Wednesday in Edinburgh -What's On Today

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Bach Before Breakfast: John Bryden plays Bach and Shostakovich on the Cathedral Steinway. Coffee and croissants follow. 8.05-8.35am every day until Friday 29th August, Steinway. Cathedral, Palmerston Place. Free: retiring collection.

Titian in Ten: ten minute pop-up talks delivered by NGS staff. Gain an exclusive insight as staff from across the galleries offer different perspectives on Titian's masterpieces. 2pm, Scottish National Gallery, The Mound. Free and unticketed.

War Artists Series: The First World War — New Art for a New Type of War. Freelance art historian Dr Patricia Andrew traces art from the beginning of the century and discusses how artists met the challenge of the First World War. This was a new type of war, and as it progressed artists had to cope not only with an unprecedented degree of slaughter but also with censorship, despite a wish to convey the truth of what they were seeing. After the war there were numerous commissions for war memorials and memorial paintings. War art and artists could never be the same again. 12.45-1.30pm, Hawthornden Lecture Theatre, Scottish National Gallery, The Mound. Free and unticketed.

Songs of Other Places. New Writing Scotland is the principal forum for poetry and short fiction in Scotland today. 'Excellent contemporary literature, drawn from a wide cross-section of Scottish culture and society, and including new work from more than forty authors, some award-winning and internationally renowned, some just starting their careers.'

6-8pm, <u>Blackwell's</u>, <u>South Bridge</u>. Free tickets available from the shop's front desk, by calling 0131 622 8218 or by emailing events.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk

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Faith in the Face of Empire: The Rev Dr Mitri Raheb is a Palestinian Pastor in Bethlehem, theologian, author of 16 books, winner of several international peace prizes and renowned speaker on peace and justice in Palestine. He is also the director of the International Centre of Bethlehem and Dar Al Kalima College. Dr Raheb will discuss his new book, Faith in the Face of Empire: The Bible Through Palestinian Eyes with Kathy Galloway, head of Christian Aid in Scotland. 12.30-1.30pm, St Andrew's and St George's West Church, 13 George Street.

Lunchtime Concert: Maxwell String Quartet. 1.10-1.50pm, <u>St</u>
Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place. Free: retiring collection.

The Christiane Trio: Music by Beethoven & Brahms. Kay Stephen (violin), Helen Beauchamp (horn) and Richard Beauchamp (piano). 7.30-8.40pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place. Free: retiring collection.

Zoo Arts: visual art workshop for young artists. Have fun exploring, experimenting and creating with artist Alice Betts. For ages 9-14. 4-5.30pm every Wednesday, North Edinburgh Arts, 15a Pennywell Court. 50p per person per session. See Zoo Arts Extra's Facebook page for more information.