Castle of Light — tickets go on sale on Friday

The creative team behind Castle of Light has unveiled this year's show at Edinburgh Castle, as general tickets go on sale from 9.30am on Friday 1 October.

Celebrating 'hidden treasures', the 2021 show is set to put a spotlight on the less well known stories from Scotland's history. Projections unveiled today show the rediscovery of the Honours of Scotland, the return of Rex the lovable lion rampant and a first look at some of the secrets of St. Margaret, and the treasures within her chapel, ahead of the show launch in November.

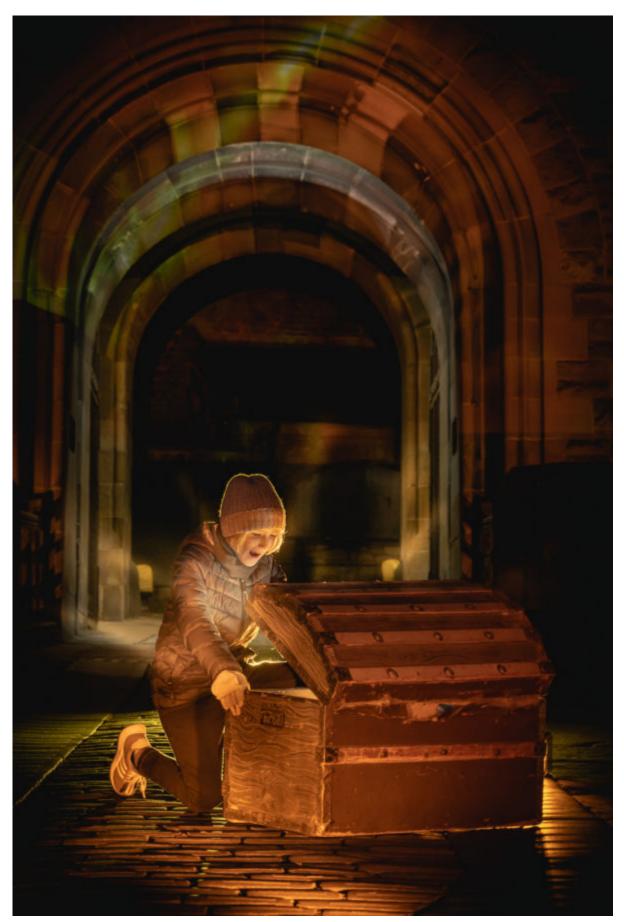
10-year-old Robert Lauder, from Balerno, took to the grounds of Edinburgh Castle after-dark for a first glimpse of the light spectacular.



Tasked with uncovering stories, old and new, <u>Castle of Light</u> promises to bring tales to life with the use of stunning visuals, state-of-the-art projections and captivating storytelling.

Creative Director Andy McGregor, who is working alongside Double Take Projections, NL Productions and War Productions Ltd, in partnership with Historic Environment Scotland, on this year's event, said: "We are hugely excited to be back with a new show for 2021. The fact that we couldn't make it last year has given us 2 years to develop HIDDEN TREASURES and we truly believe it will be worth the wait.

"There will be new takes on popular family features plus a whole lot more in the way of legend, light and sparkle — all inspired by the lesser known stories of this incredible site. Edinburgh Castle is a magical place at any time but a visit by night with over a dozen unique light and sound experiences to enjoy really makes it Scotland's unmissable winter experience."



Heather Soutar, Head of Commercial Development at Historic Environment Scotland (HES), which operates Edinburgh Castle, said: "We are thrilled to welcome back Castle of Light this year, especially following the success of our last event in 2019.

"This year, we are inviting visitors to explore Scotland's untold history as we take them on a journey using state-of-the-art projections at Edinburgh's iconic landmark. Prepare to be amazed by the biggest light experience the capital has to offer, we can't wait for everyone to experience it."

Edinburgh Castle will be home to the <u>immersive walking tour</u> for eight weeks throughout the festive season, from Friday 19 November 2021 to Sunday 9 January 2022.

Tickets are also available for an Access night taking place on Thursday 25 November, designed to cater for people with additional support needs, including autism and dementia. Ensuring as many people as possible can experience the animated storytelling tour, the evening will feature a range of specific support, including British Sign Language interpretation and audio described tours, as well as a designated quiet space and ear defenders to help manage noise.

Adult tickets cost £20, with concession rates, family tickets and discounts for Historic Scotland members available. For more information and to get your tickets, visit CastleofLight.scot

