

# Mary Queen of Scots to be premiered in Edinburgh

Mary Queen of Scots starring Saoirse Ronan with Jack Lowden, James McArdle and Karen Dunbar will have its Scottish premiere on Monday 14 January 2019 at the Cameo Picturehouse.

It will follow a reception held by the First Minister Nicola Sturgeon at Edinburgh Castle earlier in the evening for some of the stars.

*“Mary Queen of Scots”* explores the turbulent life of the charismatic Mary Stuart. Queen of France at 16 and widowed at 18, Mary defies pressure to remarry. Instead, she returns to her native Scotland to reclaim her rightful throne. But Scotland and England fall under the rule of the compelling Elizabeth I.

Each young Queen beholds her “sister” in fear and fascination. Rivals in power and in love, and female regents in a masculine world, the two must decide how to play the game of marriage versus independence. Determined to rule as much more than a figurehead, Mary asserts her claim to the English throne, threatening Elizabeth’s sovereignty. Betrayal, rebellion, and conspiracies within each court imperil both thrones – and change the course of history.

The film will play in UK cinemas from 18 January 2019.