

Wednesday in Edinburgh – What's On Today



Friendship Day: come along, bring a friend (large or small!) and enjoy free mulled wine, tea, coffee and a festive mince pie. 10am-4pm, [The Open Door](#), 420 Morningside Road.

Sing a Sang: a relaxed singing session hosted by Leith-based singer **Drew Wright, aka Wounded Knee**. Drew has a broad repertoire of songs, from big ballads to wee ditties, with plenty of scope for audience participation. Everyone is encouraged to sing, so please share your songs – but if you prefer just to listen, that is fine. The emphasis is on singing, so no additional instruments are required, 'just bring your lungs and your lugs'! 7-9pm, [Area C Coffee House](#) (in the basement), 239-241 Leith Walk. Organised by [The Common Weal Edinburgh North and Leith](#). Free.



Dragons, Selkies and Fairy Princes: An Exhibition of Illustrations from Kelpies Traditional Scottish Tales. Three talented young illustrators, **Matthew Land, Philip Longson** and **Ruchi Mhasane**, exhibit the stunning artwork created for *Picture Kelpies: Traditional Scottish Tales* (Floris Books), a beautiful new series of children's picture books based on classic Scottish folk and fairy tales. Each book pairs a well-known Scottish storyteller with a brilliant illustrator to reimagine a story from Scotland's rich treasury of folklore. 10am-6pm, [Scottish Storytelling Centre](#), 43-45 High Street. Ends 10th January 2015. Free.

Carols at Gilmerton Library: with children from Gilmerton Primary School. 1.45-2.15pm, [Gilmerton Library](#), 13 Newtoft Street.

LGBT: visit to Edinburgh Crisis Centre Open Day. Find out about the support available at Edinburgh's Crisis Centre, a 24 hour, 365 days a year community-based resource offering emotional and practical support at times of crisis. 1.15-3pm, meet at [LGBT Health and Wellbeing](#), 9 Howe Street, and travel together to the Centre. Booking essential as places are limited: contact LGBT Health and Wellbeing on 0131 523 1100 or email admin@lgbthealth.org.



Wiff Waff Wednesday: a monthly ping pong night for all ages, with music, drink and great food available to purchase from the Drill Hall Arts Cafe. All welcome – 'friendship first, competition second', 6-10.30pm, [Out of the Blue Drill Hall](#), 36 Dalmeny Street. Free entry.

Music Among The Trees: talented pianist **Drew Crichton** entertains visitors to the **Edinburgh Christmas Tree Festival**. All welcome, come and go as you please. 2-3pm, The Sanctuary, [St Andrew's and St George's West Church](#), 13 George Street. Free.



The Road to Meikle Seggie: **Richard Demarco** launches the first formal publication of his pioneering work, 'an essay in words and pictures'. The essay is accompanied by Demarco's original drawings, an Italian translation by **Silvana Vitale**, reinterpreted drawings and an introductory essay by **Donald Smith**. *The Road to Meikle Seggie* began in the early 1970s at the **Netherbow** in the Old Town, journeying to the foothills of the **Ochils** and spreading out across **Scotland and Europe**. 'A defining Demarco endeavour, a fertile source for the arts in all media and a vital expression of shared culture at a time when the European ship is sailing through stormy waters.' *The Road to Meikle Seggie* is part of an EU-funded project by the **Scottish International Storytelling Festival, Seeing Stories:**

Recovering Rural and Urban Landscape Narrative. Read The Edinburgh Reporter's article about the 2013 exhibition of Richard Demarco's prints [here](#). The Festival acknowledges the assistance of the **Italian Cultural Institute** in the preparation of this volume. 6.30pm, [Summerhall](#), 1 Summerhall. Please book your free place by emailing linda@scottishstorytellingcentre.com or calling 0131 652 3272.

National Library of Scotland Guided Tour: a tour of the building and an introduction to the library's collections and history. 10.30-11.15am (approx.), [National Library of Scotland](#), George IV Bridge. Booking essential, either [online](#) or by calling 0131 623 3734. Please inform the library if you have any special access requirements.



Culture Shock Christmas! Seasonal films from the Cameo – today **Gremlins (12A)**: when Billy's father gives him an exotic pet for Christmas, a horde of gleeful little monsters are soon rampaging across town. 'Joe Dante's comedy horror is as scary, funny and subversive as ever'. 9pm, [Cameo](#), 38 Home Street, Tolcross. Book online [here](#) or call box office on 0871 902 5723.

Poetry Pamphlet Festive Fair: independent Scottish poetry publishing is going from strength to strength – come along for a glass of wine, meet the publishers, hear the poems and buy the pamphlets! To book a stall contact Graeme Hawley on g.hawley@nls.uk. 6pm, [National Library of Scotland](#), George IV Bridge. No booking required.



Nordic Film Festival starts today! A diverse mixture of fresh and classic features, documentaries and shorts showcasing some of the most celebrated and emerging filmmaking talents of the Nordic region. This year's theme is **Horizons**. Today: **I Am**

Yours/Jeg er din (15) – director **Iram Haq**'s 'courageous semi-autobiographical feature, a powerful and moving portrayal of a young woman struggling with love, motherhood and being caught between two cultures.' In Norwegian, Urdu and Swedish, with English subtitles. 9.15pm, [Filmhouse](#), Lothian Road; book [online](#) or call box office on 0131 228 2688. Nordic Film Festival is presented by **day for night**.

Edinburgh Napier University UK Undergraduate Web Chat: if you are from the UK and have any questions about studying with Napier at undergraduate level, join this online web chat and talk to staff and other prospective students. 4-6pm, register [here](#). For more information contact studentrecruitment@napier.ac.uk.

Chatter and Verse Poetry Group Christmas Party – celebrate Christmas in poetic style! Bring along a **Christmas poem** you'd love to share, and join in the **Christmas Poetry Quiz**. All welcome – mulled wine and seasonal refreshments available (and also welcome!). 6.30-8pm, Board Room, [Central Library](#), George IV Bridge. Please book your free ticket via [eventbrite](#). And why not come along to the regular poetry book group sessions, 6.30pm every third Wednesday?

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Common Policy: Deconsumerisation. Remember Black Friday? **Dr Iain Black** explains why shopping less will make you happier. 7-9.30pm, [Area C Coffee House](#), 239-241 Leith Walk. Organised by [The Common Weal Edinburgh North and Leith](#). Free.



