

Monday in Edinburgh – What's On Today



The Lochrin Belle

Re-Union Canal Boats History Cruise: find out more about the history of the **Union Canal**. How, why and when was it built, what was it used for and who was using it? An informative and enlightening 2 hour cruise which will include the history of the landmarks along the canal to **Slateford Aquaduct**, and the many changes that the canalside communities have seen. 3-5pm – begins at **Edinburgh Quay**; walk through to the canal from the junction of Fountainbridge and Gardner's Crescent. The **Lochrin Belle** is the purple narrowboat – you can't miss it! The cruise costs £10 per person: you can book through Re-Union's website [here](#) or by calling them on 0131 261 8529. Read **The Edinburgh Reporter's** article about Re-Union and the many roles of the Lochrin Belle [here](#).



Toddler Time: short screenings exclusively for pre-school children and their parents and carers. Membership of Toddler Time is free – please ask at the Box Office. Today: **The Hive, Programme 3 (U)** – join **Buzzbee** and friends in their fun-packed adventures in The Hive, where every day brings something new for the little bee as he explores the world around him with his best friends **Barnabee, Debee, Jaspar the wasp** and his sister **Rubee**. 11am, [Cameo](#), Home Street. Tickets cost £3 per child for Toddler Time members (accompanying adults free) and may be purchased online [here](#) or by calling the Box Office on 0871 902 5723. No adult unaccompanied by a toddler will be admitted.

Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association (EIFA): Grand Opening of 


New Premises! EIFA has moved from St John's Church to the City of Edinburgh Methodist Church and will open its new premises today. 6pm – opening ceremony with entertainment, 7.15pm – light refreshments, [City of Edinburgh Methodist Church](#), 15 Nicolson Square. All welcome!




The Play Talk Read Bus is in Edinburgh this week: enjoyable learning and fun for pre-school children and their parents and carers. There are **games and activities** downstairs and a **Bookbug** session upstairs, all facilitated by friendly Play Leaders. Today the bus will be at [Oxgangs Library](#), Oxgangs Road North from 10am to 12.15pm and [Craigmillar Library](#), Niddrie Mains Road, from 1.45pm to 4pm. It's free and all are welcome.



Lunchtime Concert: Alexander Thomson plays the Centre's Bechstein Grand Piano. 12.30pm (concert will begin at 12.40pm), Robertson Suite, [Eric Liddell Centre](#), 15 Morningside Road. Admission costs £6 per person and includes a light lunch. For more information contact the Centre on 0131 447 4520.

 **For Crying Out Loud:** screenings for carers and their babies under 12 months (maximum of two adults per baby). Baby-changing, bottle-warming and buggy-parking facilities are available. Today's film is ***A Pigeon Sat on a Branch... (12A)***: 'an absurdist, surrealistic and shocking pitch-black comedy'. In Swedish and English with English subtitles. 11am, [Filmhouse](#), Lothian Road. Tickets cost £4.50/£3.50 (babies free).


The Life and Songs of Bob Bertram: author **Norma Allan**, who  has just published ***The Complete Works of Bob Bertram***, talks about the life and works of the well-known Edinburgh folk


singer and character, who performed at various venues around the Old Town, particularly at the **Edinburgh Folk Club**. Norma will also recite some of Bob's poems, and folk singer **Morag Dunbar** will sing some of his songs. 6.30-7.30pm, George Washington Browne Room, [Central Library](#), George IV Bridge. Free but booking is required via eventbrite [here](#).



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Concert: Nabillah Jabal (piano). Please check time with venue: [St Giles' Cathedral](#), High Street. Free.

Folk Film Gathering: the world's first folk film festival. The inaugural programme explores the use of folk tale and storytelling in film, rhapsodic mixes of cinema and song and a particular focus on women's stories and perspectives. Each feature will be preceded by a related short by a contemporary Scottish filmmaker. Today's film is ***Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors (Tini zabutykh)*** (12) (in Ukrainian with English subtitles): '..a dizzying portrayal of the ancient people's culture of the Carpathian mountains. The story of star-crossed lovers accounts for only half of the film...Costume, dance, song and gossip orality combine with some of the most  spectacular imagery ever caught on camera'. Plus short ***The Fisherman's Daughter*** by Tom Chick. 5.45pm, [Filmhouse](#), Lothian Road. Tickets may be purchased online [here](#) or by calling the Box Office on 0131 228 2688.

 **Tricolour:** monthly event showcasing three different poetry and spoken word talents. Three different voices, three different styles, three different takes on life. This month: **Patricia McCaw, Alec Beattie and Katie Ailes**. 6.30pm, [National Library of Scotland](#), George IV Bridge. Free but please book

via the NLS website [here](#) or by calling 0131 623 3734.



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A Flute and Saxophone Recital: Laura Cioffi and Anna Wright play works by Godard, Creston, Daugherty, Debussy, Glazunov and Ibert. 7.30pm, [Canongate Kirk](#), 153 Canongate. Free.

The Trad Affair: an evening of fantastic energy, musicianship and smiles from young musicians from all over **Scotland, Ireland, America and England** who are now studying at the **Royal Conservatoire** in Glasgow. 'A vibrant, contemporary and unique blend of traditional Scottish, Irish and original music, featuring **piano, accordion, bagpipes, whistle, flute, fiddle, percussion, voice and clarsach**....musical performances full of fun, personality and spirit'. Over 18s only. 7pm, Speakeasy, [The Voodoo Rooms](#), 19a West Register Street. Tickets cost £8/£6 in advance from eventbrite [here](#) (transaction fee applies).

