

5th May – 11th May 2008

Edinburgh

MONDAY 5th May**Music and dance****The Solid Silver 60s Show, 19:30, £17.50-£21.50**

Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-22 Greenside Place. To purchase tickets, Edinburgh & Scotland Information Centre, 3 Princes Street or call 0870 606 3424 / 3434

Shawn Smith, 20:00, £10

Voted by MOJO magazine as one of the Greatest Vocalists of All Time, the legendary Seattle singer/songwriter makes his Scottish debut in a rare solo appearance to promote his new album, The Diamond Hand

The Voodoo Rooms, 19a West Register Street, 0131 556 7060, Tickets can be bought from Tickets Scotland, Ripping, Underground Solushun, The Voodoo Rooms, online at www.ticketweb.co.uk or by phone on 0132 220 3234 .

For live music in pubs visit www.gigguide.co.uk

Comedy**Fit O' The Giggles Absolute Beginners, 20:00, £2.**

The Mercat , 28 West Maitland Street,Edinburgh, 0131 225 3861

Red Raw, 20:30 (doors 19:30), £2

The Stand, 5 York Place, 0131 558 7272

Miscellaneous**LadyFest, various venues and times.**

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Kids**Folklore of the Woods, 10:30-13:00, £4.**

Listen to mysterious tales of the ancient forest with a countryside ranger before having a go at making your own magical tree at this fun family workshop. Booking essential. Ages 5+.

[Lauriston Castle](#), 2a Cramond Road South, [Edinburgh](#), 0131 336 2060

TUESDAY 6th May**Music and Dance****The Tannahill Weavers, 19:30, £6.**

One of Scotland's longest running folk bands, The Tannahill Weavers perform their trademark take on traditional tunes and instrumentation.

Leith Folk Club, 'The Village' , South Fort Street, 0131 554 4510

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Theatre

Simply Ballroom, 19.45. £20.50 - £22.50

Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-22 Greenside Place. To purchase tickets, Edinburgh & Scotland Information Centre, 3 Princes Street or call 0870 606 3424 / 3434

Trumpets and Raspberries, 19:45, £12-£25

Royal Lyceum Theatre, 30b Grindlay Street, 0131 248 4848

Nova Scotia, 19.00, £8.00, £5 conc

Traverse Theatre 10 Cambridge Street, Edinburgh 0131 228 1404

Ceilidh

Heeliegoleerie at the Ceilidh Club, 20:00, £6

The Lot, 4-6 Grassmarket. 0131 115 9922

Comedy

Wicked Wenches, 20:30, £6 (£5).

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WEDNESDAY 7th May

Music and dance

David Essex, 19:30, £20 – £22

Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-22 Greenside Place. To purchase tickets, Edinburgh & Scotland Information Centre, 3 Princes Street or call 0870 606 3424 / 3434

Martyn Joseph, 20:00, £7 (£6)

Cult singer-songwriter, described as the 'Welsh Springsteen', making social and spiritual comment

Edinburgh Folk Club, Cabaret Bar, 60 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, 0131 650 2458

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Theatre

A Leap, 19:30, £10 (£4-£6)

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Traverse Theatre, 10, Cambridge Street, Edinburgh, 0131 228 1404

Bye Bye Birdie, 19:30, £5 (£4 conc.)

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Brunton Theatre, High Street, Musselburgh – Bookings 0131 665 2240

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Comedy

Benefit in Aid of The Red Cross, doors 19:30, £7, (£5)
Comedians such as the Reverend Obadiah Steppenwolfe III, Kevin Bridges and Antony Murray give up their time for free, to help raise funds for the UK arm of the humanitarian organisation.
The Stand, 5 York Place, 0131 558 7272

Black Bo's Comedy Night, 20:00, free
Black Bo's 57-61 Blackfriars Street 0131 557 6136

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THURSDAY 8th May

Music and dance

Cappella Nova: Viva Victoria!, 19:30, £10-£12.50 (£7-£9.50)
The Scottish Plainsong Choir perform music by Renaissance composer Tomas Luis de Victoria
Greyfriars Kirk, Greyfriars Place, Edinburgh, 0131 225 1900

Scottish Chamber Orchestra: Nelson and Napoleon, 19:30, £8-£25.
Beethoven's 'Symphony No 3' and Haydn's 'Nelson Mass', conducted by Olari Elts.
Queen's Hall, 87-89 Clerk Street, Edinburgh, 0131 668 2019

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Comedy

Heresy, 21:00, £3.

Stand Up comedy night.

Jekyll & Hyde. 112 Hanover Street, 0131 225 2022

The Thursday Show, 21:00, £7/£6

The Stand, 5 York Place, 0131 558 7272

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Sunset Song, 19:00-21:00, Free

Experience nature's concert of evening birdsong with a ranger as your auditory guide. Please bring binoculars if you have them. Booking essential. Ages 8+.

Holyrood Park, Edinburgh, 0131 556 1761

Scotland's National Rhododendron Show, 10:00 – 17:00, £2 at door (£1.50) under 16's free

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, Exhibition Hall, 20a Inverleith Row, 0131 552 7171

FRIDAY 9TH MAY

Music and Dance

30 Seconds To Mars, 19:00, £19.50

11 Newmarket Road, Edinburgh, To purchase tickets, Edinburgh & Scotland Information Centre, 3 Princes Street or call 0870 606 3424 / 3434

Playtone: 8 Track Stereo, 19:00, £4

The Cabaret Voltaire, 36 Blair Street, 0131 220 6176

Edinburgh Univeristy Music Society Symphony Orchestra, 19:30

Greyfriars Kirk, Greyfriars Place, Edinburgh, 0131 225 1900

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Comedy

Colin Cole, Harvey Oliver. Dave Johns, Tommy Campbell, 20:15 (19:00 doors), £14/£11
Stand-up comedy
Jongleurs. Unit 6/7 Omni Leisure Development. Greenside Place, 0870 7870707

David Kay, John Ross, Carol Tobin, Andrew Learmonth, 21:00 (doors 19:00) £9 (£8)
The Stand, 5 York Place, 0131 558 7272

Ceilidh

Assembly Rooms Ceilidh, 20:00, £10 (£8)
Ceilidh band Hebrideans and caller Ken Gourlay lead the festivities.
Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street, Edinburgh, 0131 228 1155

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Edinburgh, 0870 243 0160

Observing Evenings, 19:00-20:45, £4 (£3; family ticket £10.50). Booking essential
Royal Observatory Visitor Centre, Blackford Hill, 0131 668 8404

Kids

Thomas & Friends Live! On Stage, 14:00, £16 - £19.50
Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-22 Greenside Place. To purchase tickets, Edinburgh & Scotland Information Centre, 3 Princes Street or call 0870 606 3424 / 3434

SATURDAY 10th May

Music and dance,

Opshop, 19:00, £10
The winners of 2007's People's Choice Award at the annual NZ Music Awards, They have supported Snow Patrol, Silverchair and Powderfinger on their NZ tours, and last year played their debut London show at the former Subterranea in Ladbroke Grove.

The Cabaret Voltaire, 36 Blair Street, 0131 220 6176

The Kevock Choir, 19:30, £5-£12.

The 80-strong choir as perform conducted by Graham Lovett, featuring larger than life show favourites, folk songs, spirituals and religious pieces.

Queen's Hall, 87-89 Clerk Street, Edinburgh, 0131 668 2019

Edinburgh Symphony Orchestra, 19:30, £8 (conc £5, kids £3)

Greyfriars Kirk, Greyfriars Place, Edinburgh, 0131 225 1900

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Theatre

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The Stand, 5 York Place, 0131 558 7272

Food and drink

Farmer's Market. 9:00 – 14:00. Free

Castle Terrace.

Kids

Thomas & Friends Live! On Stage, 11:00, £16 - £19.50

Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-22 Greenside Place. To purchase tickets, Edinburgh & Scotland Information Centre, 3 Princes Street or call 0870 606 3424 / 3434

Ceilidh

Edinburgh Branch Ball, 19:15, £30 members, £33 non members

Includes a Buffet Supper, dancing from 8.45 and carriages at midnight. Please note that dances will not be recapped. Pre-Booking Essential.

Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street, Edinburgh, 0131 228 1155

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Edinburgh, 0870 243 0160

SUNDAY 11TH MAY

Music and dance

The Waifs + special guests, 19:00, £13

Queen's Hall, 87-89 Clerk Street, Edinburgh, 0131 668 2019

Kent DuChaine, 20:30, £8

The Jazz Bar, 1a Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 0131 220 4298

For live music in pubs visit www.gigguide.co.uk

Chapterhouse Singers, 18:00, Free.

A performance of works by Palestrina, Handel, Haydn and Mendelssohn.
St Giles Cathedral, High Street, Royal Mile, 0131 **225 9442**

Theatre

Nova Scotia, 17:00, £8.00, £5 conc

Traverse Theatre 10 Cambridge Street, Edinburgh 0131 228 1404

Comedy

Whose Lunch Is It Anyway? 13:00 (doors 12:30), Free

The Stand, 5 York Place, 0131 558 7272

The Sunday Night Laugh In, 20:30(doors 19:30), £5/4

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Superhero Spirit Challenge, 19:30, tba

Cheerleading Event

Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh, 0131 335 6210

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Sunday Afternoon Fun: Early Music Forum, 12:45-15:45, Free

Find out about some 'really' old-school music.

National Museum of Scotland , Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 0131 247 4422

May 2008

Exhibitions

Edinburgh

National Gallery of Scotland
The Mound, 0131 624 6200
www.nationalgalleries.org

Fantasy and function: Design for Goldsmiths, (3 May – 3 August)
Mon- Sun: 10:00-17:00, Thu 10.00–19.00, Free

Royal Scottish Academy
The Mound, Box office: 0131 225 6671, Phone: 0131 220 6016
www.nationalgalleries.org

RSA 182nd Annual Exhibition, (10 May – 25 Jun)
Mon-Sat 10:00 – 17:00, Sun 12:00 – 17:00
Open submission exhibition, plus work by invited high-profile artists, such as Alex Pollard, Barry Atherton, David Shrigley and Ilana Halperin.

National Portrait Gallery
1 Queen Street, 0131 624 6200
www.nationalgalleries.org
Mon-Wed & Fri-Sun 10:00-17:00; Thu 10:00-19:00; 12:00-17:00 (Closed), Free

Faces and Places, (24th April - 20th July) Free
A partnership exhibition between the Scottish National Portrait Gallery and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, Faces and Places highlights individuals who have contributed to Scotland's built heritage.

National Gallery of Modern Art
75 Belford Road, 0131 624 6200
www.nationalgalleries.org

Focus on Demarco, (26 April – 22 June)
This display celebrates the completion of the 'Demarco Digital Archive Project'.

Collage City – Oct 07 – Sept 08

Bringing together a small selection of works from the Gallery of Modern Art's permanent collection, from Eduardo Paolozzi to Toby Paterson, this display highlights the crucial position of urban space as a playground of ideas for artists in the past 60 years

Miroslav Balka - Entering Paradise, (1st March - 29th June), Free, Mon-Sun: 10:00-17:00
One of the best Polish Artists.

From Sickert to Gertler - Modern Art from Boxted House, (15th March - 22nd June)
Free,
Mon-Sun: 10:00-17:00

This exhibition celebrates the lives of Bobby and Natalie Bevan and the works that hung on the walls of their home, Boxted House in Essex, which became a gathering place for artists after the Second World War.

Maternity: Images of Motherhood, (15th March - 22nd June) Free, Mon-Sun: 10:00-17:00

Dean Gallery
73 Belford Road, 0131 624 6200
www.nationalgalleries.org

Ben Nicholson, (29 February - 5 May), £6 (£4), Mon-Sun: 10:00-17:00
The Scientific Aspect of Surrealism: The Work of Grace Pailthorpe and Reuben Mednikoff,

Focus on Demarco (26 April – 22 June), Free, Mon-Sun: 10:00-17:00

City Art Centre
2 Market Street, 0131 529 3993
www.cac.org.uk

North Light Contemporary Photography from the City Art Centre Collection

This exhibition features recent acquisitions by Albert Watson, Wendy McMurdo and Jane Brettle. It also includes work by leading Scottish photographers such as Calum Colvin, Owen Logan and David Williams.

Fruitmarket Gallery
45 Market Street, 0131 225 2383
www.fruitmarket.co.uk/

The Queen's Gallery
Palace of Holyroodhouse, 0131 556 5100
www.royalcollection.org.uk

The Art of Italy in the Royal Collection: The Renaissance, (25 April – 26 October), Mon-Sun: 09:30-16:30, £3- £5
The highly acclaimed exhibition of 16th- and 17th-century Italian art.

National Museum of Scotland
Chambers Street, 0131 247 4422
www.nms.ac.uk

Daily, 10:00 – 17:00

China Now! The Year of the Rat, (Feb-July)

Discover contemporary Chinese design through our free display of contemporary artworks in glass, steel and calligraphy.

Connect: Super Science Shows, 11:45, 12:45, 13:45, 14:45 (Sats & Suns in May), Free
A revolving series of family science shows: 'Alex's Amazing Adventure'; 'Fantastic Forces'; or 'Sounds Amazing!' Limited places. Ages 5+

National War Museum
Edinburgh Castle, Castlehill, 0131 247 4413
, 09:45 - 17:45 (April to October); 09:45 - 16.45 (November to March)

National Library of Scotland
George IV Bridge, 0131 623 3845
www.nls.org

The John Murray Archive, free, permanent exhibition Mon- Sat: 10:00-17:00, Sun: 14:00-17:00

Local Heroes: The Art of the Graphic Novel, (4 April - 1 June), Monday to Friday: 10.00-20.00,
Saturday: 10.00-17.00, Sunday: 14.00-17.00, **Free**

This exhibition draws on material from our vast collections to tell the story of how comics have 'grown up' over the past 40 years. Among artists and writers represented are Alan Moore, Art Spiegelman, Frank Miller, Alan Grant, Cam Kennedy and Grant Morrison

Royal Botanic Garden
20a Inverleith Row, 0131 552 7171
www.rbge.org.uk
10:00 – 17:30 Free

John Hutton Balfour (1808-1884) - Nature Study, (3 May – 6 July)
Inverleith House. Gallery 1

Louise Bourgeois - Nature Study, (3 May – 6 July)
Inverleith House. Gallery 2 & 3

500 Years of Printing, (6 May – 30 June), Mon-Fri 10:00 – 16:00, Free
Library Foyer, 20A Inverleith Row.

Scottish Gallery
16 Dundas Street, 0131 558 1200
www.scottish-gallery.co.uk
Mon-Fri 10.00 -18.00, Sat. 10.00 - 16.00

Victoria Crowe OBE, RSA, RSW, ARWS, (7 May - 31 May)
New Paintings

Robert Dawson, (7 May - 31 May 2008)
Ceramics

Institut Français de la Peinture
13 Randolph Crescent, 0131 225 5366
www.ifecosse.org.uk

Re Soupault, (2 May – 14 June)
Mon-Fri 09:30-18:30, Sat 09:30-13.30, not Sun.
the life of Re Soupault, the wife of the French poet Philippe Soupault.

Ingleby Gallery
6 Carlton Terrace, 0131 556 4441
www.inglebygallery.com

Cornelia Parker & Marcel Broodthaers, (3 May – 10 May)

Talbot Rice Gallery
University of Edinburgh South Bridge, 0131 650 2210
www.trg.ed.ac.uk

Enrico David: Ultra Paste (22 March-10 May), Wed-Sat & Tue 10:00-17:00, free

Doggerfisher
11 Gayfield Square, 0131 558 7110
www.doggerfisher.com

Janice McNab, (9 May – 12 July), Tuesday-Friday 11:00-18:00, Sat 12:00-17:00

Stills

23 Cockburn Street, 0131 622 6200
www.stills.org

Patriothall Gallery

1d Patriothall, off Hamilton Place, 0131 226 7126
www.patriothallgallery.co.uk

human/nature, (4-11 May), Free

Eclectic group show examining our relationship with nature, including kinetic and living sculpture, video, sound, and print. Artists featured include Tim Chamberlain, Andrea Geile and Lara Greene.

Museum of Edinburgh

Huntly House 142 Canongate, Edinburgh, 0131 529 4143
www.cac.org.uk

It Didn't Happen Here, 10:00-17:00, Free (to 30th Nov)

Exhibition examining Edinburgh's links with the slave trade.

Origami Exhibition, (22 March - 16 May), Free (small charge for workshops)

Learn about the history and development of the Japanese art of paper folding in an exhibition and accompanying workshops.

Scottish Storytelling Centre

43-45 High Street, 0131 556 9579
<http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk>

10am to 6pm Mon - Sat all year. Sundays 12noon - 6pm in July and August.

Scottish Poetry Library

5 Crichton's Close Canongate, 0131 557 2876

In a Different Light (19 April – 19th July) Free

Monday – Friday 11:00- 18:00, Saturday 13:00 – 17:00

An exhibition of new works exploring short phrases, comprising hand-bound books, cards and screen-prints from Julie Johnstone's Essence Press imprint.

Writers' Museum

Lady Stair's Close Lawnmarket, Edinburgh, 0131 529 4901

Mon-Sat 10:00-17:00, Free

A Scots Helicon: Portraits of Nine Contemporary Scottish Women Writers, (April - 12 July)

Inspired by Mount Helicon, the mythical home of the nine muses, this new Writers' Museum exhibition features portraits of nine contemporary Scottish women writers: Kate Atkinson, Helen Dunwoodie, Margaret Elphinstone, AL Kennedy, Joan Lingard, Val McDermid, Denise Mina, Dilys Rose and Louise Welsh. All by Edinburgh-based artist Anna Caro.