

Friday in Edinburgh – what's on today

📅 FRIDAY 18TH JULY 2014

Director's Choice: Michael Clarke, director of the Scottish National Gallery, leads a tour of his favourite paintings in the collection. 12.45-1.15pm, [Scottish National Gallery](#), The Mound. Free but tickets must be obtained, either on the door (subject to availability) or in advance from the SNG Information Desk.

Monster Search Treasure Hunt and Quiz. Ages 4+. 2pm, [Blackhall Library](#), 56 Hillhouse Road. Part of the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge.

Blackwell's Edinburgh presents *Ride Like Hell and You'll Get There*. Paul Carter, author of *Don't Tell Mum I Work On The Rigs*, *This is Not a Drill* and *Is That Bike Diesel, Mate?* launches his fourth book. Carter has worked in the oil industry all over the world but now lives in Perth with his family. 6.30pm, [Blackwell's South Bridge](#). Free tickets available from Blackwell's front desk or by calling 0131 622 8218.

Crafty Day – drop-in for ages 4-12. 2.30pm, [Corstorphine Library](#), 12 Kirk Loan. Part of the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge.

Lunchtime Concert: Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra, First Baptist Church, Penascola, Florida. 12.15pm, [St Giles' Cathedral](#), Royal Mile. Free.

Crazy Mazes. For ages 5+. 2.30-3.30pm, [Oxgangs Library](#), 343 Oxgangs Road North. Part of the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge.

Informal Concert: Festival Chorus, Palatine, Illinois. 3pm, [St Giles' Cathedral](#), Royal Mile. Free.

Make a Loch Ness Monster! For ages 7-11. 2-3pm, [Central Children's Library](#), George IV Bridge. Part of the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge. No need to book, just turn up.

Live Music at the Pear Tree: 4-5pm The Awakening Project, 5-6pm Houndog Fraser & Rock Hunter, Calum Baptie & Dylan Noble. [The Pear Tree](#), West Nicolson Street. All free. Over 18s only.

Mythical Maze: Stories and Crafts: [Colinton Library](#), 14 Thorburn Road. Part of the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge.

Minotaur Mask Man: mask decoration and nose-ring design. For ages 4-12. 2-3pm, [South Neighbourhood Office and Library](#), 40 Captain's Road. Part of the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge.

Scary Snake Surprise: make your very own scary slithery snake sock puppet inspired by the Greek legend of Medusa. For ages 4-12. 2-3pm, [South Neighbourhood Office and Library](#), 40 Captain's Road. Part of the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge.

Facepainting Rainbow Fever: rainbows and rainbow biscuits. For under 12s. 2.30-3.30pm, [Gilmerton Library](#), 13 Newtoft Street.

Make-believe masks: creative play activity for ages 4+. 2.30-3.30pm, [Stockbridge Library](#), 11 Hamilton Place. Part of the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge.

Corroboree: First Nation Woodcarving. Sculptor **James Harry** from Vancouver brings a First Nation perspective to his work with a range of materials, media and styles that reflect both the artistic heritage of the Pacific North West and

contemporary influences. 10am-4pm, [Royal Botanic Garden](#) (various locations across the garden, check signs on arrival.) Free. Also on Saturday 19th July.

Imaginarium: part one of a **two-day** workshop. Let your imagination run wild and come and try your hand at making a play. All levels of experience welcome – imaginations essential! For ages 10+. 12 noon -2pm, [WHALE Arts](#), 30 Westburn Grove. Free. but booking required.