

Five things you need to know today

Happy New Year to all our readers and supporters.

Our news continues after the fireworks of Hogmanay – and the festivities continue in the city centre today with free music in several venues.

[Read more here about what is on today to entertain you.](#)

Buy a subscription to the Edinburgh Reporter – the gift that lasts all year

Our January issue is out today so here is a timely gift suggestion – buy someone a subscription to our monthly newspaper – we deliver by mail in compostable envelopes, and the subscription helps us to keep on publishing the news on a free to access basis. Click on the image below to sign up for yourself or as a present.

So far this year we have produced twelve issues and have already produced the January 2024 edition.

And if you have any stories then do get in touch.
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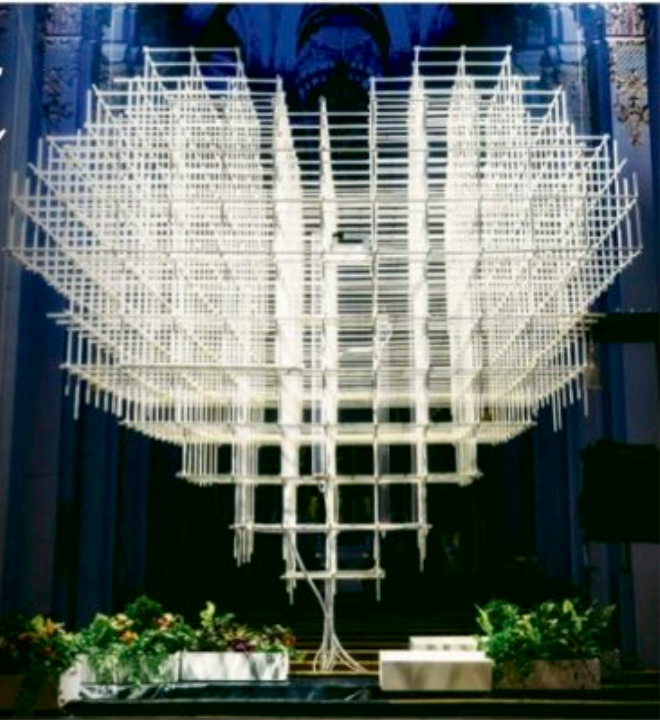
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EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER...A CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH

Heart and soul



Gifted German artist Michael Pendry to once again transform St Giles' with his newest masterpiece



By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

A NEW PUBLIC sculpture created by German artist Michael Pendry, will be sited in St Giles' Cathedral later this month. 'HEART' makes its UK premiere in the

capital in a collaboration between the Burns&Beyond Festival and the St Giles' 900th.

The anniversary marks the founding of the cathedral, to be celebrated with events throughout 2024. This year HEART will light up the

cathedral with the very symbol of life itself, a new three-dimensional work measuring five metres tall, will transform the space with a ticketed evening illumination and soundscape for visitors. The installation will take ten days to build and will be a central part of

the Burns&Beyond Festival which takes place in the city from 25 January to 11 February. What better symbol for the festival which takes its inspiration from Robbie Burns and promotes 'Luv, hope and Kindness', than a heart?

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National Museum of Scotland

In just a couple of weeks the museum will stage the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition in a special exhibition gallery on Level 3.

The exhibition is on loan from the Natural History Museum in London and has showcased some of the best photography in the last 60 years.

This year there were 49,957 entries all of which were judged anonymously during “one intense week” by an international panel. The tour allows the photos to be seen by more than a million people – although the museum warns that some people may find the images upsetting.

[Tickets here.](#)



Snow bison by Max Waugh, USA Highly commended, Animal Portrait, Wildlife Photographer of the Year

New year new podcasts

If you need a suggestion about new podcasts to listen to in 2024, then there are seven seasons of listening waiting for

you on the National Trust for Scotland website.

The Love Scotland podcast is hosted by journalist and broadcaster Jackie Bird, and each episode tells some of the thrilling stories behind the Trust's people and places, showcasing how everything we do is for the love of Scotland.

[Access Season 1 here.](#)

Happy New Year

Soon it will be Chinese New Year. Here is one way to celebrate.



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