

# Edinburgh Festival Carnival on its way next month



The fourth Edinburgh Festival Carnival is limbering up for its biggest – and brightest – year yet!

The parade will begin the festivities on 19 July, leading 700 Carnival performers from the top of the Mound to the West End of Princes Street in an extravaganza of high-energy music and dazzling costumes!

And it's not just for spectators: you are invited to take part in the parade alongside professional musicians, dancers and costumed performers. Individuals, families or groups can sign up to come along on the day and wear one of the fantastic Carnival costumes!

**The Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival runs the Carnival, and Producer, Roger Spence, said:** “The Festival Carnival creates a fantastic spectacle in the city centre, with performers from all around the world sharing their Carnival cultures with the people of Edinburgh and each other. As always, we are inviting the people of Edinburgh to join the Carnival fun by either participating (why not wear a costume?), or simply by attending and having a great day out. We'd like to thank the The City of Edinburgh Council and Forth1 for supporting the Carnival”

**Councillor Richard Lewis, Festivals and Events Champion, City of Edinburgh Council, said:** “We are delighted to support the Edinburgh Festival Carnival again this year. It is important to make culture accessible to all ages, price ranges and tastes and the Carnival offers that. The parade celebrates just how international Edinburgh's cultural offering has become and it's the perfect way to launch the summer festival

season."