

# Five things you need to know today



**Big Garden Birdwatch**

**Scottish Storytelling Centre this morning**

**At the Festival Theatre this evening**

**At the Cameo today**

**Weekend Markets**

Get outside and start counting the birds you see. All part of the Big Garden Birdwatch organised by the RSPB. They said:- "All you need is a pen, some scrap paper (or, a printout of our handy bird ID sheet), and an hour to spend watching the birds in your garden, or local park, on either Saturday 28, or Sunday 29 January 2012.

Simply make a note of the highest number of each bird species seen on the ground (not flying over) at any one time, and come back to these pages to tell us what you saw."

They have loads of resources [on their website](#) including a sheet to help with your arithmetic...

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At The Scottish Storytelling Centre they still have their Burnsfest going on. This morning you can attend [Burns in the City!](#) which starts at 10.30 and you are promised a fun-filled morning of getting to know the Bard as he visited Edinburgh.

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The Conservatoire of Scotland is on stage tonight at the [Festival Theatre](#). **Royal Conservatoire of Scotland** (formally

the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama) present Prokofiev's *Betrothal in a Monastery* in a co-production with **Scottish Opera**. Here they are in rehearsal:-

[Betrothal in a Monastery](#) from [RCS](#) on [Vimeo](#).

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[The Cameo](#) is showing some films The Reporter quite fancies going to see. So if it is as cold as we expect today and tomorrow then it might be a good plan to go to the cinema. The Descendants features George Clooney as a dad, probably most young girls dream dad, and alternatively we feel the need to go and watch The Artist, if only because it will reportedly be Uggie the dog's last film. It was reported this week that he might retire...

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Today you can go along to Castle Terrace for the [Edinburgh Farmers' Market](#) or go up to the car park in [Juniper Green](#) where there is also a farmers' market, and tomorrow there will be all sorts of goodies at the [Stockbridge Market](#).

Today's photograph is of a Kirsty Wither painting which is part of the new exhibition at [Open Eye Gallery](#)