

# Festival Family Encounters

Saturday 7 May (10.00–16.30)

Edinburgh International  
**Children's  
Festival**



National  
Museum of  
Scotland

## Foul Fish

Bridie Gane and dancers

Foul Fish is a short dance work exploring the future of our oceans through a new hybrid creature, an elegant mess made up of part human, part fish and part rubbish dump.

**Grand Gallery:** 10:15; 11:45; 14:00; 15:30  
Performance (5 min)

Amy Sinead



## Strawboys

Rob Heaslip

Experience a vibrant and energetic pop-up performance in unexpected places where luminous straw dancers whirl to Balkan inspired beats.

**Grand Gallery:** 11:00; 12:30; 14:45; 16:30  
Performance (10 min)

Louise King



## Brain Matter

Ruby Hirsch

In partnership with Merchant City Festival  
Supported by Snap-Elastic

Is your brain working too hard? Does it refuse to leave the office on time? Obsessed with paperwork? Time to get out of our own heads... open our eyes, ears, and noses to the world around us and have some fun!

**Discoveries/Grand Gallery:** 11:15; 12:45;  
14:15; 15:45

Walkabout & Performance (20 min)



## Arts Activity Tables – Paper Pinwheels

Ursula Cheng and Greer Pester

Join Ursula and Greer to make your own Jazzy Paper Pinwheel. Touching on themes of colour, pattern, movement and light. All levels of abilities are invited. Experimenting with combinations of different materials together and the magical motion of a pinwheel!

**Grand Gallery:** All day  
Drop-in activity

## Are Ye Dancin'!

Tenterhooks

A theatrical bubble of silliness and fun inspired by silent movies, variety shows, and Scotland's iconic dance halls. A woman tries to wait (without incident) for her taxi to arrive. She fails! Originally developed with support from the Tron Theatre.

**Grand Gallery:** 10:30; 12:00; 13:15; 15:15  
Performance (15 min)



## How Do You Take A Photo of a Dinosaur?

Emily Nicholl and Ellen Renton

In partnership with National Museums Scotland

How do you take a photo of a dinosaur that doesn't want to be seen? Join Emily and Ellen on a journey full of sensory surprises as they set off on a quest to find out!

**This show has been designed specifically for blind and visually impaired children.**

**Seminar Room (Level 4):** 10:15; 10:45; 11:15; 12:15;  
12:45; 13:15; 14:45; 15:15; 15:45; 16:15

Interactive performance (booking required) (20 min)



## Happiness Collectors

The Audio Story Company

Happiness supplies are running low and the Happiness Collectors need YOUR help! Pop on your headphones and join us on a journey of sounds and silliness to learn the best ways to collect happiness - and share it, too!

**Hawthornden Court:** 10:30; 12:15; 14:00; 15:30  
Interactive performance (20 min)

## Experts Radio lab

Alice Mary Cooper and Company

In partnership with Platform

Are you an expert at something? Want to share your advice? Come to Experts Radio Lab and join our live radio show. Whether it's how to make a mud pie or tips on playing Hide and Seek- all expertise welcome!

**Hawthornden Court:** All day  
Drop-in activity (5 min)

## Peekaboo Poncho

Alison Brown

Supported by Catherine Wheels Theatre Company

Peekaboo Poncho is a fun, immersive, dance and movement piece for babies and toddlers. Inspired by the game of peekaboo, hide and seek and various beloved childhood toys, Peekaboo Poncho has been designed and made by Costume Designer Alison Brown.

**Hawthornden Court:** 10:15; 11:15; 12:00; 13:15; 13:45;  
14:45; 15:15  
Performance (10 min)

## Signwave

Soundplay Projects

Interactive sound sculpture: shaping light, vibration and sound in surprising new ways

**Earth in Space:** All day  
Drop-in activity (5–10 min)

## Away...from Home!

Tortoise in a Nutshell

Away...From Home! is a raucous 10-minute interactive installation building a holiday experience that peaks in perfection, before descending into chaos. A multi-sensory experience for 1 household at a time which makes expert use of magic, object manipulation and innovative sound design.

**Early People (Level -1):** 10:30; 11:00; 11:30; 12:00;  
13:45; 14:15; 14:45; 15:15; 15:45  
Interactive performance (booking required)  
(10 min)

## Ste òn Àin أنتم ste? (Where are you?)

Theatre Sans Accents

Part of the New Stories strand supported by the Year of Stories

Help Harry Hedgehog find his friends! Newly arrived in Scotland and scattered around the museum, they need YOUR help to make themselves at home in this foreign habitat. Embark on an interactive journey to cross cultures and bring everyone together!

**Grand Gallery/Animal World/Fashion & Style/Balcony level 3 and 5:** 10:15-11:00; 11:30-12:15; 13:30-14:15; 14:30-15:15; 15:30-16:15 (5 min interaction)

**Grand Gallery:** 12:15; 16:15 (10 min performance)



## Finding Home

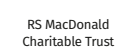
Sanjay Lago and Diljeet Kaur Bhachu

Part of the New Stories strand supported by the Year of Stories

A journey through Indian dance music and text to find home. What is home when it's been lost or taken away? Looking at the idea of displacement through the eyes of a character of Indian heritage.

**Patterns of Life:** 10:15; 11:15; 12:15; 14:15; 15:15; 16:15  
Performance (5–10 min)

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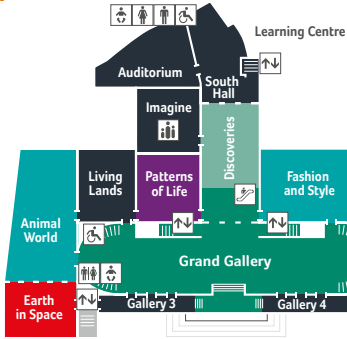


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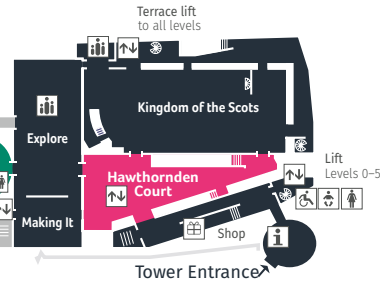
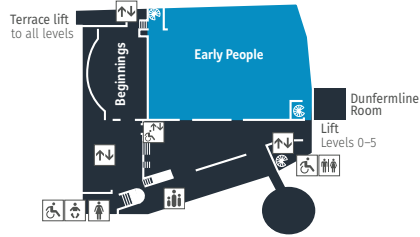
## Level 4



## Level 1



## Level -1



## SPECIAL FAMILY ENCOUNTERS OFFER

Two tickets for the price of one when you book tickets today for the following performances. Quote **241FE** when booking.



### Light (3-7 yrs)

A joyful celebration of shadow and light in which performers playfully follow a mysterious spotlight dancing around the stage and use a magical radiating fabric to capture it.

#### **The Studio:**

Sun 15 May 10:30 or 13:30



### Birdboy (8-15 yrs)

A visually stunning show about a confused boy who wished he was a bird and could fly away, free of all his worries. Set to a toe-tapping soundtrack, the show celebrates the power of imagination.

#### **Traverse Theatre:**

Fri 13 May 13:45 / Sat 14 May 19:00

Pop-in at the Welcome Desk in the Grand Gallery, phone **0131 226 0019** or book online at [www.imagine.org.uk/festival](http://www.imagine.org.uk/festival)



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