

Welcome!

Throughout the year, the Scottish Storytelling Centre offers a platform for storytellers, musicians, dancers and all creative minds to explore cultures and traditions, old and new, in Scotland today.

For the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2023, we have curated a high-quality programme which reflects the energy and variety of our year-round offer. We are proud to showcase several young and emerging performers, the future voices and talents ready to inspire and enliven us for many years to come. Some of these exciting new performances have been developed in partnership with the Scottish International Storytelling Festival, and we are delighted to feature two Made in Scotland showcase. events as well as the return of some sell-out favourites from previous years. Our range of accessible performances including BSL interpreted, relaxed and captioned can be found on pg.15.

Whether seeing a show, browsing the bookshop or refreshing yourself at the



Haggis Box Café, the Scottish Storytelling Centre is the perfect place for locals, families and visitors to meet for a creative and authentic Edinburgh experience.

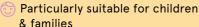
We look forward to welcoming you!

Booking

A booking fee of £1.25 per transaction is charged for online and phone bookings from the Centre's Box Office. No booking fee is applied to tickets purchased in person.



Storytelling Centre Supporter prices



Families welcome

Baby changing facilities are available and we are a Breastfeeding Friendly venue.

Accessibility

All performance spaces are accessible to wheelchair users and contain hearing loops. Accessible performances are listed on pg.15 and highlighted in the event listings for relevant shows.

Please let us know if you would like any of our publications in a different format or if you need assistance when visiting us. A full copy of our Access Statement is available on our website.

Box Office

0131 556 9579 🗗 scottishstorytellingcentre.com Open 10am-8.30pm

Fringe Box Office

0131 226 0000 dedfringe.com Open 9am - 9pm



Grow

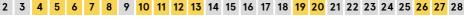
NIALL MOORJANI, DIANA REDGRAVE & VICKIE HOLDEN

The Gardener is very excited to grow a plant. But there's a problem. All the instructions are lost! Come and join in with a sun song, a hose kerfuffle and plenty of clowning around celebrating nature and things that grow.

Time 10.30am (40mins)
Ages 0-5yrs ⊕
Full price £8

Concessions £6 (£24 family) (£5.50 ૐ) 2for¹ Mon 7 & Tue 8 Aug Venue George Mackay Brown Library

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Wee Seals and Selkies

JANIS MACKAY

Be transported to the northern seashore, where waves lap, gulls cry and a seal is born in a garden! Join award-winning children's author/storyteller Janis Mackay as she weaves two enchanting tales, accompanied by live fiddle music.

'Highly recommended.'
(HERALD)

Time 11am (50min)

Ages 5+
Full price £10

Concessions £8 (£32 Family) (£7.50
Full price £10

2for1 Mon 7 & Tue 8 Aug Distanced Thu 10 Aug Venue Netherbow Theatre ď



Animate Lands: Mythic Celtic Tales

DOUGIE MACKAY & FREYA RAE

Animate Lands is a journey into the storied soul of Scotland. Tales of ancient bards, druids, shapeshifters, wildlings and warrior poets are brought to life in contemporary storytelling style with original musical accompaniment.

Time 12.30pm (1hr) Ages Adults and 8+ Full price £12

2for1 Mon 7 & Tue 8 Aug Venue Netherbow Theatre



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The Hearth

BRITE THEATER

The hearth is the stone beneath which a fire burns. Renowned traditional musician Tom Oakes presents music and stories inspired by characters past and present who were unknowing catalysts for artistic or societal change.

Time 12.30pm (1hr) **Ages 12+** Full price £12 **Concessions** £10 (£9.50 🝣)

Preview £8 Relaxed & Distanced Sun 20 Aug Venue Netherbow Theatre





Me, Myself and Mary (Queen of Scots)

MARJOLEIN ROBERTSON

A one-woman play with a cast of thousands! Join citizen historian and proud Shetlander Mary Fraser on a whistle-stop tour of Mary Stuart's life exploring how – amazingly – it mirrors her own! Written by Raymond Friel.

Time 2.15pm (1hr)
Ages 14+
Full price £12
Concessions £10 (£9.50 🍣)
Preview £8

2for1 Mon 7 & Tue 8 Aug Distanced Sun 6 Aug Venue Netherbow Theatre Info Strong language/swearing.



I Hope Your Flowers Bloom

RAYMOND WILSON, PRESENTED BY ALL THE FIGS

Flitting between romantic obsession and botanical description, *I Hope Your Flowers Bloom* offers a raw, humorous and moving account of Raymond and Flo's friendship, exploring healthy masculinity, self-worth, and working-class access to nature. Directed by Fiona Mackinnon.

madeinscotlandshowcase.com

'Whimsically superb blending of spoken word and comedy.' (CORRBLIMEY.UK)

Time 4pm (1hr)
Ages 12+
Full price £12
Concessions £10 (£9.50 $\stackrel{>}{\Rightarrow}$)
Preview £8
2for1 Mon 7 & Tue 8 Aug

BSL Signed Thu 10 & Sat 19 Aug Captioned Thu 17 & Thu 24 Aug Distanced Sun 6 Aug Venue Netherbow Theatre Info Strong language/swearing.



With the Devil's Assistance

SHONA COWIE & NEIL SUTCLIFFE

The state of Scotland's high streets are confronted through masterful storytelling, live music and the legend of Maggie Osborne – burnt as a witch for building a flourishing business in one night, with the Devil's assistance...

- ★★★★ (THEWEEREVIEW.COM)
- ★ ★ ★ ★ (GUARDIAN)
- ★ ★ ★ ★ (SCOTSMAN)

Time 2.15pm (55mins) Ages 14+ Full price £12

Concessions £10 (£9.50 $\stackrel{>}{\gg}$) Venue Netherbow Theatre Info Contains distressing or potentially triggering themes.



Hear Us and Hasten

AILSA DIXON & FFION PHILLIPS

A collaboratively devised storytelling performance rooted in the Aberdeenshire and Welsh landscapes of the performers' homes. It's both an upfront reckoning with climate fragility and a celebration of being alive.

Time 2.15pm (1hr) Ages 14+ Full price £12 Concessions £10 (£9.50 🝣) Venue Netherbow Theatre

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A Shetland Folktale

MARJOLEIN ROBERTSON

Delve into the magical world of the trows in this beautiful Shetlandic folktale from storyteller and Scots Speaker of the Year 2022 Marjolein Robertson.

'A stirring, warm, and emotive story, never quite going where it seems'

Time 2.15pm (1hr) Ages 12+ Full price £12

Concessions £10 (£9.50 🍣)

Venue Netherbow Theatre

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Sunset Stories

AILSA DIXON, BOB MITCHELL & JACKIE ROSS

Three celebrated storytellers from the north-east of Scotland invite you to a fast-moving hour of stories, anecdotes and music firmly rooted in the rich heritage of their ain corner of the world.

Time 12.30pm (1hr) Ages 12+ Full price £12

Concessions £10 (£9.50 $\stackrel{>}{\sim}$) Venue Netherbow Theatre



Deaf Action Presents: Fàilte Gu BSL/Welcome to BSL with Evie Waddell

DEAF ACTION & EVIE WADDELL

An immersive showcase of Gaelic and Scotssigned songs celebrating different aspects of traditional culture. Combining stories, dance and signing to explore creative connection and isolation for diverse cultural Scots. Accessible to d/Deaf and hearing audiences.



Time 4pm (50mins) **Ages 12+** Full price £12

Concessions £10 (£9.50 🍣) Venue Netherbow Theatre

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Deaf Action Presents: Faslane by Amy Helena

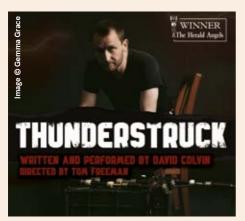
DEAF ACTION & AMY HELENA

An enthralling BSL retelling of the Fringe First winning play Faslane, accessible to both Deaf and hearing audiences, performed by d/Deaf artist Amy Helena. A powerful and timely insight into the UK's nuclear debate.



Time 4pm (1hr) **Ages 12+** Full price £12

Concessions £10 (£9.50 🛂) Venue Netherbow Theatre



Thunderstruck

DAVID COLVIN

The international award-winning production concerning the legacy and mythology of a Pitlochry bin man, who flew beyond the summit of his art and changed Scottish music forever.

'astounding, quite unlike anything else.'

★★★★ (THEWEEREVIEW.COM)

★★★★ (BRITISHTHEATREGUIDE.INFO)

★★★★ (ALLEDINBURGHTHEATRE.COM)

Time 5.45pm (1hr15)

Ages 12+

Full price £12

Concessions £10 (£9.50 🍣)

2for1 Tue 8 Aug

Distanced Sun 6 Aug **Venue** Netherbow Theatre **Info** Contains distressing or
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Land Under Wave

YOUNG FDINBURGH STORYTFI I FRS

Three storytellers, trapped in the Otherworld, must perform their music and stories to earn their freedom. Which deserves to return to the human realm? The fair folk in the audience must decide!

'Magnificent.'

★ ★ ★ ★ (SCOTSGAYARTS.COM)

Time 5.45pm (1hr) Ages 14+ Full price £12 Concessions £10 (£9.50 $\stackrel{>}{\Rightarrow}$)
Relaxed & Distanced Sun 13 Aug
Venue Netherbow Theatre





A Fairie Tale

NIALL MOORJANI

A queer reimagining of the folk classic Thomas the Rhymer from acclaimed storyteller Niall Moorjani (Mohan: A Partition Story). An evening of strangeness, sexy fairies and swearing. Storytelling at its experimental best.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ (SKINNY)

Time 7.30pm (1hr) **Ages** 16+ Full price £12 Concessions £10 (£9.50 🍣)

Relaxed and Distanced Sun 13 Aug $R \leftrightarrow$ Venue Netherbow Theatre Info Contains strong language/swearing and scenes of a sexual nature.

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Songs from the Last Page

GARFTH WILLIAMS

A performance of original music from acclaimed composer/songwriter Gareth Williams, lyrically transforming iconic final lines from Scottish fiction into brand-new literary chamber-pop songs.

madeinscotlandshowcase.com

Time 7.30pm (1hr) | 4pm (Wed 16 Aug) **Ages 12+** Full price £12 **Concessions** £10 (£9.50 🝣)

Relaxed Wed 16 Aug BSL signed Thu 17 Aug **Venue** Netherbow Theatre







Bear with Me: A Polar Bear in Scotland

STUART KENNY, GRANT ROBERTSON & LEWIS GILLIES

Arty the polar bear was born in Scotland but longs to see the world. Through visually illustrated and musically scored spoken word, follow his rip-roaring adventure over heather, hill, ocean and snow. The spiritual sequel to the trio's acclaimed 2018 show, *The Space Gecko Project*.

Time 7.30pm (1hr)
Ages Adults and 8+
Full price £12

Concessions £10 (£40 Family) (£9.50 $\stackrel{>}{\gg}$)



Mohan: A Partition Story

NIALL MOORJANI

The critically acclaimed Fringe 2022 smash hit returns for two final shows. Award-winning storyteller Niall Moorjani weaves first-person telling of their Grampa's experiences during the Partition of India with fascinating and sardonically funny historical insight.

'Storytelling genius' ★ ★ ★ ★ (SCOTSMAN)

Time 9pm (1hr) Ages 14+ Full price £12 Concessions £10 (£9.50 $\stackrel{>}{>}$) Venue Netherbow Theatre Info Contains distressing or potentially triggering themes, strong language/swearing.





Tam Lin: A Future Tale

KIRSTY LAW, KIRSTY LOGAN & ESTHER SWIFT

The ancient ballad of Tam Lin reimagined in a dystopian Scotland, exploring bodily autonomy, reproductive rights and sexual freedom. Original harp music, storytelling and song build a modern story on the bones of ancient wisdom.

Time 9pm (1hr) **Ages** 12+ Full price £12

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Concessions £10 (£9.50 🍣) **Venue** Netherbow Theatre Info Contains distressing or potentially triggering themes, strong language/swearing.

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Queer Folks' Tales

TURAN ALI & SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE

Storytellers from a diverse range of backgrounds, ages and cultures share stories of LGBTQ+ lives, past, present and future featuring a different line-up at every show. Sometimes hilarious, often moving, occasionally shocking and always queer.

★★★★ (SCOTSGAYARTS.COM) ★ ★ ★ ★ (BROADWAYBABY.COM)

Time 9pm (2hrs) **Ages** 16+ Full price £12

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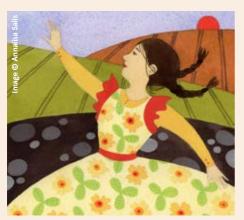
Loud Poets: Best of Fringe

LOUD POETS

Showcasing the best spoken-word talent the festival has to offer, each show features a unique line-up and Loud Poets' classic fist-thumping, pint-drinking, sidetickling, heart-wrenching style of spoken word! This is poetry for the masses!

Time 9pm (1hr 30) Ages 14+ Full price £12 Concessions £10 (£9.50 $\stackrel{>}{\gg}$) Venue Netherbow Theatre

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Traditional Tales of Scotland

SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE

Some of Scotland's best storytellers share the wonderful, and sometimes wild, traditional tales that have shaped the myths and legends of this country. Relaxed and fun sessions featuring a different storyteller every day.

Time 2pm (1hr) Ages 12+ Full price £12 Concessions £10 (£9.50 🍣) Venue George Mackay Brown Library 11



No One is Coming

SINÉAD O'BRIEN & WANDERING STORIES

Award-winning storytelling performance about a mother and daughter, a love letter she'll never send. Encompassing Irish folklore, anecdotes, myths, funny stories and tough truths. A rollercoaster experience inside a fun (if slightly traumatised) Irish woman's brain. Directed by Sahand Sahebdivani (Amsterdam Storytelling Festival)

'a natural born storyteller' (VOICEMAG.UK)

Time 4.30pm (1hr)
Ages 16+
Full price £12
Concessions £10 (£9.50 👺)

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Preview £8

Venue George Mackay Brown Library **Info** Contains distressing or potentially triggering themes.



The Rotting Hart

CRESTED FOOLS IN COLLABORATION WITH FRONTEIRAS THEATRE LAB

Predator or prey. Hunt or be hunted. A new queer horror about how ignorance can transform men into wild beasts. From the makers of Becquer's Legends, the Edinburgh Horror Festival 2021 sell-out show.

★★★★ (THEWEEREVIEW.COM)

Time 7pm (1hr)
Ages 16+
Full price £12
Concessions £10 (£9.50 🍣)
Preview £8

Captioned Wed 9 Aug
Touch Tours Wed 9 & Thu 10 Aug
Venue George Mackay Brown Library
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triggering themes.



The Mariner's Song

KINKYFISH

Navigating ancient myth and life at sea, prepare to embark upon a lyrical voyage through the ages... will you answer the Mariner's call?

Theatre Weekly Award winner 2020.

- 'Wonderful storytelling'
- ★★★★ (EDFRINGEREVIEW.COM)
- 'Beautiful and hypnotic'

 ★★★ (THREEWEEKS)

Time 7pm (1hr) Ages 12+ Full price £12

Concessions £10 (£9.50 🍣)
Relaxed Fri 18 Aug
Venue George Mackay Brown Library



Time 4.30pm (55mins) Ages 14+ Full price £12

Gie's Peace

MORNA BURDON

Highlighting women's peace activism over the years, Morna Burdon uses a wealth of inspiring stories and songs to celebrate the remarkable courage, inventiveness and determination of women worldwide who have taken a stand against war. Tears, laughter, hope.

'Beautiful'
(ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, PROENGLISH
THEATRE CO, UKRAINE)

Concessions £10 (£9.50 ♣) Venue George Mackay Brown Library



Exhibition: Tenements Telling Tales

SUU CALEDONIA & TIM PORTEUS

The ancient tenements of Edinburgh's Old Town become storytellers as they reveal their secrets through stunning and evocative paintings by artist Suu Caledonia, whilst storyteller Tim Porteus retells their extraordinary stories alongside the artwork.

Exhibition Daily
Time 10am-8pm
Price Free (not ticketed)
Venue Storytelling Court

Storytelling Walks Wed 2, 9, 16 & 23 Aug Time 2.30pm (45mins) Price £10 (£5) Ages Adults and 8+



Accessible Shows

If you have any specific questions about these performances, or if you wish to discuss any access requirements prior to your visit, please email us at reception@scottishstorytellingcentre.com or call us on 0131 556 9579.

BSL Signed Performances



Sun 13 (4pm)

Fàilte Gu BSL/Welcome to BSL

Thu 17 (7:30) **Songs from the Last Page** (with Lesley Crerar)

Sun 20 (4pm) Faslane

Thu 10 (4pm) I Hope Your Flowers Bloom (with Greg Colquhoun)

Sun 19 (4pm) I Hope Your Flowers Bloom (with Greg Colquhoun)

Captioned Performances



Wed 9 (7pm) **The Rotting Hart** (with Claire Hill)

Thu 17 (4pm) I Hope Your Flowers Bloom (with Christabel Anderson)

Thu 24 (4pm) I Hope Your Flowers Bloom (with Christabel Anderson)

Relaxed Performances



Sun 13 (5:45pm) Land Under Wave

Sun 13 (7:30pm) A Fairie Tale

Wed 16 (4pm) Songs from the Last Page

Fri 18 (7pm) The Mariner's Song

Sun 20 (12:30pm) The Hearth

Socially Distanced Performances



All performances have been sold at a reduced capacity to allow for social distancing.

Sun 6 (2:15pm) Me, Myself and Mary (Queen of Scots)

Sun 6 (4pm) I Hope Your Flowers Bloom

Sun 6 (5:45pm) Thunderstruck

Thurs 10 (11am) Wee Seals and Selkies

Sun 13 (5:45pm) Land Under Wave

Sun 13 (7:30pm) A Fairie Tale

Sun 20 (12:30pm) The Hearth

Touch Tours



These will take place prior to the advertised show start time, please email or call to reserve a place.

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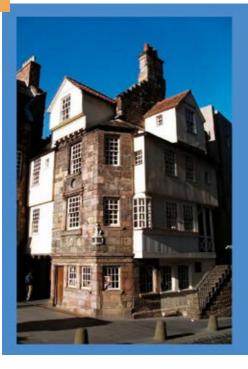
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Extended Fringe Opening Hours

10am - 7.30pm Wed 2 - Mon 28 August

43-45 High St, Edinburgh EH1 1SR



Haggis, Neeps & Tatties
Traditional, Vegetarian & Vegan (NGCI)

Coffee, Scotch Eggs,
Quiche, Soup,
Ice Cream, Local Beers,
Cakes & Traybakes

Sit in or Take away

Find us on the Royal Mile in the Scottish Storytelling Centre 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh

Open Daily 10am











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- Invites to special events

Please call **0131 556 9579** or email **supporters@scottishstorytellingcentre.com** for further information. T&Cs apply.





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