

Five things you need to know today!



New route from Edinburgh Airport

Council rejects demolition at Canonmills Bridge

Fringe Tip of the Day

Q & A with Val McDermid

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Another new route to New York's JFK Airport [will begin next year](#) when Delta begin their daily service at the end of May.

Colin Keir MSP for Edinburgh Western has welcomed the announcement by Delta Airlines/Virgin that their joint venture will launch the new service.

Mr Keir said: "All new routes from Edinburgh are welcome as they boost employment and tourism opportunities, something that is vital to the Edinburgh and wider Scottish economy.

With direct flights to New York, Edinburgh will link with the most influential global financial centre. Add to this the tourism potential and it makes this a real diamond route.

Well done to Edinburgh Airport CEO Gordon Dewar and his team for securing this route and to Delta and Virgin for identifying Edinburgh as a positive destination."

The council rejected an application to demolish the buildings on Canonmills Bridge yesterday amid loud cheers from the public gallery.

Green candidate for the Leith Walk by-election Susan Rae said: "It's been clear for weeks that there was widespread community dismay about plans to demolish the buildings at Canonmills Bridge. So I'm delighted that the planning committee has thrown out the plan.

"It's not just about the physical appearance of the buildings. It is also about sustaining a hub which has gathered a lot of affection among local people.

"So I hope the views of local people are now heard loud and clear."

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At 15:45 today for 1 hour you can go to Assembly Theatre, George Square, EH8 9LH and pay £10 to £14 per ticket plus special offers for family and children and go and see the performers from Japanese hi-tech dance show SIRO-A.

The Edinburgh run lasts until 31 August at the Assembly George Square Theatre.

The SIRO-A group was formed in 2002 by classmates from Sendai, in Japan, each with their own finely honed set of skills.

Audiences are treated to a visual feast in which the Siro performers interact with spectacular video projection, light animation, stunning laser effects and a pulsating techno beat. The show crosses all boundaries of language and culture, and is a treat for people of any age.

Reality and animation are blended in a constantly shifting landscape which combines playful humour and astonishing beauty in what they describe as a "virtual hyper-reality". There is even a fresh interpretation of the ancient Japanese art of

shadow puppetry.

Bookings: assemblyfestival.com, 0131 623 3030 or Assembly box offices at Assembly Hall and Assembly Roxy, Assembly George Square and Assembly Checkpoint or Edinburgh Fringe at <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/siro-a>

Website: www.siro-a.co.uk, www.siro-a.com

Best-selling author, Val McDermid, and two forensic experts will be joining Future Learn for a live video Q&A today from 16:45 – 17:30 GMT+1.

Edinburgh resident Val wrote the murder mystery behind the University of Dundee's free online course available on Future Learn, [Identifying the Dead: Forensic Science and Human Identification](#). The course allows you to be a forensic investigator and solve the crime yourself!

She and the experts will be answering your questions about forensic investigation, the different roles that exist, and where crime writers get their ideas from. Click [here](#).



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