

EIF – tickets available for opening event

Audiences are invited to start August and all that it offers with the spectacular opening event in Edinburgh International Festival which will be held at George Heriot's this year.

Edinburgh International Festival's Opening Event: Where to Begin, will light up the grounds of George Heriot's in the heart of the Scottish capital on 2, 3 and 4 August framing a response to this year's Festival theme: Rituals That Unite Us.

Tickets are now available on the Festival's [website](#).



The outdoor event will be a combination of immersive

installations, performance, video projections and storytelling, Where to Begin is designed as the most appropriate opening to the city's festival season.

Stills from the projections designed by UK production company, Pinwheel, give audiences a taster of the spectacular event they can expect.

It is also announced that "One of the finest singer-songwriters in Britain" (The Guardian), Karine Polwart features on a new track commissioned for Where to Begin, composed by Roma Yagnik with lyrics by Davey Anderson and Simon Sharkey. Listen to a snippet of the song [here](#).

An Edinburgh International Festival production, created by Pinwheel and in partnership with The Macallan, Where to Begin transforms a well known Edinburgh location into the epicentre of creative power, exploring the myths and rituals which shaped the country, the capital and its festivals.

These include the process of whisky making and the warm welcome visitors to the city received in 1947 thanks to the [private donations of coal rations](#) by Edinburgh residents which were used to light up Edinburgh Castle during the first ever Edinburgh International Festival.

<https://www.eif.co.uk/opening-event-faqs>

