

Sunday in Edinburgh – What's On Today

✘ **Scotland Open Gardens: Belhaven Hill School with Belhaven House.** Originally called **Winterfield House**, the school has retained the formal garden in front of the walled garden, which is accessed through an ornate gate and archway and is laid to lawn with box-edged borders, some containing wildflowers. A gate from the playing field leads to **Belhaven House Garden**, which has four acres of formal Georgian gardens, walled vegetable and fruit gardens and open woodland. Owned for a while by **Sir George Taylor**, famous botanist and a former director of Kew. Refreshments available at the school. Both gardens are situated on [Belhaven Road](#), Dunbar and will be open 2-5pm. £4 per person for admission to both gardens (children under 12 free), of which 40% will go to **East Lothian Special Needs Play Schemes** and the net remainder to SG beneficiaries.

Filmhouse Junior: films for a younger audience. This week: ✘ ***Fantastic Mr Fox*** (PG), **Wes Anderson's** quirky animation of Roald Dahl's children's book. 11am, [Filmhouse](#), Lothian Road. Tickets cost £4 per person, big or small, and may be purchased from the Box Office on 0131 228 2688 or online [here](#).

✘ **Storytelling: Mary, Queen of Scots.** Join storytellers **Fergus** and **Claire McNicol** for an afternoon of fun stories and songs about the amazing adventures of Scotland's most famous queen. For ages 7+. 2pm or 3pm (45 minute sessions), [Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#), 1 Queen Street. Free: no booking required. Supported by the Friends of NGS.

Beyond the Veil Story Session: Prophet Ibrahim. Activities, ✘ story and snacks for children aged 5-10 years. 2-4.30pm, John Hope Gateway (West Gate), [Royal Botanic Garden](#), Inverleith Row. £3 per child: **booking is essential**; please email beyondtheveil@hotmail.co.uk with your name, your child's

name and age, details of any allergies your child may have, and at least one contact number. For any enquiries please contact **Nasim Azed** on 07795 417 030. **Beyond the Veil** is a Muslim Women's Group based in Edinburgh, aiming to promote a better understanding of Islam on a basic level: 'we believe it is through integration and partnership that understanding on a reciprocal basis can be achieved'.

✘ **Cameo Vintage Sundays:** classic films back on the big screen. Today: **Freaks (12A)** – the story of a travelling circus of freaks who exact a terrible revenge on a beautiful trapeze artist and her strong-man lover after one of their number is nearly murdered for his fortune. 1pm, [Cameo](#), Home Street. Tickets may be purchased online [here](#) or by calling the Box Office on 0871 902 5723.

Scotland's Open Gardens: 20 Blackford Road. A Victorian ✘ Walled Garden designed for all year colour, structure and interest. Mature trees and box hedging with a wide range of mixed beds of shrubs and herbaceous plants. Refreshments available. 2-5pm, [20 Blackford Road](#), EH9 2DS. £4 per person, of which **Retired Greyhound Trust – Edinburgh** will receive 40%, with the remainder going to SG beneficiaries.

✘ **Sofi's Nocturnes:** weekly open stage hosted by **Matt Norris** and **Arno Blok**. Unplugged and intimate – all acts welcome, including music, spoken word and anything else you'd like to perform. House guitar available. A free drink for all performers! 8-10pm, [Sofi's Bar](#), Henderson Street.

Scotland's Open Gardens: 61 Fountainhall Road. Large walled ✘ town garden in which trees and shrubs form an architectural backdrop to a wide variety of flowering plants. A collection of **hellebores** and **triliums**, several **alpine beds** and three **ponds** with a lively population of **frogs**. Refreshments available. 2-5pm, [61 Fountainhall Road](#), EH9 2LH. £4 person, of which 40% will go to **Froglife** and the net remainder to SG beneficiaries. For further information please contact **Mrs**

Annemarie Hammond on 0131 667 6146.

✘ **Hidden Door x Bongo: Alternative Orchestra After-Party.** Live sets from **Black Diamond Express** and special guests, followed by DJs and dancing till late. 10pm-2am, [The Bongo Club](#), Cowgate. Tickets cost £7 on the door sta (free with *Hidden Door* combined tickets).

Me & T Monthly: a supportive space for people who have ✘ friends, family or partners who are transgender or exploring their gender – an opportunity to meet others who may have similar experiences, questions or concerns. 2-4pm, [LGBT Health & Wellbeing](#), 9 Howe Street. For more information please contact me.and.t.edinburgh@gmail.com at any time.

✘ **Scotland's Open Gardens: Dr Neil's Garden.** Secluded, landscaped garden on the lower slopes of **Arthur's Seat**, featuring conifers, alpines, physic garden, herbaceous borders and ponds. Also **Thomson's Tower** with the **Museum of Curling** and beautiful views across **Duddingston Loch**. Refreshments available. 2-5pm, [Dr Neil's Garden Trust](#), Old Church Lane, Duddingston Village, EH15 3PX. Please park at the kirk car park on Duddingston Road West then follow signs. £3 per person, of which 40% goes to Dr Neil's Garden Trust and the remainder to SG beneficiaries.

St Giles' At Six: William Jewell College Concert Choir, ✘ **Missouri.** An eclectic programme featuring works by composers from around the world. Conductor: **Anthony J Maglione**, organist: **Ann Marie Rigler**. 6pm, [St Giles' Cathedral](#), High Street. Free: retiring collection.

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