whose refined lyrics and penchant for vocal harmonies have been well-received by fans and critics alike. Describing their music as 'baroque harmonic pop jams', the band signed to legendary label Sub Pop in 2008 and released their eponymous debut record in the same year. Like many alternative US bands, Fleet Foxes have enjoyed most of their success in Europe, with the album reaching number three and going platinum in the UK, as opposed to just scraping the top 40 in the US.

**30th June 2011**

Social Media – Scheduling for Better Business

Thurs 30 June 2011, 10am to 1pm

A half day session exploring the use of social media scheduling for better business development including the theory and practice of sourcing, selecting and scheduling media content post updates in social media. Participants are welcome to bring their own laptops and reference materials will be circulated online. To book, or for further information, visit

<http://socialmediascheduling-edinburgh.eventbrite.com/>

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**Build Your Own Portfolio Website using WordPress**

Thurs 30 June 2011, 2.30pm to 5.30pm

A guide through all of the steps necessary to create a blog-

style, content managed website, with pages, posts, audio, video, text and images, RSS feeds and social media links. Participants are encouraged to bring laptops and work through the process on the day.

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Cameo Cinema Edinburgh NT Live: The Cherry Orchard at 7pm

Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard is here directed by NT Associate Director Howard Davies, whose recent productions of Russian plays (including Philistines, Burnt by the Sun and The White Guard) have earned huge critical acclaim.

Zoe Wanamaker plays Madame Ranevskaya.