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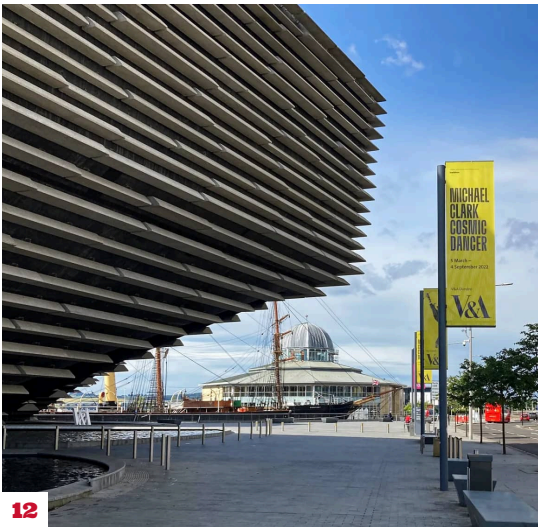

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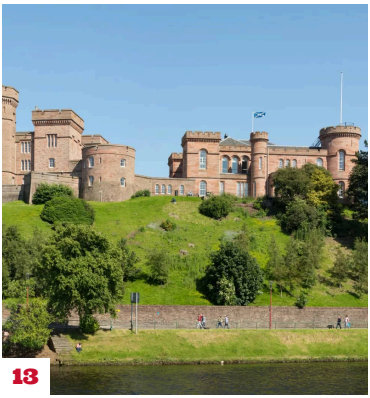

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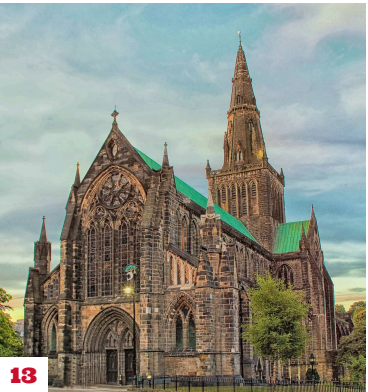

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Edinburgh Fringe Set to Welcome Exceptional Scottish Talent Through Made in Scotland 2026

EDINBURGH, Scotland: The highly anticipated Made in Scotland 2026 showcase has officially been launched, revealing an outstanding programme of performances set to take centre stage at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe this August.

For the past 18 years, Made in Scotland has played a key role in supporting Scottish artists, helping them build international partnerships, reach wider audiences and connect with creative professionals from around the world.

Supported by the Scottish Government's Edinburgh Festivals Expo Fund, Creative Scotland and the Scottish Music Centre, this year's talented lineup features work across dance, theatre, interdisciplinary and music. The selected productions demonstrate the remarkable range of Scotland's performing arts scene, offering work that engages with urgent contemporary issues, caters to audiences of all ages, and draws deeply upon a rich artistic heritage.

Tony Lankester, Chief Executive of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society, said:

"The Made in Scotland 2026 showcase marks another exciting chapter for celebrating

Scotland's rich and vibrant arts sector. The Edinburgh Festival Fringe is one of the world's most recognised cultural marketplaces, and it offers artists and creative professionals a unique opportunity to build lasting international careers.

"This year's Made in Scotland selection brings together a mix of artists across dance, theatre, music, and interdisciplinary practice highlighting the talents of Scotland's artistic industry. We are delighted to support these artists as they connect with audiences and industry from across the world."

Dance

40/40 is 'an inspiring and moving celebration of Katherina Radeva's 40 years as a woman, a migrant and an artist. Claiming space on a dance floor, she dances with joyous abundance and presents stories of her past, present and future' (DB3 at Assembly @ Dance Base)

'A poignant dance theatre show by acclaimed disabled artist Marc Brew, reflecting on his lifelong journey defying societal expectations to embrace his love for dance' is in Boys Don't Dance (DB1 at Assembly @ Dance Base) 'combining movement with BMX and wheels, storytelling, lighting and an uplifting 80s soundtrack, alongside visual projections and animation, creating an immersive experience for audiences.'

Brrr at Great Hall at Nicolson Square is 'a multisensory installation and dance performance for young audiences with complex needs aged 10-18. Set within an inflatable dome, Brrr is an immersive exploration of winter featuring dance, sound, video and lots and lots of snow!'

If I Can't Dance I'm Not Coming reframes Fritz Lang's 1927 masterpiece Metropolis, translating silent cinema into a rigorous choreographic score. Performed by an eclectic ensemble of eight, the work rejects virtuosity in favour of dignity, threading humour, rebellion and flashes of tenderness through a democratic creative process' (DB1 at Assembly @ Dance Base)

Theatre

'The third child of Gaelic-speaking crofters, William McTaggart became one of Scotland's most celebrated artists through sheer determination and hard work' in Elsa McTaggart: Capturing the Light. 'What is his legacy a century on, for his country and family?' (Big at theSpaceTriplex)

Mayflies is 'a site-specific adaptation of Andrew O'Hagan's best-selling novel (Brown's of Leith, Rear Warehouse). Everyone has a Tully Dawson: the friend that defines your life. This tale of 80s youth and facing mortality in middle age is a joyous and heart-breaking elegy to the young people we still carry within us.'

Equal parts hilarious and heartbreaking, Matt Anderson's Shotgunned is a relatable and intimate piece of theatre about how the people we lose can shape who we become. Described by The Stage as 'a cleverly composed, superbly performed, achingly moving two-hander' (Studio Five at Assembly George Square Studios)

In Transmission, 'Big Jimmy, is here to tell you how to keep yur grannies safe and Make Scotland Cis Again! Hilarious, curious and deeply human, Transmission (Anatomy Lecture Theatre at Summerhall) is a darkly comedic, tender-hearted performance by playwright and drag artist Nelly Kelly, exploring Scotland's shift from world-leading on LGBT+ rights, to fertile ground for the anti-trans movement.'

By Zoe Online 2 June 2026

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Edinburgh Singer-Songwriter Stevie Palmer Releases Anthem for Scotland's Football Dreamers



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Photo supplied by Stevie Palmer

For many Scottish football fans, the beautiful game has always been about more than what happens on the pitch. It is about family traditions, childhood memories, shared hopes and the feeling that every tournament could be the one where dreams finally come true.

Edinburgh-based singer-songwriter Stevie Palmer has captured that lifelong connection in his new single "Here We Go", a powerful anthem inspired by Scotland's football journey and the generations of supporters who continue to believe.

Written from a deeply personal place, the song reflects Palmer's own relationship with the game, from childhood visits to Easter Road and Hampden Park with his father to creating new memories watching football with his own sons years later. It is a tribute not only to Scotland's football culture, but to the moments and people that make those experiences unforgettable.

Growing up in the 1970s, Palmer experienced the excitement surrounding Scotland's appearance at the 1978 FIFA World Cup, a period remembered by fans across the country, including Archie Gemmill's iconic goal against the Netherlands. Like many young supporters of the time, Palmer dreamed of wearing the Scotland shirt and being part of football's biggest stage.

By Zoe Online 19 June 2026

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Gordon Brown, Ken Burns and Bryan Stevenson to Headline New Global Ideas Stage at Edinburgh International Festival



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The Edinburgh International Festival expands its 2026 programme with inaugural Global Ideas Stage, with panellists Former Prime Minister Gordon Brown, filmmaker Ken Burns, lawyer and social justice activist Bryan Stevenson and broadcast journalist Amy Goodman

Curated and hosted by Professor Sarah Lewis (Harvard University) and Festival Director Nicola Benedetti, the event combines discussion with live performances from stars of the 2026 programme

Taking place at the newly redeveloped King's Theatre on 11 August, the Global Ideas Stage explores this year's Festival theme All Rise through a conversational format, in collaboration with Adam Smith's Panmure House

10 June, Edinburgh: The Edinburgh International Festival expands its 2026 programme with the inaugural Global Ideas Stage, bringing together some of the world's leading thinkers, artists and cultural voices.

Curated and hosted by Harvard professor and award-winning author Sarah Lewis and Festival Director Nicola Benedetti, the Global Ideas Stage brings together Former Prime Minister Gordon Brown, filmmaker Ken Burns, lawyer and social justice activist Bryan Stevenson and journalist Amy Goodman to explore this year's Festival theme, All Rise, a rallying cry of resilience and ascendance marking the 250th anniversary of American independence.

By Zoe Online 10 June 2026

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Award-Winning Drakkar's Drift Garden Opens In Edinburgh's Victoria Park



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Drakkar's Drift was officially opened by the Council's Culture and Communities Convener on Sunday 21 June, following a successful community campaign to secure the garden's permanent home in Victoria Park.

Designed by Leith resident Luke Coleman, the garden achieved remarkable success at the RHS Flower Show, winning a Gold Medal, RHS Young Designer of the Year, the People's Choice Award and Best Construction. Inspired by Scotland's historic links with Scandinavia, the restorative benefits of nature and sustainable design principles, the garden impressed both visitors and judges.

By Zoe Online 25 June 2026
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Edinburgh Charity Appoints Laura Brady to Accelerate Global Cancer Research Impact



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Photo supplied by Worldwide Cancer Research

EDINBURGH, Scotland: Worldwide Cancer Research has announced the appointment of Laura Brady as its new Chief Executive Officer, marking an important new chapter for the charity as it looks to expand its global impact and strengthen its position within the international cancer research community.

As the only UK charity dedicated exclusively to funding early-stage discovery cancer research for all types of cancer, anywhere in the world, Worldwide Cancer Research continues to drive forward its mission of creating a future where no life is cut short by cancer.

Commenting on her appointment, Laura Brady said,

By Albert Nelson Online 4 June 2026
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Edinburgh Primary School Named Primary School of the Year at TES Schools Awards 2026



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An Edinburgh primary school has been recognised at the prestigious TES Schools Awards 2026, held on 19 June at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

The annual national awards celebrate schools and education professionals who are making a significant difference to pupils' lives and driving excellence across the UK education sector.

South Morningside Primary School, which has over 500 pupils, was recognised for its innovative work to encourage greater community engagement and inclusivity. The school's child-led and creative approach to learning was also celebrated, with the school offering outdoor learning to every pupil, a range of sports programmes, interventions and extra-curricular activities for all.

By Zoe Online 22 June 2026
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Scottish Music Legend Aly Bain Awarded Prestigious Edinburgh Award



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One of Scotland's most acclaimed and influential musicians, Aly Bain, has been chosen as the recipient of the prestigious Edinburgh Award as it celebrates its 20th anniversary year.

The Edinburgh Award was established in 2007 to honour outstanding individuals who have made a positive impact on the city and gained national and international recognition for Edinburgh. Nominations are invited annually from Edinburgh citizens and the recipient is selected by the Civic Awards Committee. Previous recipients include bestselling authors, human rights activists and world-famous sportspeople.

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Edinburgh Charities Invited To Apply For Up To £30,000 From Regional Creatives Fund

Charitable organisations in Edinburgh can now apply for up to £30,000 in funding, as the Regional Creatives Fund returns for 2026.

By Zoe Online 23 June 2026
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Free Edinburgh Cyber Conference To Support Young Women Into Tech

Edinburgh, Scotland, 29 June 2026, Cyber and Fraud Centre Scotland, alongside its strategic partners Royal Bank of Scotland and Fortinet, has announced the return of its See It Be It conference, taking place on 2 October 2026 at the Royal Bank of Scotland Edinburgh offices.

By Zoe Online 29 June 2026
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Granton Primary Pupils Create Exhibition To Celebrate Edinburgh World Heritage Anniversary

Children from Granton Primary School are marking the 30th anniversary of Edinburgh's Old and New Towns World Heritage Site by creating an exhibition inspired by the city's historic milestone.

By Zoe Online 26 June 2026
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Historic Photographs and Personal Memories Feature in Queensferry WWII Exhibition

Developed in partnership with the Queensferry History Group, The Second World War Comes to Queensferry brings together historic photographs, detailed research, personal accounts and local memories to explore how the community was affected by the challenges and upheaval of wartime life.

By Zoe Online 19 June 2026
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Free School Uniform Exchange Returns to Help Edinburgh Families Ahead of New Term

While school is often described as one of the happiest times in life, for many pupils in Edinburgh the journey to the classroom comes with significant challenges, particularly for families struggling to afford everyday essentials such as school uniforms.

By Zoe Online 18 June 2026
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Scottish Chamber Orchestra Brings Summer Tour to Edinburgh with Duruflé's Requiem

As part of its 2026 summer tour, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra will bring live classical music performances and educational programmes to 26 towns and cities across Scotland.

By Albert Nelson Online 10 June 2026
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Edinburgh Approves 14 Firework Control Zones Ahead of Bonfire Night 2026

A total of 14 Firework Control Zones (FCZs) will be introduced across Edinburgh this autumn as part of continued efforts to minimise the disruption, safety concerns and anti-social behaviour often associated with fireworks around Bonfire Night.

By Albert Nelson Online 8 June 2026
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ABERDEEN

Young Aberdeen Sailors Begin Life-Changing Tall Ships Voyage

The first group of young sail trainees from Aberdeen set off from the port today (Monday 29 June) to take part in this year's Tall Ships Races for a life-changing adventure on the high seas.

By Albert Nelson Online 30 June 2026
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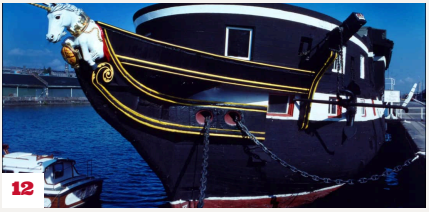

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HMS Unicorn: The Race to Save Dundee's 200-Year-Old Warship

HMS Unicorn, the oldest ship in Scotland and one of only six oldest vessels still afloat worldwide, faces an urgent battle for survival. A 2021 survey revealed extensive rot in the frigate's planking, prompting a £10 million fundraising campaign to secure its future.

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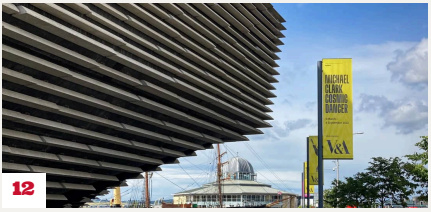

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A Guide to Dundee's Waterfront: From Industrial Past to Cultural Hub

Dundee's waterfront has undergone one of the most significant transformations of any Scottish city in recent decades. What was once dominated by jute mills and industrial docks is now home to world-class museums, public spaces, and striking modern architecture.

By Barrington Kirkham Online 3 June 2026
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Mrs Barbour's Army: The Glasgow Housewife Who Led a 20,000-Strong Rent Strike and Changed British Housing Law

In November 1915, working-class housewives across Glasgow brought the machinery of rent collection to a standstill. Their leader was Mary Barbour, a Govan mother whose "army" of tenants forced the government to pass the first rent control legislation in British history.

By Barrington Kirkham Online 3 June 2026
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STIRLING

The Fortress That Held Scotland: Inside Stirling Castle's Thousand-Year Reign as a Royal Stronghold

Stirling Castle commands the skyline from its volcanic crag, guarding the farthest downstream crossing of the River Forth. Its position at the meeting point of the Highlands and Lowlands has made it one of the most fought-over fortresses in British history.

By Barrington Kirkham Online 3 June 2026
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Inverness Castle: From Malcolm Canmore's 11th-Century Fort to Victorian Law Courts

Inverness Castle has occupied its strategic cliff-top position above the River Ness since at least the 11th century. The present red sandstone structure, completed in the 19th century, is the latest in a long line of fortifications that have shaped the city's skyline and its place in Scottish history.

By Barrington Kirkham Online 3 June 2026
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Barrowland to King Tut's: The Glasgow Venues Behind Britain's UNESCO City of Music

Glasgow was designated a UNESCO City of Music in 2008, recognition of a live music eco-system that stretches from intimate clubs to arenas hosting global acts. The city's venues have shaped British music history and continue to support the largest music economy in the United Kingdom outside London.

By Barrington Kirkham Online 3 June 2026
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The Caledonian Canal: Thomas Telford's Engineering Marvel and the Birth of Inverness's Maritime Identity

The Caledonian Canal transformed Inverness from a river port into a trans-Scotland maritime hub.

By Barrington Kirkham Online 3 June 2026
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How Glasgow Cathedral Survived the Reformation to Become Scotland's Finest Medieval Church

Glasgow Cathedral is the oldest building in the city and the most complete medieval cathedral on the Scottish mainland. Its survival through the upheavals of the Protestant Reformation owes as much to civic intervention as to the strength of its Gothic stonework.

By Barrington Kirkham Online 3 June 2026
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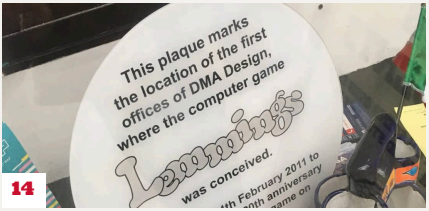

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From Lemmings to Grand Theft Auto: How Dundee Conquered the Video Game World

In 1988, a 22-year-old David Jones was made redundant from the Timex factory in Dundee. Rather than seek another manufacturing job, he used his £3,000 severance pay to buy an Amiga 1000 and founded DMA Design.

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