

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra – Whistler at the Museum – Sunshine on Leith – Portobello Time Bank – Dead by Dawn

At the Usher Hall this Sunday Donald Runnicles will conduct the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra playing Mahler's 9th Symphony beginning at 4pm. There is no interval in this concert and latecomers may not be admitted.

"The very first bars of Mahler's Ninth seem to falter. The stricken composer put the rhythm of his failing heart into the orchestra – and began his Ninth Symphony with a sigh of 'farewell'. But that's the beginning, not the end, and over 80 minutes of music Mahler wrings every last drop of sweetness, terror and love from a life of total emotional commitment. Every performance of Mahler's Ninth is a unique occasion, and given Donald Runnicles' special relationship with late Romanticism, this will prove to be unforgettable. Peace, meanwhile, comes dropping slow in Arvo Pärt's minimalist elegy for Britten; a perfectly-chosen upbeat to Mahler's overwhelming symphonic swan song."

[Ticket details here.](#)

National Museums Scotland have acquired a rare cabinet painted by Whistler which will be on display from 2016 in Chambers Street.

The magnificent maple cabinet was designed by Edward William Godwin and painted by the renowned artist, James Abbott McNeill Whistler.

The museum says that the object is hugely important in the history of nineteenth century art and applied arts. In the style of the Anglo-Japanese aesthetic movement, it is the result of an artistic collaboration between Edward William Godwin, an influential designer of the aesthetic movement and James Abbot McNeill Whistler, the most controversial and celebrated painter of the aesthetic movement. The cabinet was manufactured by William Watt Art Furniture.

The cabinet will be displayed in one of ten new galleries of Art and Design and Science and Technology scheduled for opening in 2016 at the National Museum of Scotland.

A charity screening of “Sunshine on Leith” is taking place at the Dominion Cinema, Edinburgh on 6 May 2014. Tickets are priced at £10 which includes a glass of bubbly!

The event is organised by the Rotary Club of Braids and CHAS will be one of the charities benefitting from the fundraiser.

For further information and to book tickets please contact Caroline on 07885027582 or caroline.kehoe@blueyonder.co.uk

Portobello Timebank has received applications from almost 30 members of the community, and they say they would love to see each and every member ‘swapping’ by the end of April. The group are really excited that to have already matched members with swaps including cake baking, dog walking, repairing clothes and IT lessons – with many more requests and offers to pair up. Contact Kirsty Carver portobello@edinburghtimebank.org.uk for a membership form and more details.

If you don’t know what a time bank is then have a look [here](#)!

[Dead by Dawn](#) is on this weekend. For over 18s only the all night horror takes place at The Filmhouse. The Edinburgh Reporter is too scared to go but maybe you will like it.

There are tickets for the whole weekend or tickets for individual films. [All details here.](#)