

# Festival Family Day

Saturday 30 May 10:00–17:00

# Edinburgh International Children's Festival

30 May – 7 June 2026



Ruth Armspang

**PROGRAMME**



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### **Dreich, Drookit and Braw!** (all ages)

*Julia Chan, Michelle Ross, Robyn Gray and Vee Smith*

A light hearted, humourous story about three characters navigating the Scottish weather using acrobatics and circus to explore friendship.

*Commissioned by Imagineate and Glasgow Life.*

**Grand Gallery:** 11:00, 13:45, 15:30  
*Performance (15 min)*



### **Tufts** (3 yrs+)

*Kerry Cleland, Ben Winger, Katy Wilson and Ella Mackay*

A high-energy piece featuring two flamboyant handlers and their uncanny lookalike pets as they navigate the highs and lows of the competitive dog world. Join us for a flurry of chaos with a precious poodle and a scruffy mongrel... and bring your own Teddy Bear pup along to compete! *Commissioned by Imagineate and Aberdeen Performing Arts, thanks to Starcatchers.*

**Grand Gallery and other spaces:** 10:30, 13:45  
*Walkabout (45 min)*

**Grand Gallery:** 12:00, 16:30  
*Performance (15 min)*



### **Dance Makes the Floor** (7 yrs+)

*Mark Bleakley and Cameron Howard*

A participatory, playful show where the audience is invited to join the performers as they try to ignite the dance floor, fuelling the fire with their dance moves. The live movements will be linked by webcam to the speed of the music on the dance floor.

**Grand Gallery:** 11:30, 13:15, 14:30, 16:00  
*Performance (12 min)*



### **Wake Amusements I, II, III** (all ages)

*Rob Heaslip*

Step back into a forgotten tradition, as a solo performer invites you to enjoy the unruly games once played by people to pass the time at lengthy Irish wakes. Even in the most sombre of times, joy has a way of creeping in...

**Grand Gallery:** 10:30, 12:45, 15:00  
*Performance (15 min)*



### Windbags (all ages)

Ronan McMahon and Fergus Dunnet

Windbags are a band of daft, parading unmissable inflatable wonders. They are curious, musical and very emotional creatures. New things and new meetings physically inflate them into elaborate, awkward and beautiful shapes. Commissioned by Imagineate and OneRen. With support from Manipulate, Merchant City Festival and Surge.

#### Grand Gallery and other spaces:

10:00, 12:15, 14:30 Walkabout (30 min)



### King of the Birds (5–8 yrs)

Niamh O'Loughlin

A playful duet inspired by the fable of the Wren and the Eagle, this is the story of who can fly the highest. Told through dance, imagination and gentle interaction, the piece invites audiences into an ancient world of adventure. Supported by Creative Scotland, Dundee Rep and Scottish Dance Theatre, Dance Base.

**Hawthornden Court:** 11:45, 14:15, 16:30

Performance (15 min)



### Spaceman's Spacewalk (3 yrs+)

Dan Brown, Alison Brown and Ben Fletcher

Spaceman performs his first spacewalk in a new atmosphere, with zero gravity. Watch him as he VERY SLOWLY traverses his new surroundings taking in all the interactions that come along with him. Supported by Imagineate and Creative Scotland.

#### Grand Gallery and other spaces:

10:45, 13:00, 15:15 Walkabout (25 min)

**Hawthornden Court:** 11:10, 13:25, 15:40

Performance (5 min)



### In Bloom (all ages)

Kumquat Lab

Inspired by flower pollination, *In Bloom* is an interactive light and sound sculpture where each touch triggers colour and musical notes, inviting visitors of all ages to play together and create a shared, evolving composition. Supported by Creative Scotland.

#### Kingdom of the Scots (Level 1):

10:00–17:00 (not 13:00–14:00)

Interactive installation (drop-in)



Lydia Smith

### **Ambient Arcade** (all ages)

*Soundplay Projects*

A collection of immersive, accessible audio-visual sculptures inspired by retro arcade machines and vintage computer terminals. Sub Bass Soft Space is a horizontally aligned vibrational sound system! *Supported by Creative Scotland.*

#### **Event Space (Level 2):**

10:00–17:00 (not 13:30–14:30)

*Interactive installation (drop-in)*



### **Film programme** (all ages)

Step into a cosy, chill-out space with bean bags and cushions, to unwind while watching a selection of films from Imagine's projects, collaborations and associated artists. Spanning a rich mix of genres and themes, the programme gives audiences a chance to pause, rest and discover a range of dance, theatre and stop-motion animations.

**Seminar Room (Level 4):** 10:00–17:00

*Drop-in*

## Special ticket offer

Two tickets for the price of one when you book for the following performances, quoting **241FD26**.



Kurt van der Elst

### **It Would Be Such a Shame if You Missed Out**

(10–16 yrs)

Sat 6 June 14:30 | 18:30

**Traverse Theatre**

A farcical play hilariously capturing teenage anxiety about missing out and featuring three downhearted characters, one giant party box and unexpected audience interaction.



Sylvère Lamotte

### **The Fabulous Tale of Basarkus**

(3–7 yrs)

Sun 7 June 11:00 | 14:00

**Studio Theatre (Potterrow)**

A dazzling display of juggling and acrobatics featuring two performers exploring themes of identity, cooperation and the wonder of growing up.

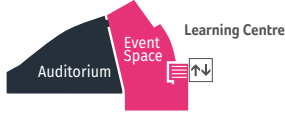
Pop-in at the **Welcome Desk** in the Grand Gallery, phone **0131 226 0019**  
or book online at **[www.imagine.org.uk/festival](http://www.imagine.org.uk/festival)**

# Museum map

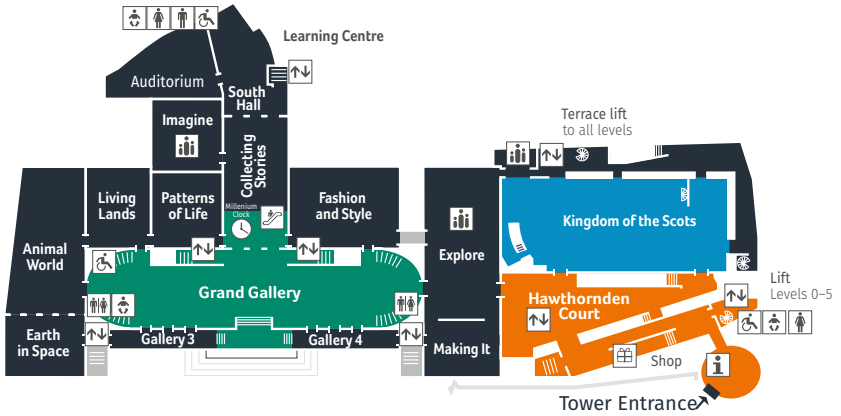
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# Timetable

Starts	Ends	Where	What	Type
10:00	17:00	<b>Kingdom of the Scots (Level 1)</b>	In Bloom	<i>Installation</i>
10:00	17:00	<b>Event Space (Level 2)</b>	Soundplay Projects	<i>Installation</i>
10:00	17:00	<b>Seminar Room (Level 4)</b>	Films	<i>Drop-in</i>
10:00	10:30	<b>Grand Gallery and other spaces</b>	Windbags	<i>Walkabout</i>
10:30	10:45	<b>Grand Gallery</b>	Wake Amusements I	<i>Performance</i>
10:30	11:15	<b>Grand Gallery and other spaces</b>	Tufts	<i>Walkabout</i>
10:45	11:10	<b>Grand Gallery and other spaces</b>	Space Man Space Walk	<i>Walkabout</i>
11:00	11:15	<b>Grand Gallery</b>	Dreich, Drookit and Braw	<i>Performance</i>
11:10	11:15	<b>Hawthornden Court</b>	Space Man Space Walk	<i>Performance</i>
11:30	11:45	<b>Grand Gallery</b>	Dance Makes the Floor	<i>Performance</i>
11:45	12:00	<b>Hawthornden Court</b>	King of the Birds	<i>Performance</i>
12:00	12:15	<b>Grand Gallery</b>	Tufts	<i>Performance</i>
12:15	12:45	<b>Grand Gallery and other spaces</b>	Windbags	<i>Walkabout</i>
12:45	13:00	<b>Grand Gallery</b>	Wake Amusements II	<i>Performance</i>
13:00	13:25	<b>Grand Gallery and other spaces</b>	Space Man Space Walk	<i>Performance</i>
13:15	13:30	<b>Grand Gallery</b>	Dance Makes the Floor	<i>Performance</i>
13:25	13:30	<b>Hawthornden Court</b>	Space Man Space Walk	<i>Walkabout</i>
13:45	14:00	<b>Grand Gallery</b>	Dreich, Drookit and Braw	<i>Performance</i>
13:45	14:30	<b>Grand Gallery and other spaces</b>	Tufts	<i>Walkabout</i>
14:15	14:30	<b>Hawthornden Court</b>	King of the Birds	<i>Performance</i>
14:30	14:45	<b>Grand Gallery</b>	Dance Makes the Floor	<i>Performance</i>
14:30	15:00	<b>Grand Gallery and other spaces</b>	Windbags	<i>Walkabout</i>
15:00	15:15	<b>Grand Gallery</b>	Wake Amusements III	<i>Performance</i>
15:15	15:40	<b>Grand Gallery and other spaces</b>	Space Man Space Walk	<i>Walkabout</i>
15:30	15:45	<b>Grand Gallery</b>	Dreich, Drookit and Braw	<i>Performance</i>
15:40	15:45	<b>Hawthornden Court</b>	Space Man Space Walk	<i>Walkabout</i>
16:00	16:15	<b>Grand Gallery</b>	Dance Makes the Floor	<i>Performance</i>
16:30	16:45	<b>Hawthornden Court</b>	King of the Birds	<i>Performance</i>
16:30	16:45	<b>Grand Gallery</b>	Tufts	<i>Performance</i>



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