

Friday in Edinburgh – what's on today



FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2014

[John McPake and the Sea Beggars](#): Edinburgh native Stuart Campbell launches his debut novel 'an extraordinarily warm and humane exploration of psychosis.' 6.30pm, [Golden Hare Books](#), 102 West Bow. Free event but please book via [eventbrite](#) or by calling into the shop in advance.

[Gallery Social: John Byrne](#). Join artists for relaxed guided tours for anyone affected by dementia, their friends, relatives and supporters. Very informal tours exploring highlights from the permanent collection or special exhibitions. Tours begin with refreshments in the Learning Centre: meet at the Information Desk. 10.30am-12 noon, [Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#), 1 Queen Street. To book a place call 0131 624 6560

[Katie Paterson: Ideas](#). Paterson's work is cross-medium, multidisciplinary and conceptually driven with an emphasis on nature and cosmology. *Ideas* presents her most recent work as part of the nationwide project [GENERATION](#). 10am-6pm, Monday to Saturday, from today until 27th September 2014 (also open 12 noon- 5pm on Sundays in August only), [Ingleby Gallery](#), 15 Calton Road.

[Jim Lambie](#): a solo exhibition of the work of Jim Lambie, one of Scotland's most internationally significant artists known for visually compelling, generous and beguiling work which attracts both critical and popular acclaim. Bringing together two decades of sculpture and installation, the exhibition is

part of [Edinburgh Art Festival 2014](#) and [GENERATION](#). Today until 19th October 2014, 11am-6pm Monday to Saturday, 12 noon – 5pm Sundays. [The Fruitmarket Gallery](#), 45 Market Street.

[Lunchtime Concert: Dokko Long Beach Polytechnic High School Choir](#), California. 12.15pm, [St Giles Cathedral](#), High Street. Free and unticketed.

[Georgian Edinburgh before the New Town](#): a lecture by James Simpson, a conservation architect in private practice in Edinburgh. James co-founded the firm of Simpson and Brown, now one of the leading historic buildings practices in the UK. 2pm, [City Art Centre](#), Market Street. Free: for bookings and further information contact Margaret Findlay on 0131 529 3963 or email margaret.findlay@edinburgh.gov.uk

[Leith School of Art End of Year Exhibition](#): Leith School of Art offers full-time and part-time courses and a summer school. This exhibition will showcase work by this year's students. 10am-4pm, [Leith School of Art](#), 25 North Junction Street. Free. Also open Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June.

[Orchid Fair at the Botanics](#): the Taiwan Floriculture Association leads the world in orchid culture. See their stunning, colourful and elegant display of the state of the art in orchid floriculture. Special events, including **painting demonstrations** and a **tea ceremony**, will be held around this exhibition (see Sunday's listing for the first one.) 10am-5,45pm, Real Life Science Studio, John Hope Gateway. [Royal Botanic Garden](#). Free, no booking required. Exhibition ends 20th July 2014.

☒ **Afternoon Tea Club**: 3.30pm, [Fountainbridge Library](#), Dundee Street.

School's Out for Summer! Summer crafts and games session. Celebrate the start of the summer holidays at [South Queensferry Library](#), 9 Shore Road, 2-4pm.

