

Saturday in Edinburgh – things to do today

✘ Saturday 17 May – [The Festival of Museums](#)

The Object of Art is to Give Life Shape: learn about the popular artistic styles of the 1940s & explore the limitations on available artistic materials. A demonstration of techniques by Rachel Hosker and Joan Smith will be followed by a chance to have a go yourself. 2-3.30pm, Edinburgh College of Art Sculpture Court, 74 Lauriston Place. Free but places must be booked via [eventbrite](#). Part of the Festival of Museums.

Bruncheon featuring the Sound of Muesli: Bongo Club Performers head down to Leith for the day. Live music plus a delicious brunch menu at the Drill Hall Arts Cafe. 11.30am-3pm, [Out of the Blue](#), 36 Dalmeny Street: 0131 500 7100

[Out of the Blue Showcase Day and Building Tours:](#) come and get a taste of what's on offer; drama, music, art and circus skills. Tours will include artists at work and a look at the building's architectural and historic significance. 10am-5pm, drop-in, no need to book. Call 0131 555 7100 for details.

Surgeons' Hall: The Great Exhibition – a celebration of the museum as it was, and a chance for you to create artworks and to choose your favourite part of the museum. Architectural drawing, pathology modelling, forensic skull drawing and bookmaking – sessions throughout the day, with special guests too. Entry free today. Art events also free but *must* be booked via the Museum's [eventbrite](#) (which has details of all sessions) to ensure a place. 10am-3pm. Suitable for all ages but under-12s must be accompanied by an adult. Call 0131 527 1711 for more details.

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Wendy Carle Taylor: a special musical performance to mark the last day at the Surgeons' Hall before it closes for refurbishment. A selection of songs inspired by Edinburgh's medical history. 'She moves her audience to tears, laughter, shivers and delight.' 5-5.40pm. Free tickets available via [eventbrite](#). Contact Surgeons' Hall for more information: 0131 527 1711. Part of the Festival of Museums.

St Giles' Cathedral Lunchtime Concert with guitarist Michael Christian Durrant. 12.15pm.

A Broad View: workshop to experiment with unusual format landscape drawings & paper constructions, led by artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb. Adults only. 10.30am-3.30pm, City Arts Centre, 2 Market Street. Free, but booking required – to book contact Margaret Findlay on 0131 529 3963 or email margaret.findlay@edinburgh.gov.uk

James Craig – Unplugged: Dr Anthony Lewis gives a fascinating insight into the life of James Craig, who at 26 years old won a competition to design Edinburgh's New Town. 2pm at the City Arts Centre. Adults only. Free: booking as for A Broad View (above.) In partnership with the Cockburn Association and Previously....

Participative, dynamic and HUGE...creating a giant performance drawing. Artist Damien Callan will produce a giant charcoal drawing of a scene in the Centre's A Capital View exhibition. Visitors can watch the artwork evolve AND can model for figures in the drawing. Free, all ages, 12-5pm and continuing on Sunday. Booking as for A Broad View (above.) Part of the Festival of Museums.

3D Maps – a drop-in workshop for families. Create your own 3D map of Edinburgh. Free, no booking required, 1.30-3.30pm City Arts Centre. 2 Market Street.

