

# Enjoy the Canongate this weekend



A special afternoon of events in the Canongate area of the city will mark the end of this year's Scottish International Storytelling Festival. Free family-friendly events; walks, talks and storytelling will be taking place in the Museum of Edinburgh, Canongate Kirk, the People's Story Museum, Acheson House and the Scottish Parliament. The events will celebrate the festival's theme of 'Once Upon a Place' and reflect the fascinating stories and wonderful history of this vibrant area of Edinburgh.

The festivities conclude at the Scottish Storytelling Centre at 5pm with the John Fee's Old Town Journey and Evocations event, a celebration of the late John Fee, who was a storyteller of the Old Town. The event will mark the launch of his posthumous book of 'Old Town Tales'.

Councillor Steve Cardownie from Edinburgh City Council said:

*"There could be no better setting for hearing stories of Old Edinburgh than the history-soaked surroundings of the Canongate. The Glorious Half Mile to Holyrood event will be a great day out for families, and will animate the area with an afternoon of story sessions, talks, walks and tours. The Festival even includes a storytelling session at the Council's own Museum of Edinburgh, which is a great stop to discover the roots of the Old Town and how Edinburgh has grown into the vibrant Capital city it is today."*

Donald Smith, Festival Director of the Scottish International Storytelling Festival added:

*"This is our finale event of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary festival and*

*we are delighted to bring the streets of the Canongate alive with tales of the past and a celebration of Edinburgh; a place of great literary importance and the inspiration for many many stories."*

- Canongate: The Glorious Half Mile to Holyrood; Sunday 2 November, 1pm – 4pm FREE
- John Fee's Old Town Journeys and Evocations, Sunday 2 November, 5pm adults: £6. concessions: £4

The festival continues until Sunday 2 November and tickets are available from the festival website [www.tracscotland.org/festivals/scottish-international-storytelling-festival](http://www.tracscotland.org/festivals/scottish-international-storytelling-festival) or by calling the box office on 0131 5569579

A link to the full programme for the day, is here <http://www.tracscotland.org/sites/default/files/Canongate%20Leaflet.pdf>