

# Thursday in Edinburgh – what's on today



**THURSDAY 24TH JULY 2014**

**Lunchtime concert:** Wind Band Symphony, University of West Virginia. 12.15pm, [St Giles' Cathedral](#), Royal Mile. Free.

**Blackwell's Edinburgh presents Janet Brennan-Inglis: Scotland's Castles.** Janet Brennan-Inglis launches her beautifully illustrated celebration and account of the renaissance of Scottish castles since 1950. The restoration of over 100 ruined and derelict buildings – from tiny towers to baronial mansions – to create homes, hotels and holiday lets has been carried out largely by new owners with no connection to the land; their struggles and triumphs form the core of the book, set in the context of the social, political and economic changes of the late 20th century. 6.30-7.30pm, [Blackwell's, South Bridge](#). Free tickets available from the shop's front desk or by calling 0131 622 6218.

**Under 5s Storytime:** 10.30-11am, [Morningside Library](#), 184 Morningside Road. Free, no booking required.

**Rosie Nimmo and Stuart Allardyce:** jazz duo Nimmo (vocals, rhythm guitar and harmonica) and Allardyce (guitar) play music with a strong jazz element to tie in with the Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival and the John Byrne Sitting Ducks exhibition. 6-6.30pm, [Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#), 1 Queen Street. Free.

**Art Week:** if you love all things arts and crafty, come along to a wonderful Create session. Plenty to try, from portrait painting to animal mask making and everything in between, each day this week. 10am-12 noon for ages 5+, 2-4pm for ages 10+.

[WHALE Arts](#), 30 Westburn Grove. Free, drop-in, no booking required.

**On Form and Fiction (1990):** curator and researcher Grainne Rice will talk about Steven Campbell's landmark exhibition from 1990. Campbell's installation was first shown at the Third Eye Centre and has been recreated for the first time in over twenty years for the GENERATION exhibition. 6pm, [Royal Scottish Academy \(Scottish National Gallery\)](#), The Mound, free and unticketed. Part of GENERATION by night.

**The GENERATOR by night!** – unleash your childlike, creative side in the crazy art lab and have fun imagining the art of the future. Take inspiration from the amazing art on display in the GENERATION exhibitions and jump into a world of experimentation, exploration and invention. Special evening opening of the children's GENERATOR activities for **adults only**. 5-7pm, [Royal Scottish Academy \(Scottish National Gallery\)](#), The Mound, free and unticketed. Part of GENERATION by night.

**Napier University Postgraduate Web Chat:** if you are from the UK or EU and would like to ask questions about studying at *postgraduate* level at Napier University in Edinburgh, join this live web chat today and talk to staff and other potential students. For more information and to register for the web chat, see [website](#).

**Create Lite:** colourful and inspiring artist-led art and play session for children 0-5 and their parents or carers. Come along, have fun and get messy with your child. 10am-12 noon, [North Edinburgh Arts](#) (next to Muirhouse Library.) 50p per child.

**Mythical Maze Stories and Crafts:** 3.30pm, [Currie Library](#), 210 Lanark Road. Part of the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge

**Mythical Things in the Night:** For ages 4-11. 2-3pm, [Blackhall](#)

[Library](#), 56 Hillhouse Road. Free. Part of the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge

**Mythical Maze Stories and Crafts:** a different mythical story and related craft every week. For under 12s. 2.30-3.30pm, [Moredun Library](#), 92 Moredun Park Road. Part of the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge.

**Myths and Legends Zoolab Workshop:** Zoolab will introduce children to fantastical creatures from the world of legend and mythology, all with a little help from some awesome animals, including a very special dragon! Workshop includes handling of live animals. 3.30-4.00pm, [Currie Library](#), 210 Lanark Road. Part of the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge.