

Thursday in Edinburgh – what's on today

☒ THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2014

[Artist's talk by Geoffrey Farmer](#), a Canadian artist known for his installation-based works using a combination of a broad range of elements such as drawing, photography, video, sculpture, performance and found materials. He will discuss his work practice and his residency through the [Below Another Sky](#) project (see Monday.) Part of the exhibition '[Louise Hopkins and Carol Rhodes: Drawings, Painting and Prints.](#)' 6.30-7.30pm, Edinburgh Printmakers, 23 Union Street. Free but ticketed, book via [eventbrite](#).

[Over My Dead Body](#): local author [Hazel McHaffie](#) talks with Dr Ian Laing about her latest medical ethics novel. 2.30-3.30pm, [Central Library](#) Conference Room, George IV Bridge. Free tickets must be booked via [eventbrite](#).

☒ **Live Music Now: Silverbirch Duo.** Catherine Gascoigne on flute and Ross Wilson on guitar perform music inspired by the National Gallery's collection, including Titian and Frederic Edwin Church. 6-6.30pm [National Gallery of Scotland](#), The Mound. Free, no booking required.

[The Drawing Room](#): an informal artist-led drawing session. Each monthly session is developed by a contemporary artist and inspired by an aspect of the modern collection. All materials supplied, no experience necessary. 5.30-6.45pm, [Modern Art One](#). Free, but places must be booked by calling 0131 624 6410 or emailing education@nationalgalleries.org

Richard Gordon: [Scotland '74: A World Cup Story](#). BBC Radio Scotland's Sportsound host Richard Gordon discusses his new book 'a bittersweet celebration of the closest we ever got to

making it beyond the group stages.' 6pm, [Waterstones West End](#). Free tickets available from the shop. Further information on 0131 226 2666.

[Footprints on the Moon](#): Eileen M Taylor discusses her debut novel with Ellen Galford. 6.30pm, [Word Power Books](#), West Nicolson Street. Free and unticketed.

✘ **Edinburgh Festival of Cycling** starts today: rides for all ages, workshops, talks, culture, film, competitions, come and try sessions, legal advice and more. Some events free. See [website](#) for more information. Continues till 22nd June 2014.

Love in a Bookshop: pop-up opera in association with [Edinburgh International Festival](#), featuring songs from Schumann, Schubert, Wagner, Quilter & Gershwin. 3.30pm, [Blackwell's South Bridge](#). Free, no booking required.

[Stevie Agnew](#) live @Pryde's Bar: part of Gorgie Dalry Gala Week. 9pm onwards, free entry, [Pryde's Bar](#), Gorgie Road.