

# Five things you need to know today

## Murder investigation continues

Police officers investigating the murder of a man in Granton on Hogmanay have issued details of a red car. The driver of the car is believed to have stopped, got out and then used a gun to shoot the two victims outside a pub, one of whom remains in a serious condition in hospital.

[Read more here](#)

## Little Shop of Horrors

At the Church Hill Theatre from 23 to 27 January Edinburgh University Savoy Opera Group are staging the musical Little Shop of Horrors.

Amy Stinton, Co-Director said: "Under the surface, Little Shop of Horrors is a critique of the capitalist mindset and a cautionary tale of giving up your morals in order to achieve fortune and fame. We've tried to highlight the tempting lure of wealth through a dazzling and vibrant Audrey II, that soon drops their facade and transforms into an unbearable and scary botanical demon."

Tom Beazley, Co-Director said: "Little Shop of Horrors is an extraordinary but fast paced musical, so we were keen to create a variety of engaging characters through which the audiences can experience the story. In particular, we were excited to reimagine the character of Audrey as an intelligent and empathetic voice who does not falter under the insanity around her."

EUSOG presents 'Little Shop of Horrors'  
January 23-27 7:30pm  
+ 2:30pm matinée performance on January 27th.  
Church Hill Theatre, Edinburgh

Tickets from £9

Get your tickets:

<https://fienta.com/s/little-shop-of-horrors>



## Camera Obscura & World of Illusions is celebrating

Camera Obscura has welcomed its one millionth visitor since the pandemic

Camera Obscura & World of Illusions, Edinburgh's oldest purpose-built visitor attraction, has announced that it has welcomed one million visitors since reopening its doors in July 2020 following the first Covid-19 lockdown. This achievement not only signifies a triumphant recovery for the tourism industry but also reflects the enduring appeal of one



of the city's best loved attractions.



## Want to be a train driver?

ScotRail is recruiting to fill scores of vacancies with the first part of its biggest recruitment drive in years.

The train operator has already recruited more than 200 new members of staff since August, with the human resources team working hard to keep the business on track to fill vacancies.

New and improved catering services have been boosted with an additional 34 catering staff hired across the network.

Almost 30 new conductors have passed through training to support service reliability, over 30 engineers recruited, and 100 new frontline staff members to offer enhanced customer service and support revenue protection.

The new year will see that activity continue, with a focus on more conductors in January, and many other exciting roles that will help to improve services and reliability for customers.

ScotRail expects to recruit a further 160 people before the end of March 2024, with roles such as drivers, conductors, ticket examiners, and engineers. Those interested in a career with ScotRail are encouraged to check the company's website as vacancies are advertised regularly.

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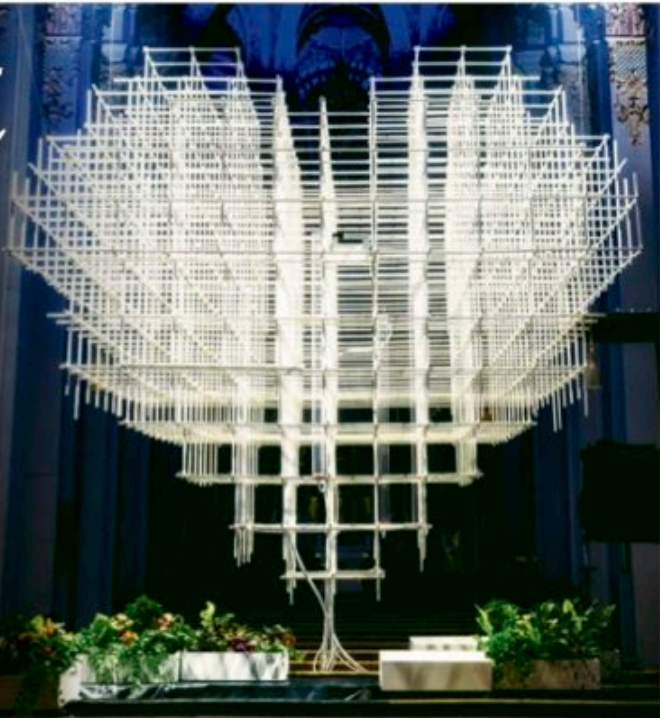
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## Heart and soul



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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