

University of Edinburgh Museums in April

Anatomical Museum

3 April 2019 'Drop Dead Gorgeous: Beauty, Fashion and Tuberculosis in early Victorian times' a talk by Dr Carolyn Day.

Anatomy Lecture Theatre, Teviot Place

6.30pm to 8.30pm, tickets £2



A chasm often exists between the gruesome biological symptoms of diseases and the comparatively positive representations employed as part of the strategies for experiencing them. This dichotomy is particularly evident in the representations of consumption (tuberculosis) in the early nineteenth century.

During this period, there was a tubercular moment in which cultural ideas about beauty increasingly intertwined with the disease process to allow for the ravages of consumption to be presented in an aesthetically pleasing light. By the nineteenth century, the delicate constitution of the female provided an excellent basis for creating a metaphor of tubercular beauty and there was a dynamic interaction between the notions of beauty, disease and the feminine ideal.

Dr. Carolyn Day will be discussing the connections between fashion and tuberculosis in the early Victorian period, when clothing was seen by the medical profession as a causative agent of disease, at the same time that the ravages of tuberculosis were highlighted by beauty practices and imitated by the prevailing fashions.

The talk will start in the historic Anatomy Lecture Theatre at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the 'Elephant Foyer' (7:30pm onwards).

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Anatomical Museum

27 April 2019 : Anatomical Museum Open Day with art exhibition by ECA students which responds to the collections and themes of anatomy

10:00am – 4:00pm (last entry 3:30pm) Free entry, no booking required.

St Cecilia's Hall

5 April 2019 : World Beats Free Activity for Anyone Affected by Dementia

St Cecilia's Hall, 50 Niddry Street 10.30am to 12pm, FREE



Learn about the interesting instruments played around the

world and hear a performance on the Indian sitar.

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**6 April 2019 : Little Drawing Rooms: Illustrated Instruments
Education Room, St Cecilia's Hall
2pm to 4pm, FREE**

The museum holds many beautifully designed harpsichords at St Cecilia's Hall which once adorned Georgian Drawing Rooms – come and look at them be inspired, and then create some designs of your own in our drawing and colouring activity.

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27 April to 8 June: Conectando: English and Spanish Drama Workshops

Saturdays 2pm to 5pm Tickets £25 for 7 weeks of workshops

Are you between 10 and 26 years old and interested in theatre and culture? Join in a 7 week series of drama workshops themed around the exhibition at the University of Edinburgh's Main Library which looks at Scottish Encounters with Spanish and Portuguese and considers topics such as the Student Experience in Spanish Speaking Countries, Scotland and the Spanish Civil War, Scottish Solidarity with Chile and showcases a range of related treasures from our collections.

The workshops will be led by Andrea Cabrera Luna, artistic director of Anahat Theatre. Workshops will be held both in English and Spanish (no need to speak Spanish) and will take their inspiration from the different topics of the exhibition culminating in a short performance for family and friends. You will be introduced to dramatic techniques to help increase confidence and communication skills.

Workshops will take place every Saturday from 27 April until 8 June from 2.00pm until 5.00pm (with the option for younger students leaving at 4.30pm) with the final performance taking place on 8 June 2019 at St Cecilia's Hall at 5.00pm. Venue for the workshops to be confirmed.

There will be a £25 fee to cover all 7 weeks – sign up for one ticket on 27 April and this will cover all 7 weeks but there are fee waivers available. If you would like to apply for a fee waiver please [contact Laura Beattie](#) before 29 March. You can also contact Laura if you have any other questions.



Japanese Tea Ceremony

1 May 2019: Japanese Tea Ceremony St Cecilia's Hall, 50 Niddry Street

2.00pm – 3.30pm, Tickets £5

In partnership with Japanese Arts and Culture International, this event, led by Mio Shapley, Director of JACI and Japanese Tea Ceremony Master, includes a performance of Shamisen guitar music.

All guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a cup of green matcha tea with sweets.

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3 May 2019 : Music in Georgian Edinburgh: Free Activity for Anyone Affected by Dementia St Cecilia's Hall, 50 Niddry Street 10.30am to 12noon, FREE

Discover the music and musical instruments played by the residents of Georgian Edinburgh.

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Main Library Exhibition Gallery

5 April to 29 June 2019 : Conectando: Scottish Encounters with Spanish and Portuguese

Main Library Exhibition Gallery, 10.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday, FREE

From artists seeking inspiration, to volunteers who fought in the Spanish Civil War, and students learning a new language, discover the many Scottish connections with the Spanish and Portuguese speaking worlds.

28 April 2019 : Film Screening of Nae Pasaran Lauriston Hall, 7.30pm for an 8pm start In conjunction with Cinema Attic, tickets £5, available:

In conjunction with CinemaAttic, there is a special screening of Felipe Bustos Sierra's film Nae Pasaran which further explores one of the themes of the exhibition: Scottish Solidarity with Chile. The film charts the incredible true story of the Scots who managed to ground half of Chile's air force, in the longest single act of solidarity against Pinochet's brutal dictatorship. [More details here.](#)

1 May 2019 : Talk on Scotland and the Spanish Civil War by Dr. Fraser Raeburn Project Room (1.06) 50 George Square 5.00pm to

6.00pm, FREE

One of the themes of our Conectando exhibition at the Main Library Exhibition Gallery is Scotland and the Spanish Civil War. Join Dr Fraser Raeburn, Teaching Fellow in Modern European History, to hear more about this fascinating topic. The talk will be followed by the opportunity to visit the exhibition in a late night opening from 6pm to 7.30pm.

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