

Five things you need to know today



- Further tickets for Festival opening event on sale today
- Tickets on sale today for the Edinburgh International Culture Summit
- Festival of Politics this August
- Audrey the Vintage Mobile Cinema
- Our newspaper... have you got yours yet?

The opening event at this year's Edinburgh International Festival looks like the best thing in this week's Festival calendar, and more free tickets (a very limited number though!) will be released today.

The spectacle of the Standard Life Opening Event *Deep Time* will involve 15 km of cables, 42 projectors and 350 million years of history when the skyline will be lit up with digital artwork.

This is a free outdoor show and it will use the western face of Castle Rock as a canvas for digital animation inspired by Edinburgh's past. It starts at 10.30pm on Sunday 7 August.

The work pays tribute to the inspiring landscape of the city and explores the geological concept of 'deep time' (pioneered by Edinburgh resident and enlightenment thinker James Hutton) through 350 million years of Edinburgh's history. The *Standard Life Opening Event: Deep Time*, created by multi-award-winning 59 Productions, is set to a specially compiled soundtrack of music by Scottish post-rock band Mogwai, with an audience of up to 27,000 watching from the event arena.

More than 20,000 tickets for the *Standard Life Opening Event: Deep Time*, the UK's largest ticketed event of its kind, were

snapped up on the day they were released earlier this month (Monday 11 July) and the International Festival urges those lucky enough to have booked tickets to collect them from the box office before 5 August, to avoid queues during a very busy period.

Today is the final chance for people who have a connection to Edinburgh to help create this moment. The International Festival and 59 Productions are looking to include hundreds of photographs of those who have a connection to the city in the finale of this spectacular art work.

Photographs should be of individuals with their faces clear in the picture, and can be submitted via the International Festival's website at eif.co.uk/deeptime by Monday 1 August. Further information on how and what kind of images to submit is available on the website.

Standard Life Opening Event: *Deep Time*

Sunday 7 August, 10.30pm

Castle Terrace Viewing Arena

Free Admission with ticket

eif.co.uk/2016/deeptime

#deeptime @edintfest @standardlifeplc

Today from 10am online A small allocation of tickets will be available to book online at eif.co.uk from 10am on Monday 1 August. Limited to 2 tickets per person. When booked, these tickets will be available for collection from Hub Tickets.

Tickets booked between Monday 1 – Friday 5 August must be collected in person from Hub Tickets by 5pm on Friday 5 August.

Ticketholders should arrive at the Castle Terrace arena by 10pm on Sunday 7 August; the event begins at 10.30pm. If tickets are booked but ticket-holders are no longer able to attend the event, they are encouraged to pass them along to a

friend or family member, or let us know so that someone else can enjoy this free event by emailing boxoffice@eif.co.uk and returning tickets to Hub Tickets.



The Edinburgh International Culture Summit will take place this month and is billed as an important discussion about participation in arts and culture despite challenges of war. The public can go along to five of the sessions including the Opening Ceremony on 24 August. [More details here.](#)



The Festival of Politics runs from 18 to 20 August 2016. The full programme is [here](#).




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Vintage Mobile Cinema has to be one of the most exciting new things coming to the capital this year! And Audrey the 1960s mobile cinema is on her way even as you read this.

The UK Government made seven mobile cinemas in the sixties for educational purposes. Audrey has always been based in Scotland and now she is coming home.

Essential Edinburgh have closed part of George Street and Audrey will be based at the junction of George Street and Castle Street for for the whole month. This is known as Venue 155 and Free Fringe Short Films will be shown during the day before two shows in the evening as Ben Moorhouse explains:



[8.15pm](#)

[THE REEL COMEDY CLUB](#)

A wonderful 75 minute showcase of great comedians in this unique 1967 vintage mobile cinema. Just 22 seats means this show will be a very intimate event.

[10.00pm](#)

[THE COMEDIANS FILM CLUB](#)

(120 mins approx)

Our favourite comedians present their favourite films. Every

night, a different comedian will give a presentation about their favourite film and its importance to them. The film will then be shown in full.

Here are the first 10 films that we will be showing:




“Audrey has a facinatingly chequered past and before every short film, I will be giving a short pictorial history lesson about the Cinema.

This will cover from the early years when she was one of seven Ministry of Technology cinemas, through the Flying Scotsman period, 15 years with the Transport Trust, the sad years when she was very nearly destroyed, to then finally being salvaged and restored so beautifully.”



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