

March – What's On in Edinburgh

1-9 March 2019

Edinburgh Iranian Festival – Various Venues

Celebrating its tenth year the festival returns jam-packed with the best of Middle Eastern culture including music, food, fashion, dance, art and poetry, and cinema. The festival which aims to address misconceptions around the culture will also encourage collaborations across cultures including a free bagpipe concert featuring both Scottish and Iranian musicians at the National Museum on 2 March 2019.

[More information here.](#)

2 – 29 March 2019

Edinburgh International Festival of Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace – Various Venues

Drawing together people from a variety of spiritual backgrounds, cultures, traditions and communities this international festival celebrates peace and mutual understanding through a variety of events. This will be delivered through a number of educational, artistic and cultural events including a wellbeing workshop with Gillian Allan.

[More information here.](#)

3 March 2019

Jessie Cave: Sunrise – The Stand Comedy Club

Jessie Cave brings her tales of her recent break-up and the attempts to get her life back in order to Edinburgh.

[Booking details here.](#)

5 March 2019

Open Studio: Make an Impression – Scottish National Portrait Gallery

Let the Kids go wild at this month's messy art making mornings in the Farmer Studio for children one to three. Taking along a change of clothes is highly advised. [More information here.](#)

13 – 16 March 2019

Beauty and the Beast – Edinburgh Festival Theatre

Last seen in Edinburgh in 2008, Birmingham Royal Ballet returns to the city this month with its classic narrative ballet. David Bintley's take on gives the late 18th century a dark and mysterious edge, concluding to love and light. Performers are required to wear animal masks throughout forcing them to convey all emotion through movement.

[Booking details here.](#)

15 – 24 March 2019

Edinburgh's Festival of Ireland – Various Venues

Just in time for St Patrick's day, a wee bit of Ireland will descend on the city in the form of a multi-arts, family-friendly celebration of the links between Edinburgh and Ireland. The festival will feature storytelling, music, dance, talks and comedy events.

[More information here.](#)

16 March 2019

Shakin' Stevens – The Queen's Hall

The eighties icon will be making a stop at The Queen's Hall on his biggest ever UK tour. The Welsh singer will be treating audiences his old hits including '*This Ole House*' and '*Green Door*' as well as a few surprises. With 33 hit singles and four UK top hits to his repertoire the performer has plenty older material to delight fans with. Additionally, he will be treating fans to new tracks from '*Echoes From Our Time*'.

[More information here.](#)

21 March 2019

At The Queen's Hall **Ravel Le Tombeau de Couperin directed and played by Pekka Kuusisto**

Dubbed 'the David Bowie of the fiddle', Finnish violinist Pekka Kuusisto will be teaming up with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra taking audiences on a journey through the music of the past four centuries.

21 – 23 March 2019

Edinburgh Yarn Festival – Edinburgh Corn Exchange

The festival for 'yarn-enthusiasts of all flavours' has arrived featuring a selection of over 100 vendors, classes and workshops. The marketplace will run from the 21 to 23 and Fringe events will run from 20 to 24. [Booking details here.](#)

22– 31 March 2019

Edinburgh's West End Gin Festival – Various Venues

Over 30 West End bars and restaurants will be offering £5 gin cocktails and £4 perfect serves, as well as exclusive workshops throughout the festival including flower arranging

and cocktail making. The festival's mission is to bring bars, brands and gin lovers together to celebrate the very finest Scottish gins. [More information here.](#)

30 – 31 March 2019

Scottish Tattoo Convention – Edinburgh Corn Exchange

This month the annual Scottish tattoo convention will make its return showcasing around 200 of the world's most prominent tattooists. The event will also feature a selection of entertainment, music and vendors.

31 March 2019

Remembering the Movies – Edinburgh Festival Theatre

Strictly's very own Aljaz and Janette are back on tour with their brand new show Remembering the Movies. If you loved Remembering Fred then get ready for a remarkable, unique and star-studded rollercoaster ride through some of the most successful, Oscar winning and most memorable films of all time. [Booking here.](#)