

Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival begins on Friday

The 46th Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival tunes up on Friday 12 July and runs until 21 July.

The Kimberley Tessa Trio officially launch the festival in front of Edinburgh Castle.

Pictured: Kimberley Tessa on Saxophone, Sean Bissett on Guitar and Edward Hetherington on Bass.

[The full programme can be viewed here online.](#)

The Soundhouse recommendation for 12 July is to go and see the Ben Shankland Trio. Douglas and Jane-Anne of Soundhouse said: "Any of you who were in the audience for our April gig with Laura Macdonald & Zoe Rahman couldn't have helped being impressed by this up and coming pianist and his trio. He's being joined in this very special show by another Soundhouse favourite Helena Kay on sax and Ben Macdonald on guitar."

Ben Shankland is the winner of the 2023 BBC Radio Scotland Young Jazz Musician of the year.

At George Square Piccolo | 6pm

The festival will feature:

- More than 120 events taking place across the city
- 10 livestreamed and pre-recorded concerts
- Mardi Gras – a celebration of music live from the Grassmarket
- Edinburgh Festival Carnival – Edinburgh's largest multi-

cultural event

- 18 concerts supported by the Scottish Government's EXPO fund
- Edinburgh Napier University Jazz Summer School

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