

Botanic Lights 2015 – open to the public from today



Botanic Lights returns this year with 22 nights at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE), running from 29 October to 22 November. The idea is that you walk around the garden at night and are entertained by sights and sounds along a trail designed to show you the colours of four seasons.

There are projections and music, with voice activated sensors which allow you to really talk to the trees.

Botanic Lights is presented by the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh in association with Scotland's leading independent event producers Unique Events, working in partnership with lighting, AV and sound specialists Black Light.

A spokesman for Unique Events said: "Unique Events are pleased to be returning to the Garden this autumn. This year we will explore the Seasons in Colour with an ambitious light and sound event featuring interactive experiences, show pieces and installation art. It's great to be back among the plants."



Botanic Lights 2015 – *Seasons in Colour* has been designed by leading Scottish lighting artist Grant Anderson working with composer Claire McKenzie to create a unique night-time experience, themed around the elements and the changing of the seasons, celebrating a year in Edinburgh through the eyes and ears of The Royal Botanic Garden's plant life.

A spokesman for Black Light said: "We are delighted to be in partnership with Unique Events and Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh to bring an enchanting event that all the family will enjoy. We have been working on the outdoor event for many

months and are extremely excited for it to begin.”



- 29-31 October: 1700hrs – 2200hrs (last slot 2030hrs)
- 1-22 November: 1700hrs – 2200hrs (last slot 2030hrs)
- Mondays excluded

Entry is by ticket only. Tickets are on sale now from www.rbge.org.uk/botaniclights, by calling 0844 573 8455, or in person at The Fringe Shop, 180 High Street, Edinburgh.

There is also a Box Office at the Garden's East Gate for pre-paid ticket collections, and sales (subject to availability), open every day of the event from 1630hrs. Plus, there is a ticket sales and collection machine at the John Hope Gateway during normal Garden opening hours.

Tickets are priced £14.00 for adults and £7.00 for children under 16. Prices quoted include all booking fees.

This year, family tickets are available from a starting price of £24.00 (available for 5pm -7.30pm sessions) – see website for details. Groups (10+ adults) pay £12.00 per person and infants (0-2 years) and carers go free, but still require an event ticket.

You are invited to vote for a particular season on Twitter using one of four hashtags. Then the lighting will change to reflect the season which gets the most votes.

#BLSpring #BLSummer #BLAutumn #BLWinter

Photos Grant Ritchie