

Friday in Edinburgh – What's On Today



Africa in Motion Opening and Birthday Party: following the opening screening of *Hyenas* at the Filmhouse, everyone is warmly invited to celebrate AiM's 10th birthday in an evening filled with African beats, dancing, circus acts, African cocktails and snacks; warm up a chilly October evening with the vibrancy of African culture! Scottish drumming group **Baobab Gateway**, whose unique sound fuses Western and West African instruments, **Artcore Circus (Pyroceltica)** and fire artist **Ashley Male**, who will perform a packed show of acrobatics, parkour, fire throwing, stilt walking and more, and Edinburgh-based **DJ Swank 'n' Jam's** afrocentric beats – plus a complementary cocktail, **Knights Kitchen's** finest Kenyan cuisine, and a slice of cake! For over 15s only. 8pm-1am, Courtyard, [Summerhall](#), 1 Summerhall. Free but booking is required and may be made via eventbrite [here](#).



Museum of Edinburgh sign

Calton Hill and the Anatomy of Edinburgh's Volcano: Andrew McMillan, author and former Principal Geologist at the **British Geological Survey**, tells the fascinating story in the

development of this long extinct volcano. Calton Hill is also the home to some remarkable late 18th and early 19th century buildings; these stone-built structures reveal much about the characteristics not only of locally-sourced volcanic rocks but also sandstones from some of Edinburgh's famous quarries, notably Craighleith. 10.30am, [Museum of Edinburgh](#), Huntly House, 142 Canongate. Tickets cost £5/£3.50 and must be booked in advance via the [Usher Hall Box Office](#), Lothian Road, in person, by calling 0131 228 1155 or online [here](#).



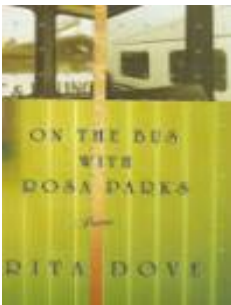
Lunchtime Concert: Anne Desler (*mezzo-soprano*), **Mai Kawabata** (*violin*) and **John Kitchen** (*harpsichord*) play JS Bach *Sonata No.4 in C minor for violin and obbligato harpsichord*, BWV 1017, Alessandro Scarlatti *Cantata IV: Sotto il bei di fiori e fronde* and Nicolo Porpora *Cantata IX 'Destatavi, o pastori'*. 1.10pm, [Playfair Library Hall](#), Old College, University of Edinburgh. Free.



Gallery Social – Arthur Melville: a relaxed and informal guided tour with refreshments for anyone affected by dementia and their relatives, friends and supporters. 10.30am-12 noon, [Scottish National Gallery](#), The Mound. To book a place contact the Information Desk on 0131 624 6560.

Dante and Scottish Culture: to celebrate the 750th anniversary of Dante's birth, **Professor Nick Havely** (University of York) and **Dr Davide Messina** (University of Edinburgh), in collaboration with the **Italian Cultural Institute**, have organised a day of events. Invited speakers from Italy and the UK will highlight some of the many historical links between Italian and Scottish culture and art with a special focus on Dante. The programme will include a screening of Dante images by the Scottish artist **Frank To**, and a special viewing of the **MacLeod Dante Collection** at the **National Library of Scotland**, introduced by Professor Havely. The day will conclude with a show featuring readings, music, and a **Virtual Dante**, courtesy of **Professor Giuliana Nuvoli** (Milano Statale) and a wine reception. The full programme for the day may be downloaded [here](#). From 10am, **School of**


Literature, Languages and Culture, University of Edinburgh, Project Room, [50 George Square](#). Free; all welcome.



Rita Dove: the former US Laureate makes a rare visit to Scotland. Rita Dove made history when she became the first **African-American Poet Laureate**. In this lecture, she will look at the poet's role in re-shaping, reframing and reimagining history, interweaving her talk with poems. 6.30-8pm, University of Edinburgh, [50 George Square](#). Free but booking is required and may be made via eventbrite [here](#). For further information please call SPL on 0131 557 2876.



animalia: an exhibition of animal themed images and objects from Edinburgh College of Art graduates **Douglas Allison, Lester Bailey, Marion Barron** and **John Nowak**. Preview tonight 6.30-9.30pm, then 10am-6pm Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th, 10am-8pm Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th October, [Gayfield Creative Spaces](#), 11 Gayfield Square.

 **The 2015 Scottish International Storytelling Festival starts today!** A ten-day celebration of live storytelling, oral traditions and cultural diversity in which Scottish stories intertwine with those of **Europe, the Middle East, North Africa** and beyond. Storytelling, family events, walking tours, talks, lectures and workshops at venues around

Edinburgh. Today's events include ***Stories of the Stranger***, ***Iran vs Israel*** and an ***Open Hearth*** session with **Donald Smith**. Read **The Edinburgh Reporter's** article about the festival [here](#), and for full programme and booking details visit the Scottish Storytelling Centre's website [here](#). More events every day until 1st November 2015.



Arthur Melville: Curator's Tour. **Charlotte Topsfield**, Senior Curator of Prints and Drawings Scottish National Gallery will lead a tour of the **Arthur Melville** exhibition. Please note that a ticket for the exhibition is required; these cost £9/£7. 12.45-1.30pm, Royal Scottish Academy, [Scottish National Gallery](#), The Mound. Free with exhibition ticket.



Medley 3: MIX and Invited Artists. The third incarnation of the interdisciplinary and varied group show, featuring media by invited artists, makers and designers. *Medley 3* is tightly curated by St Margaret's House designer **Jane Chisholm** and showcases work by MIX, a group of graduate artists and designers from Dundee who have exhibited regularly in central and Northern Scotland. Artist **William J Gall** will be contributing a large oil (1.5m high x 3m wide) of the building reflections on the Festival Theatre and a large semi silhouette of an Edinburgh Skyline to this year's collection, and part of the gallery space will also be given over to current Textile students from **Edinburgh College**. Preview tonight, then 10am-6pm daily, Gallery 1, [St Margaret's House](#), 151 London Road. Ends 15th November 2015.



An Evening with James Dashner: the author of the phenomenally successful ***Maze Runner*** and ***Mortal Doctrine*** series. 7pm, [Waterstones West End](#), 128 Princes Street. Tickets cost £5 and

may be obtained online [here](#). For more information please call 0131 226 2666.



Re:See It 3. Artists respond to the concepts of environmental sustainability in this special group exhibition, which encourages a Scotland-wide artistic response to global climate change. This third *Re:See It* exhibition extends its reach, calling on the creative communities engaged with **Creative Carbon Scotland Edinburgh** and the **Green Tease Network** in addition to tenants of **St Margaret's House**. There will be a programme of workshops and demonstrations taking place throughout the exhibition. A smaller selection of work from this exhibition will also be shown at two other central Edinburgh venues, **Gayfield Creative Spaces** and **Art Hub, Madelvic House**, Granton, in late November. This series of exhibitions is held in association with **ArtCOP Scotland**, a new project facilitated by Creative Carbon Scotland. Preview tonight at 6.30pm, then 10am-6pm daily, Third Floor, [St Margaret's House](#), 151 London Road. Ends 15th November 2015.



Over The Rainbow: *Codependent Lesbian Space Alien Seeks Same* (12A). An official selection at **Sundance Film Festival** in 2011, **Madeleine Olnek's** sci-fi comedy B-movie follows the adventures of three lesbian space aliens on planet Earth. Romance develops between Jane, a shy greeting card store employee, and Zoinx, the woman Jane does not realise is from outer-space. Meanwhile, two government agents are closely tracking Jane and the alien, while harbouring their own secrets. 8.50pm, [Filmhouse](#), Lothian Road. Tickets may be purchased from the Filmhouse box office in person, by calling 0131 228 2688 or online [here](#). Also showing at 3.45pm on Saturday 24th October.




SCOTTISH MENTAL HEALTH ARTS & FILM FESTIVAL

Rally & Broad: Tangled Up In Blue. Rally & Broad are back for their fourth season, presenting the very best of Scotland-based spoken word, with great bands, authors, lyrical songwriters, dance, theatre and more. Tonight Rally & Broad partner with the **Mental Health Foundation** in Edinburgh to showcase a special event for the **Scottish Mental Health Arts & Film Festival**. Guests include **Loki** with **Becci Wallace**, Edinburgh-based four-piece **Delighted Peoples**, poet **Harry Giles**, singer-songwriter and storyteller **Chrissy Barnacle** and musician and songwriter **Ed Ritchie**, aka **Dog On A Swing**. For over 18s only. 7-10pm, [The Bongo Club](#), 66 Cowgate. Admission £5 on the door.



The Cureheads + Lizzie and the Banshees: the original tribute to British 'God-Fathers of Goth', **The Cure**, The Cureheads have been together since 1990 and play all the original hits of The Cure as well as classic album and B-side tracks. Lizzie and the Banshees are currently the only tribute to **Siouxsie and the Banshees** in the UK. Expect *Spellbound*, *Christine*, *Dear Prudence*, *Happy House*, *Hong Kong Garden*, *Cities in Dust* and many more.... For over 18s only. 7pm, [The Voodoo Rooms](#), West Register Street. Tickets cost £10 in advance/£12 on the door (sta) and are available from Ripping Records and Tickets

Scotland.

LGBT Film Night: LGBT Health & Wellbeing has teamed up with the **Scottish Queer International Film Festival (SQIFF)** to bring you special screenings of vintage archived TV shorts about LGBT life in Edinburgh and beyond. Tonight's films are ***Coming Out (1983)***, which profiles the **Lavender Menace** bookshop that later went on to be **West & Wilde**, and interviews members of the LGBT Edinburgh community at the time, and ***Dancing in Dulais (1985)***, the story of which inspired the recent feature film ***Pride (2014)***. Guest speakers will be **Sigrid Neilsen**, who along with **Bob Orr**, ran the Lavender Menace bookshop in Edinburgh in the 80s. (Bob and Sigrid began their careers selling books from the cloakroom of **Fire Island** nightclub on  Princes Street, Edinburgh, now the site of the city's flagship Waterstones) and Edinburgh-based playwright **James Ley**, the latest recipient of LGBT History Month Scotland's Cultural Commissions Award. James is working on a new play which will be performed during LGBT History Month in February 2016. The play will tell the real-life story of Bob and Sigrid. There will be lots of opportunity for discussion, and snacks and soft drinks will be available. 6.30-9.30pm, **Walpole Hall**, 27 Chester Street (a fully accessible venue). Please book in advance if possible, using the online form [here](#). For more information please contact **Jules** on 0131 523 1104 or email jules@lgbthealth.org.uk. This screening is part of the **BFI's Britain on Film** season.

Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band Live In Concert: a brand new concert programme from the Prestonpans-based band. 7.30pm, [Polwarth Parish Church](#), Polwarth Terrace. Tickets cost £5/£3.

