## Five things you need to know today



Santa Fun Run — Leith Festival Pub Quiz — Ceremony of Carols — Winter Magic at Redhall Walled Garden — Today at the Queen's Hall

Today there will be more than one Santa in Edinburgh! Once more Scotland's fundraising Santa's will run, walk and stroll around West Princes Street Gardens, which is spread over a short 2km circuit, The Great Edinburgh Santa Fun Run is a great way to enjoy time with friends and family, whilst raising money for a deserving cause When You Wish Upon A Star. And you don't have to be a runner to take part.

Money raised from the event goes to When You Wish Upon a Star, which aims to grant the 'Wishes' of children throughout Scotland suffering from life-threatening illnesses.

The route is accessible to wheelchairs and mobility scooters. Children in push chairs and dogs are allowed. Prizes will be given for the "Best Decorated Push Chair" and "Best Dressed Dog for Christmas."

Entry £15 Adults £15 (12yrs and over) includes Santa Suit to keep;

Junior £7.50 2yrs to 11yrs includes an Elf Hat to keep

Infant Free below 2 years old includes Elf Hat to keep

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Leith Festival are holding a Christmas Movie Pub Quiz on 10

December 2013. More details here on their <a>Facebook</a> page.

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Carols are on the cards at St Cuthberts on King's Stables Road on 15 December at 4:00pm. And it's to be a very special event. The combined voices will perform Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols in the centenary year of Britten's birth.

"Written whilst crossing the Atlantic at the height of U-boat activity during World War II, the eight songs that make up this collection are surprisingly serene: the glistening, silvery sounds conjure images of winter tranquillity. Surrounding this jewel in the crown will be other inspiring festive works — some familiar, some lesser-known — of which Richard Rodney Bennett's Four American Carols will prove a highlight. NYCoS National Girls Choir, under the baton of the inimitable Christopher Bell, will be joined by acclaimed Scottish harpist, Sharron Griffiths for an unforgettable performance of celebratory choral music."

More details <u>here</u>.

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This afternoon at the Queen's Hall the Scottish Chamber Orchestra will be in concert from 3:00pm.

"A concert of music by two Baroque masters played by SCO

musicians on period instruments, similar to those that Bach and Telemann themselves would have heard."

Booking details <a href="here">here</a>.

