

# Friday in Edinburgh – What's On Today



**Inseparable:** an exhibition of portraits of people in Russia with Down's Syndrome, aged from 5 to 50 years. The portraits are by award-winning master of photography **Vladimir Mishukov**. 9am-1pm and 2-5pm, Monday to Saturday, 12 noon-3pm Sundays, [St Mary's Cathedral](#), Palmerston Place. The exhibition has been organised by the cathedral in partnership with **Down's Syndrome Scotland** and the **Russian Consulate**. Closes 18th July 2015.

 **Benji The Play Talk Read Bus is in Castle Street today!**

Free songs, stories and play sessions for young children, their parents and carers. 10am-1pm *and* 2-4pm, **Castle Street**.

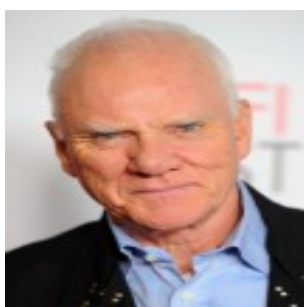


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**Gallery Social: Jean-Etienne Liotard.** A relaxed and informal guided tour with refreshments for anyone affected by dementia, and their relatives, friends and supporters. 10.30am-12 noon, [Scottish National Gallery](#), The Mound (meet at the Information Desk, Gardens entrance). Free but please book by calling 0131 624 6560. Supported by the Friends of NGS.

**LGBT Age: Scottish Parliament Tour.** Come and hear about the

history, work and procedures of the Parliament, and the architecture of its award-winning building. 10.30am-12.30pm, [Scottish Parliament](#), Holyrood. **Booking is essential** and may be made by contacting [lynda@lgbthealth.org.uk](mailto:lynda@lgbthealth.org.uk). LGBT Age is a project run by LGBT Health & Wellbeing for LGBT people over the age of 50; it offers a befriending service, social programme and information sessions. For more information click [here](#).



**Edinburgh International Film Festival continues today!** For details of all films and other events see the programme [here](#) or pick up a paper copy at EIFF venues and many other locations throughout the city. Tickets are available in person from the [Filmhouse](#), Lothian Road, [Cineworld](#), Fountain Park, [Odeon](#), Lothian Road and the [Festival Theatre](#), by calling 0131 623 8030 or online [here](#). Today's highlights include ***Kaleidoscope***, **Telemach Wiesinger's** idiosyncratic, feature-length film poem weaving together numerous journeys across

Europe and America, set to an innovative soundtrack, **In Person: Malcolm McDowell**, in which the actor was to talk about highlights from his career has now been cancelled, and the **Festival Awards Ceremony**, at which you can be the first to find out about this year's winners and to see the exclusive trophies made by the [Grassmarket Community Project's](#) woodshop.



Breastfeeding Groups

**Breastfeeding Awareness Week: NHS Lothian's Infant Feeding Team** will answer any questions you may have – plus free gifts and fun goodies for the children! 10.30am-12 noon (after Rhymetime) [Muirhouse Library](#), 15 Pennywell Court.



**Leith School of Art Summer Exhibition:** a showcase of the work of the School's students at the end of their year-long and part-time courses. The School has introduced several new courses in 2014-15, so the exhibition will take place over all three campuses: 10am-4pm at [St James, North Junction Street](#) and [Coburg House Studios](#); also at same times on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June (please note: St James campus will be only be open **1-4pm** on Sunday 28th). For full details see the School's website [here](#).



**Lunchtime Concert: Sacramento Master Singers,** California. 12.15pm, [St Giles' Cathedral](#), High Street. Free.

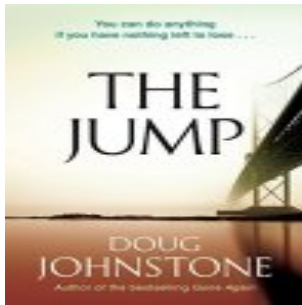
**LGBT Women's Wellbeing Group:** an inclusive group that  offers the chance to meet other LGBT women in a relaxed

environment. Chat, info and activities promoting health and wellbeing. The group welcomes all LGBT women and transgender people who identify primarily as women. Today's theme is **'Holiday'** and the group will take a walk along **Portobello Prom** before enjoying a well-deserved drink. 2-4.30pm. For information on meeting place and to be added to the group's email list, please contact **Alison Wren** on 0131 652 3283 or email [alison@lgbthealth.org.uk](mailto:alison@lgbthealth.org.uk).

✖ **Robert Louis Stevenson and his Literary Networks:** writer and researcher **Duncan Milne** considers Robert Louis Stevenson's place in a wider Victorian literary society. Stevenson corresponded and even collaborated with a number of iconic writers, from **Thomas Hardy** to **Mark Twain**, **Rudyard Kipling**, **JM Barrie** and even **Henry James**; his contacts give a unique insight into a world of inspiration, emulation, cooperation and dispute – a telling portrait of Victorian publication and the world of literature in general. 10.30am, [Museum of Edinburgh](#), 142 Canongate. Tickets cost £5/£3.50 per person and must be purchased in advance from the [Usher Hall Box Office](#), in person, by calling 0131 228 1155 or online [here](#) (transaction fee applies to phone and online bookings).

**Skylark Surf Week: Jake and Rory's Ocean of** ✖ **Psychedelia.** Music, visuals, and possibly some very weird dancing.. 7.30pm, [The Skylark](#), 241.243 Portobello High Street.

**LGBT Film Nights:** see LGBT themed and mainstream films in a sociable setting. 7pm (film starts at 7), [LGBT Health and Wellbeing](#), 9 Howe Street. For more information and to join the mailing list please contact [admin@lgbthealth.org.uk](mailto:admin@lgbthealth.org.uk).





**Bloody Scotland Presents East vs West Scottish Crime Fiction:** **Craig Robertson** and **Michael Malone** chair an evening with three of Scotland's leading crime writers, **Neil Broadfoot**, **Frank Muir** and **Doug Johnstone**. 6.30pm, [Waterstones George Street](http://Waterstones George Street), 83 George Street. Free but please book by emailing [edinburghgeorgest@waterstones.com](mailto:edinburghgeorgest@waterstones.com), or for more information please call 0131 225 3436. Read The Edinburgh Reporter on the launch of Neil Broadfoot's latest thriller, *The Storm* [here](#).



**St Margaret's House/Edinburgh Palette: New Exhibitions:** (1) **14.15:** Fourteen former **Edinburgh College** students 'trying to figure out their place in the world'; (2) **24:** **Dominic McIvor** – large scale works by the recent Gray's School of Art graduate;

(3) **From a Horizontal Line: Robyn Benson** – new works exploring the structural capabilities of the curve. Previews tonight, then 10am-6pm daily, [St Margaret's House](#), 151 London Road. All three exhibitions end 12th July 2015.

**The Liar's Tour of the Scottish Storytelling Centre:** a  unique and fun tour with storyteller **James Spence**. It is the stuff of legend, forged from lies, banter, outlandishness and sheer cheek; enter this parallel universe of tall tales, and know that the truth is out there somewhere, but strangely absent from here. See the Centre in a strange new light, through the jaundiced eye of a storyteller. 1pm or 3pm, [Scottish Storytelling Centre](#), 43-45 High Street. Tickets cost £5 (includes entry to John Knox House) and may be purchased from the Box Office by calling 0131 556 9579 or online [here](#).

 **Guid Crack: Eejits and Hissy Fits.** Join storyteller **Fiona Herbert** for tales of stupidity and stropiness. Join in with a tale of your own, or just come to listen. Edinburgh's monthly storytelling night: accompanied young adults welcome. 7.30pm, [Scottish Storytelling Centre](#), 43-45 High Street. Free: suggested donation £3 per person.

**Harpsichord Recital: John Kitchen** will play *Suite in C* attrib. **Louis Couperin**, *Handel Overture in Sansom*, **JS Bach Capriccio on the departure of his beloved brother BWV 992** and **Forqueray La Mandoline, La Regente et La Leclair**. 8pm, [St Giles' Cathedral](#), High Street. Admission is by programme and costs £6, free to **Friends of the Music of St Giles' Cathedral**, in association with whom this concert has been organised.



**Cream O' The Croft:** your first chance to escape the capital this weekend is a new festival. Although it's dedicated to

**Scottish mountain biking**, Cream O' The Croft is aiming to be much more – so in addition to **Funduro** ('a mashup featuring multiple timed stages; blue, red and black grade downhill; one hill climb; a head-to-head dual slalom and pump track challenge' – which presumably makes sense to those of you who need to know...), **bike races** and **challenges for all ages** and **bike coaching**, there will be **pedal-powered films**, a **big bike jumble sale**, **live music** throughout the weekend, lots of **children's activities** (water slide, crafts, action, adventure and a pop-up wildlife park) and plenty of **local food and drink** (including **Alchemy's Bunny Hop** ale, brewed specially for the festival). Gates open 3pm today, [Comrie Croft](#), Crieff, PH7 4JZ. The Festival ends at 4pm on Sunday 28th June. For more information, including accommodation options, click [here](#) and to book your tickets via eventbrite click [here](#).

