

# Standard Life Opening Event : Deep Time



Standard Life Opening Event: Deep Time is a free, outdoor artwork which will light up Castle Rock on Sunday evening to mark the beginning of the Edinburgh International Festival.

On Friday night the organisers of the Edinburgh International Festival organised a practice run for the press. Thankfully the rain went off about an hour before and the projections were clearly seen on the western façade of Edinburgh Castle and Castle Rock which will be used as the canvas for digitally animated projections. These images are inspired by the city's past, set to a specially compiled soundtrack by Scottish rock band Mogwai.

[The Standard Life Opening Event at the Edinburgh International Festival : Deep Time](#) from [Phyllis Stephen](#) on [Vimeo](#).

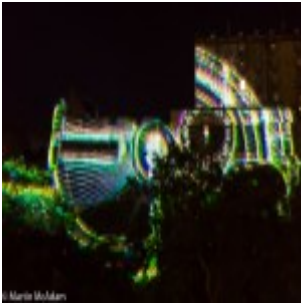
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This, the largest architectural mapping exercise ever undertaken in the UK, is delivered by Tony-award winning 59 Productions – creators of the acclaimed Harmonium Project which opened the 2015 International Festival, and were key to the 2012 London Olympic Opening Ceremony and War Horse.







Deep Time charts 350 million years of Edinburgh's history, uncovering the unique geology of a landscape formed by volcanic activity, exploring the intellectual legacy of the city – in particular the work of renowned Edinburgh scientist and thinker James Hutton. The event also celebrates current and past residents of Edinburgh as it features hundreds of their portrait photographs in the event's grand finale.

If you don't have tickets then there is a livestream on the EIF website.