


Friday in Edinburgh – What's On Today

Flickering Seasons: a monologue about real life, recovery  and hope, written and performed by **Frances McCann**, directed by **Adam Tomkins**. The performance will last about 30 minutes and will be followed by a talk. 6.45pm, [St John's Church Hall](#), Princes Street. Tickets cost £7/£5 (unwaged) and will be available on the door. Supported by the **Scottish Recovery Consortium**.



Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival starts today! Over 150 concerts in venues all over the city, plus jam sessions, a jazz summer school, **Mardi Gras** in the Grassmarket and the **Festival Carnival** in Princes Street. Tickets may be purchased online [here](#), by calling 0131 473 2000 or from **Hub Tickets**, the **Festival Theatre** and **The Queen's Hall**.

✖ **Biggest Bubble Blowing Bonanza:** will there be a record breaker? Come along and find out! For ages 5-12 years. 2.30-3.30pm, [Granton Library](#), Wardieburn Terrace. All welcome.

In Focus: Quentin Massy's Portrait of a Man c 1510-1520. ✖ Art historian **Ola Wojtkiewicz** considers one of the Scottish National Gallery highlights, which shows Massy's meticulous style in one of his best 'head and shoulders' portraits set against a landscape background. The painting's enigmatic symbolism and its fascinating conservation history will be the main focus of this informative and entertaining lecture. 12.45-1.30pm, Hawthornden Lecture Theatre, [Scottish National Gallery](#), The Mound. Free and unticketed.

✖ **Summer Yoga:** 10.30am-12 noon today and every Friday until 14th August, [Eric Liddell Centre](#), 15 Morningside Road. £6/£5 (mats provided). For more information please contact fiona@ericliddell.org or call 0131 446 3321.

Beyond Google: an Introduction to Credo Reference and Oxford Reference Online. ✖ Learn how to access hundreds of quality reference books online – a basic introduction to the key features of two major resources. 11am, [National Library of Scotland](#), George IV Bridge. Free but booking is required and may be made by calling 0131 623 3734 or online [here](#). For more information please email enquiries@nls.uk.



EDINBURGH JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL

Anita Wardell and her Trio: the world-renowned singer with one of the most attractive voice in jazz, sings ballads, scat and swingers. For over 14s only. 6-7.30pm, [The Jazz Bar](#), Chambers Street. This event forms part of **Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival**: tickets cost £10 (transaction fee applies) and may be purchased from [Hub Tickets](#), Castle Hill in person, by calling 0131 473 2000 or online [here](#). Tickets are also available from the **Festival Theatre** and **The Queen's Hall** Box Offices.



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ButeFest 2015: if you're still looking for an excuse to escape this weekend, another island is ready to welcome you to its shores. **Bute** is, however, a tad closer to home than the Outer Hebrides; you can take the train or bus there from Glasgow (short ferry trip included), and they're even laying on a shuttle bus to get you to the campsite. Line-up includes **Peatbog Faeries, Treacherous Orchestra, Skerryvore, Stanley Odd, We Banjo 3** and lots more, plus children's entertainment – **Professor Pumpernickel**, storytelling, a wandering troubadour and activities throughout the site – locally produced foods, including **Henshelwoods** and **Food From Argyll**, breadmaking, coffee tasting, herb growing, preserve making and spice tasting workshops, craft beers and ciders. Starts today, **The Meadows, Rothesay**, Isle of Bute; ends Sunday 19th July. For more information, including accommodation (free camping is included in the ticket price, but you can also hire a luxury pre-erected bell tent, furnished or unfurnished!) and transport options, see the ButeFest website [here](#).

Get Into Art: if you're looking to explore a variety of new art techniques, start here with a simple introduction to artworks from the city's varied and colourful collection with artist **Erik Petrie**. 2.30-4pm, [City Art Centre](#), 2 Market Street. £4 per person: advance booking is essential and must be made via the [Usher Hall Box Office](#), Lothian Road, in person, by calling 0131 228 1155 or online [here](#). Please note that these workshops are for families working together: all children must be accompanied by at least one paying adult, and children must not be booked into workshops alone.

