Edinburgh's Hogmanay introduces The New Year Games

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Edinburgh's world famous Hogmanay celebrations will see the heart of Scotland's Capital transformed into a games arena to herald the start of 2012.

Revellers are invited to come and play on 1st January at the all new event <u>The New Year Games</u>, which will take place in the Grassmarket and around the Old Town. Two teams — the Uppies and Doonies — will play games in four stunning venues — Dancebase, The Hub, St Giles Cathedral and the National Museum of Scotland.

The <u>impressive programme</u> for the <u>World Famous Street Party</u> was completed with yesterday's announcement that indie favourites, and the year's biggest selling new band, <u>The Vaccines</u> will headline the Waverley Stage with special guests Kassidy while Wild Beasts will join Friendly Fires on the expanded West End Stage. Superstar DJ Mark Ronson, Peatbog Faeries, Capercaillie, Frisky & Mannish and The Cuban Brothers complete the Street Party headliners. Sons & Daughters will open for Primal Scream and special guests Bombay Bicycle Club at Concert in the Gardens.

With seven music stages offering the very best live music and DJ sets this year's Edinburgh"s Hogmanay has a stellar line-up, rivalling many of the summer Festivals, and will climax with the world's largest Auld Lang Syne and spectacular midnight fireworks.

Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party is expected to welcome up to 80,000 revellers from Scotland, the UK and around the world and will climax with an ambitious fireworks display, the longest in the 19 years of the event. Launching from the

iconic Edinburgh Castle and from Calton Hill, this spectacular midnight moment will herald the start of 2012 — the Year of Creative Scotland.