

# New Year is a sell out in Edinburgh

Tickets to Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party and Concert in the Gardens have now sold out.

Around 50,000 people are expected to bring in the New Year in the capital. The four-day celebration is organised by UniqueAssembly on behalf of The City of Edinburgh Council.



Vikings from Shetland's South Mainland Up Helly Aa' Jarl Squad led the Torchlight Procession through Edinburgh city centre for the first time since 2019. PHOTO Craig Duncan/Airborne Imagery

The festival, which celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, began on Friday 29 December with the return of the **Torchlight**

**Procession** for the first time since before the pandemic, and tonight **Pulp** will herald in the New Year with the final gig of 2023 and first of 2024 at the Concert in the Gardens.

Al Thomson Co-Director of UniqueAssembly said: “We’re in for one hell of a party now. 50,000 people in the streets of Edinburgh enjoying good music, good company, and one of the best fireworks displays in the world – there’s no better way to start the New Year. We started things off right with the Torchlight Procession on Friday, where we saw 20,000 people come together to shine a light on homelessness, raising money for our charity partner Social Bite; and this is just the perfect end to the year and the best way to celebrate 30 years of Edinburgh’s Hogmanay.”

There’s still a chance to take part in the celebrations with the final tickets for **New Years Revels** from 8.30pm tonight, the original indoor Hogmanay party at Assembly Rooms featuring an all-night ceilidh room and live band sing-a-long with Massaoke.

The party does not end at the bells as tomorrow there is a full day of free entertainment across the city on New Year’s Day. Family-friendly fun continues with **Sprogmanay** at the National Museum of Scotland and Assembly Roxy with from Sprog Rock, Magic Gareth, live ceilidhs and the very special Unicorn Dance Party.

First Footin’ will wrap up the four days of festivities – a free music and cultural trail showcasing a programme of live music throughout the city featuring performances from Lau, Bemz, Hot Chip, Kathryn Joseph and many more in venues such as St Giles’ Cathedral, Greyfriars Kirk, Virgin Hotel, and Assembly Rooms. [Full day by day rundown is here.](#)

Further information and very final tickets for Edinburgh’s Hogmanay 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations are available at [www.edinburghshogmanay.com](http://www.edinburghshogmanay.com).

Edinburgh's Hogmanay is created and produced by UniqueAssembly on behalf of City of Edinburgh Council, with Major Event Partners EventScotland, Scottish Government's Festivals Expo Fund and supported by Essential Edinburgh, Innis & Gunn and Cold Town Beer.



The Night Afore took place in West Princes Street Gardens with Massaoke ahead of Bjorn Again and in Assembly Rooms Blue Rose Code played to a home audience PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter



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