Edinburgh's family festival returns this summer

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Boxsmall Market is on its way back this year complete with Bubbleparc and designer picnic area

The unique family festival, returns to Edinburgh for its second year and takes place at Princes Mall Roof Terrace from Friday 19th June — Monday 31st August. This contemporary, family-friendly summer market comprises of four interactive zones -Boxsmall Market, Bubbleparc, a designer picnic area and two unique theatre 'show boxes' providing 10 minute, interactive children's shows throughout the day.

The Boxsmall Market is an architecturally designed market made up of a series of contemporary cubic micro-stores, showcasing the very best of Scottish products from delicious local food to cutting edge design, clothing and crafts. Exhibitors include Edinburgh Natural Skin Care, Embryonic Art, Meredith Jewellery and Cabbie Kids.

In the bespoke, sculpturally designed picnic area, visitors can relax and enjoy this unique outdoor eating space dining from a colourful collection of fresh food stalls. Everything from seasonal Scottish food including suppliers such as Howie's to international street food from Orinoco, Pappa Mama and Los Cardos.

Two unique 'show boxes' will present regular daily children's mini performances, lasting up to 10 minutes each. Children will be immersed in an interactive and hands-on mini theatre environment, taking them on a fun and memorable journey.

In addition, the Bubbleparc — which was also designed by Boxsmall Market's architect and designer, Pol Taylor —

includes the ball shaped, geodesic Bungeydome allowing children (3+) to reverse jump up to eight metres high.

Shona Donaldson, festival director, says: "Boxsmall Market is a great space for families to enjoy a fun summer's day out and we're delighted to be situated in one of the best spots in the city, on the roof terraces of Princes Mall, surrounded by the most breath-taking views. Our unique and contemporary festival is full on innovation and fun — there is something for everyone to enjoy. Whether it's sampling delicious street food, browsing the market for Scottish crafts, enjoying a show, or bouncy fun at the Bubbleparc, the whole family will be entertained."

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