

Fringe by the Sea 2020 – some tickets on sale today

Yes it may only be January and we may still be in the EU, but it is time to buy your tickets for at least some of the concerts and shows that make up Fringe by the Sea. Back for the 13th year there are more big names for you to choose from.

The event will be held in North Berwick from 7-16 August 2020 and tickets have gone on sale this morning for six acts reflecting the diversity of the programme which has made this festival so popular with both residents and visitors.

Headlining the opening night will be a DJ set with **Basement Jaxx**, the chart topping electronic dance music duo consisting of Felix Buxton and Simon Ratcliffe.



Candi Staton

During the 10 days of Fringe By The Sea there will also be appearances from American singer/songwriter **Candi**

Staton (Young Hearts Run Free on Friday 14 August), Fun Lovin' Criminals front man **Huey Morgan** (Saturday 15 August), hip-hop 'noisemakers' **Dat Brass**, Stornoway's folk rockers **Peat & Diesel** (whose 2nd album Light My Byre was released on 24 January and will be appearing on 14 August) and returning to North Berwick following sell-out concerts in previous years are **The Blues Band** (Wednesday 12th August).



Peat & Diesel

The festival centres around the harbour area of the town, with two beautiful Spiegeltents, but other events take place across North Berwick. The North Berwick Fry will also host a number of music events, for those who like a little bit extra with their fish suppers.

There will be around 160 events at this year's festival with music, comedy and author talks as well as the Kids Zone, arts & crafts, music workshops, open mic sessions, wellbeing & yoga, guided walks, wild swimming, art exhibitions, street performers and delicious local food stalls. Fringe By The Sea

aims to showcase high profile acts as well as the best local and emerging talent, and will once again be working closely with partners in the community including the Scottish Seabird Centre and NB Movies.

Local housebuilders Mactaggart & Mickel have been secured as a new Master Sponsor. Joanne Casey, Director, Mactaggart & Mickel, said: "As a housebuilder with an active presence in East Lothian, we're thrilled to be able support an event that encourages people to visit and enjoy this beautiful part of the world. Fringe by the Sea really goes the extra mile to ensure there is something for people of all ages and interest and we can't wait until August to see all the hard work come to life."

Returning sponsors are Curious Brewing (Master), category sponsors Simpson and Marwick, The Lighthouse and affiliates McInroy & Wood, Shaw with The List as a media partner.

Jackie Shuttleworth, General Manager of Fringe By The Sea said : "We're really pleased to have secured these artists to kick start the festival programme. Over the next few months we will be adding dozens more acts to the line up for Fringe By The Sea, which is now a firm fixture in the Scottish festival scene.

"As a not for profit organisation, we rely on the generous support of our funders and sponsors to help make the festival happen. We say a big thank you to those who've committed their support once again, and we are thrilled to welcome on board Mactaggart & Mickel as Master Sponsor. Their support will help us deliver an extra special festival experience for our 25,000 visitors."

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