

What's on in Edinburgh? Where can you see Star Wars : The Force Awakens?

Star Wars fans who can't wait another minute to see the hotly anticipated new movie will be flocking to the Odeon Cinema, Fort Kinnaird tonight for the Midnight opening.

✘ Star Wars: The Force Awakens is shaping up to be one of the most hotly anticipated films ever, with fans hoping it will deliver the excitement of the original movies which started in 1977.

The Odeon at Fort Kinnaird is marking the occasion, promising goodie bags for fans who dress up, as well as photo opportunities with the Fort's own droids.

There will also be a Star Wars quiz and raffle to raise money for Odeon charities Variety and the NSPCC from Wednesday through to Sunday, with the chance to win a very limited number of the official movie posters.

Plus the dark lord himself Darth Vader and one of his terrifying Storm Troopers will be on site at the shopping centre on Friday 12-4pm, where they will be visiting Game, Ed's Easy Diner and Smyth's, as well as The Odeon.

The seventh Star Wars movie, directed by JJ Abrams for new owners Disney, will bring stars old and new to the screen. Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher and Harrison Ford all return as the legendary Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and Han Solo, while a host of modern day stars are also joined by British newcomers Daisy Ridley and John Boyega.

Scott Chrichton of The Odeon, Fort Kinnaird, said: "This is the film everybody has been waiting for, and the atmosphere

here at The Odeon is absolutely buzzing. The first Star Wars movie for many years, it is set to be a once in a generation experience.

“As customers book their tickets, the excitement is palpable. We are finding everyone from older fans who remember the seeing the first movie in the cinema to their children or even grandchildren who just can’t wait to see The Force Awakens.

“We wanted to make the occasion special so we’re holding competitions, inviting customers to dress up and even have our very own droids attending the Midnight showing. The force is definitely strong here at Fort Kinnaird.”

Fort Kinnaird is just off the A1 and home to 65 brands, offering shopping, eating and cinema for a perfect lifestyle destination. In addition there are 2600 free parking spaces and a shopmobility service.

For further information about Fort Kinnaird, including cinema bookings, visit www.fortkinnaird.com

✘ The Force will awaken for Star Wars fans arriving at Vue Cinemas – as they will be welcomed by a full orchestra playing the movie’s iconic theme to help celebrate the opening week of this much awaited film.

The incredible performance of John Williams’ score will greet cinema goers at Vue Omni Centre on the movie’s opening night.

The venue is one of six locations across the country taking part in a special orchestral event to herald the blockbuster’s debut performance on Thursday 17 December.

Robert Smith, General Manager of Vue Omni Centre commented: “The Star Wars theme tune is one of the best known and most iconic cinematic scores of all time, what better way to celebrate the start of the much awaited Star Wars film than treat our customers to a musical experience like no other. This year has been an incredible year of fantastic content and

we want our customer experience to be the best it can be for the much awaited Star Wars film.

“December 17 is going to be a night to remember so we wanted to do something to make it that little bit more special for our customers. Star Wars: The Force Awakens has smashed ticket sales records and is already Vue’s fastest selling movie of all time and has broken every record for midnight screenings on opening night.”

The cinema lovers’ favourite chain announced last week the movie has sold over 400 thousand tickets in the UK alone.

Vue is opening a further 200 screens on the full opening and will make another 100 screens available over the opening weekend – paving the way for 75,000 more Star Wars fans to enjoy The Force Awakens over those first four days, with screens continuing to be added to meet demand.

The music will be provided by the Dunedin Wind Band, a community wind band that rehearses at Old St Paul’s Church Hall in Edinburgh.

Vue UK, is part of the largest cinema group in the world outside of the US, Vue International, providing cinema fans with an unbeatable screen, seat and sound experience for the ultimate evening of big screen entertainment.

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