## Juniper Festival Returns to Edinburgh



Hailed as 'the biggest celebration of all things gin', the Juniper Festival will be in full flow at Edinburgh's Summerhall from 1st-3rd June. This will be the fifth consecutive year the festival will be in the capital city and this year will launch its 'Makers & Mixers' edition.

The festival will also introduce the Distiller Room which will see more than twenty top gin distillers from around the world who will be offering samples for keen gin enthusiasts in attendance.

Martin Duffy, Director of Edinburgh based drinks and events consultancy Solid Liquids and mastermind behind Juniper Festival commented: "We've always been proud to offer guests the opportunity to meet the people responsible for making the products, and this year we're taking that one step further by allowing them greater access than ever before – a chance to meet the makers – no brand reps, no bartenders, just distillers." There will also be some exciting cocktails for guests to sample thanks to some creative mixologists who aim to create some imaginative tastes.

Jamie Shields, Head of Drinks and Education at Solid Liquids explained: "Our Makers & Mixers edition focuses on the things our guests love – meeting and picking the brains of the people responsible for making the products they're sampling, and trying new and interesting gins and serves."

"Despite the changes, our ethos of education remains at the forefront, with even more talks, masterclasses and interactive experiences than before, so guests can enjoy beautiful drinks and learn a thing or two."

Visitors to the festival are invited to enjoy an array of gin expressions from around Scotland, the UK and the rest of the world, with courtyard and laboratory tasting experiences on offer. There will also be informative talks and masterclasses from brands and leading authorities in a program of 30 minute sessions.

With music, entertainment, Scottish street food, craft stalls and gin cocktails galore Summerhall will be the place to head for next weekend if you're a lover of gin and cocktails.

The Juniper Gin Festival takes place from the 1-3 June. Tickets on sale now, available <u>here:</u>