

# Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2017 – the past, present and future

In celebration of the Fringe's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, three Scottish theatre companies met in Edinburgh's historic Grassmarket to celebrate the best of Scotland's past present and future, in the Fringe Festival.

All three companies are part of the Made in Scotland showcase, which features some of the best Scottish work at the Fringe, and all hope to get the next generation of Fringe goers excited about theatre, dance and storytelling.



Tess McClelland , 3yrs and her big sister Neve aged 7 joined in on the fun with Andy Cannon (front) ,The Polar Bears and Welly O'Brien and Zac Scott Caroline Bowditch

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Alice McGrath of Red Bridge Arts said "It's vital that excellent work continues to be made for children and families – so that the next generation grows up to be a happy, creative and compassionate society. The Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the biggest arts festival in the world is a perfect place to introduce children to performing arts. We all hope it carries on for another 70 years and more – who knows, one of these children here today may well perform in the Fringe themselves one day!"

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