



**edinburgh
people's
festival**

The Edinburgh People's Festival is a registered charity established to promote art and cultural excellence in communities throughout Edinburgh.

The original festival dates back to the 1950's and was re-established in 2002 when we presented what was intended to be a one off cabaret night at the Jack Kane Centre in Craigmillar. Amongst the entertainers that night was a young musician called David Sneddon who went on to win the BBC Fame Academy talent show three weeks later. Such was the success of that first year that the People's Festival has run for a week each August ever since and gone from strength to strength.

In 2003 for example we took the Hollywood actress Nancy Cartwright [the voice of Bart] to Edinburgh's new maternity hospital in 'Bart Goes to the Simpson's' and we 'smuggled' Paddy Hill, one of the Birmingham Six, INTO Saughton prison for 'a good night in'. During the past 7 years we have presented shows all over Edinburgh and away from the saturated city centre. [See map on next page]

Ian Rankin, the author of the Rebus novels, has said of the Edinburgh People's Festival 'The Edinburgh People's Festival makes for a refreshing change. It is local, varied and goes to the places other festivals would never dream of going. Edinburgh isn't just Princes Street and the Castle, and most citizens don't live in the city centre, so I congratulate the People's Festival - and hey it's an absolute bargain to boot.'

Make sure you get along to some of the events in the Edinburgh People's Festival 2008. All shows are normally free or where space is limited tickets will cost no more than £2.



The map highlights the many communities The People's Festival has reached since 2002. [Craigmillar, Newcraighall, Portobello, Saughton, Muirhouse, Dalkeith, Inch, Gilmerton, Wester Hailes, Gorgie, St Leonards, Ocean Terminal, Leith, New Royal Infirmary, Scottish Parliament].

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2008 Programme

August 9th- 16th



Saturday 9th August

THE STORY OF THE EDINBURGH PEOPLE'S FESTIVAL

The opening of our award winning retrospective exhibition telling the story for the very first time of the Edinburgh People's Festival from its inception in 1951 until the present day.

2.30pm - Artspace, Harewood Road, Craigmillar
EXHIBITION RUNS FOR A WEEK
FREE

OPENING NIGHT CABARET

Celebrating the rich diversity and multicultural wealth in Edinburgh with entertainers from many places and in many differing forms: musicians, singers, dancers, poets and comics.

7.30pm - The Gaff Theatre, Artspace, Harewood Road, Craigmillar
TICKETS £2

Sunday 10th August

'PEOPLE LIKE US' VISUAL ARTS DISPLAY / COMPETITION

Show featuring the work of some of the most exciting local artists. With £1,000 in prizes on offer the public is invited to come and see some of the most invigorating new art in Scotland on this inclusive and challenging theme.

2.30pm - North Edinburgh Arts Centre, Muirhouse
SHOW RUNS FOR A WEEK
FREE [*All art offered for sale]

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Showcasing the unique talents of Stephane Rando, a young French photographer now living in Edinburgh. Stephane takes famous Edinburgh landmarks and literally transforms them.

7pm - Oddfellows, Forest Road
SHOW RUNS FOR A WEEK
FREE [*All photographs offered for sale]

Monday 11th August

INCLUDING THE FOLK IN SAUGHTON

The sensational Southern Tenants Folk Union in prison to play, for one time only, to the guys inside HMP Edinburgh.
2pm
FREE

REBUS'S EDINBURGH - A WALKING TOUR

Local actor and Rebus aficionado Colin Brown takes us on a tour of Rebus's Edinburgh including all your favourite haunts from Ian Rankin's famous flawed detective.

7pm - Starts outside The Royal Oak, Infirmary Street [Returns two hours later...unless of course there is a murderrrrrrr!]
FREE

Tuesday 12th August

A CUP OF JAMIE T

Students from James Gillespie's High School Youth Theatre premiere their fantastic new musical drama.

7pm - The Gaff Theatre, Artspace, Harewood Road, Craigmillar
Tickets £2. [Get there early as space will be limited]

Wednesday 13th August

THE HAMISH HENDERSON MEMORIAL LECTURE

Hamish Henderson's official biographer Timothy Neat will speak on the life and times of this Scots thinker, poet, essayist and songwriter.

7pm - Out Of The Blue Arts Centre, Dalmeny Street, Leith
FREE

Thursday 14th August

DEBATE: 'IN THE LONG RUN ALL TRUE ART DEPENDS ON THE MASS OF THE PEOPLE'

We present an exhilarating evenings discussion featuring a distinguished and invigorating panel of speakers to stimulate this public debate on the nature and future of the arts.

7pm - Wester Hailes Adult Learning Centre, Westburn Grove
FREE

Friday 15th August

THE FUNNIEST MIRTHMAKERS IN EDINBURGH AT THE HAPPIEST PRICE

The return of the People's Festival's famous comedy night. The finest and funniest mirth makers in the city, who would cost you £15 each to see elsewhere, together in Gorgie for £2. No kidding!

8pm - BMC Club, Wheatfield Street, Gorgie
TICKETS £2 [Again get there early to avoid disappointment]

Saturday 16th August

GRAND FINALE: SCOTS CEILIDH AND AWARDS NIGHT

'The Minnow's ceilidh band' with Stan Reeves [Robert Fish Band] provide the music. There's a bar and a People's Festival awards night honouring campaigners and activists who have done most in the past year to enhance the lives of the citizens of Edinburgh.

7.30pm - Thomas Morton Hall, 28 Ferry Road
TICKETS £2