

The Edinburgh Reporter Guide to What's on in December part 2 – 23-31 December 2011



23 December 2011

There are events on in Princes Street most days this month and you can find out about those at the [Edinburgh's Christmas](#) website.

At [The Cameo](#) tonight you can see It's a Wonderful Life and The Illusionist.

At [The Filmhouse](#) they are showing the Raymond Briggs Trilogy at 13.00...yes The Snowman!!

The Lyceum is showing [Beauty and the Beast..until 31 December](#).

The last two performances of [Snow White and the Seven Leithers](#) are today – a matinee show at 15.00 and an evening one at 19.30. Tickets are available at the Halls at South Leith Parish Church and Molly's Play Centre at Ocean Terminal. Make sure you book quickly as tickets (£7 or £5 concession) are selling out for a real Leith Christmas community treat. This panto has it all – a story of magic mirrors, silly court jesters, evil queens, a dashing prince and a silly nurse. Snow White is banished to the forest by the evil queen, her aunt, but encounters and befriends the seven Leithers. This is a fun filled show for all the family with music from the 70's set in the mystical land of Leithuania.

Alternatively, the Edinburgh People's Theatre present their annual family pantomime at the Church Hill Theatre. This year they perform [Mother Goose](#) until the end of the year, except Christmas Day. The Princess of Gooseland has to earn her wings by gaining earthly experience and learning the ways of mortals, before coming of age and assuming her royal duties as a member of the Magic Goose Royal Family. Will Fairy Fortune prevail or will Demon Discontent win Baddie of the Year?

Eleni Kalorkoti, an Edinburgh-based illustrator and printmaker, has her mini-exhibition exploring the life and travels of 'Tomboy the grumpy girl.' The Broughton Delicatessen (7 Barony Street, EH3 6PD) hosts the show, which runs until 31st December, with free entry.

Today's your last chance to see Hidden City: Edinburgh Uncovered, [the Edinburgh Printmakers'](#) annual members' exhibition. This free show, at 23 Union Street, celebrates some of Scotland's best printmaking talent, with exhibitors offering new perspectives on Edinburgh's urban landscape.

The [Gothenburg Address](#) celebrate the release of their new single "The Hessian" by playing Sneaky Pete's. Expect post-rock instrumentals with support from Verse Metrics and Esperi.

If you're looking for a ceilidh then Edinburgh-based Robert Fish Ceilidh Band and guests perform at [the Tollcross Community Centre](#). The night is raising money for migrant support project the Welcoming Association.

Lastly, Edinburgh-formed new wave punksters the Rezillos play a special festive gig at [the Liquid Rooms](#). The reformed band will play their usual mix of high energy music with an irreverent attitude. Tickets are £16 from the usual outlets.

Over the festive season you might like to try somewhere new. The newest place in town is The Place at York Place. Eat drink and be merry!

24 December 2011

Christmas Eve.

The Filmhouse is showing [The Wizard of Oz](#) tonight at 19.30. This is for those of you who do not have stockings to fill or young people to put to bed before Santa shows up.

[Inverleith House](#) is hosting an exhibition of new work from Andrew Kerr, featuring a selection of new and recent works. Meanwhile in the basement is a mini-exhibition celebrating the life and work of avant garde filmmaker Maya Deren. This free event runs until Sunday 22 January

The Traverse stages the last night of Jo Clifford's new play, [the Tree Of Knowledge](#). This imaginative new work gives the audience a chance to see how David Hume and Adam Smith view Edinburgh in the early 21st Century. This an imaginative, funny and moving play from one of Scotland's most important playwrights.

The [Chocolate Tree](#) is raffling a handmade gingerbread church in the run-up to Christmas. The lucky winner will receive delivery to anywhere in Edinburgh on Christmas Eve. Tickets are available from their Bruntsfield café by donation of at least £1. The profits go to a local community garden.

25 December 2011

Happy Christmas! Hope Santa has made it down your chimney. Not much on in the city so best to consult your Radio Times for suitable TV entertainment...

26 December 2011

[The Dome](#) is open today.

[Aladdin](#) is showing today at The Brunton Theatre at 5p.m.

[National Museum of Scotland](#) is open today from 12 till 5. Here there is a list of the [top five things you can see and do](#) at all five museums...

Clint Boon, keyboardist with the Inspiral Carpets, is a special guest DJ at this year's Madchester, the seventeenth Boxing Day bash. The night starts at 22.30 at [the Liquid Room](#) and runs until extra late.

27 December 2011

[National War Museum](#) reopens today. "In the magnificent setting of Edinburgh Castle, explore over 400 years of the Scottish military experience. Uncover stories of courage and determination, victory and defeat, heroics and heartbreak and find out how war has left its mark on Scotland's history, image and reputation abroad."

The Filmhouse is showing many films today but our pick is [An American in Paris](#)...at 17.30.

Head down to [the Stand](#) for the Hogmanay Hootfest, a night of new comedy hosted by Jo Caulfield and featuring Mark Nelson, Brendan Dempsey and Ro Campbell.

For a relaxing and laid-back set of instrumental acoustic guitar that encompasses folk, world and jazz, head to [Henderson's Restaurant](#) to hear Steve Tyler play.

For those looking for something of an active bent, there's the [JP Jogging Club](#). Meeting outside Joseph Pearce's at 19.00 for a run down to its sister bar Sofi's in Henderson Street for some lingonberry juice and then back up Leith Walk. The run is roughly 3.5 miles and everyone can take it in their own pace.

28 December 2011

National Museum of Scotland Forty Winks Dance Workshops

Dates: 28, 29 December and 4, 5 January

Venue: Learning Centre, Level 4

Suitable for: Ages 3-9

Cost: £6

Booking: From 1 November by calling 0300 123 6789

Explore the magic of dance in these introductory workshops. Multiple workshops are being held for each age group to ensure you have the best chance of a place in the class. Participants only need take part in one workshop – pick a time which best suits you! The capacity for all workshops is 16, with the exception of the parent and toddler which can accommodate 12 pairs (ie 12 toddlers with a parent/carer).

Watch, learn and dance – the perfect way to discover the magic of ballet. [Forty Winks](#) lets you follow Scottish Ballet's fairies into the dream world of the Sleeping Beauty. Workshops are running 28 and 29 December plus 4 and 5 January with space available for children aged between five and nine years-old.

The Filmhouse is screening [My Week With Marilyn](#) at 13.15 and 20.00 today. Kenneth Branagh stars in what must be one of his only film roles in recent years?

Alistair McGowan and his merry cast of all-star Savoyards perform a semi-staged concert performance of the Gilbert and Sullivan's favourite [the Pirates of Penzance](#). Featuring orphaned pirates, flat-footed policemen and a bevy of blushing maidens this comic opera overflows with brilliant wit and memorable music.

Ben Lovett (of Mumford & Sons) brings his touring night to Edinburgh for a post-Christmas special. The [Communion Christmas Show](#) is at Sneaky Pete's with Panda Su and Adam Holmes & the Embers playing live.

[Akimbo Devine](#) are back at the Third Door (previously Medina) with their usual blend of beats, floor fillers, corner pocket soul and music that might come at you from a tangent.

29 December 2011

☒ At the Cameo today there are three screenings of [The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo](#).

At [the Scotch Whisky Distillers' Fair](#) there's a rare opportunity to meet some of the distillers themselves as they reveal some of the mysteries

behind their whiskies. Meet expert distillers and learn a little of the ancient craft which brings the dram to your glass. Enjoy the Whisky Tour, running today and tomorrow, which includes exclusive entrance to the Distillers Fair and the chance to join a mini master class.

Morningside Gallery hosts an exhibition of paintings by Robert Newton entitled [On Location: North Berwick & Beyond](#). This current collection was painted especially for the gallery and focuses on the coastline and villages throughout the North Berwick area.

Journey back to the 1940s with [the Glenn Miller Orchestra](#), featuring swinging hits from the classic musical era. Legendary bandleader Ray McVay swings into Edinburgh to direct the UK's most renowned big band for a nostalgic journey back to the forties with chart topping war time hits.

30 December 2011

Edinburgh's Hogmanay starts today – far too many things to tell you about so [look on their website](#) for information or read this guide here

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[The 39 Steps](#) is showing at The Filmhouse at 20.45....Black and white fabness...

The [Scottish Fiddle Orchestra](#) bring a wonderful show filled with joyful traditional music and songs associated with Hogmanay. Expect a rousing version of Auld Lang Syne and a new arrangement of MacPherson's Farewell. Jim McColl from the BBC's Beechgrove Garden hosts a delightful evening to end the year on.

AB/CD, who supposedly sound a bit like AC/DC, play **Studio 24**. They just want to play and give themselves and you a good time, while enjoying a good laugh. Can you think of a better way to spend an evening?


31 December 2011

Bit of a dark way to end the year but you might like to see [Black Swan](#) which is on at The Filmhouse at 13.00. We are told

it is not a film to go and see on your own.... and you should know that The Filmhouse is open on 1 January onwards too! Hooray!



Hogmanay. What better place to celebrate this than in Edinburgh?

 At [The Cameo](#) The Berlin Philharmonic New Year's Eve Gala is on tonight at 17.30.

[Aladdin](#) is on at The Brunton Theatre today at 1pm and 5pm

Musika, Heavy Gossip & Ultragroove presents...WE LOVE...HOGMANAY

Featuring....

JULIO BASHMORE

DEETRON

JOZIF

Plus residents.....

Gareth Sommerville

Laurie Neil

Nick Yuill

Kirk Douglas

@The Liquidroom, Victoria Street, Edinburgh Time: 9pm – 5am

Musika, Heavy Gossip & Ultragroove join forces this NYE to bring you arguably the world's biggest Global clubbing institution, WE LOVE to the capital on the biggest party night of the year.

Renowned for their weekly festival style line-ups each Sunday @ Space, Ibiza throughout the summer, the brand are on the road and keen to be part of the world's biggest NYE celebrations here in Edinburgh.



Deetron

With a mouth watering line-up including one of biggest break through artists of 2011, JULIO BASHMORE, Swiss melodic techno genius DEETRON, fresh from his recent ground breaking "Balance" album and We Love resident JOZIF rounding things off.

Add to that, the elite residents of both clubs and there really is nowhere else to spend your NYE if you're looking for the finest evening of electronic music to see in the New Year.

The Liquid Room will be fully kitted out WE LOVE style with full visuals, production and extra surprises thrown in for good measure to make sure that this is the party everyone will remember from 2011 and long into 2012!!!

<http://www.welove-music.com/>

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

Buy here
– http://www.ticketweb.co.uk/user/?region=gb_scotland&query=detail&event=478863&interface

And here is a preview of Deetron who are on the bill!

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Pulp Fiction Books invite you into the warm

Hogmanay takes place on Saturday December 31st. Why pay to celebrate Hogmanay outdoors in the cold when you can watch the fireworks from our beautiful back windows looking onto the castle? Relax while sipping a drink, munching mince pies, and joining in the Hogmanay spirit in a warm comfy lounge surrounded by books!

Come on by and be among the first to watch the fireworks from our castle view bar. We'll provide the snacks, the music, the good cheer. You provide your favourite tippie and your loved ones. We're a friendly bunch!

*Oh yes, and we're less than half the price of standing out in the cold! The *other* Edinburgh Hogmanay tickets are £15-35, but ours are just £7. Same fireworks, same castle, same songs, warmer surroundings.*

We will even have a map and schedule of the free Hogmanay bus service on the wall so you can find your way home, safe and warm afterwards.

Title of event: Hogmanay 2011

Venue: Pulp Fiction, EH3 9AH

Price: £7.00 to attend, £9.00 at the door

Booking info: Tickets required, book at www.pulp-books.com

Time: 21:00 – 02:00

Refreshments provided, BYOB

Pulp Fiction is a genre book shop which opened on 29th September 2011. They sell secondhand genre fiction books, and also serve refreshments in their spacious cafe. In addition, Pulp Fiction is an events space, and recently hosted the very successful "Little Shop of Horrors" storytelling event.

The Pulp Fiction website is located at:
<http://www.pulp-books.com><http://www.pulp-books.com>

Email Steve Rapaport on steve@pulp-books.com or call him on 0131 229 4444.

✘ At The Queen's Hall they have a show called [Afore the Bells](#):_

To ring in 2012 and celebrate one of Scotland's best loved customs, The Queen's Hall is again hosting a truly traditional Scottish Hogmanay party. Avoid the pushing and shoving on Princes Street and enjoy a traditional ceilidh with champagne, whisky, food, music and dancing inside one of Edinburgh's most loved music venues.

*The night will start with champagne and a wee dram of whisky on arrival. You'll then be treated to a traditional ceilidh with live music from **Heeliegoleerie**. Ceilidh virgins need not fear as the dances will be 'called' so everyone from beginners to the most experienced will be able to dance the night away.*

To make things extra special, there'll also be a Highland piper to bring in 2012 with style. A snack portion of haggis, neeps and tatties will also be served to keep revellers going all night into the wee small hours (there will be vegetarian option too).

The stroke of midnight will be played in with a piper and you can see the Auld Year oot as we say 'Slainte' to toast the New Year in. This is going to be a true Scottish hooley in your local venue without the hassle of gates, passes or Scottish weather interfering with your fun.

