

Thursday in Edinburgh – what's on today



THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST 2014

Come on Over, Over: Watch Thieves, [Lake Montgomery](#), [Hailey Beavis](#), [Faith Elliott](#) and [Caro Bridges](#). 8pm-1am, [Forest Cafe](#), 141 Lauriston Place. Free.

Lunchtime Concert: Piano Speak with Will Pickvance. 1.30pm, [St Giles Cathedral](#), Royal Mile. Free.

Gayfield Creative Spaces presents its first Twilight Talk: Material Goods, Quality and the Marketplace: Paul Simmons, founder of Timorous Beasties and textile designer Laura Spring discuss their experience of creating thriving studios through design innovation and quality production. 6-8pm, Lyon and Turnbull, 33 Broughton Place. Free but booking required via [eventbrite](#).

Amadeus Duo: Alina Bzhezhinska (harp) and Margaret Preston (flute) perform an eclectic mix of classical music and new works by modern composers. 6-6.30pm, [Scottish National Gallery](#), The Mound. Free and unticketed.

Books in Focus: Surrealist Erotica. The 'Books in Focus' sessions focus on artists' books held in the special collections of the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art. This session is a preview of some of the publications which will be included in a forthcoming display at Modern Two, featuring explicit Surrealist erotica by artists and writers including **Hans Bellmer**, **Marcel Duchamp**, **Georges Bataille** and the **Marquis de Sade**. Owing to the nature of the materials, suitable for **over-18s only**. 11.30am-12.30pm, Reading Room, [Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art TWO](#), Belford

Road. Free but places are limited and must be booked by calling 0131 624 6268 or emailing gmainfo@nationalgalleries.org

Ghosts in a Gallery: the third incarnation of the **Edinburgh International Festival's** highly successful pop-up performance series, exploring love in the face of extraordinary sacrifices and challenges faced during the First World War. Written for soprano, tenor and piano, it features some of the most poignant and beautiful art song and *Leider* from Western classical music. 2.30pm, [Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#), 1 Queen Street. Free and unticketed.

Blackwell's Edinburgh presents Writers at the Fringe: every Thursday during the Festival Blackwell's invites a selection of Scottish performers to give a taste of their work. This week: Bert Flitcroft, Dorothy Cummings McLean, [Michael Malone](#), Sureshini Sanders and Rosemary Goring. Free tickets available from Blackwell's front desk or by calling 0131 622 8218. For more information contact Ann Landmann at events.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk or call 0131 622 8216.

Lunchtime Recital: Shane Brogan (classical accordion), John Pfaff (piano), Bill Blackwood (clarinet and flute) and Peter Galinsky (clarinet). 1.10pm, [St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral](#), Palmerston Place.

The Generator! By Night: unleash your childlike, creative side at the crazy art lab and have fun imagining the art of the future. Take inspiration from art works on display in the [GENERATION](#) exhibition and jump into a world of experimentation, exploration and invention. Special evening opening of the children's Generator! activities **for adults only**. 5-7pm, [The Royal Scottish Academy](#), The Mound. Free and unticketed. Part of Generation By Night.

Phill Jupitus: Sketch Comic Lectures. A talk by Phill Jupitus and Hannah Gadsby about the works they have seen at the

Scottish National Gallery, the works that Phill has created this week, and those of members of the public who have joined in the project. An enjoyable, personal look at art with the occasional surprise guest. 6.30-7.30pm, Hawthornden Lecture Theatre, [Scottish National Gallery](#), The Mound. Free and unticketed.

Welfare Rights Advice from SWOP: free confidential welfare rights advice from SWOP (South West Outreach Project.) 10am-1pm, [Oxgangs Library](#), 343 Oxgangs Road North. Call 0845 3024607 and quote 'SWOP project' to book a place.

Comic Art Masterclass with Kev F Sutherland: make your own comic strip and get your caricature portrait drawn by Kev, a writer and artist for the Beano and Marvel. 11am-1pm, [Portobello Library](#), 14 Rosefield Avenue. To book your place call 0131 529 5558 or email portobello.library@edinburgh.gov.uk

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

Lunchtime Concert: Bellevue Rendezvous. Scottish-based trio of Gavin Marwick (fiddle), Cameron Robson (cittern, jaw harp) and Ruth Morris (nyckelharpa), plundering Europe for strange and interesting tunes. The nyckelharpa is a traditional Swedish instrument rarely seen in the UK. 12.15pm, [St Giles Cathedral](#), Royal Mile. Free.

GENERATION TG: [The Travelling Gallery](#) brings the work of five

artists working in a range of media, including ceramics, textile wall hangings, digital animations, drawings, sculptures, film, performance and song, to various locations in Edinburgh this week. The exhibition focuses on what it is like to be a contemporary visual artist in Scotland and includes a film of artists talking about their work to pupils from Edinburgh schools. Today: 11am-5pm, **Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre**, Groathill Loan. Free. Part of the [GENERATION](#) exhibition.