

Edinburgh's Hogmanay 2015 will star Biffy Clyro

Organisers of Edinburgh's Hogmanay are today delighted to announce that **Biffy Clyro** will headline the Edinburgh's Hogmanay 2015/16 Concert in the Gardens. Unique Events, who produce Edinburgh's Hogmanay on behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council, confirmed that the band will make an exclusive UK appearance this year at the Edinburgh's Hogmanay event and will be joined by very special guests **Idlewild** and **Honeyblood** in a very strong all-Scottish line-up.

Biffy Clyro headlined the Edinburgh's Hogmanay event in 2010 and now, five big years later, they will be bringing their explosive live show to Princes Street Gardens for what promises to be an unforgettable New Year celebration. This will be the band's one and only UK performance of 2015 and will be the stage from which they will kick off 2016 and what is being lined up to be an absolutely huge year for them.

Biffy Clyro said "We are so happy to come out of musical hibernation to kick off 2016 with the show on Hogmanay. We want to rock off the cobwebs and prepare for the year of da biff!! Nothing can compete with Edinburgh's celebrations and we hope to make it a special night for everyone!!"

Pete Irvine, Director of Edinburgh's Hogmanay, said "We reckon it's a real coup that Biffy have chosen Edinburgh's Hogmanay not only for their first outing of 2015 but also to launch what looks like a very special year for them. Their stand-out performance two years ago headlining T in the Park reminded us that they are one of the most exciting live bands ever to come out of Scotland. Biffy have built a big international following and headlining an impressive Scottish line-up at Concert in the Gardens will please both the Scots and our

audience who come from over 70 countries.”

Councillor Richard Lewis, the city’s festivals and events champion, said: “Edinburgh’s Hogmanay is going back to its Scottish roots. Idlewild first formed in Edinburgh 20 years ago and they are sure to be a huge hit with local fans in particular, while Scotland’s NME Award winning Biffy Clyro will help the city bring in the bells when they perform at the Concert in the Gardens. Coupled with the famous fireworks display, this year’s celebrations will yet again entertain thousands of people and get 2016 off to a spectacular start.”

Special guests **Idlewild** formed in Edinburgh in 1995 and will perform at Edinburgh’s Hogmanay with a line-up of Roddy Woomble, Rod Jones, Colin Newton, Andrew Mitchell and Lucci Rossi. The Scottish indie band have had a triumphant return to the live scene in 2015, performing at summer festivals across the country with their first album since 2009 *‘Everything Ever Written’* which has been launched to critical, and public, acclaim. **Honeyblood** will open Concert in the Gardens, closing a huge year for Scots duo which has seen them perform at festivals across Europe including an opening slot for the Foo Fighters at their recent Murrayfield gig. Edinburgh born singer Stina Marie Claire Tweedale and drummer Cat Myers released their debut album in 2014 and also joined Belle & Sebastian on their US tour earlier this year.

Tickets for Edinburgh’s Hogmanay Concert in the Gardens will go on general sale from 10.00am on Friday 25 September at www.edinburghshogmanay.com, by calling Edinburgh’s Hogmanay Box Office on 0844 573 8455 or by calling into the Hogmanay Box Office at The Fringe Office, 180 High Street, Edinburgh. Tickets are priced at £55.00 (including booking fee) for the Enclosure, and £49.50 (including booking fee) for the Gardens.

Tickets for the world famous Edinburgh’s Hogmanay Street Party are already on sale at £25.00 (including booking fee). Early bird tickets for EH postcode residents are still available at

£19.00 (including booking fee). Full details of the Street Party line-up and other events at Edinburgh's Hogmanay will be announced on Wednesday 7 October 2015.

Edinburgh's Hogmanay attracts over audiences of over 150,000 to three days of spectacular events throughout the city centre. The economic impact from Edinburgh's Hogmanay for the city last year was £41.8m. Edinburgh's Hogmanay is a key part of Scotland's Winter Festivals celebrations.

Edinburgh's Hogmanay is produced on behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council by Unique Events, working with partners Underbelly who present Edinburgh's Christmas attractions and events.