

Tradfest 2018 – programme now published

Tradfest takes place from 26 April to 6 May 2018. This is the only arts festival in the city which showcases traditional folk arts and live culture.

✘ There will be 80 events in 27 different venues although the hub is the Scottish Storytelling Centre on the High Street.

You will be entertained by all the events which take place here around Beltane and May Day with performers from all over the world. There are concerts, talks and cultural heritage such as dance and music, walking tours and films.

Daniel Abercrombie, TradFest Programme Manager, states:

'The foundation of Scotland's cultural heritage and national identity is traditional arts. TradFest is a genuine, dynamic festival experience led by the communities and cultures which celebrate traditional arts all year round.'

'Communities are bound by the stories and music that surround them and TradFest presents an explosion of culture to enjoy, ensuring Scotland's traditions are kept alive and inherent in how its future is shaped, allowing our heritage to flourish and shape Scotland's culture for generations.'

Yet another festival which is latching on to Scotland's Year of Young People the new generation of Scottish traditional arts will be central to the festival from the very start. The opening concert Passing It On at the Scottish Storytelling Centre will feature young musicians,

The Scottish custom of handing down a song, tune, story or dance to the next generation at social gatherings is marked at this celebration, with some of Scotland's fresh new talent

performing alongside the artists who have inspired them. This will include the fiddle talents of **Ryan Young**, with **Marie Fielding**, **Brighde Chaimbeul** and **Fin Moore** on the small pipes, **SIAN** and **Christine Primrose** performing Gaelic song, and **Jo De Geer** with **Dannsa** performing step dance.

To usher in the Year of Young People, **BE United**, **Leith Primary School** and **Citadel Youth Centre** have joined forces to offer a day of activities led by young people and for young people, at '[Nations United – Daytime: A Cultural Journey in the Heart of Edinburgh](#)', while **Sangstream** folk choir explore contemporary and traditional song, highlighting the diverse life experiences of children and young people at '[Aspects of Youth](#)'.

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