



Edinburgh International Children's Festival opens this weekend with a programme of free pop-up performances and drop-in activities throughout the museum. Some events have specific starting time while others will be happening on and off throughout the day. For events with small capacity, you will be able to 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 is taking place in venues throughout Edinburgh between 26 May and 3 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 throughout the week and next weekend. (See special offer on the back page).

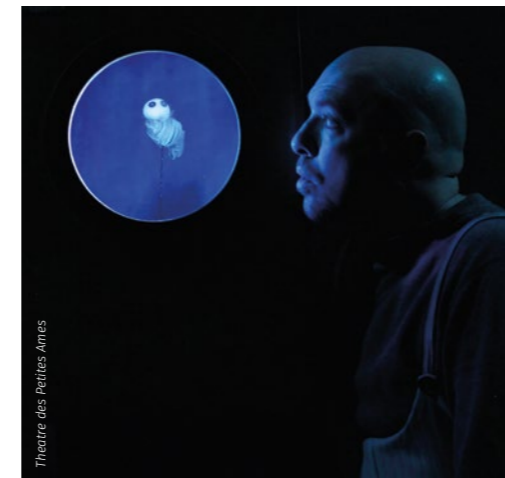
To book tickets just pop-in at the box office in the Grand Gallery, phone **0131 228 1404** or book online at **www.imagine.org.uk/festival**



Special Weekend Offer!

Two tickets for the price of one when you book this weekend at the Festival Box Office in the Grand Gallery for the following performances (showing next weekend):

Edinburgh International
Children's Festival
26 MAY – 3 JUNE 2018



Theatre des Petites Ames

OGO (2-6 yrs)

Three strangers have received an invitation to travel with Ogo. But Ogo never comes. This magical show about strangers becoming friends thanks to a mysterious puppet is a wonderful tribute to creativity and imagination, accompanied by live music. A wonderful family show full of surprises.

Sunday 3 June 14:00

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Joost Nijde

EXPEDITION PETER PAN (7-12 yrs)

Joyous, eccentric, and downright hilarious, this quirky family production will take you from one surprise to another. Plucked from their busy jobs, five strangers find themselves in Neverland, a twilight zone where childhood toys are flooding back and adults are allowed to dream big once again.

Saturday 2 June 15:00 or Sunday 3 June 14:00

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Terms and conditions: Offer is two tickets for the price of one. Offer only valid for tickets booked during the Opening Weekend, for the shows and times listed. Tickets are £9 per person as part of a family ticket.



Edinburgh International Children's Festival

Opening Weekend
26-27 May (10.00-16.30)

Programme



Opening Weekend Programme

Saturday and Sunday

Beat the Feet *(all ages)*

Ubuntu Vibes
A fun, energetic and vibrant dance piece that brings rhythm, laughter and movement to your weekend.

Grand Gallery Sat (11:30); Sun (11:00, 13:00, 15:30)
Performance (30 min)

The Land of Woogelumps and Booglebirds: Puppet Making and Play *(3+ yrs)*

Ortonandon
A strange new world of giant flowers and magic mountains has been discovered. Come and help us create cardboard puppet creatures (part bug, part monster, part child), and go on an adventure through the cardboard set made by the artists.

Grand Gallery Sat (10:00–16:30); Sun (10:00–16:15)
Drop-in activity

The Bean Counter *(5+ yrs)*

Alice Mary Cooper
Competitions are serious business. Jellybean counting contests are considerably competitive. And serious. And official. Jobsworth the Official is officially officiating. Authorised by authorities. Expect joyfully interactive clown comedy. Free but ticketed (tickets at box office).

Auditorium, Level 1 Sat and Sun (12:15, 15:00);
Performance (30 mins)

Are you going up? *(all ages)*

Tenterhooks
Join our expeditions! Your ordinary journey in the lift or on the stairs will become an extraordinary adventure.

Early People, Level -1 and throughout Level 1
Sat and Sun (10:00–16:30) Walkabout performance

Can you tame the unicorn? *(all ages)*

Nudge Puppets
There is a rumour that a unicorn is hiding here. Can you find the unicorn and tame its heart?

Kingdom of the Scots and throughout Level 1
Sat and Sun (10:00–16:30)
Roaming character

Fragile Existence *(all ages)*

Anna Noonan
Tiny figures appear on small houses. What is home to you? Who exists inside or outside of a home?

Kingdom of the Scots (Kirkcaldy Room), Level 1
Sat (10:00–16:30); Sun (10:00–16:15)
Drop-in installation

Tea Dances *(all ages)*

Anna Noonan
Welcome to a magical woodland tea party where tiny dancers play and the choreography unfolds in and out of teacups and crockery!

Earth in Space, Big Screen Area, Level 1
Sat (10:00–16:30); Sun (10:00–16:15)
Drop-in installation

The Art Classroom: Drawing from Life *(5+ yrs)*

Peel Eezy
Enter The Art Classroom, an alternative future conception of art production. Our trained classroom technicians will guide children through the first lesson of art making, Drawing from Life.

Studio 2, Learning Centre, Level 4
Sat (10:30–16:30); Sun (10:00–15:30)
Drop-in activity

Soundplay Dome *(all ages)*

Bal Cooke and Ewan Sinclair
The Soundplay Dome is a magical sensory space where children of all ages can interact with music, sound and light. The Dome has been developed with a wide range of needs in mind and is suitable for those with sensory impairments.

Seminar Room, Learning Centre, Level 4
Sat (12:00–16:30); Sun. (10:00–15:00)
Sensory drop-in activity

On Demand! *(6+ yrs)*

Samuel Jameson, Joe Johnson and Nikki Kalkman
The residents of Sunflower Heights need food, fizzy pop and entertainment – right now! Luckily for them, Spork is on demand! A miniature puppet theatre followed by a puppet making workshop.

Dunfermline Room, Level -1 (meet at box office 10min before) Sat and Sun, (10:45, 13:30, 15:45)
Performance (30min) and workshop (20min)

Eggy Ladies *(4+ yrs)*

Marta Soriano and Anna Chaney
The Eggy Ladies are two delightful, charming and adventurous characters. They are always curious about the world, they enjoy dancing and they'd love you to dance with them.

Scotland Transformed Sat and Sun (10:00–16:30)
Walkabout performance

Saturday Only

Unlikely Duets: Laura and Lauren *(6+ yrs)*

Sarah Hopfinger, Laura Bradshaw and Lauren McCreath
A new dance theatre project which involves artists and community members of diverse ages working creatively together. The duet is performed by Laura Bradshaw and Lauren McCreath. In partnership with Platform and the Beacon. Supported by Imagine.

Grand Gallery Sat (10:45, 13:00, 14:30, 16:00)
Performance (25 mins)

The Wandering Wizards *(4+ yrs)*

The Loyal Liars
A trio of Wizards have wandered into our world, all experts in magic and adventure. The Wizards love to tell their exciting tales and are always looking for new heroes to help in their next fantastical quest!

Living Lands, Level 1 Sat (10:30, 12:45, 14:15, 15:45)
Performance (30 mins)



Sunday Only

The Tallest *(3+ yrs)*

Mamoru Iriguchi and Robbie Syngé
With a little help from specially-designed colourful capes, The Tallest makes wee ones (and their grown ups) into very, very tall Tallestians. Enjoy the totally new Tallestian view of the world and roam around the Grand Gallery!

Grand Gallery Sun (10:00–16:30)
Drop-in activity

Group Hug *(all ages)*

Tin Crate
Group Hug gently invites the audience to stop, watch, listen and maybe even join in. Celebrating human connection, this intergenerational performance explores the joy of being part of something bigger than yourself.

Grand Gallery and Balcony Sun (12:30, 13:30, 14:30)
Performance (15 mins)

The Dirty Laundry Campaign *(4+ yrs)*

Ruxandra Cantir and Sarah Rose Graber
Two politician clowns are looking for your vote. Who will you choose Stripes or Polka Dots?! Join the election mayhem!

Living Lands, Level 1 (or join along the way)
Sun (11:30, 12:45, 14:45, 15:45)
Walkabout performance

Toddler Room *(0–3yrs)*

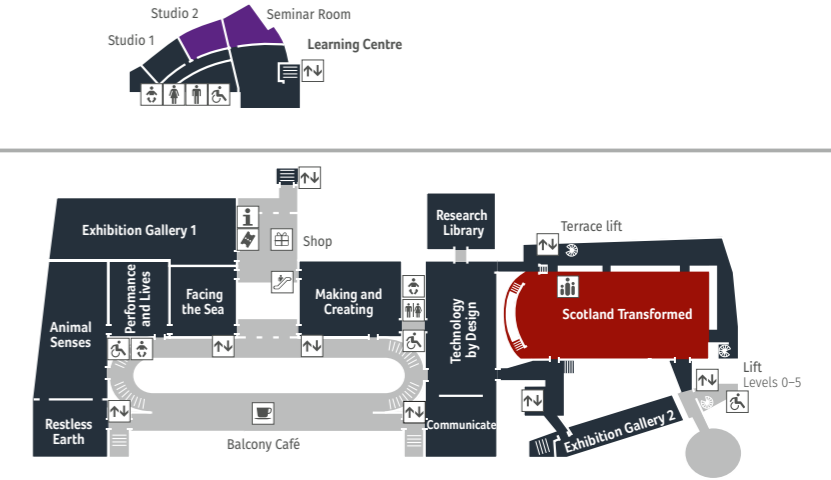
Dybwikdans (Norway)
This beautiful piece of mini dance theatre is part of the main Festival programme. Set inside a white tented dome, children are involved in a play without words, with colourful costumes, sounds and gorgeous sculptural objects. An intimate experience for the very young.

Event Space, Level 2 Sun (10:15, 11:30, 13:15, 14:30, 15:45)
Sold out on Sunday but tickets available during the week. Book your tickets at the Box Office (£9/person).



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