## Edinburgh International Festival tickets go on sale tomorrow!

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Stand by your phone or your computer. The tickets for Edinburgh International Festival go on sale in the morning.... Organisers recommend Festival fans act quickly to secure tickets to unmissable shows this August.

Tickets are available from 10am on Saturday 23 March online at <a href="eif.co.uk">eif.co.uk</a>, by phone on+ 44 (0)131 473 2000, or in person at Hub Tickets, Castlehill, Edinburgh, EH1 2NE.

Edinburgh International Festival 2013 brings together artists from around the world in a programme which includes the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra with Daniele Gatti and the Festival debut of Oper Frankfurtwith director Barrie Kosky; a crowd orchestral work being sourced brought together by Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Tod Machover and the ground-breaking anatomical drawings of Leonardo da Vinci juxtaposed with the latest medical technology; a tribute to Frank Zappa focusing on his orchestral music, and a new commission from Laurie Anderson for Bang on a Can All-Stars; Richard Burton and Scott Shepherd playing Hamlet mini festivals within a Festival o f Beckett with Gate Theatre Dublin and Pan Pan Theatre, and dance with Scottish Ballet; an exploration of the evolution of instruments such as the clarinet with Nicola Boud, and keyboard instruments with Christophe Rousset; and an homage to Allen Ginsberg by Philip Glass and Patti Smith.

And bringing Festival 2013 to a spectacular close will be the ever popular *Virgin Money Fireworks Concert* performed by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. Priority entry tickets go on sale

this Saturday.

Details for all shows, preview films and photos are available at <a href="eif.co.uk">eif.co.uk</a>. The free Festival brochure can be picked up from The Hub and venues across the UK and beyond. The brochure is also available, with an extended venue and access guide, in audio and Braille formats.

Ticket prices remain great value starting at just £4.

From 23 March, under-18s and students in full time education can buy any ticket at **50% off** on selected performances. More great discounts become available in the run up to the Festival.

People with a disability can buy the seats most suited to them for the lowest (unrestricted view) ticket price for that performance. Their companion's ticket will be free.

Jackie Westbrook, Marketing and Communications Director, Edinburgh International Festival, said: 'With some of the greatest artists in the world appearing at the Festival this year alongside exciting new names, there is a fantastic range of shows to look forwards to. So please don't wait too long to get your tickets. We look forward to seeing you at Festival 2013.

Jamie Snelgrove, Head of Ticketing added: 'As well as securing tickets for your "must see" shows this year, why not try something new or different. Our box office staff love this year's programme and can't wait to talk to people about it, and maybe give a few tips.'

Here is the programme so that you can make your mind up what you might like to see....