

The **Edinburgh International Children's Festival** opens this weekend with a programme of free pop-up performances and drop-in activities at the **National Museum of Scotland**. There are a range of activities all day and most of them are drop-in. Some events have a specific starting time while others will be happening on and off throughout the day. For events with small capacity, you can book time slots with the performers.

Use the map overleaf to find out where events are taking place. We have a team of volunteers in orange t-shirts who are here for you so don't hesitate to ask for help!

This weekend is a celebration of the opening of the Edinburgh International Children's Festival and a great chance for Scottish artists to try out new ideas. The Festival, which takes place from 27 May to 4 June, brings some of the best theatre, dance, puppetry and multi-media available throughout the world to schools and families in Edinburgh. There are still tickets available, in particular for children over 5 years (see special offer on back page).

To book tickets, just pop-in at the box office desk in the Grand Gallery or book online at www.imagine.org.uk

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Special Opening Weekend Offer!

Two tickets for the price of one when you book this weekend at the Festival Box Office in the Grand Gallery.

Edinburgh International
Children's Festival
27 MAY – 4 JUNE 2017



Little Red (7–12 yrs)
Barrowland Ballet (Scotland)
A flash of fur, a glint of teeth, something out there in the night... Little Red Riding Hood sets off from home. A high-energy twist on an old classic. Expect acrobatic dancing, a great dose of humour, and even Granny on a mobility scooter!
Sat 3 June 15:00, 19:00
Sun 4 June 11:30, 15:00

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The Queen Has Vanished (5–12 yrs)
Kopergietery (Belgium)
The touching and visually stunning tale of a grieving Princess and a kingdom in shambles. Told with live music and wonderful illustrations, this is a story of hope and friendship.
Sat 3 June 13:30
Sun 4 June 13:30

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Terms and conditions: Offer is two tickets for the price of one, the greater value ticket being the paid-for ticket. Offer only valid for tickets booked during the opening weekend at the box office in the Grand Gallery of the National Museum of Scotland, for the shows and times listed. Tickets are £8 per ticket as part of a family ticket; £12 per adult; £8 per child.



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Opening Weekend
27–28 May (10.00–16.30)

Programme



Opening Weekend Programme

Saturday and Sunday

The Adventures of Snigel *(1-5 yrs)*
Caroline Bowditch and Company
Snigel is a curious snail who LOVES bubbles! Join Snigel’s journey to find out where the bubbles come from.
Grand Gallery
Sat (10.00–13.00); Sun (14.00–16.30)

The Tallest *(3+ yrs)*
Mamoru Iriguchi
Can you become the tallest person in the gallery? Put on your cape and with the help of a grown up, explore the world from your new height!
Grand Gallery
Sat and Sun (10.00–16.30)

The Museum Builders *(5+ yrs)*
AAR Clowns
The Museum Builders are building a new museum. Look out for the high-visibility red nose.
Grand Gallery
Sat and Sun (10.00–16.45)

The Monster Munchy Store *(4+ yrs)*
Ortonandon
Come and do some cutting, gluing, sticking and growling to transform cardboard into a monster’s dream menu!
Grand Gallery
Sat and Sun (10.00–16.45)

Special Delivery *(5+ yrs)*
A Bird in the Hand Theatre
Look out for a postman on a bicycle who will stop and reveal magical puppet worlds hidden within his parcels.
Grand Gallery and throughout Level 1
Sat (10.15, 11.45, 13.30, 14.45);
Sun (10.15, 11.30, 13.15, 15.15)

Into the Water *(4+ yrs)*
Up and Over It
A unique hand-tapping routine from these two masters of Irish dancing, which has garnered over 9 million online views!
Grand Gallery
Sat (15.45); Sun (11.15)

Magic Light Orbs *(all ages)*
Kyle McAslan
An interactive light and sound installation, re-creating calming scenes from science and nature.
Earth in Space, Big Screen Area
Sat and Sun (10.00–16.45)

Von Tuur Hair Salon *(4+ yrs)*
Emma Nutland & Samuel Jameson
Need a break? A pick-me-up? The Von Tuur Hair Salon is here to indulge you in the very best of sound-escape therapy. (Back by popular demand!)
Hawthornden Court
Sat and Sun (10.00–16.30)

Edinburgh Places and Pockets *(all ages)*
Theresa Lynn
Help make a giant pop-up ‘Edinburgh’. Walk through it, take selfies on the bus, and show us what your Edinburgh looks like...
Hawthornden Court
Sat and Sun (10.00–16.30)

Snakes and Ladders *(5+ yrs)*
Island Collective
An interactive human scale game of Snakes and Ladders with a few surprises along the way!
Early People, Level -1
Sat and Sun (10.00–16.30)

Now I Am : The Monologues *(5+ yrs)*
Visible Fictions
A series of short films celebrating the rollercoaster ride that is growing up.
Dunfermline Room, Level -1
Sat (10.00–12.00) and Sun (10.00–16.00)

A Piece of You *(7+ yrs)*
Greg Sinclair
An intimate performance for one audience member at a time; your thoughts will be turned into a concert just for you.
Scotland Transformed, Level 3
Sat and Sun (10.00–16.30)

Four Go Wild in Wellies *(3–5 yrs)*
Indepen-Dance
A creative movement workshop, exploring themes of nature, friendships and daily routine.
Studio 1, Learning Centre, Level 4
Sat and Sun (14.45 and 15.45) – duration 40 min
Book at box office

Saturday Only

Professor Cuthbert’s Curious Compass *(2+ yrs)* Aaron Jeffrey
Join Professor Cuthbert and his curious compass on an alternative tour of the museum. What will we see, what will we be?
Meet at the Box Office, Grand Gallery (or join along the way)
Sat (10.30, 11.30, 12.30, 14.15, 15.15, 16.15)

The Bean Counter *(6+ yrs)*
Alice Mary Cooper
A delightful performance featuring a very official Jelly Bean Counter. She travels the world in search of someone who can guess exactly how many beans are in her jar.
Meet at the Box Office, Grand Gallery
Sat (14.00 and 15.15) – duration 30min

Chaussettes Chanteuses (Singing Socks) *(3+ yrs)*
Elspeth Chapman and Hamish Orr
A troupe of fabulous performing socks are lost in the museum. Keep your eyes open – you never know where they might pop up!
Grand Gallery and throughout Level 1 and 3

Professor Max’s Amazing Takeaway Poetry Stand *(all ages)*
Max Scratchmann
Professor Max will create astounding and fully illustrated poems in front of your very eyes.
Discoveries (near the Millennium Clock)
Sat (10.00–16.30)



Sunday Only

Telemann’s Don Quixote *(all ages)*
Dunedin Consort
Do you know what catgut strings are made of? Or what a theorbo sounds like? Join us to find out as this award-winning baroque ensemble take us on a wonderful musical journey inspired by Cervantes’s wonderful tale of love, fantasy and madness.
Grand Gallery
Sun (12.15, 12.45, 13.45, 14.45)

I Wanna Dance With Somebody *(all ages)*
Women Dancing
They want to dance with somebody. Drop-in and come help recreate a Whitney Houston-style music video... and maybe teach us some new moves!
Seminar Room, Learning Centre, Level 4
Drop-in: Sun (10.00–12.00 and 14.00–16.30)
Group choreography: Sun (12.00–13.00)

The Reluctant Boxer *(4+ yrs)*
Curious Seed
A playful and unpredictable hybrid of performance and installation featuring dancing, drawing, and live music. Imagine a Tracy Emin exhibition meets Stig of the Dump meets the Frankenstein story!
Event Space, Level 2
Sun (13.00–16.00)

Museum Map

