

# Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival starts tomorrow



The Stooges Brass Band from New Orleans blew the first notes of the Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival today at Le Monde on George Street.

Dressed in kilts by Howie Nicolsby of [21st Century Kilts](#) the award-winning New Orleans band, The Stooges, played the first notes of the 2012 Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival in what the organisers hope will be its biggest year yet! There will be over 70 international and local acts performing at venues across the city from tomorrow until 29 July 2012. The band are a lot of fun as we hope you can see from our photos.



Headline acts this year include Curtis Stigers, one of the great star jazz singers of our time, who performs in an intimate cabaret club setting at Le Monde; Dr John, the veteran New Orleans musical ambassador, fresh with a new album produced by Dan Auerbach of The Black Keys; and the Kyle Eastwood Band, led by extraordinary bassist and son of Hollywood actor/director, Clint.



The Stooges debut at the Festival on opening night, showcasing their unique and high-energy mix of jazz, funk, hip-hop and RnB. In the classic tradition, they have mastered the sombre

sounds of funerals and parade marches, but once they're on stage it's definitely time for a 'Stooge Party'!



The Stooges will also participate in the first ever Edinburgh Festival Carnival on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July in Princes Street and Princes Street Gardens when we hope the rain might have stopped.



Brian Fallon, Chair, Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival: "Musicians from every continent are coming to play, across all the jazz styles. Our aim is to appeal to everyone, from jazz and blues aficionados to first timers, young and not so young, in formal and informal concert settings. And look at the value – high quality music at very reasonable prices. Come along and have a ball!"