

Thursday in Edinburgh – What's On Today



Flat Six @ Electric Circus. A fun night celebrating upcoming Scottish talent, with young bands and musicians (**Flat Six, Colour Trap, Menage a Trois, The Hecklers** and **Calum Campbell**) to raise funds for **Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy**, a charity in Scotland providing music therapy for vulnerable children, young people and adults across the country. 6.45pm, [Electric Circus](#), 36-39 Market Street. Tickets cost £5 (+ transaction fee) and may be purchased online [here](#). All proceeds and donations will go to Nordoff-Robbins.



Languages of Leith Storytelling: for ages 5-12 years. 3pm, [McDonald Rd Library](#), 2 McDonald Road.



Piershill Library Easter Holidays Crafts: 3-4pm, [Piershill Library](#), Piershill Terrace. Free. Also at same times on Friday 17th April.



Spring Break Activities at Craigmillar Library: today 1.30-2.30pm **Joe's Tricks**. All children welcome; any child under 8 years must be supervised by a family member over 12 years. [Craigmillar Library](#), 101 Niddrie Mains Road. Free.



Easter Fun & Games @ Oxfangs Library: Badge Making. For ages 5-11. 11am, [Oxfangs Library](#), Oxfangs Road North.



Live Music Now: Jemma Brown and Maryam Sherhan. Mezzo soprano Jemma Brown, accompanied on piano by Maryam Sherhan, explores **David Robert's** career and travels in the Middle East, performing music by **Mozart, Ravel, Bizet** and **Ireland**. 6-6.30pm, [Scottish National Gallery](#), The Mound. Free and unticketed.



Museum Outdoor Games: for under-12s. 11.30am-12.30pm, [Moredun Library](#), 92 Moredun Park Road. Free.



Edinburgh International Science Festival: *Ex Machina* (15). **Alex Garland's** science fiction thriller: computer programmer **Caleb Smith** wins a competition to visit the private estate of his company's reclusive CEO **Nathan Bateman**, only to find that he has been chosen to evaluate the capabilities and consciousness of Nathan's latest experiment in artificial intelligence. The experiment is Ava, a female AI, who proves more sophisticated – and more deceptive – than Nathan or Caleb could have imagined. 6pm, [Filmhouse](#), Lothian Road. Tickets cost £10/£8 and may be obtained online [here](#) or by calling the Box Office on 0131 228 2688. This screening will be hosted by **Dr Adam Rutherford**, science writer, geneticist and presenter of **Radio 4's *Inside Science***, who will be joined by **Professor of Cognitive and Computational Neuroscience**, and co-founder of the **Sackler Centre for Consciousness Science**, **Anil Seth** for an in-depth Q & A on artificial intelligence, neuroscience and some futurecasting on the possibilities and dangers of man-made consciousness.



Decorating Eggs: for ages 5-11 years. 2-3pm, [Wester Hailes](#)

[Library](#), 1 Westside Plaza. Free.



Poetry and Coffee: Sally Evans, Richie McCaffrey and Finola Scott will read selections from their poetry. 10.30-11.30am, [Henderson's Cafe](#), 94 Hanover Street. Free, no booking required – just drop in.



Easter Chick Paper Craft: for ages 4-11 years. 2-3pm, [Ratho Library](#), 6 School Wynd. Free.



Waterstones Edinburgh Presents Stuart David: *In The All-Night Cafe*. The author discusses his memoir of **Belle and Sebastian's** formative years with BBC Radio Scotland presenter **Vic Galloway**. 6pm, [Waterstones West End](#), 128 Princes Street. Tickets cost £5 (£3 for Waterstones loyalty card holders) and may be obtained from the shop's front desk.



Upcycling Musical Instruments: for ages 5-12 years. 3-4pm, [Muirhouse Library](#), 15 Pennywell Court. Free.



Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre

Puppet Animation Festival: Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre Presents 3 Bears. The shiny metal world of Goldilocks meets the lovely natural wooden world of the three bears – the result, a very sticky adventure all round. For ages 3+. 11am or 2pm, Real Life Science Studio, John Hope Gateway, [Royal Botanic Garden of Edinburgh](#), Inverleith Row. Tickets cost £5 and may be booked via the Edinburgh International Science Festival website [here](#) or by calling 0844 557 2686. All ticket holders

will be able to tuck into a bowl of **tasty fresh porridge** while they watch the show, courtesy of Edinburgh-based manufacturer **Stoats**.



Edinburgh North & Leith General Election Hustings: 7.30-9pm, [Broughton St Mary's Parish Church](#), Bellevue Crescent. All welcome!



Puppet Animation Festival: Puppet Stew Presents Puppets! Puppets! Puppets! A puppet-making workshop – make your own rod puppet to take home. For all ages – children under 8 must be accompanied. 10am, [Craigmillar Community Arts](#), 58 Newcraighall Road *and* 2pm, [WHALE Arts](#), 30 Westburn Grove. To book please contact Craigmillar Community Arts on 0131 669 8432 or WHALE on 0131 458 3267.



LGBT Age: Music Memories – an evening of socialising and music appreciation. Choose a favourite song or piece from any genre, and the organisers will add it to the playlist. 6-8pm, [LGBT Health and Wellbeing](#), 9 Howe Street. Booking preferred: please contact lynda@lgbthealth.org.uk.



Jill Todd Photographic Award: Call for Entries. Stills will host the JTPA in November of this year. You are eligible to enter for this award if you will graduate from a Scottish or Irish degree programme in Photography or Fine Art this year, or have done so in the past three years. This evening **Robin Gillanders**, former Reader in Photography at Edinburgh Napier University and one of the award team selectors, will talk about the award and what the selectors will be looking for from entrants; he will also discuss previous winners' work. If

you are thinking of entering this year – or even if you are not – come along to discuss the JTPA and entering photographic awards generally. 6.30pm, [Stills](#), Cockburn Street. All welcome: no booking required. For more information about the JTPA click [here](#).



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Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church Thursday Club: Hamish Coghill will give a talk on *A Walk Along the Water of Leith*. 2-4pm, Upper Hall, [Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church](#), 18 West Mayfield. All welcome: annual membership costs £3, but you don't have to be a member to come along. Tea 50p. For more information please contact Florence Smith on 0131 663 1234.



Pom Pom Chicks Crafts: 3.30-4.30pm, [Currie Library](#), 210 Lanark Road. The library is also running a storybook competition during the holidays; collect a blank storybook from the library and complete it – there will be a prize for the best one returned.



Edinburgh University Press and Blackwell's Present Northern Neighbours – Scotland and Norway since 1800. How did the development of two small countries at the north of Europe, whose histories were joined from about 795 AD – including a 300 year alliance – nevertheless diverge sharply in the modern era? This edited collection of essays is a topical, comparative study of the economic, social and political development of Scotland and Norway since 1800, covering topics such as land ownership, politics, agriculture, industry, money & banking, local government, education, religion, access and the outdoor life. Join two of the editors **Lesley Riddoch** and

John Bryden to celebrate the publication of this new monograph. 6.30-8pm, [Blackwell's](#), South Bridge. Free tickets are available via eventbrite [here](#), or in person from the store's front desk, by emailing events.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk or calling 0131 622 8218.



Big Scream: screenings exclusively for parents and carers and their babies under 12 months. (No adult will be admitted without a baby). Today: **Home 2D (PG)** – Gratuity 'Tip' Tucci is a canny teenager who managed to avoid capture when the world was conquered by an alien race known as the Boov. She accidentally befriends Oh, a rascally young Boov outcast who has annoyed many of his Boov peers. Having become firm friends, the pair set out on a fun, action-packed road trip which might well help to make the Boov-run planet a far better place. 10.30am, [Cameo](#), Home Street. Membership of the Big Scream club costs £5 and lasts until your baby's first birthday; it enables you to buy tickets at Picturehouse members' rates (babies admitted free); please ask at the Box Office. Tickets may be purchased online [here](#) or by calling the Box Office on 0871 902 5723.



Criticism Playpen: a new fun event for all poets and readers who want to learn more about poetry reviewing and criticism. You don't need a degree in literature to attend, just an interest in poetry and in how we as individuals and as a community respond publicly to published poetry. Before the session you will be asked to write your own review of a book provided by the organiser, the **Scottish Poetry Library**, and email it to **Jennifer Williams**; the reviews will be shared between participants at the session. Jennifer and poet and reviewer **Dave Coates** will run both workshops. 6.30-8.30pm, [Golden Hare Books](#), 68 St Stephen Street. Tickets cost £5/£4 and may be booked via eventbrite [here](#). Please book early as

places will be very limited. For more information please email jennifer.williams@spl.org.uk.



Looking Glass Books Presents Kirstin Innes: *Fishnet*. The award-winning freelance journalist, writer and arts PR launches her debut novel. Rona Leonard walks out of her sister Fiona's flat and disappears. Six years on, Fiona's mundane existence is blown apart by the revelation that, before she disappeared, Rona had been working as a prostitute....Fiona embarks on an obsessive quest to investigate the sex industry that claimed her sister. 'A clear-eyed, meticulously researched and controversial look at the sex industry and the lives of sex workers, questioning our perception of contemporary femininity'. 6.30pm, [Looking Glass Books](#), Quartermile, Simpson's Loan. Free but please RSVP to info@freightbooks.co.uk.



The Jazz Bar: Billie Holiday's 100th Birthday Party*! Award-winning jazz singer **Alison Affleck** has Scotland's largest repertoire of both rare and well known Billie Holiday tunes; she appears with an all-star 5-piece band featuring **Chris Grieve** (trombone) and **Dick Lee** (saxes). 9pm (entry from 8pm), [The Jazz Bar](#), 1a Chambers Street. £5/£4 on the door: please note this venue is CASH ONLY. (*Holiday's actual birthday was 7th April).