## Biggest Festival Wheel yet coming to Edinburgh

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It is only a couple of years since we have had the Festival Wheel in Princes Street but now we are about to have the biggest yet!

Situated in the heart of Edinburgh's Princes Street Gardens, the Edinburgh Festival Wheel will stand at 44m tall – 4m taller than the big wheel at last year's event – offering spectacular views over the city and right across to the Firth of Forth and Fife.

With 27 360 degree rotating gondolas, The Edinburgh Festival Wheel will bring a little bit of culture at a leisurely pace.

The Edinburgh Festival Wheel will be open from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 10pm daily.

Douglas Taylor, head of operations for Edinburgh Festival Wheel, said: "We are delighted to be operating the Edinburgh Festival Wheel this year. This year's wheel is one of the largest self-supporting wheels around and is ultra-lightweight considering its size.

"There is always a fantastic atmosphere during the festival and we are sure that the Edinburgh Festival Wheel will add another dimension of fun."

Edinburgh's Festivals and Events Champion, Cllr Richard Lewis, said: "The Edinburgh Festival Wheel will offer spectacular

views of the city this summer. I'm sure it will prove very popular with both visitors and residents and it is great news that a 20 per cent discount is available to all Edinburgh citizens.

"I am also delighted that monies raised from the Edinburgh Festival Wheel will support future improvements to Princes Street Gardens, allowing everyone to continue to enjoy this unique greenspace in the heart of the city centre."

Visitors looking to experience the Edinburgh Festival Wheel can book tickets online at <a href="http://www.edinburghfestivalwheel.com">www.edinburghfestivalwheel.com</a> or at the ticket booth situated at the ride itself.

Tickets are priced at £8 per person/ £6 for concessions with family tickets available.

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