

Five things you need to know today



- **Edinburgh International Magic Festival opens today**
- **Cycling consultation**
- **At The Queen's Hall**
- **Edinburgh Ceilidh Club**
- **The Edinburgh Reporter needs you!**

MagicFest will cast its spell over Edinburgh this weekend as the festival returns with its biggest ever week-long programme of thrilling and spellbinding events and unique shows, inviting Edinburgh and magic fans from afar to 'let their imagination fly' 30th June – 8th July.

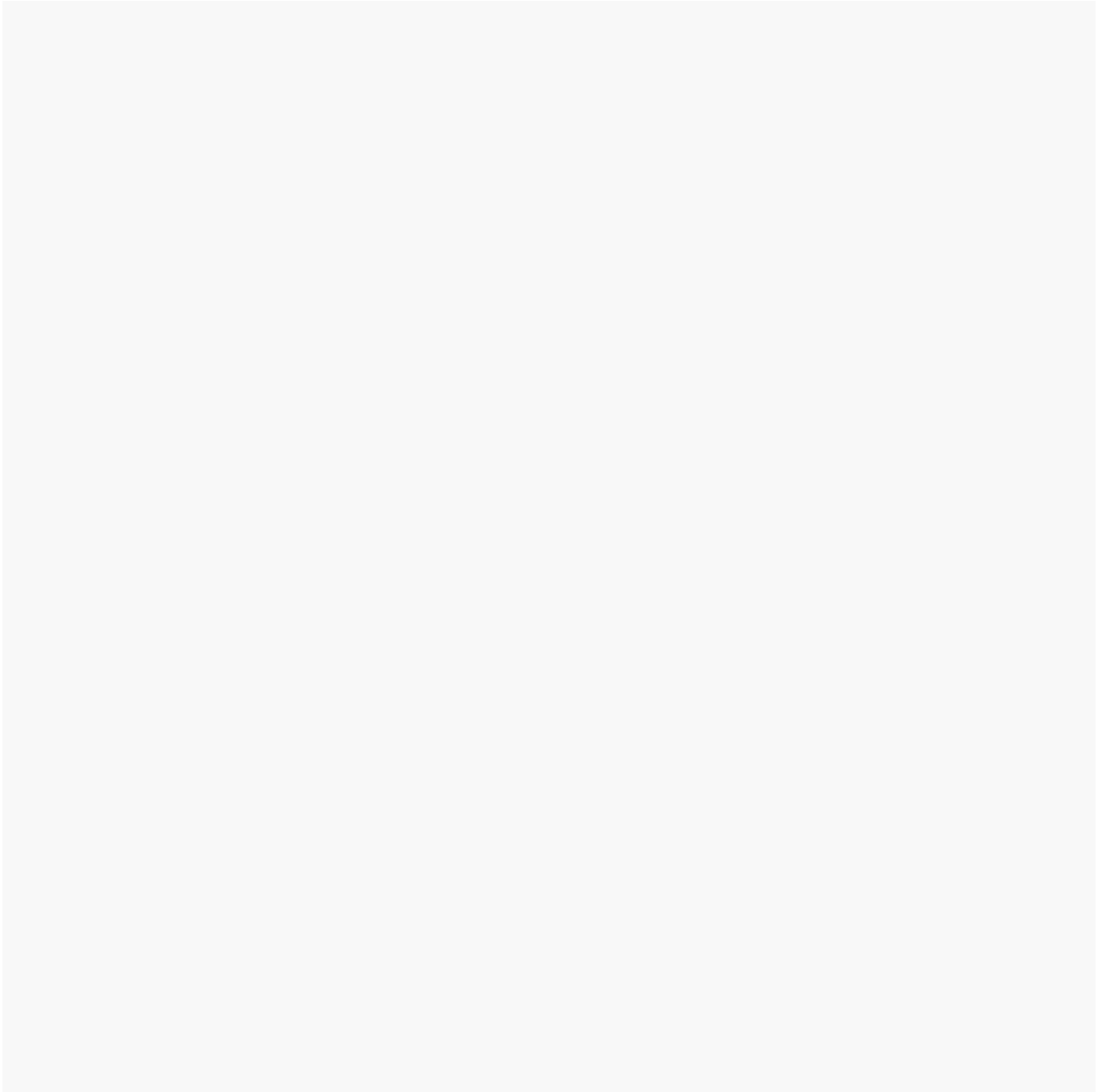


MagicFest opens with the return of MagicFair at Summerhall after a sell-out launch last year. Best described as a three-day Magic Theme Park, 30th June – 2nd July, one ticket gives festivalgoers access to over 80 live magic shows and 20 of the world's greatest illusionists across Family Morning (kids), Alchemy Afternoon (all ages) and Lates (adults) sessions plus drop-in events, Magic Quests, street food, pop-up bars, the Ribbon Maze and spontaneous entertainment in the courtyard. Whichever session visitors choose they are promised a thrilling ride on the MagicFair rollercoaster!

The magic festivities then continue with 'The Secret Room', 3rd – 7th July. Part of Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017, MagicFest has partnered with Scottish Historic Buildings Trust, Edinburgh Museums & Galleries and Edinburgh World Heritage to expand this sell-out show from four to twenty shows. Secret-seekers can discover the hidden passageways and clandestine chambers of Lauriston Castle, Riddles Court and The Writers' Museum as magicians animate their dark history and unsolved mysteries with captivating

magic-filled tours.

We were invited to Lauriston Castle last weekend to have a look around one of the three secret room locations. It is truly magical!



Great fun at #InstaMagicMeet today Beautiful Lauriston Castle and mesmerising magic from Kevin Quantum of @edmagicfest #igersedinburgh @myedinburgh @discoverededinburgh @lanyardmedia @exploringedinburgh

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MagicFest comes to a spectacular grand finale with the 'Levitations' themed MagicFest Gala Show at Festival Theatre Edinburgh on Saturday 8th July. The greatest illusionists and circus acts from around will come together to perform a 2.5 hour visually stunning flight of fancy as they defy the laws of gravity and float, fly and soar through the air.

There is a cycling consultation [here](#) which you have until close of play today to get involved with.

"This consultation gives people the opportunity to express their views about initial proposed designs for a cycle route and walking improvements between Holyrood Park and Ratcliffe Terrace.

"The route, called QuietRoute 30, will form part of the QuietRoutes Network which is being implemented across Edinburgh. The aim of the network is to provide routes that are easy, safe and convenient to use by people of any level of cycling experience. It will also improve conditions for people walking."

There is a big announcement from The Queen's Hall this morning with tickets going on sale at 10am for a concert there in April 2018.... You will be able to see what the news is [here](#)! (but not till 10am.....)

Just to remind you that tonight there is the regular monthly ceilidh at Assembly Roxy, dancing to Teannaich Ceilidh Band.

If you can't make it to that maybe we'll see you on Tuesday at Summerhall to dance to The Jimi Shandrix Experience.

Tickets and full information about all our events is on our website: www.edinburghceilidhclub.com

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