

First act announced for the 2024 Tattoo

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo has booked 30 drummers to perform as part of Majesticks Drum Corps next year at Edinburgh Castle.

- The announcement follows a successful 2023 Show run, with a host of performers taking to the esplanade throughout August.

Swiss drumming group, Majesticks Drum Corps, has been announced as the first act set to wow crowds when The Tattoo returns in 2024.

The dynamic drumline will bring its precision drill routine to the capital and serve as a showcase of the extraordinary skills of around 30 drummers, entertaining audiences with incredible timing, showmanship, and a touch of humour.

Formed in 2011, the Swiss drumming sensation has wowed crowds across the world, including in France, Germany and Malta but will make its Tattoo debut at next year's *Journeys* performance.

Majesticks aim to offer visually attractive and innovative presentations in their performances, using a mix of special effects and original staging which ensures a spectacular and memorable performance for Tattoo fans. Next year's routine is expected to be a vibrant offering which treads the line between modernity and tradition. The music and all aspects of the display are composed by members of the group, who will be

using a selection of snare drums, bass drums and cymbals.

The first act announcement follows a triumphant Show run throughout August for the Tattoo and almost a quarter of a million guests set to enjoy a celebration of the art of journeys at next year's performance.

Tickets are already on sale, in time to make the perfect Christmas gift that offers a unique experience that will provide memories for years to come.

Jason Barrett, the new Chief Executive at The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, said: "The bar's set incredibly high when it comes to acts for the Tattoo so it's imperative that we work with those that are of the highest standard.

"That's something that can certainly be said for the Majesticks Drum Corps, who I can't wait to see as part of *Journeys* next year.

"Known for their incredible precision drill, they're sure to set the Esplanade alight, delighting audiences with unbelievable displays of skill and smooth transitions as the group swap drumsticks and change drums in a mesmerising display.

"I'd encourage people to snap up their tickets quickly and keep an eye out for the next acts to be announced as I can assure you, you don't want to miss out."

This year, the Show saw 56 Tattoo dancers and 240 Pipers and Drummers take to the Castle Esplanade to tell their story, with 168 dance shoes worn – three pairs per dancer – and 340 drumsticks banged against 170 drums.

Ludovic Frochoux, Artistic Director of Majesticks Drum Corps, said: "We're very excited to be bringing our electric and dynamic performance to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2024 and look forward to performing for audiences on the

iconic Edinburgh Castle Esplanade.

“Audiences should pay close attention to the way our performers display precision in their marching and drumming skills and keep their ears open to appreciate all that our performance has to offer.”

The 2024 Show, *Journeys*, promises to “transport audiences on an international cultural journey, bringing together the voices and stories that connect the worldwide cultures of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. With the Royal Navy taking on the role of lead service, the Show will be a journey through time, celebrating the tides of change”.

Journeys will continue to share the tales of performers and acts from around the globe, developing the theme through visual storytelling and taking audiences on a journey of imagination, wonder and amazement.

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