

It's St Andrew's Day in St Andrew Square – and everything is free



Where better to celebrate St Andrew's Day than in St Andrew Square which will again host Edinburgh celebrations today with the best Scottish music, poetry and dance – all free.

The main stage will feature the Scottish three piece, The Banana Sessions, playing with their unique style of folk-pop and the multi-award winning Blazin' Fiddles headlining with music from their new album and across their career spanning nearly two decades.

The entertainment in the Spiegel tent will include readings from Scotland's Makar, Liz Lochhead. The Royal Scottish Dance Society will lead Ceilidh dances and workshops and the Spiegel tent programme will close with one of Scotland's most acclaimed singer songwriters and his five piece band, Dean Owens and The Whisky Hearts, playing his infectious brand of Celtic Americana, from Leith via Nashville.

THE SPIEGEL TENT

Stick Man – Live on Stage!

A special free St Andrew's Day performance of our headline family show, from the book by Julia Donaldson, Illustrated by Axel Scheffler, creators of The Gruffalo.

11am (60 minutes)

Scottish country dancing workshop and dance

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society will lead a Scottish country dance workshop followed by a dance, where you can put your new moves to good use.

1pm & 4.30pm (50 minutes)

The Mighty McNicol's' Scots Way-HAY!!!

Join the Mighty McNicols as they celebrate St Andrews Day with the Long Lost Legends of Scotland! The invention of tartan, a lassie who feared nothing, St Andrew and the Bread and Butter Barny... all this and an all-singing-all-dancing finale with the one and only Elvis Burns! Fun for all the family!

2.45pm (45 minutes)

Liz Lochhead

6.30pm (50 minutes)

Dean Owens and the Whisky Hearts

Dean Owens is one of Scotland's most acclaimed singer songwriters, he will perform alongside his five piece band the Whisky Hearts, playing his infectious brand of Celtic Americana, from Leith via Nashville.

9pm (60 minutes)

MAIN STAGE

Pulse of the Place

Pulse of the place is a vibrant youth-led samba drumming band based in Edinburgh.

12.30pm (45 minutes)

Nativity Carol Concert

In conjunction with St Andrews and St Georges West and Edinburgh Churches Together, at the start of Advent, a carol concert around the Nativity Scene, generously donated to Edinburgh by Sir Tom Farmer.

3pm (60 minutes)

The Banana Sessions

Scottish three piece, the Banana Sessions, play with their unique style of folk-pop.

5.15pm (60 minutes)

Blazin' Fiddles

Multi-award winning Blazin' Fiddles headlining St Andrew's Day main stage with music from their new album and across their

career spanning nearly two decades.

7.30pm (60 minutes)