

Five things you need to know today

Airport transfer

Edinburgh Airport – or a half share of it – has been acquired in a deal by VINCI Airports a French firm which has many other airports in its portfolio including Belfast and Gatwick. This will not change the day to day operation for now – the existing management keep their jobs in the acquisition.

MP for Edinburgh West Christine Jardine said: “I have been reassured that this purchase will come with no negative implications for the jobs of current airport staff. This will be welcome news for my constituents in Edinburgh West.

“I look forward to meeting with representatives from VINCI and hearing their plans to provide the best possible customer experience for my constituents, as well as the many visitors our city welcomes every day.”

[Read more here.](#)



Bank closure

RBS has announced another swathe of branch closures which will mean there are only three branches left as well as a mobile banking branch.

The latest to close is the branch in Leith and the Edinburgh North and Leith MP, Deidre Brock has written to RBS.

[More details here.](#)

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- *Bonnie Prince Charlie: A misadventure*
- *Lord Gardenstone: An eccentric judge*
- *Burns and Scott: An afternoon tea party*
- *Duncan Napier: Childhood memories*

by Eric Melvin MA DipEd MEd

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EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER...A CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



Traditional dancers have spring in their step

By PHILIP STEPHEN

TRADITIONAL DANCE will take centre stage during the Pongonante Festival which showcases international dance on a teaching, learning and performing platform. The still new festival is on at The Scottish Storytelling Centre and other Edinburgh venues from 25-30 April.

New dance commissions and workshops will be performed, with live music, poetry, and art and the festival invites audiences to take part in activities, workshops (both in-person and live-streamed), tours, and talks about traditional dance.

Some of the highlights include a family day with a cabaret for all led by Caroline Brockbank of Cellophane, and a mature showcase by traditional dance artists who are in residence at Edinburgh primary schools, and Bulgarian and Christian language schools in the capital.

Dyana Nedelova, Festival Producer and Curator of the Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland said: "It is so satisfying to see that the pongonante ruby seeds of traditional dance that we planted for the first time in spring 2022, once again blossom into Scotland's springtime festival for world traditional dance."

"In a new festival born in times of uncertainty, displacement and border reconfigurations, we were inspired by a poem by Ian MacMillan that captured the zeitgeist."

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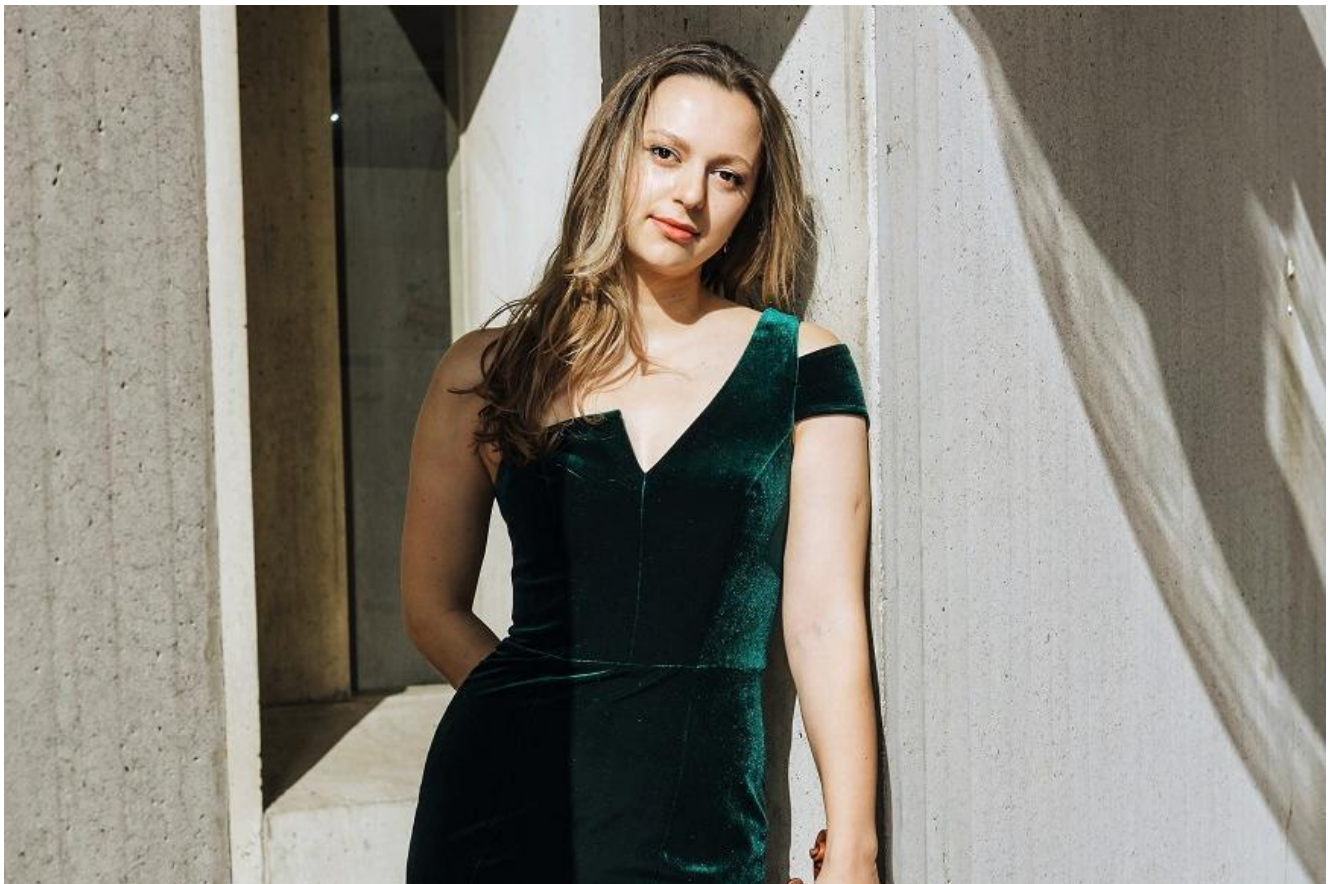
Dresden Philharmonic

Although the RSN0 concert on Friday is sold out there is another opportunity to hear classical music this weekend with Sunday Classics at Usher Hall. A spokesperson for Usher Hall

said: “During the last decade, the Dresden Philharmonic have performed several memorable concerts at Usher Hall. We’re very pleased to have back in our series this leading German orchestra under its conductor Stanislav Kochanovsky.

“The concert will start with Mussorgsky’s evocative Prelude to his opera Khovanshchina and will be followed by Maria Ioudenitch’s interpretation of one of the most popular violin concerti of all time; Mendelssohn’s delightful Violin Concerto in E minor.”

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