

Save the date for Edinburgh Diwali

Edinburgh Diwali returns for its tenth year to celebrate the Indian festival of lights on 3 November 2024.

Festivities will include a colourful and multicultural parade through Edinburgh city centre, as well as performances and fireworks display in Princes Street Gardens to celebrate the spiritual victory of good over evil.

Diwali, a Hindu festival of lights and is now celebrated internationally by 1.5 billion people to ward off the darkness and welcome the light. Originally hailing from India, Diwali is marked across globe with large public events in Australia, Canada, Japan, and the United States of America.

Edinburgh Diwali, a registered Scottish charity, started in 2015 as an initiative by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh and Indian diaspora from the city, and has gone on to become Scotland's largest public Diwali event.

The Indian celebration is one of Edinburgh's most popular community led events, attracting around 10,000 spectators to the parade and performances in Princes Street Gardens.

Last year's festivities included performances from Dance Ihayami, Bollyfeat, Classsical Confluence and Dance@Studio21 with a presentation of Indian, Scottish, and fusion dance; plus music from the Stockbridge and Glencorse Pipe Bands as part of the Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, and a headline performance from Kaykay & Co, the London based

British Asian fusion band led by Kaykay Chouhan. This year's Diwali celebration promises to be equally spectacular, with the full programme to be revealed closer to the event.

Edinburgh Diwali 2024 will take place 13:00 – 19:00 on Sunday 3rd November. The event is open to all with free entry, encouraging everyone to participate in this family-friendly festive celebration of light.

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Edinburgh Diwali 2023 – the parade stepped off from St Andrew Square to the Ross Theater in Princes Street Gardens PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter



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