

The Edinburgh Reporter guide to what's on in August 2011



This month it is really hard to pick and choose. As anyone in Edinburgh knows there are far more things on in Edinburgh this month than a sane person could go to. If we have missed your event out and you would like a mention then please put it in the comments box below!

Monday 1 August 2011

The [Cameo's Screen Arts Festival](#) started last Friday (29th July) and continues this month until the 11th. Highlights include a screening of Atlantic Productions' breathtaking CGI documentary FLYING MONSTERS, complete with a live satellite Q&A with Sir David Attenborough; a restored film of the classic 1966 production of Tchaikovsky's SWAN LAKE, featuring the legendary partnership of Rudolf Nureyev and Margot Fonteyn; and a live transmission of Verdi's opera NABUCCO from the stunning Teatro Antico Taormina in Sicily.

Tuesday 2 August 2011

Edinburgh New Town Cookery School begin a [children's two day cookery course](#) starts today. They will be taught cooking skills using the best seasonal ingredients, cooking dishes that they can easily recreate at home. The children will be taught, and encouraged, to clear up and wash up as they go – something that every parent will appreciate! They will cook a simple lunch and they will take some of their cooked treats home. The hours are from 10.30 am until 3 pm.

Transport Infrastructure and Environment Committee of [The City of Edinburgh Council](#) meet today at 10a.m.

Wednesday 3 August 2011

Edmesh, who aim to provide support, information and friendship to people affected by M.E, is [meeting at the Bisque Bar](#) at 2:30pm.

Development Management Sub-Committee of [The City of Edinburgh Council](#) meets today at 10a.m.

Thursday 4 August 2011

Darts exhibition match Scotland V England featuring Premier League Champion Gary Anderson , Robert Thornton , Jamie caven and Colin Lloyd

Stageset by Mda Promotions & MC will be Sean Casey Poole. Taking place at Mood nightclub 1 Greenside Place Edinburgh

Tickets £15 And VIP tickets £30 Contact 07731 746 745 or Graeme 07843 116 640 for details Proceeds from auctions and raffles to be donated to CHAS.

Friday 5 August 2011



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Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo begins until the 27th of August. Performances are on Monday to Friday at 9.00pm (except Friday 5 August when the performance will start at 8.30pm) and on Saturday at 7.30pm and 10.30pm. There is no performance on Sunday.

For ticket purchase information visit <http://www.edintattoo.co.uk/tickets>.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe begins until the 29th of August.

Visit <http://www.edfringe.com/> for show and ticket information.

Saturday 6 August 2011

True Love, Philip Contini and his Be Happy Band will be performing Cole Porter's most famous songs at 19 Elm Row. Buy tickets [here](#) or call 0131 556 6066.

Free Fringe Music at the Museum

Sat 6 – Fri 26 August

12:45 – 13:30 (drop in)

Free

Each lunchtime, take time out in the transformed National Museum of Scotland to enjoy a musical celebration of our new World Cultures and Discoveries galleries with music from around the world. Featuring Dunya Duo, Zillia Trio, Duende, Jo Mango, Jennifer Port and many more.

In partnership with [Live Music Now Scotland](#)

Sunday 7 August 2011

Wheatfield Open Day will be held to prepare for this year's [Beautiful Scotland Competition](#). Come have a look at [Wheatfield Backgreen Association's](#) award winning garden or help towards this year's entry.

Monday 8 August 2011

[Fringe by the Sea](#) starts today and acts like The Poozies, Eddi Reader, Fish, Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain are all taking part.

Tuesday 9 August 2011

[The Broughton Spurtle](#) are holding a hustings tonight, just a week before the city centre council by-election.

Policy and Strategy Committee of [The City of Edinburgh Council](#)

meets today.

Wednesday 10 August 2011

☒ At 4 o'clock this afternoon [Can you Dig It?](#) is on at the Botanics. Comedy songs about growing your own....

Thursday 11 August 2011

[The Edinburgh Interactive Festival](#) takes place today and tomorrow at The Radisson Blu on The Royal Mile. "Edinburgh Interactive was created in 2003 as an annual event to celebrate the creative culture of interactive entertainment. EI is for developers, producers, professionals, creators, advertisers, thinkers, artists; facilitating links and creating a platform for discussion across the spectrum of interactive digital media. Through two days of conferencing and unique networking events, Edinburgh Interactive will connect you with the digital trendsetters of today and the upstarts of tomorrow. Come and be a part of EI where businesses, brands, creative leaders, and consumers come together in a truly inspirational setting."

Friday 12th August 2011

[The Foodies Festival](#) is on In Holyrood Park this weekend.

Saturday 13th August 2011

[Edinburgh International Book Festival](#) begins until the 29th ☒ of August. .

Sunday 14th August 2011

[The Edinburgh Renaissance Band](#) is in concert this afternoon at 4pm at St Cecilia's Hall Cowgate.

Monday 15th August 2011

☒ The Big Comedy Gala in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on

15 August 2011 at 21.30

FRED MACAULAY

RICH FULCHER

FRISKY AND MANNISH

“Following on from our recent announcement that Ed Byrne will be the host of the Big Comedy Gala in Aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, we are delighted to announce the addition of Fred Macaulay (BBC Radio Scotland DJ, Mock the Week, etc) Rich Fulcher (of Mighty Boosh fame) and Frisky and Mannish (pop musical cabaret duo seen who have stormed the Fringe in recent years(Radiol Breakfast show)).

Tickets cost £20 and are on sale now from the Venue 150 @ EICC website or by calling 0844 847 1639.

Our aim is to raise £20,000 with one night of comedy. Forward this to a friend and help spread the word.

If you'd like more information on the event or the organisers, check out the website: www.bigcomedygala.com ”

Tuesday 16th August 2011

Bonhams have their Scottish Sale today starting from 11a.m. You can see what might be worth bidding for [here](#).

The Health Social Care and Housing Committee meets today at [The City of Edinburgh Council](#)

Wednesday 17th August 2011

Edinburgh schoolchildren go back to school today....All dates in the school calendar can be found [here](#).

Development Sub-Committee of [The City of Edinburgh Council](#) meets today at 10a.m.

Thursday 18th August 2011

Outdoor film tonight at Hopetoun House. Super 8 is being shown

in the grounds of the home of the Marquess of Linlithgow. We are hoping for good weather! Get your tickets and [more information here.](#)

Friday 19th August 2011

[Chad VanGaalén](#) at Sneaky Pete's tonight at 8.00p.m.

Saturday 20th August 2011

Folk singer and songwriter Bert Jansch comes to Edinburgh. Pete Doherty and Noel Gallagher are amongst the stars who credit him as an influence. He will be at the [Queen's Hall](#), 85-89 Clerk Street EH8 9JU.

Sunday 21st August 2011

Ian Murray's Testimonial Comedy Gala Day at The Corn Exchange today at 12.30p.m. Ian Murray's Testimonial Committee are pleased to announce the first event of Ian's Testimonial Season, a Gala Comedy Day which will be staged on Sunday 21 August 2011

at Edinburgh's Corn Exchange Newmarket Road Edinburgh commencing 12.30pm

Acts confirmed include Channel 4s King of Comedy Andrew Maxwell, Former Sports Speaker of the Year John Gahagan, Scotland's finest football impressionist Paul Reid, the outstanding Eric Davidson and football leg-end Bob Doolally
MC for the event is Radio Forth's Grant Stott

Items to be auctioned at the event include a Derek Riordan signed Shaanxi Chan-Ba top

The event is being sponsored by Breken Inns – The McLean Family and Crabbies

Part of the proceeds will be donated to Bethany Christian Trust



Tickets

Tickets priced £ 20.00 plus £ 1.00 Booking Fee are on sale at Hibernian Ticket Office and the Corn Exchange from Saturday 23 July 2011

A limited number of VIP Tables of 10 priced at £400.00 are available see www.ianmurraytestimonial.net for further details

Monday 22nd August 2011

Leith folk singer Dick Gaughan appears at [The Queen's Hall](#) tonight at 8 p.m.

Tuesday 23rd August 2011

[Economic Development Committee](#) of The City of Edinburgh Council meets today at 10a.m.

[The Beardyman](#) is at The Assembly Hall, and we have it on good authority that he is worth going to see! Shows at 23.30 so you might need a late pass.

Wednesday 24th August 2011

Calling all volunteer parents, could you help make a difference for young families? Many parents need help, friendship, advice or support during those early years when children are young. Your experience as a parent can help other parents. Join us on our next Preparation course to be a Home-Stat volunteer.

Course starts on Wednesday 24 August 10am – 2pm and every Wednesday until 12 October.

For more information contact: Home-Start Edinburgh, West & South West, 108a-110a Gorgie Road, Edinburgh, EH11 2NP.

Tel: 0131 347 2881 or email: homestart.edinsw@btconnect.com

Visit www.home-start.org.uk

Thursday 25th August 2011

The second [Edinburgh International Marketing Festival](#) is today, following the wide critical acclaim and considerable

industry participation and media impact of the inaugural 2010 event.

Full council meeting today at [The City of Edinburgh Council](#).

Friday 26th August 2011

Liverpool band [Cast](#) are playing at the HMV Picture House tonight at 7pm. Noel Gallagher of Oasis described watching the band live as a 'religious experience' – pray for your tickets, or [buy them here](#).

Saturday 27th August 2011

Last year the sun was out and over 100 performers lined a mile of Portobello Promenade to entertain over a thousand people for [The Portobello Big Beach Busk](#). Aiming for another mile of uninterrupted music, the organisers welcome musicians, jugglers, statues or robots, to sign up and come down to the beach at 12 noon. All kinds of performers are welcome throughout the event and it's suitable for all the family. Let's hope the sun is shining!

Sunday 28th August 2011

Dawn Flockhart is hosting a [self-hypnosis course](#) for £95. It offers support and guidance in exercises that allow you to begin to connect with and utilise unconscious resources. These are simple lessons in achieving altered states of consciousness that have been used with great effect to stimulate creativity, solve problems, achieve relaxation and improve health and well-being.

Monday 29th August 2011

Leith on the Fringe and the Book Festival both finish today...

But Jimeoin is still going strong on the Fringe and you [can book tickets here](#).

Tuesday 30th August 2011

Finance and Resources Committee of [The City of Edinburgh Council](#) meet today at 10a.m.

Wednesday 31st August 2011

Development Management Sub-Committee of [The City of Edinburgh Council](#) meets today at 10a.m.