

Five things you need to know today



Hidden Door ends today

Rail Strike – new dates announced

Screen Education Edinburgh needs you!

Edinburgh Festival video portraits

Meadows Festival

The organisers at Hidden Door would really like to entice you down to King's Stables Road today as it is their last day! Here's what they have on offer:

*Our final night in the incredible surroundings of the Secret Courtyard *sobs**

*But don't be sad – we've got fantastic three piece post-electro band **Errors** and **The Dark Jokes** to help us go out with a bang. Or take a wander to Bongo Lives where we've got **Sea Bass Kid** and Scotland's ska juggernaut, **Bombskare**. Meanwhile in the Hidden Cinema, **KinoKlub** presents a selection of **eeire, dreamy films** by Maya Deren, and of course we've got more **theatrical wonderment** too. Plus it's your last chance to wander the room after room of **stunning artwork and installations**.*

We'll have a huge choice of the [finest drinks](#) available from our 3 unique custom-built [bars](#) – special thanks to our Day 9 drinks sponsor Daffy's Gin. Harajuku Kitchen and Ninja Buns will be serving [tasty treats](#) to keep your hunger at bay.

*Hidden Door is **free to explore until 6pm** then ticketed – [buy tickets here](#). See the [What's On page](#) for exact timings and sign up to [Day 9 on Facebook](#) for the latest updates.*

After 11pm, join us at the Mash House for the [Official Afterparty](#).

It seems that the possibility of a UK-wide rail strike has not yet been averted. RMT announced:

The largest rail union, RMT, confirmed that members will be taking 24 hours of strike action from 5pm Thursday 4th June through to 4.59pm on Friday 5th June in the current dispute over pay and jobs at Network Rail with a further 48 hours of action from 5pm on Tuesday 9th June to 4.59pm on Thursday 11th June. In addition there will be action short of a strike from 00.01 Saturday 6th June to 23.59 on Friday 12th June.

RMT General Secretary Mick Cash said: "Our representatives have rejected the pay package offered by Network Rail and in the absence of any further movement from the company that has left us with no option but to move to a rolling programme of industrial action which will begin next Thursday."

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The Edinburgh International Festival is an annual gathering of some of the greatest creative minds of our time. To celebrate their presence at the heart of the programme, the Festival has commissioned video portraits exploring the artist's experience from the point of view of five celebrated Festival artists.

The films present interviews with actors, musicians, writers and directors talking about the art that they love, and features Juliette Binoche, Simon McBurney, Nicola Benedetti, Robert Lepage and Anne-Sophie Mutter in a series of personal reflections on their artform, the nature of live performance and the unique exchange they experience with an audience every time they take to the stage.

Here is Nicola Benedetti who will appear at the Festival this year performing with the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra at the Festival Theatre and you will find the other Festival Portraits here too.

Next weekend the Meadows Festival takes place – yes in the Meadows.

Starting at 10am on Saturday morning there will be live music on a variety of stages all day Saturday and Sunday.

This is a free event with music, drama, dance and workshops. The Dogs Trust will offer to microchip your dog for free and on Sunday there will be a family dog show. The biggest outdoor market the festival has ever had is also promised and in the community tent you might find councillors, community councillors, members of the Neighbourhood Partnership, representatives of the city's library service, police and fire services.

There will be a vintage fire engine on display and Taylor's Funfair will offer rides and games.

More information on the volunteer run festival [here](#).

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