

First Fringe tickets go on sale today!

Last year over 2.4 million tickets were issued for 50,266 Fringe performances of 3,269 shows at 294 venues across the city. This year the Fringe runs from 4-28 August 2017.

Here are some of those we met last year:







Today you can start buying your tickets for the 70th anniversary of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe online [here](#).

This will signify the countdown to the 2017 Fringe. In the video below some of the Fringe's best-known names share what it means to them to take part in one of Edinburgh's festivals.

Shona McCarthy, Chief Executive of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society said:

"2017 promises to be one of the most exciting years in the history of the Fringe as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of this amazing festival and 70 years of Edinburgh as a world-renowned festival city.

"To kick off our 70th celebrations we asked some familiar faces to tell us what the Fringe means to them. It's great to hear from a broad range of performers, writers and producers, whose experiences at the Fringe have shaped, enhanced, or inspired their careers.

"The Fringe continues to provide the world's largest platform for artistic freedom, attracting artists and audiences from all over the world, who come together every year for a truly international celebration of arts and culture. We are looking forward to unveiling further plans for the Fringe's 70th anniversary celebrations over the coming months."

The 2016 Annual Review can be downloaded at edfringe.com.

The full programme will be launched on 7 June 2017. School

pupils across Edinburgh are invited to enter the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Schools Poster Competition details of which you can also find on the [website](#).