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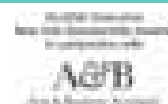
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Edinburgh International Book Festival

Charlotte Square Gardens, 12 – 28 August 2006

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Hundreds of events

Choose from over 600 – listen, ask questions and be inspired but most of all, enjoy! All events take place in Charlotte Square Gardens.

Discuss and Debate

Join our discussion panels to debate the pressing issues of the day with some of the world's greatest thinkers – from energy shortages to freedom of expression.

Bookshops

There are thousands of titles to browse and buy in our two bookshops – owned and operated by us so all proceeds are put straight back into the Book Festival.

Eat, drink, relax

Luxury cappuccinos, gorgeous homemade cakes and light meals and snacks are available throughout the festival from our cafes.

Summer evenings

Our garden is open until late into the evening – see a favourite author, have a leisurely drink in the bar and listen to some fantastic live music in the Highland Park Spiegeltent – it's open every night (from Sun 13 Aug) until late.

Children and Teens

Whether children are babies or teens, we have events to enthuse and engage them right here, as well as the RBS Children's Bookshop – a space dedicated to children's literature. *See pages 38 to 54.*

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welcome

...to our enchanted garden. Some call the Book Festival the Second Enlightenment. Some call it seventeen days of fun and surprises. Some call it the place where thought happens. All are absolutely right.

Writers are flocking from all over the world – in greater numbers than ever before, from more nations than ever before – to our magical tented village at the heart of Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature. People are flocking to meet them. This year we have over 600 authors, from Nobel Prize winners to exciting new voices, from over 35 different countries. There is nothing else quite like this, anywhere.

We have words to soothe and to spark, to amuse and amaze, to inspire and exhilarate. We have words for everyone – babies, children, teenagers, adults – and we talk about everything. Come and join this glorious meeting of minds in our garden filled with words and wonder.

Catherine Lockerbie, Director

'The Herald is delighted to be title sponsor of the Edinburgh International Book Festival, the premier event of its kind in the world.'

*Charles McGhee,
Editor, The Herald*

'The Book Festival is the finest event in the international literary scene and the Sunday Herald is proud to be title sponsor again in 2006.'

*Richard Walker,
Editor, Sunday Herald*



Autumn Evenings with Martin Amis, William Boyd, Margaret Atwood and Gordon Brown

A stunning line-up of three outstanding world authors and one of the most eminent and influential politicians of our time in the Book Festival's first ever October series, in conjunction with Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature. Something to look forward to as the evenings darken and the autumn sets in. These special events will take place at the Queen's Hall on 4, 6, 8 and 10 October. See page 37 for full details.

International line-up

This year's Book Festival is the most international ever, with authors coming from over 35 different countries including: Afghanistan, Libya, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Albania, USA, Canada, Kenya, Senegal, Algeria, Angola, China, India, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Australia, New Zealand, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

Writers' Retreat Treats

Every evening in the Writers' Retreat, tucked away in the trees, we present some truly enticing new voices in fiction

and poetry. It is an alluring mix of Scottish, British and international, offering all kinds of fresh discoveries. To tempt you even further, and encourage you to try out the new, we are introducing a special ticket price of just £5 (£3 concession) for all main events in the Writers' Retreat (not including workshops). Literary illumination at the most affordable prices anywhere.

The British Council Bookcase

The British Council and Scottish Arts Council host an invited delegation of leading figures from the international literature scene to experience a selection of the best writing here at the Book Festival. Previous Bookcases have resulted in the export of new work to world-wide audiences. All these events are open to the public as normal: share their pleasure and discoveries.

Story Time



In celebration of the new National Short Story Prize and the 'story' campaign, there will be free short story readings from leading authors every day at 4pm in the Bookshop. See www.edbookfest.co.uk or www.theshortstory.org.uk for details. Look out too for the short stories in the first week of our Wake Up To Words morning readings.

Who's On

Harold Pinter
Seamus Heaney
Simon Schama
Francis Fukuyama
Rageh Omaar
P D James
Ismail Kadare
Arnold Wesker
Antonia Fraser
William McIlvanney
Alexander McCall Smith
Will Self
Denis Healey
John Mortimer
Doris Lessing
Andrew Motion
Roddy Doyle
Roger McGough
Irvine Welsh
Ian Rankin
Steve Jones
Joan Bakewell
Tony Benn
Helena Kennedy
Ian Wilmut
James Naughtie
Robert Fisk
Carol Ann Duffy
Alain de Botton
Joseph E Stiglitz
George Alagiah
Robert Winston
...and over 600 more

...and in the Autumn

Martin Amis
Gordon Brown
Margaret Atwood
William Boyd

Fantastic Themes for 2006

Nations Unlimited

Our acclaimed major exploration of nations in the twenty-first century. Begun in 2005, and hugely popular, this is a fascinating and essential enquiry into the future world order.

East and West

This is one of the Book Festival's defining themes: an annual, in-depth look at the tensions and connections between the Islamic and non-Islamic world. Hear personal stories and passionate pleas for understanding. Look out too for our special Society and Terrorism events. Is the aftermath of the Iraq war fuelling fear and danger? How can we break out of the vicious circle?

Society and Politics

What is happening to democracy? How can our voices and votes be made to count? Who really runs the country and rules the roost – and what are our politicians up to now?

Embryos and Ethics

The experts talk about the dizzying advances in genetic science and what this means for our humanity. When is it all right to experiment on embryos? Who decides and why? A vital area for discussion by all of us.

Autism Unveiled

A special series offering new insight into the world of autism. Hear the testimony of parents of autistic children – and of autistic individuals themselves.

Society and Business

Also new for 2006, a series of major talks by leading figures in the business world, accessible to all. Inspirational personal stories, tips on how to get ahead and explanations of the changing face of consumer power.

Matters of the Mind

We bring you the very best thinkers and communicators in philosophy and psychology, with a special emphasis on consciousness. What, really, is the human mind and how does it work?

Popular Science

We also bring you some of the most distinguished scientists at work today, all with a genius for explaining their ideas to ordinary members of the public – from the laws of the universe to the sex lives of cats.

There is so much more! Britain and the world's leading writers in **Meet The Author**, a notably outstanding line-up of poets, an enticing array of novelists in **Fine Fiction**, and brand new ones in **First Fiction**, and many different genres and topics, including **crime**, **lived lives** (biography and memoir), **travel**, **comedy**, **food and drink**, **media**, **nature and the environment**, **theatre** and **art**.



Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature

Edinburgh is the world's first City of Literature – a unique, permanent designation conferred by UNESCO in recognition of the Scottish capital's rich literary past, dynamic present and aspirations for the future.

As the late Dame Muriel Spark said on her special visit to the Book Festival in 2004: 'Edinburgh is a city of books and learning, open to all knowledge. The stones speak.'

From Robert Louis Stevenson and Walter Scott to Ian Rankin and J K Rowling, Edinburgh is a writers' city and a readers' city. We are now encouraging other cities elsewhere in the world to join us in celebrating their own literary identity. The Book Festival is proud to be a central part of Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature; and to proclaim at all times the profound importance of words, ideas and literature to Scotland, its connections with the world and its future. **Please visit the City Of Literature information desk in the Bookshop, from Saturday 12 August to Sunday 20 August, from 11am to 4pm. Or visit www.cityofliterature.com**

You don't know
which book they'd like.
But they do.

Pirates

Anything with pussy cats

Rockets

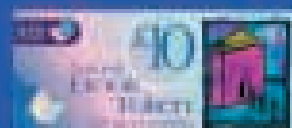
Fairies

The Gruffalo

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Jackie Kay

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent 10.15am

To open the 2006 Edinburgh International Book Festival, we are overjoyed to have one of the most life-enhancing of writers, the award-winning Scottish novelist and poet whose new stories explore love and humanity. Ebullient, moving, compassionate, always utterly involving, Jackie Kay's readings are delight itself. A luminous start to our literary carnival.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Ma Jian

FOCUS ON CHINA

Peppers Theatre 11.00am

A very important visit by one of China's most influential writers, now living in exile. Ma Jian's *Stick Out Your Tongue* was banned in China for its haunting stories of a harsh and dream-like Tibet – a land also revealed in his extraordinary memoir of his travels there, *Red Dust*. Rare and riveting insight from a major literary figure.

£7.00 £5.00

Kate Atkinson

THE HERALD & SUNDAY HERALD
MEET THE AUTHOR SESSIONS

RBS Main Theatre 11.30am

Nothing and no-one could be more appropriate for our first Meet The Author session of 2006. Acclaimed, award-winning, bestselling Kate Atkinson here launches her brand new novel, *One Good Turn* – set in Edinburgh, at festival time, with an entire sequence set at the Book Festival itself. Murder, mystery and the most perfect literary pleasure.

£7.00 £5.00

Rick Moody & Will Self

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 12 noon

A magnetic transatlantic encounter as superb American novelist Rick Moody brings his new novel *The Diviners* to Scotland alongside the acerbic, insightful Will Self, whose *The Book of Dave* explores the strange outcome of the rants of a disgruntled London taxi driver. Both are brilliant and caustic commentators on urban society, whether in the US or the UK.

£7.00 £5.00

Stella Duffy & Denise Mina

CRIME

Peppers Theatre 12.30pm

Delicious and dark, two of crime writing's most intelligent minds come together in an exquisite hour. Denise Mina's *The Dead Hour* continues her explorations of the brutal underbelly of Glasgow; Stella Duffy whisks together murder, romantic comedy and breakneck plotting.

£7.00 £5.00

Sue Lawrence

THE HIGHLAND PARK EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 2.00pm

A literally mouth-watering treat as award-winning food writer and master chef Sue Lawrence takes us on *A Cook's Tour of Scotland* – explaining and showing some of the regional specialities which define different corners of our nation.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat 2.00pm – 3.30pm

The first in our hugely popular series of creative writing workshops for smaller groups. *Wordscapes*: a poetry workshop looking at the poetry of place, its importance in life and on the page. Tutor **Anne MacLeod** has published two collections of poetry, two novels, and won the Saltire Prize for best first book. (Maximum 20 places).

In association with Arvon tutors at Moniac Mhor Writers' Centre
Sponsored by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society

£10.00 £8.00

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie & Segun Afolabi

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: AFRICA

Peppers Theatre 2.30pm

Two spellbinding African voices. *Purple Hibiscus* was an outstanding, award-winning debut; now Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie returns to her native Nigeria in the eagerly awaited *Half Of A Yellow Sun*, set in the brutal civil war of the 1960s. Segun Afolabi's own affecting stories of exile and diaspora have already won him the Michael Caine Prize for African Writing.

£7.00 £5.00

Carmen Callil

LIVED LIVES

RBS Main Theatre 3.00pm

A legend in publishing, Carmen Callil founded Virago. Now she gives an intensely personal perspective on a shameful episode – the story of Louis Darquier, Commissioner for Jewish Affairs for the Vichy government, who sent thousands of Jews to their deaths but was never brought to justice – and of his daughter, who took her own life. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Dominic Bradbury

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre 4.00pm

Malcolm Bradbury opened this Book Festival in 2000. Later that year, he died before his time. We are honoured to welcome his son back on the first day of this year's festival, with a collection of his father's unpublished writing – showing the sheer range of his wit, passion for the word and far-reaching influence on contemporary English literature.

£7.00 £5.00

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Irvine Welsh

THE LIST EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 4.30pm

One of Scotland's most iconic novelists on our opening day, still filled with the scatological energy which made *Trainspotting* such a cultural phenomenon. Once again he reveals a hidden Edinburgh as he reads from his dark and hilarious new novel, *The Bedroom Secrets of the Master Chefs*.

£7.00 £5.00

Ekow Eshun & Hari Kunzru

SOCIETY AND DIVERSITY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 5.00pm

Hari Kunzru is one of Granta's Best of Young British Novelists, a brilliant literary talent. Ekow Eshun is director of London's ICA, a leading media figure and writer on his own African ancestors. Hear them talk about what it is like to be a writer from a culturally diverse background in the UK today.

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£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Peppers Theatre 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: freedom of expression at risk around the world. Among those appearing: **Stella Duffy**.

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Sam Leith & Hugo Rifkind

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm

Crackling with humour, energy and razor-sharp observation, two leading young journalists have massive fun with the foibles of society. Sam Leith exposes the strange things people do with dead pets; while Hugo Rifkind (son of the politician Malcolm Rifkind) launches into a satirical debut novel.

£5.00 £3.00

Gerald Scarfe

THE INHOUSE EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm

A rare chance to meet one of our greatest satirists and cartoonists, a genius of the pen. Gerald Scarfe's savagely brilliant caricatures form a dazzling cultural commentary of our times. In this unmissable illustrated talk, he presents *Drawing Blood*, the first collection of his work for twenty years.

£8.00 £6.00

The Writing Business

WRITING FOR CHILDREN UNDER TEN

Peppers Theatre 6.45pm

Myths, Mutants and Mummies! Discover the skills and pitfalls of writing fiction for this challenging age group with three popular and experienced children's authors: **Linda Strachan**, **Keith A Charters** and **Vivian French**.

Sponsored by The Society of Authors and The Times Literary Supplement

£5.00 £3.00

Francis Fukuyama

NATIONS UNLIMITED

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm

A fascinating encounter with one of the world's leading political and economic thinkers on his first ever visit to the Book Festival. Hugely influential in the US and internationally, Francis Fukuyama sprang to global prominence with *The End of History*. His new work trenchantly criticises American policy in Iraq and the neoconservative ideology he himself once embraced. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

£8.00 £6.00

Atiq Rahimi

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: AFGHANISTAN

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm

A rare and intensely welcome insight into Afghanistan, from an internationally renowned writer and cultural figure on his first visit to the Book Festival. His extraordinary novella *Earth and Ashes*, also made into a film, distilled the suffering of his people. Now, *The Thousand Rooms of Dream and Fear* is a mesmerising journey into the Afghan soul.

£5.00 £3.00

Val McDermid

CRIME

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm

The empress of crime returns to the Book Festival with her most ambitious work yet. Always pushing at literary boundaries, Val McDermid spins a fascinating plot in *The Grave Tattoo* involving William Wordsworth, the mutineers of the Bounty and mind-teasing mysteries.

£8.00 £6.00

Sara Wheeler

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm

Renowned for her work on Antarctica, Sara Wheeler now turns to hotter climes and an impossibly charismatic figure – Denys Finch Hatton, the glamorous aristocrat (played by Robert Redford) whose love affair with Karen Blixen was immortalised in *Out Of Africa*. A remarkable life and bygone age revealed.

£8.00 £6.00

Alice Greenway, Jane Harris & Alison Miller

FIRST FICTION

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm

Three of the most compelling new Scottish novels in a truly exceptional year for debut fiction. Respectively conjuring up the exotic heat of Hong Kong, a nineteenth century Scottish 'Castle Haivers' and a teenager attending her first political demonstration, all three create gripping female narrators feistily coming of age.

£8.00 £6.00

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Candia McWilliam

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

No Book Festival is complete without the seductive language of Scotland's Candia McWilliam, one of the most uniquely gifted of writers. Booker judge, James Bond lover, magician of words – a complete Sunday morning treat.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Stella Tillyard & Virginia Rounding

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

The bestselling author of *Aristocrats* and now *A Royal Affair* joins Virginia Rounding, the acclaimed biographer of Catherine The Great to discuss royal women in history. Remarkable stories and research giving a bright window on the past.

£7.00 £5.00

Christopher Brookmyre

THE HERALD & SUNDAY HERALD

MEET THE AUTHOR SESSIONS

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

Provocative, profane and very very funny, Christopher Brookmyre is Scotland's bestselling purveyor of black humour and darker deeds. Crime and furious linguistic energy course through his novels including his latest rooted in primary school days, *A Tale Etched in Blood and Hard Black Pencil*. Also – exclusive sneak preview of work in progress!

£7.00 £5.00

Rory McCarthy

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

One of the clearest and most essential journalistic voices on Iraq is that of the Guardian's Rory McCarthy, who brings first-hand, fresh and vital perspective on the turmoil of that troubled land. McCarthy's *Nobody Told Us We Are Defeated* represents the views of Iraqis themselves, their voices too often drowned out by the military, the politicians and the west. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Joakim Garff

MATTERS OF THE MIND

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

Was Kierkegaard genius or madman? The Danish philosopher changed the course of intellectual history and laid the foundations of existentialism, despite his bizarre beliefs. Joakim Garff, greatly acclaimed in Denmark, has created the most riveting and revealing account ever published of this dazzling, troubled mind.

£7.00 £5.00

Joanna Blythman

SOCIETY AND FOOD

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

Are we in the grip of a growing food illiteracy? Britain seems obsessed by food – TV chefs, latest diets – yet we consume vast amounts of junk food and seem to neither know nor care about true quality. Award-winning journalist Joanna Blythman takes a witty tour through *Bad Food Britain*.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Making a submission to a literary agent. **Kathryn Ross** and **Lindsey Fraser** of Fraser Ross Associates shed light on how to win an agent's heart, with down-to-earth tips and practical hints on the dos, don'ts and avoid-at-all-costs of submitting your manuscript. (Maximum 20 places).

In association with words@work

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£10.00 £8.00

Mike Dash & Tom Holland

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

Vibrant and gripping perspectives on very different historical periods. Tom Holland vividly evokes the great age of Xerxes and the Persians, and the moment when the Greeks repelled them and the modern West was born. In a different continent and time, Mike Dash looks at the true and fascinating history of the Thugs, the Indian cult whose members terrorised unwary travellers.

£7.00 £5.00

Will Self & Edward St Aubyn

FINE FICTION

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

Two savagely witty and prodigiously talented novelists come together. Will Self's dark observations of modern society sit perfectly with the work of Edward St Aubyn, whose polished prose gleams in his novels of dysfunctional family life, drugs and modern manners, most recently in the magnificent *Mother's Milk*.

£7.00 £5.00

Linda Grant & Alan Kaufman

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

A special focus on Israel in two inside accounts. Linda Grant talked to ordinary Israelis to try and discover their inner dynamic and better understand the human roots of the Palestinian conflict. Alan Kaufman is a poet and former soldier: in his acclaimed novel *Matches* he describes life in the Israel Defence Force and the ravages of war on the soul. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Richard Davenport-Hines, David Edmonds & John Eidinow

MATTERS OF THE MIND

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

Tales of two extraordinary meetings which encapsulated a cultural age. Richard Davenport-Hines evokes the fabled Paris night in 1922 when Proust, Joyce, Stravinsky, Picasso and Diaghilev sat down to dinner together. Edmonds and Eidinow examine another far-reaching encounter – between the Enlightenment giants David Hume and Jean-Jacques Rousseau.

£7.00 £5.00

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Magnus Magnusson

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 4.30pm
Historian, broadcaster, linguist, much-loved public figure, Magnus Magnusson has written copiously on Iceland, Scotland and more. Now he turns to *Fakes, Forgers and Phoney's* – case histories of some of the most ingenious conmen and counterfeiters to have pulled the wool over our collective eyes.

£7.00 £5.00

Pankaj Mishra

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 5.00pm
Plunging deep into *Temptations of the West*, Pankaj Mishra goes on a fascinating and revealing journey through India and her neighbours, including Pakistan, looking at the contradictions between the demands of the modern world and the teeming variety and tensions of the subcontinent.

£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

WRITERS IN EXILE

Peppers Theatre 5.30pm – 6.15pm
Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: writers living far from family and friends and the source of their inspiration. Among those appearing: **Alan Kaufman** and **Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o**.

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Michael Collins & Owen Sheers

FINE FICTION

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm
Some of the best and brightest writing from Wales and Ireland, with two prodigiously talented and charismatic young writers. Owen Sheers is poet, travel writer and more – he now embarks on drama too. Michael Collins is a prose writer of breathtaking skill. His newest novel reveals murder and literary ambition on an American campus.

£5.00 £3.00

Steve Bell

POLITICS AND SATIRE

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm
No hypocrisy, idiocy or posturing authority escapes Steve Bell's satirical eye and pen. Ferociously irreverent, side-splittingly funny, fiercely lampooning the nonsense of politicians and war-mongers, his cartoons are a blissful, essential antidote to pomposity. Back by popular demand! Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

£8.00 £6.00

The Writing Business

LOCATION, PLACE AND CRIME FICTION

Peppers Theatre 6.45pm
Join bestselling crime writers **Aline Templeton** and **Paul Johnston** to learn about the crucial importance of place in crime novels. Sponsored by *The Society of Authors* and *The Times Literary Supplement*

£5.00 £3.00

Salley Vickers

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm
Come and meet the bestselling author of *Miss Garnet's Angel* whose new novel again has art at its heart. *The Other Side of You* is infused with the spirit of Caravaggio, with thoughts of death, repentance and the possibility of love. A master storyteller at the height of her powers.

£8.00 £6.00

National Theatre of Scotland

THEATRE

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm
It has been a momentous year in Scottish culture, not least because of the historic establishment of a National Theatre – not a thing of heavy bricks and mortar but innovative, flexible and adventurous. How has it gone and where is it going – and why? Join our special panel of guests, including **John Byrne**, celebrated writer of *The Slab Boys* trilogy and *Tutti Frutti*, **Vicky Featherstone**, Artistic Director of the National Theatre of Scotland, and **Lyn Gardner**, theatre critic for *The Guardian*.

£8.00 £6.00

Naomi Alderman & Lucy Caldwell

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm
A second evening of astoundingly high quality debut fiction in our lovely Writers' Retreat. Naomi Alderman's *Disobedience*, with its insight into a Jewish community in London has taken the book world by storm this year. Lucy Caldwell also writes beautifully and movingly of a society dominated by religion – in her case Northern Ireland. Exceptional talent not to be missed.

£5.00 £3.00

Francis Fukuyama

THE RSA LECTURES: NATIONS UNLIMITED

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm
The RSA lectures have become one of the most popular and powerful platforms at the Book Festival, with a series of globally distinguished speakers. Tonight, internationally acclaimed political thinker Francis Fukuyama gives a major address on American and Western policy and the follies and hopes of the new world order. Chaired by **Kirsty Wark**.

£8.00 £6.00

Rory Stewart

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm
Not content with walking alone across the mountains of Afghanistan, being an adventurer, free spirit and Spirit of Scotland Writer of the Year, Rory Stewart has also found himself responsible for administering regions of Iraq. *Occupational Hazards* is his superb, enlightening insight into what the invasion has really meant for all concerned.

£8.00 £6.00

Corinne Hofmann

TRAVEL

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm
A massive international bestseller, Corinne Hofmann's *White Masai* tells of the sophisticated Swiss woman's passionate love for and subsequent marriage to a Masai tribesman, living in conditions diametrically opposed to what she had known, and the ensuing remarkable cultural and emotional journey, including the birth of her daughter.

£8.00 £6.00

Spiegelbar

Highland Park Spiegeltent

From 9.00pm
Come and relax and listen to live music.
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Free – open to all

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Susie Maguire

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent 10.15am

All this week, we start the day with short stories. Today, hear all about *Little Black Dress* – an anthology of sparky tales from Scottish women which touch on the iconic female garment. Susie Maguire is joined by surprise guests for a tantalising and upbeat start to the week.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Bruce Clark & Stephen O'Shea

EAST AND WEST

Peppers Theatre 11.00am

An in-depth insight into the intimate relationship – and feuds – between Islam and Christianity in the Mediterranean regions. Bruce Clark looks at the enforced exchange of populations between Turkey and Greece in the early twentieth century; Stephen O'Shea traces the conflict and co-existence of the cross and the crescent in medieval times.

£7.00 £5.00

Clare Allan & Alexander Masters

FIRST FICTION AND NON-FICTION

Writers' Retreat 11.00am

Two extraordinary accounts, one fictional, one biographical, of lives on the edge. Alexander Masters's award-winning *Stuart: A Life Backwards* tells the immensely moving tale of a chaotic beggar befriended by the writer. Clare Allan's debut novel *Poppy Shakespeare* brilliantly questions the borders between sanity and insanity.

£5.00 £3.00

Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 11.30am

A major, first ever visit to the Book Festival from one of the most important living African writers. A legend in his native Kenya, Ngũgĩ, now world-renowned, was imprisoned for his opposition and insistence on writing in his native language. We are very proud to launch his long-awaited new novel, *Wizard of the Crow*, a masterpiece of history and rich African storytelling.

£7.00 £5.00

John Tulloch

SOCIETY AND TERRORISM

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 12 noon

A crucial event: the testimony of a victim of the London 7/7 terrorist attacks last July. John Tulloch was just three feet from one of the bombs when it exploded – and ironically is a professor specialising in risk and media analysis. His personal yet precise and passionate account offers essential insight into his experience, media manipulation and the motives of those involved. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Eric Beinhocker

SOCIETY AND BUSINESS

Peppers Theatre 12.30pm

In the first of our series of major events by leading business thinkers Eric Beinhocker describes nothing less than a revolution in our ideas of how wealth is created. The new Complexity Economics overthrows a hundred years of traditional thinking, with implications for governments, businesses and individuals. Provocative, witty and accessible.

£7.00 £5.00

Doris Lessing

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 1.30pm

One of the most revered figures in English literature, her output as prolific as ever, returns to the Book Festival. Doris Lessing's recent work includes a futuristic novel and a collection of essays and pieces showing the full force and sharpness of her literary intelligence.

£7.00 £5.00

Sebastian Peake

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 2.00pm

The son of Mervyn Peake, the genius who created *Gormenghast*, gives insight into an extraordinary mind and life.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Science is a rich resource for fiction writers but how and where to find what you need and make best use of it?

Ann Lingard, founder of SciTalk (www.scitalk.org.uk), will help you to be inspired by the subtle use of science. (Maximum 20 places).

Sponsored by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society

£10.00 £8.00

Jerry Brotton

HISTORY AND ART

Peppers Theatre 2.30pm

A brilliant young historian tells the lavishly illustrated tale of the art collections of King Charles I – he was a patron of Rubens and amassed many great European masters, in an array of decadent riches which attracted greed, disapproval, dispersal and eventual recovery.

£7.00 £5.00

Con Coughlin

NATIONS UNLIMITED

RBS Main Theatre 3.00pm

One of the defining political alliances of our time has been between Tony Blair and the American President precipitating the invasion of Iraq, the bloody aftermath and the 'war on terror'. Leading journalist Con Coughlin looks at the sources and full implications of this relationship, and what it means for the rest of the world. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

£7.00 £5.00

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Mavis Cheek & Michèle Roberts

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

A complete treat from two of our brightest and most entertaining novelists. Mavis Cheek's latest bestselling comedy of manners explores the love between a woman and her bathroom. Award-winning Michèle Roberts delights with the ebullient, beautifully plotted *Reader, I Married Him*.

£7.00 £5.00

Simon Garfield

HISTORY AND WAR

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

The lives of ordinary people in wartime, as poignantly told through their diaries. Drawing on the archives of Mass Observation, Simon Garfield completes a trilogy which movingly recreates a pivotal period in British history and society.

£7.00 £5.00

Jo Tatchell

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

A deeply human and different view of Iraq – the true tale of Nabeel the poet and his family in the days before, during and after Saddam's regime, persecution and exile. This is an illuminating and touching story of the dangers, dramas and celebrations of one family's life.

£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

WOMEN'S VOICES

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: women's distinctive reaction to rape, exile and harassment. Among those appearing: **Arnold Wesker** and **Mavis Cheek**.

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Jon McGregor & James Runcie

FINE FICTION

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

An hour of beautifully insightful fiction evoking post-war Britain. James Runcie movingly recreates one family's journey through those changing years in Canvey Island. Booker-shortlisted Jon McGregor explores love, loss and how we search for who we are in uncertain times in his brand new *So Many Ways To Begin*.

£5.00 £3.00

Roy Hattersley

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

One of the most popular of all Book Festival speakers, Roy Hattersley's hugely entertaining talks cover all kinds of historical and political ground. This year, he turns to twentieth century Prime Ministers, in particular the Glasgow born liberal, passionate Scot and 'respectable radical' Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and his short but momentous period in office.

£8.00 £6.00

The Writing Business

USING SCIENCE IN FICTION

Peppers Theatre

6.45pm

Ann Lingard, founder of SciTalk (www.scitalk.org.uk), shows how to access and use scientists and scientific ideas in your own writing.

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£5.00 £3.00

Joolz Denby & Allan Guthrie

CRIME

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

Contrasting stars of the crime scene. Allan Guthrie is Scotland's newest crime sensation and has signed a major publishing deal for his gritty tales of Edinburgh murder. Orange Prize shortlisted Joolz Denby uses her poetic gifts to evoke infatuation in a Cornish village.

£8.00 £6.00

Con Coughlin & Gwynne Dyer

NATIONS UNLIMITED: SUNDAY HERALD DEBATE

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

Come and join our experts and discuss the future world order with them. Journalist Con Coughlin speaks of Blair, Bush and the 'war on terror'; Gwynne Dyer's *Future:Tense* brilliantly analyses the threats of our unstable times.

£8.00 £6.00

Kunal Basu, Donna Daley-Clarke & Romesh Gunsekera

FINE FICTION

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

Three superb novels touching on the meeting of races. Donna Daley-Clarke's debut *Lazy Eye* is a beautiful evocation of a black boy growing up in a different culture; acclaimed Romesh Gunsekera writes of Sri Lankans, love, cricket and England; while Kunal Basu's *Racists* imagines an historical experiment of a black child and white child abandoned without language or learning.

£5.00 £3.00

A L Kennedy

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

Sit back and be astounded by the wit, energy and linguistic humour of one of Scotland and the UK's foremost novelists – who has turned to stand-up comedy. Her performance last year was a tour de force; don't miss it this year.

£8.00 £6.00

Nick Thorpe

TRAVEL

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

Former journalist turned travel writer, Nick Thorpe's latest adventure was to sail the waterways, lochs and coasts of Scotland, hitching his way on passing vessels, ranging from barges to monks' coracles. A revealing and humorous journey of discovery.

£8.00 £6.00

Victoria Finlay & Hugh Thomson

TRAVEL

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

The secret history of gems takes Victoria Finlay on a fascinating quest in search of precious stones – among others she visits Cleopatra's emerald mines and the opal fields of Australia. Hugh Thomson uncovers the incredible, still unfolding, mysteries of the ancient civilisations of Peru – he even took his family to live there, the better to understand.

£8.00 £6.00

Spiegelbar

Highland Park Spiegeltent

From 9.00pm

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Tom Bissell & Peter Hobbs

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent 10.15am

Our morning short story series continues with two unusually talented creators of compelling tales. Tom Bissell's *God Lives In St Petersburg* is a remarkable and haunting collection set in Russia and Eastern Europe; while Peter Hobbs, acclaimed for his beautiful debut novel *The Short Day Dying*, shows himself a master of the short form too.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Stewart Conn & John Sampson

POETRY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 10.30am

A musical wake-up to the day as leading Scottish poet Stewart Conn is joined by ebullient musician John Sampson (in period costume) in a joyous recreation of *Roull of Corstorphine*, one of Edinburgh's earliest fifteenth century poets.

£7.00 £5.00

Sarah Helm & Amanda Mackenzie Stuart

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre 11.00am

An event about intriguing women of purpose and bravery. Amanda Mackenzie Stuart examines the rich heiress of the Gilded Age, Alva Vanderbilt – a powerful early campaigner for suffragettes; while Sarah Helm writes of the Special Operations when female agents were sent behind the front lines to the Nazis and an uncertain fate.

£7.00 £5.00

Arnold Wesker

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 11.30am

One of the most important figures in British drama, Sir Arnold Wesker's output has been prolific for nearly five decades now – over forty-two plays as well as various books, the latest of which is his first novel, *Honey*. Come and meet a colossus of culture and a mind fuelled by words.

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£7.00 £5.00

Moazzam Begg

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 12 noon

Imprisoned in Guantanamo without charge or trial for three years, an innocent British Muslim labelled an 'enemy combatant' by the US, Moazzam Begg has a profoundly shocking and far-reaching story to tell – not just of his own maltreatment but of what it means to be a politically engaged Muslim today. Chaired by Ruth Wishart.

£7.00 £5.00

Georgina Howell & James McCarthy

EAST AND WEST

Peppers Theatre 12.30pm

Two astonishing stories of crossing cultural divides. Gertrude Bell, 'Daughter of the Desert', pioneering archaeologist, traveller, linguist, friend of T E Lawrence is brought vividly to life by Georgina Howell. James McCarthy tells of a reverse journey – Selim Aga was a Sudanese slave who ended up lecturing to fashionable London society.

£7.00 £5.00

Tony Benn

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 1.30pm

An hour of utter delight in the company of one of the country's most beloved public figures and most captivating of speakers. His appearances at previous Book Festivals have sold out immediately and enchanted his audiences with stories from his own life, and with his wit and unquenched passion. Chaired by Richard Holloway.

£7.00 £5.00

Simon Blackburn

MATTERS OF THE MIND

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 2.00pm

A superb philosophical guide to some of the knottier problems in our lives (one recent book was simply called *Lust*), Simon Blackburn illuminates tricky moral, ethical and logical territory. Come and hear all about truth – how we define it, what it means, the wars we fight over it, how different ages have seen it differently. Mind opening. Chaired by Iain Macwhirter.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Highly successful crime writer Aline Templeton gives invaluable practical advice on creating a series character. (Maximum 20 places).

Sponsored by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society

£10.00 £8.00

Matthew Carr & Neil Doyle

SOCIETY AND TERRORISM

Peppers Theatre 2.30pm

In-depth examination of the perceived terrorist threat by two leading commentators. Matthew Carr's *Unknown Soldiers* shows how for the last century terrorism – the reality, the perception and the media reaction – has transformed the modern world, while Neil Doyle's *Terror Base UK* looks at secret cells, the sophisticated use of the internet, and what he claims is Al-Qaeda's powerful foothold in Britain.

£7.00 £5.00

John Gross

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

RBS Main Theatre 3.00pm

Unfettered literary pleasure, with an endlessly entertaining new anthology of literary anecdotes edited by the distinguished editor, critic and writer John Gross. Gossipy, intimate, sinister, affecting – all manner of tales about writers from George Eliot to Agatha Christie.

£7.00 £5.00

Lewis Page & Trevor Royle

SOCIETY AND THE MILITARY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 3.30pm

Aspects of the military unveiled by two leading experts. Trevor Royle, distinguished author on military (as well as literary) affairs, writes of the Scottish regiments; while Lewis Page, a former naval officer, provocatively reveals the shortcomings of the British army – outmoded equipment, uselessly expensive toys – in *Lions, Donkeys and Dinosaurs*.

£7.00 £5.00

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Susan Blackmore

MATTERS OF THE MIND

Peppers Theatre 4.00pm

What constitutes our consciousness? In a brilliant exploration, distinguished thinker Susan Blackmore speaks to some of the leading experts in the field – including neuroscientists and philosophers – and delivers an utterly thought-provoking hour on the nature of the mind.

£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

PRISON WRITINGS

Peppers Theatre 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: how does it feel to be imprisoned for your thoughts and words? Among those appearing: **Moazzam Begg** and **Hywel Williams**.

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

M J Hyland & Lisa Moore

INTERNATIONAL FICTION

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm

Two dazzling new talents from Australia and Canada. Lisa Moore, from Newfoundland, has set the Canadian literary scene alight with her startling, stylish debut *Alligator*, while M J Hyland's extraordinary second novel *Carry Me Down*, in the voice of a troubled young Irish boy, has been described as 'writing of the highest order' by Nobel Prize-winner J M Coetzee.

£5.00 £3.00

Tim Waterstone

SOCIETY AND BUSINESS

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm

Our major series with leading business thinkers continues. The founder of the eponymous bookshops which changed the face of British bookselling – and buying – Tim Waterstone remains a formidable force. This year, he speaks on *Swimming Against The Stream: Creating Your Business and Making Your Life*.

£8.00 £6.00

The Writing Business

TELLING LIFE STORIES

Peppers Theatre 6.45pm

Blogs, Biogs and Confessions: life stories in reminiscence and literature. Explore our compulsive desire to narrate lives and its changing forms, with **Donald Smith**.

In association with the Scottish Storytelling Centre

Sponsored by The Society of Authors and The Times Literary Supplement

£5.00 £3.00

Miles Kington

THE BALFOUR & MANSON EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm

One of the funniest and most loved of writers and broadcasters, Miles Kington offers an hilarious hour of reminiscence and stories about his eccentric childhood and family, as told in *Someone Like Me*. Laughter guaranteed.

£8.00 £6.00

Michael Gove & Hywel Williams

NATIONS UNLIMITED: THE HERALD DEBATE

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm

Who really runs Britain? And in whose interests? Where does the new ruling class come from and do they have any desire to address the global threats – including terrorism, or the fear of terrorism – which appear to assail us? Come and debate with Hywel Williams, historian and author of *Britain's Power Elites*, and Michael Gove, sharp-minded political columnist.

£8.00 £6.00

Rachel Hore & D J Taylor

FINE FICTION

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm

Husband and wife, both novelists, both literary journalists – come and hear how marriage helps or hinders the begetting of books. D J Taylor's newest highly accomplished creation is a sweeping, intricate Victorian mystery set between the Scottish Highlands and London. Rachel Hore's debut *The Dream House* is an involving evocation of a young wife re-finding her identity.

£5.00 £3.00

Quintin Jardine

CRIME

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm

Perennially popular, the bestselling master of ingenious plotting returns to the Book Festival with the newest set of crises facing his Edinburgh detective Bob Skinner. Scottish crime writing has never been stronger – Quintin Jardine is one of its pillars.

£8.00 £6.00

Stuart McLean

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: CANADA

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm – 10.00pm

Last year at the Book Festival, gales of laughter could be heard coming from a tent where a visiting Canadian storyteller, humorist and broadcaster was completely entrancing his audience. We just had to invite him back. Like Garrison Keillor's *Lake Wobegon*, Stuart McLean's *Vinyl Café* is a deliciously droll story of ordinary folk and their foibles. Expect surprises, pure enjoyment.

Please note: this event will last for 90 minutes and will be recorded for broadcast in Canada.

£8.00 £6.00

Katie Kitamura & Christopher Ross

TRAVEL

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm

The complexities of post-war Japanese culture are intriguingly explored in two unusual and personal travelogues. Katie Kitamura travels through the land of her parents, reflecting on the contradictions of modern Japan. Christopher Ross goes in search of *Mishima's Sword* – the one used in his theatrical and shocking suicide – and makes many strange discoveries along the way.

£8.00 £6.00

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Helen Simpson & Raffaella Barker

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

More of our morning stories, with the sublime perfection of Helen Simpson, one of the most subtle artists of the short form. Her tales touch on the domestic and ordinary with revelatory grace. She is joined by novelist Raffaella Barker who also illuminates the complex yearnings at the heart of family life.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Emma Williams & Raja Shehadeh

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

10.30am

A powerful and human insight into the Intifada and its effects from a young doctor who was living in Jerusalem with her family when the worst violence broke out. Bringing up her four children among the bombs, working with Palestinians by day and dining with Israelis by night, Emma Williams brings fresh perspective to this intractable dispute. She is joined by Raja Shehadeh, Palestinian writer, playwright, human rights lawyer and wise and gentle voice – one of the Book Festival's most eagerly welcomed visitors.

£7.00 £5.00

Caroline Moorehead

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

The pioneering war reporter, wife of Ernest Hemingway and role model for many who came after, Martha Gellhorn was a true and indomitable trail-blazer. Her biographer, herself a distinguished journalist, has now edited her letters, revealing a remarkable life.

£7.00 £5.00

John Banville

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

When John Banville won the Man Booker Prize last autumn for his exquisite *The Sea*, it was very long overdue. The prize has now introduced tens of thousands of new readers to his outstanding body of fiction – mesmeric, haunting, some of the finest in the English language. Come and meet a great artist of prose.

Supported by the Hawthornden Literary Institute

£7.00 £5.00

Phillip Cole & Michael Gove

NATIONS UNLIMITED

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

Are we appeasing terrorism? Can fundamentalism truly be called evil? A major event with two highly sophisticated analysts. Michael Gove is one of the sharpest political minds in Britain and in *Celsius 7/7* he looks at the West's behaviour toward the terrorist threat and its implications. Phillip Cole delves deep into *The Myth of Evil* – including the 'axis of evil'.

£7.00 £5.00

Rodric Braithwaite & Catherine Merridale

HISTORY: RUSSIA

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

Two leading experts on Russia examine the Red Army during the years of the Second World War and the grim year of 1941 in Moscow. The fates and suffering of ordinary people and soldiers come vividly to life in these in-depth examinations, full of new insight.

£7.00 £5.00

John Mortimer

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm

An hour of utter delight in the company of one of the most effervescent minds in the land, creator of *Rumpole of the Bailey* and now a wonderful new comic novel, *Quite Honestly*. Come and meet an unstoppably playful intelligence and a national treasure.

£7.00 £5.00

George Packer

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

An essential and hugely ambitious work, *The Assassins' Gate: America In Iraq* offers vital background, first-hand reality and views of the aftermath in America as well as Iraq. George Packer is a leading American commentator who reported on the war for the New Yorker and unravels the many complexities of the US presence and attitude. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Back by popular demand, poet **Liz Niven** offers an illuminating workshop on *Hearing Voices* – how Scots and English voices can transform your poetry. (Maximum 20 places).

Sponsored by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society

£10.00 £8.00

Anne Perry

CRIME

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

Classic, beautifully constructed crime from one of the most elegant writers on the scene. Her latest involves the Thames Valley River Police and a couple who fall to their deaths in the murky water.

£7.00 £5.00

Jane Glover & Anthony Holden

MOZART ANNIVERSARY

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

Our first event in celebration of Mozart's 250th anniversary. Jane Glover, one of Britain's most distinguished conductors, delighted Book Festival audiences last year with her fascinating account of Mozart's women. She is now joined by leading writer and critic Anthony Holden and his new work on Lorenzo da Ponte, Mozart's librettist and collaborator, forgotten for too long.

£7.00 £5.00

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Ahron Bregman & Karl Sabbagh

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

We continue our examination of Israel and Palestine with two deep and informed perspectives. Karl Sabbagh's masterly history of Palestine includes his own father's life, as a leading broadcaster for the BBC Arabic service. Ahron Bregman charts the failure of America to make real progress with peace. Chaired by **Magnus Linklater**.

£7.00 £5.00

Diane Middlebrook

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath: the fascination with their genius, their intensity and their marriage does not diminish with the passing years. Perhaps no other literary couple has aroused such probing interest. Diane Middlebrook, author of the acclaimed *Her Husband*, illuminates the continuing resonances of their doomed relationship.

£7.00 £5.00

Robert Fisk

EAST AND WEST

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

One of the most passionate, knowledgeable, courageous and admired of all reporters on the Middle East, Robert Fisk is an indispensable guide to the recent history, anger and aspirations of Muslim peoples threatened by western intervention. First-hand insight (he has spent a night at a camp with Bin Laden) and in-depth political analysis – an essential event. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

£7.00 £5.00

Frances Fyfield & Ronnie Hewitt

CRIME

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

Not to be missed: one of crime writing's finest legal brains and a newcomer to the scene – Ronnie Hewitt, who in another life is Chief Executive of Edinburgh's Chamber of Commerce. Frances Fyfield takes a psychological journey into manipulation, while Hewitt enters the moral maze of vigilante action against paedophiles.

£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

IRANIAN BLOGS

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: blogs offer a freedom of expression denied to print media. Among those appearing:

Iain Banks.

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

The Writing Business

FINDING SOURCES FOR POETRY

Peppers Theatre

6.45pm

Back after her hugely successful events last year, poet **Liz Niven** takes you through the search for poetic stimulus.

Sponsored by The Society of Authors and The Times Literary Supplement

£5.00 £3.00

Dominic Dromgoole

SOCIETY AND THEATRE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

The prodigiously talented Dominic Dromgoole, artistic director of the Globe in London, tells of his life-long love affair with Shakespeare – with the way humanity in all its tenderness, bawdiness, nonsense and meaning is revealed in his great works. Personal, passionate, unmissable.

£8.00 £6.00

Reporters in the Field: Robert Fisk, Allan Little, George Packer & Åsne Seierstad

NATIONS UNLIMITED

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

Come and discuss with four leading journalists, who have all reported from war zones, including Baghdad, and bear the heavy responsibility of witnessing and interpreting tumultuous and bloody events for us. How much do we trust and depend on them? What draws people to such a task, and at what cost to themselves?

£8.00 £6.00

Dominique Manotti & Petros Markaris

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: FRANCE AND GREECE

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

A unique chance to experience some superb European writing – stylish literary crime. Dominique Manotti's thriller about the sleazy side of Paris has won top awards; while Petros Markaris is equally acclaimed for his detective series set in the dark underbelly of Athens.

£5.00 £3.00

Iain Banks

THE PINSENT MASON'S EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

No Book Festival is complete without an audience with Iain Banks, whose unstoppably fertile imagination has given us some of the most startling books of recent Scottish literature, including science fiction. Come and hear an hour of great conversation. Tonight, in an exclusive Book Festival preview, he reads from work in progress. Be among the very first to hear the next book, entitled *Matter*.

£8.00 £6.00

Ashley Kahn & Dominic Sandbrook

SOCIETY AND CULTURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

The sixties swing again. Dominic Sandbrook's *White Heat* resurrects the Britain of Harold Wilson and The Beatles; while Ashley Kahn, renowned music writer, remembers the extraordinary sixties jazz pioneered by John Coltrane and Impulse records. A pivotal decade, when Britain entered a new cultural age, passionately revisited.

£8.00 £6.00

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Adam Thorpe & Jane Yeh

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

Our morning stories continue, with the captivatingly talented Adam Thorpe, one of Britain's finest writers and a Book Festival favourite. A novelist and poet, his sublime new collection *Is This The Way You Said?* shows his uncanny skills with stories too. He is joined by poet Jane Yeh, shortlisted for both the Whitbread and Forward Prizes.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

John Gittings & Julia Lovell

FOCUS ON CHINA

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

10.30am

Two leading experts offer urgently needed understanding about the astonishing growth and dominance of China. Julia Lovell explores historical upheavals and attitudes in *The Great Wall: China Against the World* while John Gittings's magisterial *The Changing Face of China: From Mao to Market* charts the speed and implications of the recent boom.

£7.00 £5.00

Slang Slam

LITERATURE AND TRANSLATION

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

In the first of our special series about the fascinating business of changing words from one language to another, a Jamaican poet and a French translator show how language travels across continents. Join acclaimed translator **Sarah Adams** and leading poet **Valerie Bloom** as they show how 'Jafaican' has now overtaken Cockney as the commonest inner-London lingo while cross-cultural slang has also taken over the Paris streets.

In association with the British Centre for Literary Translation

£7.00 £5.00

A N Wilson

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

This year marks the centenary of John Betjeman, much-loved Poet Laureate, campaigner for heritage and melancholy clown. Acclaimed novelist, biographer and columnist A N Wilson draws for the first time on a vast archive of personal material to create a riveting new portrait of the hidden side of this apparently quintessential Englishman. Chaired by **Richard Holloway**.

Supported by the Hawthornden Literary Institute

£7.00 £5.00

Jon Lee Anderson & Askold Krushelnycky

NATIONS UNLIMITED

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

Ukraine's Orange Revolution was a defining moment for Europe. Askold Krushelnycky provides a remarkable, personal inside account. His fellow acclaimed reporter Jon Lee Anderson returns to the Book Festival with *Guerillas*, his classic account of groups seeking to enforce change not by peaceful determination but by violence.

£7.00 £5.00

Michael Northcott & Dave Reay

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT SERIES

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

Global warming starkly shows that our actions do not exist in isolation – the choices we make affect the whole planet. Michael Northcott, who teaches environmental ethics at the University of Edinburgh, gives a fascinating new perspective on the morality of climate change – while climatologist Dave Reay expertly analyses how our individual lifestyles can have far-reaching consequences.

£7.00 £5.00

Denis Healey

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm

A colossus of British politics, Denis Healey was an enormously influential figure in the second half of the twentieth century. He saw active service in the Second World War, then swiftly rose through the Labour Party to high office. His memoir charts this progress but also the changes in Britain since the war: a remarkable and full life revealed. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Åsne Seierstad

NATIONS UNLIMITED

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm

An essential encounter with one of the finest reporters of her generation. Norwegian star Åsne Seierstad has captivated Book Festival audiences with accounts of Afghanistan (*The Bookseller of Kabul*) and Baghdad – now she looks at the legacy of the Balkan war.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

How to translate a poem. A very special chance to work with acclaimed poet and translator **George Szirtes**. (Maximum 20 places).

In association with the British Centre for Literary Translation
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£10.00 £8.00

Pamela Norris & Elaine Showalter

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

A superb event on women and literature. Pamela Norris fascinatingly charts depictions of love, from Medieval poets, through the Victorians, to Sylvia Plath. Renowned writer and critic Elaine Showalter has recently looked at the academic novel but is also working on a major history of American women writers.

£7.00 £5.00

David Cairns & Julian Rushton

MOZART ANNIVERSARY

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

We continue our celebrations of Mozart's 250th anniversary with two leading music writers, and experts in the field. David Cairns's study of the operas and Julian Rushton's survey of his life and work add new depth and range to our understanding of his sublime music.

£7.00 £5.00

Martin Kemp

ART

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

It is hard to comprehend the full genius of Leonardo da Vinci – his achievements not only in art but also in science, technology and understanding of the 'design of nature' and of man. Martin Kemp is one of the world's pre-eminent authorities on da Vinci and reveals this unmatched mind to us as never before.

£7.00 £5.00

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Germany Translated: Richard Kämmerlings, Michael Krüger & Boyd Tonkin

LITERATURE AND TRANSLATION

Peppers Theatre 4.00pm

A rare and enlightening chance to meet an eminent German literary journalist and a leading author and publisher, speaking about a land where translated literature is very widely available and avidly read – in direct contrast to Britain. Boyd Tonkin, literary editor of the Independent, joins his German colleagues to discuss the fascinating difference.

In association with the Goethe Institut

£7.00 £5.00

Robert Winston

MATTERS OF THE MIND

RBS Main Theatre 4.30pm

Not only one of the country's most eminent fertility experts, Lord Professor Robert Winston is also one of our most sought after speakers on all manner of ethical issues. His latest book examines our stubborn clinging to faith despite the manifold advances of science – a personal and illuminating perspective.

£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

CHINA

Peppers Theatre 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: a look at how freedom of expression is blocked in China. Among those appearing:

Jamal Mahjoub and John Gittings.

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Marguerite Alexander & Liam Browne

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm

Continuing our series of outstanding debut fiction, two exceptional new writers whose work is set in Ireland. Liam Browne's *The Emigrant's Farewell* movingly interconnects two centuries of Derry, while Marguerite Alexander's *Grievance* follows a young Irish girl forging a new life in London.

£5.00 £3.00

Frank Gardner

THE TURCAN CONNELL EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm

A remarkable and inspiring tale of survival, determination and deep understanding of the Middle East. BBC reporter Frank Gardner was making a film in Riyadh about Al Qaeda when he was repeatedly shot at point blank range. He speaks not just of that literally shattering day but of his lifelong passion for the Arab world and what the future holds. Chaired by Ruth Wishart.

£8.00 £6.00

The Writing Business

THE TRADE OF TRANSLATION

Peppers Theatre 6.45pm

Come and hear about the issues and tricks of the trade of translation – from those who do it, publish it and write about it. Our expert panel is **Anthea Bell** (renowned translator of *Asterix* among many others); **Pete Ayrton** of *Serpent's Tail*, publisher of such translated work as Nobel Prize-winner Elfriede Jelinek and **Boyd Tonkin** of the Independent. Chaired by **Amanda Hopkinson**, director of the British Centre for Literary Translation.

In association with the British Centre for Literary Translation

Sponsored by The Society of Authors and The Times Literary Supplement

£5.00 £3.00

Edna Healey

SOCIETY AND POLITICS

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm

An award-winning biographer, historian and filmmaker, Lady Edna Healey forged her own distinguished career while her husband rose to become Chancellor of the Exchequer. Following on from Denis Healey's event earlier today, she now speaks of her own life, including the Westminster years of meeting world leaders.

£8.00 £6.00

Oil & Water

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT SERIES

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm

Come and join major commentators on the environment as they discuss our impact on the earth and propose some solutions. **Jeremy Leggett**, formerly of Greenpeace, **Fred Pearce**, leading science writer and ethical thinker **Michael Northcott**, reveal the threats to our water, our oil and our climate – and call for action.

£8.00 £6.00

José Eduardo Agualusa & Jamal Mahjoub

INTERNATIONAL FICTION

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm

Two magnificently exotic novels for a summer evening. José Eduardo Agualusa is Angolan and *Creole* conjures up the magical world a nineteenth century Portuguese traveller finds in this intoxicating mixed community. Jamal Mahjoub, brought up in Sudan, also evokes the mixing of cultures and races in *The Drift Latitudes* – but of Britain in the 1950s.

£5.00 £3.00

Ian Rankin in conversation with Denise Mina

THE DM HALL EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm

The creator of Inspector Rebus is back. One of the most perennially popular appearances at the Book Festival is that of Ian Rankin, international bestselling phenomenon, in the city he has made his – and Rebus's – own. Here he is interrogated by fellow crime writer Denise Mina in a revealing Book Festival first.

£8.00 £6.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Christopher Hampton

SOCIETY AND THEATRE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm

A rare and intensely welcome visit from one of theatre and film's most distinctive talents, creator of the Oscar-winning *Dangerous Liaisons*. As writer-director-lyricist for *Sunset Boulevard* and translator of note, Christopher Hampton is one of our most invigorating and wide-ranging dramatists.

£8.00 £6.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Paul Farley, Vicki Feaver & Hugo Williams

POETRY

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm

A resplendent feast of poetry to finish the evening. Three of Britain's most acclaimed poets come together in a sublime combination of different styles, shedding light on memory, darkness, healing, the strangeness of the every day and who we really are.

£8.00 £6.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Spiegelbar

Highland Park Spiegeltent From 9.00pm

Come and relax and listen to live music.

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Free – open to all

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Laura Hird & Ewan Morrison

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent 10.15am
More morning stories with two distinctive and compelling Scottish authors, energetically engaging with the contemporary urban world. Award-winning Laura Hird reads from a hugely anticipated new collection; Ewan Morrison made a stylish debut last year with *The Last Book You Read*.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Louisa Waugh & Stefan Wolff

NATIONS UNLIMITED

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 10.30am
Ethnic conflict and human trafficking continue to be global scourges. Louisa Waugh eloquently exposes the evils of the trade in people desperately trying to reach other nations. Stefan Wolff examines the roots of conflict and asks the key question, why do nationalism and ethnicity still have such terrible power to turn neighbour against neighbour?

£7.00 £5.00

Edgardo Cozarinsky & Per Petterson

LITERATURE AND TRANSLATION

Peppers Theatre 11.00am
Two remarkable writers from northern and southern hemispheres, hot and cold climes – Argentina and Norway. Both evoke little known communities with great empathy and skill. Per Petterson is the winner of the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize for his superb study of isolation in rural Norway, *Out Stealing Horses*. Renowned filmmaker and author Edgardo Cozarinsky fuses cultures in his atmospheric work. *The Moldavian Pimp* evokes Jewish immigrants in Buenos Aires in the early years of last century.

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£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat 11.00am – 12.30pm
Contracts. Elizabeth Haylett from the Society of Authors will talk you through the rights and responsibilities of the author in a publishing contract, and offer tips about avoiding potential pitfalls. (Maximum 20 places).

Sponsored by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society

£10.00 £8.00

Jeanette Winterson

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 11.30am
One of the most riveting and charismatic of all performers of her own work, Jeanette Winterson mesmerises with the power of her words and delivery. Her extraordinary work, as one of the most outstandingly original writers at work today, now includes *Weight*, a re-telling of the myth of Atlas. A reading to remember for a very long time.

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

John Geddes

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 12 noon
An unusual and powerful perspective on Iraq. John Geddes, ex-SAS soldier, writes from personal experience of the 'private military contractors', 30,000 mercenaries who earn large sums providing security at high risk. What are their views of the army, the insurgents, the invasion?

£7.00 £5.00

Helen Dunmore & Julie Myerson

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre 12.30pm
An entrancing hour of fiction. Helen Dunmore is as highly praised as she is prolific; her acclaimed latest novel *House of Orphans*, set in 1901 in Finland, looks at poignant private lives affected by the movements of history. Julie Myerson's equally moving and involving *The Story of You* tells of a woman torn by tragedy and in love with a memory.

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Howard Jacobson

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 1.30pm
Some of the very best Book Festival events of recent years have been with Howard Jacobson, whose sharp wit sheds fresh light on the darkest subjects. His new novel stares deep into Jewish memories of the Holocaust with brilliant characterisation and bitter comedy. Chaired by Ruth Wishart.

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Jeremy Leggett & Fred Pearce

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT SERIES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 2.00pm
Two pre-eminent environmental writers ask what happens when the world's oil and water run out. These vital resources are under the direst threats, with wars breaking out over their supply and scarcity. Jeremy Leggett brilliantly analyses how we must break our dependence on oil; while Fred Pearce calls for a 'blue revolution' over water use.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat 2.00pm – 3.30pm
How to translate a novel. Come and work with the renowned translator of *War and Peace*, Anthony Briggs. (Maximum 20 places).

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£10.00 £8.00

Karin Alvtengen, Matti Joensuu & Christian Jungersen

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: CRIME

Peppers Theatre 2.30pm
A scintillating line-up of major Scandinavian crime novelists in a very special Book Festival treat. Karin Alvtengen from Sweden writes brilliantly of revenge and betrayal, recalling Patricia Highsmith. Matti Joensuu is a senior criminal investigator with the Helsinki police as well as one of Finland's most respected writers. Danish Christian Jungersen's psychological thrillers are the equal of Peter Hoeg.

£7.00 £5.00

Mark Thomas

THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 3.00pm
Political activist and stand-up comedian, Mark Thomas's angry targeting of injustice makes him a highly popular as well as effective campaigner. In his first book he sets himself up as an arms dealer with worrying ease. A revelatory, darkly entertaining and deeply shocking exposé of the arms trade.

£7.00 £5.00

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Roger Pearson

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 3.30pm
Writer, philosopher, wit, human rights campaigner, rationalist, force behind the European Enlightenment, Voltaire's life was as extraordinary as his work. Roger Pearson's magnificent biography brings the man and his mind to life in all their brilliance and energy.
£7.00 £5.00

Gianrico Carofiglio & Paul Johnston

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: CRIME

Peppers Theatre 4.00pm
Crime from two hot countries - Italy and Greece. Gianrico Carofiglio brings his experience as an anti-Mafia judge and prosecutor in Bari to his bestselling, highly intelligent tales of crimes, trials, hypocrisy and corruption. Scot Paul Johnston now sets his popular and acclaimed novels in his adopted homeland of Greece and the criminal hierarchy of Athens.
£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

WRITINGS OF WAR

Peppers Theatre 5.30pm - 6.15pm
Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: war brings its own inspiration for some. Among those appearing: **Helen Dunmore**.
Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Linn Ullmann

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: NORWAY

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm
Linn Ullmann, daughter of Liv Ullmann and Ingmar Bergman and a shining creative talent in her own right, is a Book Festival favourite for her super-intelligent insight into the complex business of life. Her newest novel, *Grace*, looks at a man asking his final questions, with penetrating, dark wit and illuminating understanding.
£5.00 £3.00

Alexander McCall Smith

THE GILLESPIE MACANDREW EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm
A global phenomenon, and one of the most prolific and beloved authors anywhere, Alexander McCall Smith bestows the same affectionate, wise clarity on his many characters and novels - whether in Botswana or his native Edinburgh. An hour of surprises and quietly quirky delight.
£8.00 £6.00 A BOOKCASE EVENT

The Writing Business

ADVICE FOR NEW WRITERS

Peppers Theatre 6.45pm
Dipping your toe into shark-infested waters! A highly practical and fascinating talk by **Elizabeth Haylett** of the Society of Authors, for writers starting out: how to go about finding an agent or publisher, and considering alternative means of publication (self-publishing, print on demand, online, writing for newspapers, magazines, radio etc).
Sponsored by The Society of Authors and The Times Literary Supplement
£5.00 £3.00

John Hegley

POETRY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm
Performer supreme, funny and moving, personal and philosophical, John Hegley has a huge following for his poetry and comedy. *Uncut Confetti* is filled with reminiscence, family recollections and poignancy.
£8.00 £6.00 A BOOKCASE EVENT

Billy Kay

SCOTTISH CULTURE AND MUSIC

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm - 8.45pm
Billy Kay, charismatic and eloquent, writer, performer and broadcaster, is one of the great chroniclers of Scottish language and culture. In this special musical evening, with the legendary talents of Scottish traditional musicians **Rod Paterson**, **Norman Chalmers** and **Derek Hoy** - members of **Jock Tamson's Bairsns** - he explores the cultures brought to Scotland by its immigrant communities.
£8.00 £6.00

James Lasdun & Michael Symmons Roberts

FINE FICTION

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm
Superb novels written by poets. Michael Symmons Roberts writes often for Scottish composer James McMillan - his first novel is a parable of a strange urban nightmare. James Lasdun's work has been filmed by Bertolucci amongst others; his brilliant *Seven Lies* has already been optioned for a major film.
£5.00 £3.00 A BOOKCASE EVENT

Simon Callow

THE DUNDAS & WILSON EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm
Drama, cinema, pivotal figures in twentieth century screen culture. Simon Callow, one of Britain's best-known actors on stage and screen (including *Four Weddings and a Funeral*) pours all his insight into a completely compelling portrait of the genius of Orson Welles.
£8.00 £6.00 A BOOKCASE EVENT

Alan Spence

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm
A major literary event: an exclusive Book Festival preview of the brand new novel from one of Scotland's most loved, important, and lasting authors, Alan Spence - director of Aberdeen's excellent Word festival. He renders into fiction the true life story of the Scottish Samurai, Thomas Blake Glover - the Aberdonian who helped create modern Japan.
£8.00 £6.00 A BOOKCASE EVENT

Hamid Ismailov

LITERATURE AND TRANSLATION

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm
Uzbekistan, its central Asian steppes and its little documented mixture of ethnicities inhabit the delightfully surreal storytelling of Hamid Ismailov - who was forced to flee his homeland and was subsequently recruited by the BBC. *The Railway* tells of transport, and changes, coming to an isolated land. With the leading translator, **Robert Chandler**.
In association with the British Centre for Literary Translation
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David Harsent & Robin Robertson

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent 10.15am

A perfect poetic start to the weekend. These two award-winning poets lay bare the soul. Scot Robin Robertson's quiet and powerful work, including his acclaimed new collection *Swithering* has correctly been described as 'softly devastating'. David Harsent, winner of the Forward Prize, gives startling voices from a war zone.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Charles Allen & Barnaby Rogerson

EAST AND WEST

Peppers Theatre 11.00am

The historic roots of Islam are explored by two of the most respected writers in the field. Barnaby Rogerson follows his superb biography of Mohammed with a study of the Prophet's heroic heirs and the split between Sunni and Shia. Charles Allen finds resonance with modern jihad in the fundamentalism of the Wahhabi cult: *God's Terrorists*.

£7.00 £5.00

Ismail Kadare

THE HERALD & SUNDAY HERALD

MEET THE AUTHOR SESSIONS

RBS Main Theatre 11.30am

One of the most remarkable and important events of the summer. Ismail Kadare is one of the small elite of the world's greatest living writers. Last year he was awarded the inaugural Man Booker International Prize for his work revealing the starkness of Albania, its ancient myths and the enigmas of its dictatorships, the human soul. He travels from Albania specially to the Book Festival for this one event – his first ever public appearance here – joined by his eminent translator **David Bellos**. Do not miss this on any account.

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Scottish Arts Council Book Of The Year

SCOTTISH LITERATURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 12 noon

One of Scotland's most prestigious literary awards is presented live, for the first time, at the Book Festival. Join the outstanding shortlisted authors, **Ali Smith, James Meek** and **Kathleen Jamie**, and chairman **Richard Holloway** as they discuss the astonishing quality of contemporary Scottish writing – and name the winner!

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

David Peace

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre 12.30pm

Winner of the James Tait Black Memorial Prize and one of Granta's Best of Young British Novelists, David Peace has dug with ferocious energy and linguistic skill into aspects of Britain's recent past: the Yorkshire Ripper, the miner's strike. Now, through the figure of an iconic football manager, he reveals once more the heart, culture and ambition of northern England and the world around us all.

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat 2.00pm – 3.30pm

A drama writing workshop with **Janet Paisley**. *Talk It Through* – how to get characters talking, use monologue and dialogue, make the story tell itself. Janet Paisley is an award-winning scriptwriter, as well as poet and novelist. (Maximum 20 places).

*In association with Arvon tutors at Moniac Mhor Writers' Centre
Sponsored by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society*

£10.00 £8.00

Rory MacLean

TRAVEL

Peppers Theatre 2.30pm

In a wonderful illustrated journey, the acclaimed and much-loved Rory MacLean takes us on a magic bus trip – the overland hippy trail of the sixties from Istanbul to Kathmandu. Those idealists, head full of Kerouac and The Beatles, might not recognise the same lands today, being transformed with terrifying speed.

£7.00 £5.00

Nigel Rees

SOCIETY AND LITERATURE

RBS Main Theatre 3.00pm

Enormous linguistic fun with one of Britain's most expert and best-loved commentators on the strange and wonderful things people say and write. Broadcaster, veteran of BBC Radio 4's *Quote...* *Unquote*, Nigel Rees takes us through the riches of *Brewer's Famous Quotations* and our love of euphemisms and odd phrases.

£7.00 £5.00

James McConnel

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 3.30pm

A gifted concert pianist, James McConnel was however troubled by strange twitches and movements. Belatedly diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome at the age of thirty-two, his life as an alienated schoolboy and aspiring musician began to make sense. He speaks openly, movingly and wittily about coming to terms with who he is.

£7.00 £5.00

Taras Grescoe & Jenny Diski

TRAVEL

Peppers Theatre 4.00pm

What happens if a travel writer doesn't really want to travel? Jenny Diski ranks happily as 'uncategorisable'. *Skating To Antarctica* was a caustic, haunting, personal account of a journey of sorts; *On Trying To Keep Still* might be described as an anti-travel book, full of razor-sharp perception and unexpected, suddenly illuminating thoughts. Canadian Taras Grescoe has a sharp political edge: here he travels in search of the forbidden – food and drink banned by governments – and personal liberty.

£7.00 £5.00

Roger McGough

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 4.30pm

A joyous return by one of Edinburgh's most beloved visitors, the inimitable, incomparable Roger McGough. The 'patron saint of poetry' has also written an autobiography filled with his usual idiosyncratic humour and humanity – growing up in Liverpool, overnight fame with *The Scaffold*, a life irresistibly told.

£7.00 £5.00

Elias Khoury

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 5.00pm

We are delighted to welcome one of the Middle East's most respected and important writers on a special visit to the Book Festival from Beirut. Journalist, editor, publisher, critic, playwright, public intellectual, he is also an internationally bestselling novelist: *Gate to the Sun* tells of Palestinian refugees, memory, fear and the experience of the 'other'.

£7.00 £5.00

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Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: the refugee writing group at the Medical Foundation for Victims of Torture. Among those appearing: **Rory MacLean** and **David Peace**.

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John Aberdein, John Bennett & J M Ledgard

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm
An energetically varied trio of superb Scottish debut novels. John Aberdein's *Amande's Bed* won the Saltire First Book Award for its boldness and use of the Doric dialect; John Bennett's tells a picaresque, comic tale of a disaffected teenager; while J M Ledgard's unearthly *Giraffe* re-imagines the destruction of a captive herd of these strange, gentle creatures.

£5.00 £3.00 A BOOKCASE EVENT

Sarah Waters

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm
A prodigiously gifted storyteller, Sarah Waters has risen to huge popularity through her sensual historical novels, such as *Tipping The Velvet*, also a highly successful TV series. Her latest, *The Night Watch* recreates the terror, solidarity and strange new emotional landscape of the Blitz.

£8.00 £6.00 A BOOKCASE EVENT

The Writing Business

FICTION, SCREENWRITING AND ADAPTATION

Peppers Theatre 6.45pm
Pick up some hints and tips from novelist **David Nicholls**, bestselling author of *Starter For Ten* and now *The Understudy*, and acclaimed scriptwriter for comedy drama television series *Cold Feet*.

Sponsored by *The Society of Authors* and *The Times Literary Supplement*

£5.00 £3.00

Bernard MacLaverty

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm
A new volume of stories from Bernard MacLaverty is a matter for national rejoicing. Northern Irish, but resident in Scotland for decades, there are few more humane, pitch-perfect masters of the short form. *Matters of Life and Death* covers sectarian violence, an Iowa blizzard, a woman finding peace – involving us in other yet deeply recognisable lives.

£8.00 £6.00 A BOOKCASE EVENT

Jean 'Binta' Breeze & Patience Agbabi with Francesca Beard & Roger Robinson

PERFORMANCE POETRY

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm
In a joyous, high energy evening of the very best British performance poetry, we are delighted to welcome some of the biggest stars, who have performed to outstanding acclaim all over the world.

In association with *Apples and Snakes*

£8.00 £6.00 A BOOKCASE EVENT

Fiona Farrell, Gail Jones & Fiona Kidman

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: THE ANTIPODES

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm
A glorious hour of some of the very best writing from Down Under. Australian Gail Jones has been listed for both Booker and Orange Prizes for the compelling intelligence of her work; while visiting specially from New Zealand, distinguished writers Fiona Farrell and Fiona Kidman bring sophisticated and accomplished work.

£5.00 £3.00

Christopher Brookmyre

THE DM HALL EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm
A second chance to experience pure bliss in the company of one of the most darkly satirical and fearlessly provocative crime writers in the land. Profane, hilarious and boasting the best titles in publishing, Brookmyre's thrillers never disappoint. Come and revel in an exclusive Book Festival preview of his work in progress: *The Attack of The Unsinkable Rubber Ducks*.

£8.00 £6.00

John Burnside & Kirsty Gunn

FINE FICTION AND LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm
An essential double bill. John Burnside is one of our finest living poets and a novelist of note; but his autobiographical *A Lie About My Father*, telling of his harsh childhood and the domineering father who barely knew himself, is one of the most talked about Scottish books of the year. Kirsty Gunn creates seductive fiction, including *The Boy and The Sea*, about a teenager in thrall to the power of his father.

£8.00 £6.00 A BOOKCASE EVENT

Christophe Dufossé & François Gantheret

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: FRANCE

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm
Continuing our showcasing of some of the finest European fiction, here are two utterly compelling new novelists. François Gantheret's *Lost Bodies* is an extraordinary evocation of imprisonment, love and political repression in North Africa. Christophe Dufossé's *School's Out* creates a sinister class of adolescents whose teacher has committed suicide – but why?

£8.00 £6.00

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Aminatta Forna & Heather McGowan

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

Superb fiction from Africa and America. These are two hugely acclaimed and unusually gifted writers. Aminatta Forna's stunning *Ancestor Stones* shows women caught between the old pull of Africa and the West. Heather McGowan's *The Duchess of Nothing* explores a woman also caught in the past and captivated by a young boy.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Christopher Duffy, John Ramsden & Adam Tooze

NATIONS UNLIMITED: FOCUS ON GERMANY

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

Three eye-opening perspectives. Christopher Duffy assesses the Battle of the Somme from the German viewpoint – their own casualties disastrous, their respect for the British army high. Adam Tooze examines the grandeur and folly of the Nazi economic dream. John Ramsden says *Don't Mention The War* and looks at the contemporary relationship between our nations.

£7.00 £5.00

Alexander McCall Smith

THE HERALD & SUNDAY HERALD

MEET THE AUTHOR SESSIONS

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

A second chance to meet Edinburgh's own publishing phenomenon: genial, twinkling, prolific, internationally bestselling, with a planet-sized brain. His novels include stories of Botswana lady detectives and Edinburgh types; he writes for children, reinterprets classics, creates daily novels for newspapers. What surprises will he offer today?

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Janice Galloway

SCOTTISH LITERATURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

Be prepared to be pinned into your seats. Janice Galloway, electrifying, enlightening, a stunning performer, is one of the most mesmerisingly multi-talented authors in Scotland: novelist, poet, storyteller, librettist, working with music and art as well as words. Miss this at your peril.

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Mansoura Ez-Eldin, Joumana Hadda, Ala Hlehel, Abed Ismael & Samuel Shimon

EAST AND WEST

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

Come and hear Arab writing at its finest – a rare chance to be seized. This tour of novelists and poets from Palestine, Egypt, Syria and the Lebanon brings to Book Festival audiences, courtesy of the British Council, a powerful taste of the Middle East. Introduced by Samuel Shimon, Iraqi writer and editor of great talent and passion.

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Are you a would-be full-time writer? Explore what's involved in taking this big step and how you can balance the creative and business demands in this confidence-boosting workshop with full-time writer and inspirational workshop leader **Roger Robinson**. (Maximum 20 places).

In association with literaturetraining

Sponsored by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society

£10.00 £8.00

Fatou Diome & Faïza Guène

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: FRANCE

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

Seize the chance to meet two of France's new literary stars. Faïza Guène, of Algerian background, sprang to bestsellerdom aged only nineteen with a wry, moving, funny tale of a North African girl on a run-down Paris estate. Fatou Diome, from Senegal, also explores the immigrant experience and the tension between those who have left and the families left behind. A special insight into a quite different side of France.

£7.00 £5.00

Stephen Venables

AUTISM UNVEILED

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

A massively moving, poignant and in the end uplifting tale of the brief, beautiful life of a very special child, Ollie. Stephen Venables is one of the world's great mountaineers. He needed a different kind of courage with his son. The first of our events this year looking at autism, autistic children, what it means for the families and for all of us.

Supported by Autism Initiatives UK and The Scottish Society for Autism

£7.00 £5.00

Jonathan Kaplan

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

A remarkable spirit: a war surgeon, restlessly seeking out extreme situations in which he can help, intelligently analysing the reasons while observing and alleviating suffering. In the front line of both terrifying war zones and NHS hospitals, Jonathan Kaplan is a rare and admirable man who is determined to make a difference: come and meet him. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Common Ground

SOCIETY AND LITERATURE

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

How do writers define places? How do places inspire writers? Multi award-winning **Ali Smith**, along with **John Simmons** and **Stuart Delves** have contributed to a new anthology in which they write about their relationships with their favourite writers and the places they wrote about – a hugely entertaining and original tour of literary Britain.

£7.00 £5.00

A C Grayling

MATTERS OF THE MIND

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

His enquiries into how to live a better, truer life have made eminent philosopher A C Grayling one of the most sought-after visitors to the Book Festival. His accessible, human, yet profound quests for understanding have this year produced two books: a life of Descartes and an important study into the morality, or otherwise, of Allied bombing in the Second World War. Come and talk ethics.

£7.00 £5.00

Andrew O'Hagan

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

A very special occasion: the launch of the major new novel of one of the most arrestingly gifted Scottish writers. Booker shortlisted, burningly intelligent, Andrew O'Hagan – critic, journalist and unendingly probing literary brain – now brings us *Be Near Me*, a lyrical, devastating story of an English priest in a Scottish town. Chaired by **Richard Holloway**.

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

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Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

WRITE TO LIFE

Peppers Theatre 5.30pm – 6.15pm
Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: the refugee writing group at the Medical Foundation for Victims of Torture. Among those appearing: **Jonathan Kaplan**.

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Åke Edwardson & Aris Fioretos

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: SWEDEN

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm
Two vigorous and compelling voices from Sweden. Aris Fioretos evokes the sensual decadence of Weimar Berlin in his elegant, erotic and entertaining *The Truth About Sascha Knisch*. Åke Edwardson exposes the dark secrets of Gothenburg, with strange crimes in the well-kept city parks.

£5.00 £3.00

David Lodge

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm
One of the most eminent figures in contemporary English literature, David Lodge is as enlightening a critic as he is a novelist. *The Year of Henry James* addresses those perennial questions: where do writers get their ideas from? What happens if two or three get the same idea at the same time – and what really determines how a novel is received?

£8.00 £6.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

The Writing Business

ROMANTIC NOVELS

Peppers Theatre 6.45pm
The genre that dare not speak its name! **Eileen Ramsay**, prize-winning novelist and Hon Sec of the Romantic Novelists Association, will tender the contradiction. No one admits to reading romantic novels and yet, world wide, they sell in their millions. Is the difference between a literary novel and a romantic novel nothing more than packaging?

Sponsored by The Society of Authors and The Times Literary Supplement

£5.00 £3.00

Ali Smith

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm
This has been an annus mirabilis for the sublimely talented, Inverness-born Ali Smith: winner of the Whitbread Novel prize, shortlisted for everything in sight. Her haunting *The Accidental*, in which a strange spirit enters a fractured family home, again shows one of the most truly original literary voices in Britain.

£8.00 £6.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Sheila McLean in conversation with Joan Bakewell

EMBRYOS AND ETHICS

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm
Leading expert on medical ethics Professor Sheila McLean is well known for her broadcasting and journalism on the many moral and legal issues raised by modern medical intervention. In *Modern Dilemmas: Choosing Children* she discusses the huge advances in genetic and reproductive science and what they mean for families, in conversation with renowned broadcaster Joan Bakewell.

Supported by the ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum

£8.00 £6.00

Kader Abdolah & Yasmin Crowther

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: IRAN

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm
More fascinating new fiction, more much-needed perspectives from the Islamic east, away from shrill hysteria. Kader Abdolah writes of a deaf-mute boy, a changing Iran, exile and a son's attempt to piece his country's fate together. Yasmin Crowther's touching debut *The Saffron Kitchen* takes an Iranian mother from England back to her childhood love in the high mountain village of her youth.

£5.00 £3.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Felipe Fernández-Armesto

THE RSA LECTURES: NATIONS UNLIMITED

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm
The second of our prestigious RSA lectures, addressing issues of nationhood. Felipe Fernández-Armesto, brilliant intellectual and explorer of matters as deep as what it is to be human, now turns to the founding of modern, western America – 'discovered' by Italian, Spanish-funded adventurers, and accidentally named after Amerigo Vespucci.

£8.00 £6.00

James Meek

THE SCOTTISH PEN LECTURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm
An important and award-winning Scottish novelist and journalist, James Meek talks in this special event on *Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Ignorance: From the Gulag to Guantanamo*: the remarkable story behind the founding of Afghan PEN and the imprisonment in Guantanamo Bay of the Sudanese Al-Jazeera journalist Sami al Hajj, seized on the Afghan-Pakistan border in 2001 and still in US custody.

£8.00 £6.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Ciaran Carson & Menna Elfyn

POETRY

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm
Acclaimed poets from Northern Ireland and Wales in a feast of Celtic words. Ciaran Carson is one of the leading figures in poetry anywhere, a major figure whose language burns with vitality. Menna Elfyn is an inspirational presence in Welsh literature and language. Come and hear these powerful, lyrical voices.

£8.00 £6.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Spiegelbar

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From 9.00pm

Come and relax and listen to live music.

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Glen Duncan & Suhayl Saadi

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

Begin the week with two fascinating fictional explorations of the deep connections between Britain and the subcontinent. Glasgow Asian and writer of brilliance Suhayl Saadi pours Scottish Pakistani experience into astonishing prose. Acclaimed Glen Duncan creates an English novelist researching his family's Indian past – and finding ambiguous mysteries.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Barry Turner

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

It is fifty years since the Suez Crisis effectively ended Britain's status as a dominant imperial power – a defining moment in Middle Eastern history. Barry Turner (also well-known for his indispensable *Writer's Handbooks*) revisits this battle between Egypt and western powers, with its resonances for today.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat

11.00am – 12.30pm

Introduction to novel writing. Bestselling novelist **Rosie Thomas** talks you through some secrets and tips of the trade to get you started. (Maximum 20 places).

Sponsored by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society

£10.00 £8.00

Joan Bakewell

BSL

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

An audience with Joan Bakewell is always filled with perception, delight and feisty wisdom. Having brought us her revelatory memoirs, this broadcasting pioneer now looks back at the changes in British society and her own life from the perspective of her seventy-plus energetic and remarkable years.

£7.00 £5.00

A L Kennedy

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

One of the most breathtakingly gifted writers of her generation, A L Kennedy has produced emotionally and linguistically compelling novel after novel. Breaking into new territory, she now enters the minds and hearts of bomber servicemen during the Second World War, in a tour de force to be published next year. Hear it now at the Book Festival.

£7.00 £5.00

A BOOKCASE EVENT

Douglas Kennedy & Marti Leimbach

AUTISM UNVEILED

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

Continuing our focus on autism, two novelists with direct experience. Douglas Kennedy, father of an autistic child, writes popular yet serious fiction which propels him up the bestseller charts. Marti Leimbach's *Daniel Isn't Talking* is a moving, engaging novel of a marriage in crisis and a mother's determination to help her autistic son.

Supported by Autism Initiatives UK and The Scottish Society for Autism

£7.00 £5.00

Kate Mosse & Rosie Thomas

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

A total treat: two of the most intelligently and energetically committed women to grace the bestseller charts. Kate Mosse is a founder of the Orange Prize, European Woman of Achievement and number one bestseller with *Labyrinth*. Rosie Thomas in *Iris & Ruby* conjures up Cairo of the past, a lost love, and three generations of strong women.

£7.00 £5.00

Robert Lacey

HISTORY

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

One of the most engaging and accessible of popular historians, Robert Lacey effortlessly brings our island's past to life. With unerringly accurate research but punchy re-telling, he finds the gripping stories behind the dates and reigning monarchs, and uncovers what has made us who we are as a people. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

James Barr & Robert Irwin

EAST AND WEST

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

A great champion of and expert on the Islamic world, Robert Irwin passionately defends the 'orientalists' – those who study the Middle East, its language and cultures – against charges of misguided imperialism. James Barr tells the far-reaching story of the British-backed Arab revolt of 1916, led by that great orientalist, Lawrence of Arabia.

£7.00 £5.00

Stephen Games

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

Our second tribute to John Betjeman, eccentric Englishman, campaigner for architecture, loved Poet Laureate. Stephen Games has edited *Trains and Buttered Toast*, a selection of radio talks which show the full range of enthusiasms of this seminal figure.

£7.00 £5.00

Roger Penrose

POPULAR SCIENCE

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

The Road To Reality: A Complete Guide To The Laws Of The Universe is exactly that: the most ambitious work for a generation, explaining everything we currently understand about our universe, its beauty, and its philosophical implications. An astonishing, invigorating tour de force by one of our greatest scientists, a peer and colleague of Stephen Hawking.

£7.00 £5.00

Tips On Getting Your Book Published

THE SCOTTISH PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

Leading Scottish publishers from the Scottish Publishers Association give top tips on how to get into print, with a specific focus on contracts and copyright law with **Simon Brown**, one of Scotland's expert intellectual property lawyers and Partner of Anderson Strathern. Hosted by **Jenny Brown**, literary agent. Featuring **Gillian Mackay**, Black and White Publishing, **Fiona Brownlee**, Mainstream Publishing, and **Janis Adams**, National Galleries of Scotland.

£7.00 £5.00

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Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

LATIN AMERICA

Peppers Theatre 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: focus on writers from Cuba, Colombia and Guatemala. Among those appearing: **Alanna Knight** and **Victoria Glendinning**.

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Bruce Durie & William Sutton

LIVED LIVES

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm

Old and new Scottish crime writers conjoin in a rich evening of suspense. Bruce Durie has lovingly revisited Dick Donovan, a Victorian Glasgow detective who was a precursor of Sherlock Holmes. William Sutton is one of the newest writers on the block, setting a mystery in bygone London in *The Worms of Euston Square*.

£5.00 £3.00

Hunter Davies

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm

There are few more prolific biographers and chroniclers of popular culture than Hunter Davies. From the definitive, worldwide bestselling book on The Beatles to signing up as ghostwriter for young footballer Wayne Rooney, there seems no subject he cannot tackle. But what of his own life? Come and hear a different sort of literary memoir. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£8.00 £6.00

The Writing Business

IS THERE A BOOK IN YOU?

Peppers Theatre 6.45pm

Writing a book is a very common ambition but do you have the mental toughness, support mechanisms and sheer talent to see it through? Author and publisher **Alison Baverstock** advises.

Sponsored by The Society of Authors and The Times Literary Supplement

£5.00 £3.00

David Wishart

SOCIETY AND DRINK

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm

Whisky, Scotland's water of life itself, is analysed, classified, explained and above all enjoyed by Dr David Wishart in a comprehensive survey of the complex glories of single malt. Why do whiskies taste so different? How to describe them? Where are the distilleries and why are they there? All this and more in a fascinating talk for novice and connoisseur alike.

£8.00 £6.00

Michael Blastland & Kamran Nazeer

AUTISM UNVEILED

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm

A major evening discussion in our series seeking to understand more about autism and its effects. Broadcaster Michael Blastland is author and father of *Joe: The Only Boy In The World*. Kamran Nazeer's *Send In The Idiots* describes his own extraordinary path from autistic child at special school to policy maker in Whitehall – but what became of his friends? Supported by Autism Initiatives UK and The Scottish Society for Autism

£8.00 £6.00

Robert Douglas & Thomas Healy

LIVED LIVES

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm

Hard Glasgow upbringings unite these two men. Thomas Healy, erstwhile award-winning Scottish novelist, fought battles with drink and himself: *I Have Heard You Calling In The Night* is his immensely touching tale of how friendship with a dog led him to some sort of salvation. Robert Douglas's hugely popular memoirs of his childhood continue in *Somewhere To Lay My Head*.

£5.00 £3.00

Lewis Wolpert

MATTERS OF THE MIND

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm

Why do people believe in angels, aliens, gods or God? Why do children have different beliefs from adults – and do animals believe? One of our most acclaimed evolutionary scientists and speakers examines why human society seems to need belief to function, and whether it is psychological or biological in origin.

£8.00 £6.00

Whisky Tasting

Party Pavilion 8.00pm

A tutored tasting with Highland Park taking you through the different characters of their fine whiskies from the Orkney Islands. In the world of single malts, there are few other brands so consistently lauded – a unique tasting experience.

Sponsored by Highland Park

£8.00 £6.00

Lin Anderson, Alex Gray & Alanna Knight

CRIME

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm

The fabulous Femmes Fatales come to the festival. Three bestselling female Scottish crime writers congregate to chill your blood with stories of murder. Chaired by **Kate Mosse**.

£8.00 £6.00

Tom Fort & Gavin Pretor-Pinney

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm

Weather: the favourite British obsession. Has it made us what we are today? Tom Fort makes a humorous journey seeking out stories of the eccentrics and visionaries who in the past tried to measure and predict our fickle climate. Gavin Pretor-Pinney sings the praises of clouds: their poetry, beauty, dampness, names and how to spot and appreciate them.

£8.00 £6.00

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Ron Butlin, Jenni Daiches & Andrew Drummond

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

A magnificent hour of Scottish writing to pep up the day. Ron Butlin has received great acclaim for his recent fiction, as well as his poetry. We are delighted to launch his brand-new novel, *Belonging*. Jenni Daiches embarks on her debut novel, about letters to and from China. They are joined by Andrew Drummond, whose second novel *Volapuk* is a witty tour de force on an invented language and nineteenth century Edinburgh.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Roger Osborne

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

A magisterial, thought-provoking, vast new history of the western world entitled *Civilisation* – Roger Osborne rightly asks what we mean by that word, liberally used by George W Bush and others. This essential new book looks at the challenges of western civilisation, its sometimes brutal roots and actions, and how it will renew itself for the future.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat

11.00am – 12.30pm

How to get yourself noticed as a writer. Former publisher and author **Alison Baverstock** is a superb and highly experienced tutor and here runs a practical session on how to promote yourself as a writer. Gain confidence as you work through exercises that enable you to put her ideas into practice! (Maximum 20 places).

Sponsored by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society

£10.00 £8.00

William McIlvanney

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

A major literary event, another Book Festival exclusive. One of the most seminal, respected and popular figures of contemporary Scottish fiction, who paved the way for an entire new generation of writers unafraid of their own Glasgow voice and identity, today launches his first novel for a decade. An essential occasion. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Steven Poole

SOCIETY AND LANGUAGE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

Unspeak, a fine post-Orwellian concept, is alive and well – euphemisms which hide the unspeakable (eg 'extraordinary rendition'). This is a timely and much-needed reminder of the way language is manipulated to conceal unpalatable truths, by politicians, the media, and unless we are vigilant, an easily swayed public.

£7.00 £5.00

Daniel Tammet

AUTISM UNVEILED

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

An autistic savant, Daniel Tammet has apparently miraculous gifts – performing prodigious mathematical feats faster than a calculator, speaking seven languages and devising his own. Yet everyday acts are far more difficult. His uniqueness extends to being able to describe and discuss his extraordinary abilities – an important key to understanding. Chaired by **Joan Bakewell**.

Supported by Autism Initiatives UK and The Scottish Society for Autism

£7.00 £5.00

Ian Wilmut with Roger Highfield

EMBRYOS AND ETHICS

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm

The leader of the team which created the world's first ever cloned animal, Dolly the sheep, Ian Wilmut continues to be at the forefront of advances in genetic science, including the use of embryonic cells, with deep ethical implications for us all. *After Dolly: The Uses and Misuses of Human Cloning*, written with Roger Highfield, explores this contentious, fast-changing territory.

£7.00 £5.00

Jill Dawson & Louise Doughty

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

A wonderful, involving hour of fiction from two captivating novelists and superb speakers and communicators.

Jill Dawson's heartbreaking *Watch Me Disappear*, unfurls the heavy, lasting summer mystery of a dead girl.

Louise Doughty's *Stone Cradle* builds on her previous novels exploring her own family's Romany heritage.

Chaired by **Kate Mosse**.

£7.00 £5.00

John Sutherland

SOCIETY AND LITERATURE

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

The distinguished, prolific and engaging John Sutherland pours out columns and books on every aspect of literature; he also chaired last year's Man Booker judging panel. Now, in the perfect Book Festival event he discusses *How To Read A Novel* and how to share your questions and thoughts with others – a guide to reading well.

£7.00 £5.00

Victoria Glendinning

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

One of the most engaging and brilliant biographers of our times (as well as novelist), Victoria Glendinning brings new light and life to all her subjects. The latest is Leonard Woolf, husband of the more famous Virginia. He was not only her support through illness, he also published T S Eliot, E M Forster and Robert Graves. Hear about meetings with a remarkable man.

£7.00 £5.00

Alison Weir

HISTORY AND FICTION

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

One of the most successful popular historians, the much-loved Alison Weir has written ground-breaking work on Mary Queen of Scots and many others. Now, for the first time she turns to fiction, mixing creative imagination with historical accuracy in her depiction of Lady Jane Grey – a heady mix.

£7.00 £5.00

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Language Quiz

THE CHAMBERS EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 5.00pm

Come and pit your wits against our expert and entertaining panel of **Muriel Gray, Christopher Brookmyre** and **Kate Mosse** in Defining Moments: a quiz about language to celebrate the new edition of The Chambers Dictionary. Call their bluff! Literary and lexical fun.

£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

ENDURANCE AND DEFIANCE

Peppers Theatre 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: what makes authors defy the authorities? Among those appearing: **Isla Dewar** and **Andrew Motion**.

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Karen Duve & Jan Costin Wagner

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: GERMANY

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm

Our passion for bringing European fiction which might not otherwise be heard in Scotland continues with these two major German novelists. Karen Duve creates an 'anti-chick-lit' novel with her dark yet funny portrayal of an overweight heroine in pursuit of unrequited love. Jan Costin Wagner's intelligent, thoughtful 'crime' novel, *Ice Moon*, looks into the heart of dying.

In association with the Goethe Institut

£5.00 £3.00

Charles Handy

THE EDINBURGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm

An exceptional chance to meet one of the world's most successful business gurus. Charles Handy is an intriguing conundrum: former Shell executive, founder of the London Business School and also a favourite on *Thought For The Day*. As reflective as he is respected, come and hear an outstanding motivator speak of his own life and goals.

£8.00 £6.00

The Writing Business

RESEARCHING NON-FICTION

Peppers Theatre 6.45pm

Expert biographer and author of non-fiction **Brian Osborne** explains how and where to do research – from archives to the internet.

Sponsored by The Society of Authors and The Times Literary Supplement

£5.00 £3.00

Manda Scott

MEET THE AUTHOR

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm

Some of the very best Book Festival sessions are in the company of Manda Scott and her far-ranging intelligence: vet, columnist, crime writer, feminist, chronicler of Boudicca – the conversation has many directions, all fascinating. Come and join her.

£8.00 £6.00

Ian Wilmut with Richard Holloway

EMBRYOS AND ETHICS

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm

An evening discussion which goes to the heart of some of the trickiest ethical challenges of our day. Ian Wilmut was responsible for the team which created the first cloned animal and now pioneers reproductive science. Join him and philosopher and former bishop Richard Holloway and journey to the heart of the questions posed by scientific advances.

Supported by the ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum

£8.00 £6.00

Peter Pagnamenta & Momoko Williams

EAST AND WEST

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm

Our evening series of international and new work takes a little journey into a true life Madame Butterfly story. In *Falling Blossom*, the historical tale of a British officer's enduring love for a Japanese woman, against all prevailing cultural norms, is thrillingly retold.

£5.00 £3.00

Hugh Johnson

THE HIGHLAND PARK EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm

World renowned wine expert Hugh Johnson comes to the festival, bringing all his vast knowledge of the unique pleasures of wine. Telling of his own lifelong passion, he educates and entertains with the culture, history, variety and sheer enjoyment of wine.

£8.00 £6.00

Mark Billingham, John Harvey & Declan Hughes

CRIME

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm

A stunning line-up of superb crime authors. Mark Billingham, former stand-up comedian, is storming the bestseller charts with his thrillers; John Harvey plumbs dark psychological depths with his latest *Darkness and Light*; Declan Hughes is a major new Irish talent, a playwright and critic now turning to crime with *The Wrong Kind Of Blood*.

£8.00 £6.00

David Sedaris

COMEDY

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm

Blissful humour from the quirkily, immaculately observant American comic writer and number one New York Times bestseller. His literate, achingly funny stories and essays in *Barrel Fever* touch on modern life in all its foibles, unexpected strangeness and touching ridiculousness.

£8.00 £6.00

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John Fowler

SCOTTISH HISTORY

RBS Main Theatre 10.00am

The story of the day that changed Scotland forever is thrillingly recreated in *Mr Hill's Big Picture*, capturing a seminal moment in religion, society, art and photography. Former arts editor of The Herald and well-known Scottish writer John Fowler uncovers the fascinating tales behind the famous 1843 picture, made using brand new photographic techniques, of over 450 of the most important people in nineteenth century Scotland.

£7.00 £5.00

Alan Bissett, Nick Brooks & Michael Cannon

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent 10.15am

An invigoratingly varied hour of new Scottish fiction to start the day, ranging from the super-energetic to the subtle and measured. Michael Cannon's debut *Lachlan's War* is an involving story of a wartime doctor in a remote village. Nick Brooks follows his own lauded debut with a darkly witty and sinister tale of a mortician, *The Good Death*; while Alan Bissett's linguistic spark flares off the page.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Brian Kennaway & Ian S Wood

NATIONS UNLIMITED

Peppers Theatre 11.00am

Different concepts of nationhood and identity have dominated the history of Northern Ireland. Here are two important insights. In *Crimes of Loyalty*, Ian S Wood analyses the role and impact of the Ulster Defence Association. Brian Kennaway looks at how the Orange Order has moved far from the peaceful promotion of Protestantism.

£7.00 £5.00

Andrew Motion

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 11.30am

The Poet Laureate, who is also an outstanding novelist and biographer, now turns to memoir. In an exclusive Book Festival preview, he reads from and talks about his forthcoming childhood autobiography, *In The Blood*, a beautiful evocation of family bonds and life in post-war England. Unique insight into one of our most distinguished literary figures.

Supported by the Hawthornden Literary Institute

£7.00 £5.00

Lesley Chamberlain & Stefan Collini

MATTERS OF THE MIND

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 12 noon

How do different nations react to their intellectuals? In Lenin's Russia, they were shipped off into exile; in Britain we arguably just ignore them. Lesley Chamberlain's enthralling *The Philosophy Steamer* tells of the 'dangerous' thinkers thrown out of the new Soviet state. Stefan Collini studies the curious and neglected phenomenon of the British intellectual.

£7.00 £5.00

Sandra Hempel

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre 12.30pm

A seminal historical figure evoked with great empathy and insight. Sandra Hempel resurrects the doctor who discovered the cause of cholera, which ravaged the world in the nineteenth century, and who laid the basis of modern investigations of fatal plagues.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Performance poetry with **Anita Govan**. This practical, fun and dynamic workshop will demonstrate how to write and conceptualise a performance poem, taking it off the page and into performance. Be prepared to let go all you know, and bring examples of your own work. (Maximum 20 places).

Sponsored by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society

£10.00 £8.00

Ruth McKernan

MATTERS OF THE MIND

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

A moving, personal yet scientifically illuminating journey into a mind. In the remarkable *Billy's Halo*, leading neuroscientist Ruth McKernan charts her own father's final illness, with love, grief and an inspired application of her advanced knowledge of consciousness. A compelling tug of love between analysis and emotion, and a daughter's tribute.

£7.00 £5.00

Frederick Taylor

HISTORY

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

The creation and later collapse of the Berlin Wall encapsulates the insanity of the Cold War – a city chopped in two, people a few streets away from each other divided by ideologies. Frederick Taylor, whose magisterial book on the bombing of Dresden catapulted him to the first rank of historians, looks at the human and historical cost and implications of the Wall.

£7.00 £5.00

Graham Dunstan Martin & Stuart Sim

MATTERS OF THE MIND

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

Scepticism or spirituality? Is belief potentially pernicious or is there an element of 'intelligent design' which has brought us into being? Graham Dunstan Martin argues that materialism cannot explain everything. Stuart Sim robustly argues the case for a greater rationality and doubt to combat fundamentalist dogmatism.

£7.00 £5.00

Charles McKean

SCOTTISH HISTORY

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

One of the most respected architectural writers in Scotland, Charles McKean here tells the human and extraordinary tale of the relentless Victorian pursuit of advancement, railway expansion and the biggest railway bridges in the world – the 'railway wars' which created the Forth and Tay bridges, opening up the north to the march of progress.

£7.00 £5.00

Mark Haddon

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

One of the most eagerly anticipated literary events of recent years and a Book Festival exclusive – the launch of the brand new novel from the author of *The Curious Incident of The Dog In The Night Time*, a world bestseller which won seventeen literary awards. *A Spot of Bother*, his new adult work about a father going quietly insane, will confirm his reputation as one of the most singular literary talents at work today.

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Geoff Mulgan

NATIONS UNLIMITED

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

A vital discussion on power and governments: how to find the balance between power which is too strong and oppressive and that which is too weak and unstable? How do we, the people, make our government our servant rather than our master? Hugely timely questions on democracy from one of the country's leading commentators, founder of the think-tank Demos. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

REPORTING COLOMBIA

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: Colombian journalists and writers are among the most persecuted in the world. Among those appearing: **Julian Baggini** and **Pauline McLynn**.

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Frederic Lindsay, Stuart MacBride & Ken McClure

CRIME

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

Watch your back: a formidable trio of Scottish crime writers foregather. Frederic Lindsay is a renowned and successful screenwriter as well as prolific crime novelist. Stuart MacBride is doing for Aberdeen what Ian Rankin has done for Edinburgh; while Ken McClure uses his medical research background to investigate a brain-altering chemical.

£5.00 £3.00

Brian Taylor

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

DONALD DEWAR LECTURE

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

For the fifth anniversary of our important annual lecture, we are delighted to present Brian Taylor, the Political Editor of BBC Scotland, renowned for his wit and intelligence. Brian is a veteran of the political scene and knew Donald Dewar extremely well. Here, he looks at Scottish powerplay. Who has the clout: Holyrood, Westminster, Brussels? Who's really in charge in 'the best small country in the world'? Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£8.00 £6.00

The Writing Business

WRITING FOR THE TEN PLUS AGE RANGE

Peppers Theatre

6.45pm

With publishers especially keen for quality stories for children who are not yet teenagers, there's never been a better time to write for this age range. But the teen market is crucial too. **Nicola Morgan**, award-winning and bestselling author, will help you write for either or both of them.

Sponsored by The Society of Authors and The Times Literary Supplement

£5.00 £3.00

Simon Armitage

POETRY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

One of the nation's most popular poets and a prodigious novelist – as well as librettist for the Edinburgh International Festival opera *The Assassin Tree* – Simon Armitage is hugely talented. He has created a stunning verse version of Homer's *Odyssey*, one of the most powerful ancient tales made new and fresh; and today reads from brand new poetry too.

£8.00 £6.00

Place and Meaning

NATIONS UNLIMITED

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm – 8.45pm

What do we really value about the places we live in? Is 'heritage' about the right type of streetlamps, or a more emotional, personal engagement with our cityscapes? Edinburgh is a unique UNESCO World Heritage site. Come and discuss with our special guests, including eminent architecture expert **Charles McKean**, how we care for what really matters about such precious places. Chaired by **Magnus Linklater**.

In association with Edinburgh World Heritage

£8.00 £6.00

Alexandra Berková & Magdaléna Platzová

INTERNATIONAL FICTION:

CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA

Writers' Retreat

7.30pm

A rare and welcome chance to hear the literary voices of Eastern Europe. Two prominent women writers make a special visit to the Book Festival, bringing resonant prose, stories and a much-needed perspective on nations which have undergone turbulent change.

In association with Literature Across Frontiers

£5.00 £3.00

Charley Boorman

TRAVEL

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

He rode round the world with Ewan McGregor, is the son of seminal film director John Boorman and is a fine actor in his own right. In the brand new *Race To Dakar*, Charley Boorman relives his experiences in one of the great motorbike races of the world – thrills for the audience too!

£8.00 £6.00

Jenny Colgan & Pauline McLynn

COMIC FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

A blissful hour of acute observation, excellent writing and no little wit. Pauline McLynn (also known as Mrs Doyle from TV's *Father Ted*) gathers eccentric characters around the newly homeless heroine in *Summer In The City*; while Jenny Colgan, columnist and very funny writer, excels once more in *West End Girls*.

£8.00 £6.00

Valerie Gillies, Jim Reid & James Robertson

POETRY AND MUSIC

Peppers Theatre

8.30pm

Two of Scotland's finest women poets were Violet Jacob and Marion Angus, both born in the mid nineteenth century and writing lyrical, powerful, human verse until their deaths sixty years ago. Contemporary poets and authors Valerie Gillies and James Robertson pay tribute; renowned traditional singer Jim Reid sings settings of their work.

In association with the Scottish Poetry Library and the Association for Scottish Literary Studies

£8.00 £6.00

Spiegelbar

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Anne Haverty & Claire Kilroy

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent 10.15am

A scintillating line-up of Irish fiction: Anne Haverty's *The Free and Easy* is a stylishly satirical look at the new Ireland; and Claire Kilroy is a mesmerising younger talent.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Peter Gill & Jacky Law

SOCIETY AND MEDICINE

Peppers Theatre 11.00am

Global pandemics, a global pharmaceutical industry. Peter Gill shockingly exposes the spread of AIDS and the political failure to stem its ravages. Jacky Law analyses the big pharmaceutical companies and their imperative to place profit before properly priced well-being. A revelatory event for those who take pills and for those who need them.

£7.00 £5.00

Simon Schama

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 11.30am

A Book Festival exclusive: one of the most important, popular and respected living historians, previews his groundbreaking new book and BBC series on the power of art. See history through astonishing masterpieces of visual art, from Caravaggio to Picasso, which reveal their epoch through creativity and genius. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

Supported by the Hawthornden Literary Institute

£7.00 £5.00

Julian Baggini & Nicholas Fearn

THE HUMANIST EVENT

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 12 noon

A fabulous and accessible hour of philosophy. Julian Baggini has become one of the Book Festival's favourite visitors: in *The Pig That Wants To Be Eaten* he sets up vivid and engaging thought experiments for everyone. Nicholas Fearn casts a sharp eye over the great philosophical questions and new answers.

£7.00 £5.00

Chris Anderson

SOCIETY AND BUSINESS

Peppers Theatre 12.30pm

Continuing our series with major business thinkers, Chris Anderson, influential editor of *Wired* magazine, introduces the groundbreaking concept of *The Long Tail*. In the digital age consumers can choose from an almost infinite range of items. Selling less of more is the future, signalling a deep shift in economics and the power of the individual.

£7.00 £5.00

Paul Rusesabagina

FOCUS ON AFRICA

RBS Main Theatre 1.30pm

An essential event. The film *Hotel Rwanda* told the remarkable story of the hotel manager who single-handedly saved the lives of thousands of people during the genocide. Paul Rusesabagina is that manager. A deep insight about when hatred breaks loose and the reactions and responsibilities of ordinary people caught up in extraordinary events.

£7.00 £5.00

James Robertson

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 2.00pm

The status of Scottish national treasure should soon be conferred on James Robertson: outstanding, Saltire-winning novelist, revealing hidden aspects of our history, activist for the Scots language, publisher for children and of poetry. His new novel, *The Testament of Gideon Mack* is a major literary event. Come and meet a multi-talented writer.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat 2.00pm – 3.30pm

You are a writer! Build the self-confidence to move forward with your writing, whatever stage you are at. This gentle, effective workshop is taught by author and experienced tutor, **Patricia Cleghorn**. Find out how to build the self-belief and determination you need to succeed! (Maximum 20 places).

Sponsored by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society

£10.00 £8.00

Philip Ball & Alice Hogge

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre 2.30pm

Two fascinating insights into the sixteenth century. Award-winning writer Philip Ball unearths the complex, legendary life of Paracelsus, alchemist, army surgeon, sceptic yet apparently possessed of magic, on the cusp of the modern age. Alice Hogge's *God's Secret Agents* also examines religion, rationalism – and the hatching of the Gunpowder Plot.

£7.00 £5.00

Martin Rowson

POLITICS AND SATIRE

RBS Main Theatre 3.00pm

One of the most sharp-penned of political cartoonists, Martin Rowson gleefully exposes the vanities and idiocies of our rulers in visual form, in Britain's leading newspapers. His first novel *Snatches* roars through history with similar vigour and humour, hilariously illuminating some of the worst excesses of human decisions through the ages.

£7.00 £5.00

Anthony Kenny

MATTERS OF THE MIND

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 3.30pm

Continuing our philosophical Thursday, we are delighted to welcome one of our most distinguished thinkers. Sir Anthony Kenny is himself one of the most influential philosophers writing today, and in his magnificent new *The Rise of Modern Philosophy* he lays bare the ideas which have shaped our world.

£7.00 £5.00

Rose Prince & Paul Waddington

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT SERIES

Peppers Theatre 4.00pm

Better food and a better way of life are within reach: these writers show we do not need to be slaves of the supermarkets. Paul Waddington describes how even a window box or inner city backyard can give fresh, sustainable produce; while Rose Prince shows how we can change our attitude to ensure delicious food and better health.

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WOMEN'S VOICES II

Peppers Theatre 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: another look at the distinctive contribution of women authors. Among those appearing: **Alice Hogge** and **Martin Rowson**.

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Patricia Duncker & Kate Pullinger

FINE FICTION

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm

A gorgeous hour of the very best fiction. Patricia Duncker is never less than captivating, and her new novel *Miss Webster and Cherif* beautifully explores confluences of east and west as an English spinster becomes entangled with a young Moroccan. Canadian Kate Pullinger's *A Little Stranger* movingly evokes what happens when an apparently happy young mother walks out one day.

£5.00 £3.00

James Naughtie

THE ANDERSON STRATHERN EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm

One of the nation's most admired broadcasters, and author of two important books about Tony Blair, looks at the Prime Minister and politics in the last phase of his premiership. What will his legacy be, how will history see him, how has politics changed in his era? An opportunity to hear unrivalled insights about the characters who have shaped our age.

£8.00 £6.00

The Writing Business

BEYOND THE PRINTED PAGE

Peppers Theatre 6.45pm

Come and gain some insight and tips from expert **Mark Grindle** on writing for the screen in all its forms, including TV, film and gaming.

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Andrew McEwen & Sun Shuyun

FOCUS ON CHINA

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm

The Long March, the legendary trek which founded modern China, saw Mao and his followers walk over 10,000 miles of hardship and death before launching the revolution. But what really happened and why? Two writers, one western, one Chinese, have talked to survivors and uncovered the full depth of the suffering and subsequent spin.

£8.00 £6.00

Graham Harvey in conversation with Joanna Blythman

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT SERIES

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm

Why does our culture attach so little importance to food production and its effects on our well-being? Leading environmental author Graham Harvey shows how industrial farming techniques not only destroy land but nutrition too. Come and discuss the way forward. Chaired by award-winning food writer Joanna Blythman.

£8.00 £6.00

James Robertson & Helena Nelson

THE POETRY PAMPHLET EVENT

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm

Want your poems published? And what about your short stories? Independent pamphlet presses may represent one method of tackling the crisis in publishing – but are they really the answer? Two Scottish pamphlet publishers, award-winning novelist James Robertson (Kettillonia) and Helena Nelson (HappenStance) talk about their solution to the problem, and the problem with their solution.

£5.00 £3.00

Seamus Heaney

THE RBS EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm

We are overjoyed to welcome the great Nobel Prize-winning poet, one of the most distinguished and important writers alive today, back to the Book Festival. In this special talk, entitled *Brede and Braird*, he explores some Scottish connections, reflects on language and its furtherings, and reads some poems.

£8.00 £6.00

Philip Marsden & Nick Middleton

TRAVEL

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm

Exploits in extreme conditions have made Nick Middleton a favourite television figure: his writing and storytelling are superb too, as he here relates his remarkable journeys along the Silk Road. Philip Marsden creates an unforgettable portrait of the harsh beauty and power of the ancient cultures and landscapes of Ethiopia, which first captured his heart two decades ago and changed his life forever.

£8.00 £6.00

Guy Browning

COMEDY

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm

Some of the wisest advice in life, and the most hilarious, is contained in Guy Browning's columns in the Guardian, dealing with those everyday challenges – wisdom distilled in books such as *Never Hit a Jellyfish with a Spade*. An hour of blissfully acute observation and delighted, recognising laughter.

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Tom Fleming

LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE

RBS Main Theatre 10.00am
A great actor reads a great work. W M Lorimer's translation of the New Testament into Scots was a major cultural undertaking. Now, in a magnificent new development, it has been recorded in its entirety by Tom Fleming, one of Scotland's most distinguished elder statesmen of stage and broadcasting. He reads the resonant text and discusses it with journalist **Ron Ferguson**.

In association with the Lorimer Trust

£7.00 £5.00

Francis King & Christopher Hope

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent 10.15am
Immaculately accomplished, deeply felt and well-crafted fiction to end the week. Francis King is one of Britain's quietly superb and sustained literary voices, with dozens of excellent novels under his belt and worldwide recognition as President of PEN. He is joined by Booker-shortlisted Christopher Hope, with a major brand new novel on his native South Africa.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Bettany Hughes & Vanessa Collingridge

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre 11.00am
Remarkable accounts of two of the most powerful women in history and mythology from two charismatic and adventurous young historians and broadcasters. Bettany Hughes gives a vivid and eye-opening account of Helen of Troy; Vanessa Collingridge brings Boudicca back to energetic life.

£7.00 £5.00

Seamus Heaney

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 11.30am
A second chance to meet one of the greatest writers of our times – the incomparable Nobel Prize-winning Irish poet. His major new volume of poetry *District and Circle* has entranced word lovers this year. Simply to listen to him read is a blissful experience. Book quickly.

Supported by the Hawthornden Literary Institute

£7.00 £5.00

Scilla Elworthy & Gabrielle Rifkind

SOCIETY AND TERRORISM

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 12 noon
Continuing our investigation into terrorism – the scourge and subject of our times. How to break the post 9/11 vicious circle of vengeance, provoking further revenge, as political imperatives, hatred and violence feed off each other? Come and discuss some potential ways out of the impasse, with two leading commentators.

£7.00 £5.00

Saul David

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre 12.30pm
One of the most charismatic and talented of historians at work today, Saul David here tells the riveting story of the colossal expansion of the British Empire during Queen Victoria's reign. The world was dominated by British expansionism, men on the ground fighting wars and carving out new territory, citing power and civilisation as their goals.

£7.00 £5.00

Jeremy Isaacs

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 1.30pm
From his boyhood in Glasgow to the heights of the British cultural and media establishment, Sir Jeremy Isaacs has risen to outstanding prominence – the inspirational first chief of Channel 4, director of the Royal Opera House and more. *Look Me In The Eye* tells of a fearless life at the forefront of cultural change. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Angela Lambert & Martin Pollack

HISTORY: FOCUS ON GERMANY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 2.00pm
Two remarkable perspectives on lives profoundly shaped by the Nazis. Angela Lambert uncovers the enigma of Hitler's lifelong lover, Eva Braun, while Martin Pollack stares into his own family's past to learn about his father, a Nazi and officer in the SS – a difficult but revelatory personal and historical journey.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat 2.00pm – 3.30pm
Inspire yourself! Don't wait for inspiration to strike! Learn how to tap into your inspiration for your writing, your creativity and your vision for yourself as a writer. Guided Practical Meditations form the basis of this workshop with renowned teacher and author **Patricia Cleghorn**. (Maximum 20 places).

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£10.00 £8.00

Lucy Moore & Ruth Scurr

HISTORY: FOCUS ON FRANCE

Peppers Theatre 2.30pm
The French Revolution never loses its fascination and these two leading historical writers bring a fresh eye to that time of ferment. Ruth Scurr's *Fatal Purity* is a revealing study of Robespierre; while Lucy Moore's *Liberty* looks at six different women, from leading intellectuals to activists of the street, and their desire to forge a better future.

£7.00 £5.00

Claudia Roden

THE GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEE ROASTERS EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 3.00pm
Stories, memories and whole societies unfold as the incomparable Claudia Roden reveals culinary traditions. The renowned food writer does far more than introduce us to new and exotic dishes. *Arabesque* provides potent insight into the cuisine but also the history and daily lives of Turkey, Morocco and the Lebanon.

£7.00 £5.00

Isla Dewar & Laura Marney

SCOTTISH FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 3.30pm
Complete enjoyment as the bestselling Isla Dewar reads from her brand new *The Consequences of Marriage*. She is joined by Laura Marney, whose wonderfully funny and upbeat novels have quickly made her a star: *Only Strange People Go To Church* is a hilarious tale of the preparations for a community show – and for romance.

£7.00 £5.00

Max Arthur

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre 4.00pm
The moving, revealing words of ordinary people are expertly collected and shaped by Max Arthur in his hugely popular *Forgotten Voices* series. Following on from his magnificent testimonies from wartime, he now turns to the Edwardians and that time of hopeful progress from 1900–1910, before war changed everything.

£7.00 £5.00

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Harold Pinter

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 4.30pm
One of the most important events of the summer: the great Nobel Prize-winning playwright and poet in an exclusive Book Festival interview. The Nobel Prize for Literature has crowned a unique, immensely influential career for Pinter, whose passion for words and politics are undimmed. An unmissable encounter.

£7.00 £5.00

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The Neil Gunn Event

SCOTTISH LITERATURE

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm
A distinguished, award-winning and widely travelled film director and writer looks at the achievements of a great twentieth century Scottish novelist. **Murray Grigor** reflects on Neil Gunn's international reputation in discussion with **Dairmid Gunn**, nephew of the author.

£5.00 £3.00

Richard Holmes

HISTORY

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm
The great military historian, creator of seminal TV series *Battlefields* now comes right up to date in *Dusty Warriors: Modern Soldiers At War*. With conditions and attitudes very different from the past, what is it like to be a young recruit in the dangerous and unpopular war in Iraq? Why do these soldiers do it? Vivid, intimate and revealing.

£8.00 £6.00

The Writing Business

GOING FULL TIME

Peppers Theatre 6.45pm
Thinking about giving up the day job and becoming a full-time writer? Join writers **Colette Bryce**, **Linda Cracknell**, **Chris Dolan** and **Debbie Taylor** in this engrossing session as they discuss the challenges and rewards of going full-time and the support that's available.

In association with Literaturetraining

Sponsored by The Society of Authors and The Times Literary Supplement

£5.00 £3.00

Maggie O'Farrell

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm
A new novel from bestselling, critically acclaimed Maggie O'Farrell is a matter for rejoicing. We are delighted to be launching the latest, *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox*, a haunting drama about a forgotten woman, set between 1930s Edinburgh and colonial India.

£8.00 £6.00

Ken MacLeod & Charles Stross

SCIENCE AND FICTION

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm
How and why do novelists use science in their fiction? Is fiction a way of helping the public understand some of the concepts and advances in the ever-changing scientific field? Join two leading science fiction writers of enormously inventive narratives to discuss this fascinating coming together of two different worlds. *Supported by the ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum*

£8.00 £6.00

Simon Biggam, Doug Johnstone & Stephen Thompson

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm
Continuing our evening series of new writers, three talented Scots come together. Simon Biggam creates a chilling portrait of a sociopathic peeping tom; Stephen Thompson wittily explores the world of the would-be playwright; while Doug Johnstone's *Tombstoning* evokes growing up in small-town Scotland and mysterious deaths from the Arbroath cliffs.

£5.00 £3.00

Ian Rankin in conversation with Raj Persaud

THE WRITERS' & ARTISTS' YEARBOOK EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm
A Book Festival special not to be missed. Our most popular crime writer, creator of dark plots and the troubled Inspector Rebus, questioned by the renowned and brilliant Dr Raj Persaud, one of the leading psychiatrists of his time. What will this 'in the psychiatrist's chair' session reveal?

£8.00 £6.00

Jasper Fforde

COMIC FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm
The prodigiously popular, hugely inventive and hilarious Jasper Fforde returns – last year's Book Festival appearance was filled with linguistic and narrative fun, and gales of laughter. Continuing his series of nursery crimes being investigated by Inspector Jack Spratt (and sidekick Mary Mary), he now brings us *The Fourth Bear*.

£8.00 £6.00

Angus Farquhar

SOCIETY AND THEATRE

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm
One of Scotland's most brilliantly inventive theatrical talents, Angus Farquhar has created extraordinary art projects in Highland glens and gorges. His most recent, *Storr*, involved taking the audience up the spectacular Trotternish Ridge in Skye: work designed to open up the experience of nature while respecting and cherishing the environment.

£8.00 £6.00

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Liz Lochhead

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

The best possible treat to start the weekend: national treasure and tonic for the spirit Liz Lochhead. As poet and dramatist she is one of the defining figures of modern Scottish literature: raucous plays, poignant poems, sassy language, a voice filled with vigour and confidence. Purest enjoyment.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Giles Tremlett

TRAVEL AND HISTORY

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

Sixty years after the end of the Spanish Civil War, Giles Tremlett, a leading journalist who has lived in Spain for many years, has created an illuminating and passionate account of the ghosts and secrets of the Franco era and the many intriguing cultural contradictions of this colourful and complex land.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat

11.00am – 12.30pm

Fiction workshop with **Laura Hird** based on creating characters and developing plot through those characters. Ideal for new writers as well as those with work in progress. Laura Hird's novel and short stories have been shortlisted for the Saltire Literary awards, the Orange Prize for Fiction, and the Whitbread First Novel Award. (Maximum 20 places).

In association with Arvon tutors at Moniack Mhor Writers' Centre
Sponsored by the Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society

£10.00 £8.00

Antonia Fraser

THE HERALD & SUNDAY HERALD

MEET THE AUTHOR SESSIONS

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

An immensely welcome return to the Book Festival by one of our finest and most popular historians. Lady Antonia Fraser, renowned for her work on Mary Queen of Scots among others, now turns to the Sun King. In the brand new *Love and Louis XIV* she looks at the women in his life, his illegitimate children and the elaborate magnificence of his court.

£7.00 £5.00

Roger-Pol Droit

MATTERS OF THE MIND

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

Philosophy as it should be, from a wonderfully entertaining, quirky and profound French thinker. *How Are Things?* is a philosophical investigation into everyday objects and what they mean for us – the memories and desires they hold, whether they can be said to have existence. Come and learn about the secret life of umbrellas and paper clips.

£7.00 £5.00

Amaranta Wright

NATIONS UNLIMITED

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

A vivid and eye-opening new take on globalisation. Journalist Amaranta Wright was employed as an undercover researcher on Latin American youth for Levi's – but soon realised the full arrogance of corporate globalisation, always seeking to create new consumers, however inappropriately. A passionate and timely polemic.

£7.00 £5.00

Writing Workshop

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Turning your life into fiction, with acclaimed novelist and founding editor of *Msexia* magazine, **Debbie Taylor**. Learn how to use your own real-life experience to inspire fictional writing. (Maximum 20 places).

£10.00 £8.00

Kathryn Hughes

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

Mrs Beeton bestrode an age. *The Book of Household Management* defined manners, cleanliness and cooking in the Victorian era – yet she herself was not the matron of legend and died aged only twenty-eight (possibly due to bad hygiene). Kathryn Hughes has written a masterly account of her fascinating life and times.

£7.00 £5.00

P D James

THE SCOTTISHPOWER EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

The doyenne of crime writers returns, for an hour of exquisite delight. Her intelligence and wisdom are deliciously to the fore as always in *The Lighthouse*, where unexplained murders on an island off the Cornish coast must be solved by a team with potentially fatal worries of their own.

£7.00 £5.00

Agnès Catherine Poirier, Isabelle & Robert Tombs

FOCUS ON FRANCE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

The relationship between France and Britain has fluctuated between war and peace, admiration and exasperation, conversation and incomprehension. Isabelle and Robert Tombs conduct a superb, provocative survey from the Sun King to the present; Agnès Catherine Poirier hilariously and fondly looks at the foibles and eccentricities of the Brits from a French perspective.

£7.00 £5.00

Andy Hall

NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

Stunning pictures of Scotland's beautiful and resonant landscapes form the basis of leading photographer Andy Hall's *A Sense of Belonging*. He asked various well-known Scots, from cultural, sporting and other fields, to choose their favourite place and describe the meaning it had for them – his gorgeous portraits accompany their heartfelt words.

£7.00 £5.00

Rageh Omaar

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

A hugely welcome return to the Book Festival for one of the nation's leading broadcasters, whose brave and sensitive reports from Baghdad alerted Britain to what was happening in Iraq. Today he speaks of more personal matters: his Somalian childhood and his own life as a young, black, British Muslim.

£7.00 £5.00

Shirley Spear

SOCIETY AND FOOD

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

The Three Chimneys on the island of Skye is one of the world's finest restaurants, serving stunning food in a spectacularly beautiful location. Shirley Spear and her husband created it all with their own hard work, ambition and vision. Come and hear her stories.

£7.00 £5.00

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Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

MIDDLE EAST

Peppers Theatre 5.30pm – 6.15pm
Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: our readings come from Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Turkey and Iran. Among those appearing: **Julie Hearn** and **Curtis Sittenfeld**.

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Rachel Billington & Debbie Taylor

FINE FICTION

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm
Obsessive and forbidden love unites the latest novels from these two skilled shapers of fiction. Rachel Billington's insight into families and inner emotional lives has made her a much-loved bestseller. Debbie Taylor too writes beautifully of desire and loss. Both speak exceptionally well on the business of creating fictional worlds.

£5.00 £3.00

Raj Persaud

MATTERS OF THE MIND

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm
Some of the most enthralling sessions at the Book Festival are those of Dr Raj Persaud – eminent psychiatrist, poker-player, prolific broadcaster and all round super-brilliant brain. This evening he considers some of the things humans do in pursuit of happiness.

£8.00 £6.00

Jake Arnott & John Connolly

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre 6.45pm
A brilliant hour of fiction from two acclaimed crime writers who now turn to more literary genres. Jake Arnott, filmed by the BBC, admired by David Bowie, is a major star: *Johnny Come Home* revisits the world of the 1970s. John Connolly exclusively previews *The Book Of Lost Things*, a moving portrayal of the transition from childhood to adulthood.

£8.00 £6.00

Paul Muldoon

POETRY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm
Pulitzer Prize-winning Paul Muldoon has been called 'the most important English language poet born since the Second World War'. Northern Irish born, professor of poetry at Oxford and now at Princeton, he comes to the Book Festival from his home in the States to let us hear the power of his forthcoming work.

£8.00 £6.00

A Celebration of Martyn Bennett

SCOTTISH CULTURE

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm
Cutting-edge, steeped in tradition, innovative and inspirational, Martyn Bennett – piper, fiddler, composer, endless experimenter – was one of Scotland's most prodigiously gifted and beloved of musicians until his death last year aged only thirty-three. Tonight is a celebration of his life, work and spirit, with leading musicians including his mother, the renowned singer and folklorist **Margaret Bennett**, author and compiler of a book of bright memories, *It's Not The Time You Have...*

£8.00 £6.00

Claire Messud & Curtis Sittenfeld

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: AMERICA

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm
Two staggeringly talented young Americans grace our evening series of fiction. Claire Messud is hugely acclaimed for her literary excellence: the brand new *The Emperor's Children* follows three Manhattan friends in their daily round and search for meaning. Curtis Sittenfeld's bestselling debut *Prep* was compared to J D Salinger; now she launches her superb, second coming-of-age novel *The Man Of My Dreams*.

£5.00 £3.00

George Alagiah

THE IAN DICKSON TRAVEL SERVICE EVENT

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm
A leading foreign correspondent, now presenter of the BBC news, George Alagiah is one of the nation's most respected broadcasters. His reports from Africa and the developing world have won major awards. *Home from Home* is his own story: born in Sri Lanka, brought up in Ghana, living through cultural and racial differences and tensions.

£8.00 £6.00

Alexei Sayle

FICTION AND HUMOUR

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm
Actor, comedian and wonderfully accomplished writer, Alexei Sayle guarantees anarchic black humour. His critically acclaimed novel *The Weeping Women Hotel* marries wit with anger, insight and fine characterisation in its depiction of a northern woman on a London estate and her dodgy martial arts trainer. Chaired by **Iain Macwhirter**.

£8.00 £6.00

Guy Grieve & Melanie McGrath

THE HIGHLAND PARK EVENT

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm
Guy Grieve left a comfortable home and job at The Scotsman to survive for a year in the freezing Alaskan wilderness – an inspiring tale. Melanie McGrath also writes of white men in the Arctic: the astonishing story of the illegitimate son of Robert Flaherty (maker of *Nanook of the North*), growing up among Inuit who were resettled in the most inhospitable polar region.

£8.00 £6.00

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Don Paterson

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

There could be no more enlivening start to a Sunday than to feel the power of Don Paterson's astonishing poetry. Multi award-winning and firmly recognised as one of the most gifted poets in Britain (and further afield), Don Paterson's reading will remind you of the subtlety and muscle of language.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

James Hunter & Alistair Moffat

HISTORY

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

The moving stories of Scottish emigrants are brought beautifully to life in *Scottish Exodus* by leading Highland historian James Hunter. Taking individuals from the Clan MacLeod, he shows how they became French aristocrats, Texan ranchers, Australian goldminers and much more. He is joined by multi-talented Alistair Moffat, whose latest work on Tyneside is being made into a major television series, to be screened this autumn.

£7.00 £5.00

Ray Banks & Reggie Nadelson

CRIME

Writers' Retreat

11.00am

A bright new Scottish talent joins American Reggie Nadelson in this hour of hard-edged, hard-boiled, wonderfully entertaining crime writing. Ray Banks has been hailed as 'one of the best damn writers in the business' and as with bestseller Nadelson, reveals the dangerous life of the streets.

£5.00 £3.00

Roddy Doyle

THE HERALD & SUNDAY HERALD

MEET THE AUTHOR SESSIONS

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

A major literary event – Booker winner Roddy Doyle previews his brand new novel at the Book Festival. *Paula Spencer* returns to the acclaimed character of *The Woman Who Walked Into Doors*: an alcoholic cleaner desperate to hang on to her kids and her dignity. Ten years on, in a changed world, her voice is as gripping as ever: funny, dark and brave.

£7.00 £5.00

Christopher Jamison

SOCIETY AND SPIRITUALITY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

What can a monk possibly offer to ordinary men and women? Father Christopher Jamison showed on the BBC programme *The Monastery* that silence and sanctuary can have meaning and benefit in the busiest of overpressurised lives. Come and hear an abbot who proposes some solutions to the rush of the modern world.

£7.00 £5.00

Lin Anderson & Des Dillon

FINE FICTION

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

Accessible and filled with vitality, these two Scottish authors speak freshly and directly to all kinds of readers. Lin Anderson has just signed a major new publishing deal for her crime fiction; Des Dillon pours forth novels, plays, poetry and scripts with astounding energy, humour and passion.

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£7.00 £5.00

Iain Gale

FIRST FICTION

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm

Well known to many as one of Scotland's leading art journalists and critics, Iain Gale now turns to history for his debut novel. *Four Days In June* recreates in great human depth the Battle of Waterloo, reliving it through five major figures. A compelling evocation of the tension of war.

£5.00 £3.00

Angus Peter Campbell & Peter Urpeth

SCOTTISH FICTION

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

Two highly unusual perspectives on the north of Scotland. Angus Peter Campbell is an award-winning Gaelic writer; his first book in English is a futuristic vision of fictional islands. Peter Urpeth's *Far Inland* evokes an islander leaving for Glasgow but discovering tension between the city and his inherited Celtic shamanic gifts.

£7.00 £5.00

Melvyn Bragg

THE TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

3.00pm

The Book Festival is not complete without Melvyn Bragg and his endlessly enquiring literary intelligence. Here he argues that books can uniquely offer social, political and personal change and talks of *Twelve Books That Changed The World*, ranging from Shakespeare and Darwin to Marie Stopes's *Married Love* and even a book of football rules.

£7.00 £5.00

Vikram Chandra

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

One of the most talked about and eagerly anticipated books of the year is award-winning Indian author Vikram Chandra's epic *Sacred Games*, seven years in the making, over 1200 pages long and with a million dollar advance. Set in the Bombay underworld, it is a beautifully told and plotted saga of crime and families. Seize this special chance to hear it first at the Book Festival!

£7.00 £5.00

Judith Flanders & Juliet Nicolson

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

The Victorians and the Edwardians are brought to vivid life. Judith Flanders's *The Victorian House* was a huge hit; now in her brand new *Consuming Passions* she reveals how the advances of the age created, for the first time, leisure pursuits of ever greater popularity. Juliet Nicolson's poignant and brilliant look at the summer of 1911 shows a society on the cusp of change.

£7.00 £5.00

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Steve Jones

POPULAR SCIENCE

RBS Main Theatre 4.30pm

One of the most invigorating communicators in science, Steve Jones is not only a renowned biologist, he is also passionate about the endless fascination of the world. In *The Single Helix* he ranges through subjects as diverse as optical illusions in tartan and the sex lives of cats. Come and share his enthusiasm and wonder. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

£7.00 £5.00

Colum McCann & David Mitchell

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 5.00pm

A dream pairing of two of the most dizzyingly gifted novelists writing today. Irishman Colum McCann, now an international star, evokes the harsh world and haunting songs of persecuted Romany gypsies; while David Mitchell, catapulted to bestselling acclaim by *Cloud Atlas*, now writes beautifully of a boy in an English village, waiting for the world to change.

£7.00 £5.00

Amnesty International Imprisoned Writers Series

AFRICAN WRITERS

Peppers Theatre 5.30pm – 6.15pm

Our daily free readings in solidarity with writers facing persecution for their thoughts and words. Today: our readings come from Kenya, Nigeria, Cameroon and Sierra Leone. Among those appearing: **Louise Welsh** and **Melvyn Bragg**.

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Alon Hilu & Hisham Matar

INTERNATIONAL FICTION: ISRAEL AND LIBYA

Writers' Retreat 6.00pm

Evocative, exotic and outstanding first fiction from two new writers coming specially to the Book Festival. Hisham Matar evokes the fear of Gaddafi's Green Revolution in his haunting boy's-eye view *In The Country of Men*. Alon Hilu returns to Damascus of the past in *The Death of A Monk*, in which Jews, Muslims and Christians are swept up in a tide of history.

£5.00 £3.00

Alain de Botton

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre 6.30pm

He has brought us Proust, travel, sex, status anxiety and more; his are some of the most popular of all Book Festival events. Now Alain de Botton, speaker and thinker of ridiculous brilliance, turns to *The Architecture of Happiness*, a dazzling tour through the philosophy and psychology of our buildings, what we put in them and what they say about us.

£8.00 £6.00

John Calder

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

Peppers Theatre 6.45pm

To celebrate Samuel Beckett's centenary year, who better than his great friend and publisher John Calder. In this talk illustrated with readings from the work, performed by actor **Derek Watson**, Calder shows how even the most enigmatic elements of Beckett's work come from his life: his upbringing, education and wartime experiences. New and human light on a genius.

£8.00 £6.00

Mark Urban

HISTORY AND WAR

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 7.00pm

Diplomatic editor for the BBC's *Newsnight*, Mark Urban is an accomplished historian and former army officer. He is perfectly placed, then, to write *Generals: Ten British Commanders Who Shaped The World* – some by their brilliance, some by fatal flaws. Come and hear this charismatic communicator.

£8.00 £6.00

Kenneth White

NATIONS UNLIMITED

Highland Park Spiegeltent 7.30pm – 8.45pm

Admired throughout the world, poet, thinker and 'intellectual nomad' Kenneth White inspires with the freshness, originality and vigour of his ideas. He is studied from Buenos Aires to Bordeaux – come and hear a truly brilliant Scottish exile. Tonight he talks on *Along the High Lines* – *figuring out the way towards a world culture*.

£8.00 £6.00

Petr Borkovec, Jerzy Jarniewicz & Gregor Podlogar

LITERATURE AND TRANSLATION

Writers' Retreat 7.30pm

A rare and special chance to hear three acclaimed poets from Eastern Europe. Respectively from the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovenia, these are outstanding literary figures who have been widely translated but who have never before read in Scotland. Seize this unique opportunity.

In association with Literature Across Frontiers and the Scottish Poetry Library

£5.00 £3.00

Joseph E Stiglitz

THE RSA LECTURES: NATIONS UNLIMITED

RBS Main Theatre 8.00pm

One of the most important visitors to the festival this year is the Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph E Stiglitz. Using his vast knowledge and expertise, the former Vice President of the World Bank argues a passionate and progressive case for change, and for globalisation to be made to work for the disenfranchised peoples of the world.

£8.00 £6.00

Louise Welsh

FINE FICTION

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 8.30pm

A major new novel from Louise Welsh is a cause for great happiness. Her first book *The Cutting Room* established her as a highly distinctive Scottish talent. Now *The Bullet Trick* also evokes murder and shady goings-on, as a down at heel Glasgow conjuror winds up on the seamy side of Berlin.

£8.00 £6.00

Eilís Ní Dhuibhne & Norma MacLeod

GAELIC CULTURE

Peppers Theatre 8.30pm

A unique Scottish-Irish collaboration is launched in this special event. The new novella *Úpraid*, by award-winning Eilís Ní Dhuibhne, has been translated from Irish into Scottish Gaelic by Beathag Mhoireasdan – a fine tale of students in Dublin. Also reading tonight is Norma NicLeòid, author of acclaimed Ùr-Sgeul title *Dileas Donn*.

£8.00 £6.00

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John Burnside & Kathleen Jamie

WAKE UP TO WORDS

Highland Park Spiegeltent

10.15am

There could be no more enticing combination for our final morning of the finest words. These two Scottish poets are amongst the most gifted writing anywhere. They irresistibly open up the mind and sense to the world – natural and human – around us. Come and succumb.

Free coffee and pastries. Sponsored by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters

£7.00 £5.00

Liza Campbell

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre

11.00am

The last child to be born in Cawdor Castle, of Macbeth fame, daughter of the late Thane of Cawdor, Liza Campbell here tells an extraordinary story of a family riven by tragedy and feuds. Like all the best fairy stories it has a castle and darkness at its heart.

£7.00 £5.00

Helena Kennedy

MEET THE AUTHOR

RBS Main Theatre

11.30am

Glasgow-born Baroness Kennedy is one of the most admired legal minds in the land, passionately and vociferously committed to justice and human rights. Campaigning, courageous, she both dominates the British establishment and is unafraid to criticise any erosion of civil liberties. Come and be energised by a remarkable spirit. Chaired by Muriel Gray.

£7.00 £5.00

David Profumo

LIVED LIVES

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

12 noon

The son of John Profumo, who died earlier this year, is a greatly admired author in his own right. Here, for the first time, he tells his father's story: the sex scandal with Christine Keeler which rocked a government and redefined his own life. There is much judgemental sensationalism surrounding the events. Come and listen to the full, human version.

£7.00 £5.00

Maggie Fergusson

SCOTTISH LITERATURE

Peppers Theatre

12.30pm

George Mackay Brown, the bard of Orkney, was one of the most beloved and revered figures of twentieth century Scottish literature. His voice was unique: pared, resonant, imbued with the Nordic history of the islands. His life was quiet and solitary. A major new biography sheds bright, unhistrionic, empathetic light on this great man.

£7.00 £5.00

Ann Lindsay

SCOTTISH HISTORY AND HORTICULTURE

Writers' Retreat

2.00pm

Seeds of Blood and Beauty tells the stirring tale of those Scottish plant collectors who were at least as much intrepid adventurers, braving new and hostile territory in the search for specimens, as genteel botanists. Their sense of purpose and discovery illuminate how social and political attitudes drove botanical research – and bequeathed us some beautiful flora as well.

£5.00 £3.00

Andrew Patrizio

SOCIETY AND ART

Peppers Theatre

2.30pm

Anatomy Acts: A Scottish Journey Through The Body looks at the extraordinary detail and richness of depictions of anatomy for the last five centuries. Artistically stunning, scientifically revealing, from engravings to the latest medical imaging techniques, these pictures show us in glorious detail who we are and how we are made.

£7.00 £5.00

Michael Shea

SOCIETY AND THE THIRD AGE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

3.30pm

With unstoppable energy and wit, Michael Shea, former press secretary to the Queen, has become a prolific and bestselling author. His latest, *The Freedom Years* is an upbeat and invigorating guide to that glorious time, nearing retirement, when freedom and new opportunities can be wholeheartedly grasped. Come and be inspired!

£7.00 £5.00

Elizabeth Cowling & Wendy Jones

SOCIETY AND ART

Peppers Theatre

4.00pm

From Picasso to Turner Prize-winning potter Grayson Perry, this enticing event looks at modern art and artists and how they are recorded for posterity. Elizabeth Cowling writes of the great English surrealist Roland Penrose and his many encounters with Picasso. Wendy Jones has written a 'transparent' autobiography of the unusual talent and persona of Grayson Perry.

£7.00 £5.00

James Buchan

MATTERS OF THE MIND

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm

Adam Smith was such an innovative thinker, his work has been widely used and misused through the last three centuries. James Buchan, acclaimed novelist, seminal author on the Edinburgh Enlightenment and grandson of John Buchan, moves away from ideology and restores Smith's ambitious philosophical ideas to their original freshness and purpose.

£7.00 £5.00

The Saltire Society Event

SCOTTISH LITERATURE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm

The list of winners of the Saltire Society Scottish Book Of The Year over the past twenty-five years reads like a who's who of the greatest contemporary Scottish writers, from the late Muriel Spark, Norman MacCaig and Sorley Maclean to contemporary stars such as Alan Warner and Janice Galloway. Join our expert panel for a discussion about the riches of contemporary Scottish literature and where it will go in the next twenty-five years. Chaired by the President of the Saltire Society, Lord Cullen of Whitekirk.

£7.00 £5.00

Andrew Greig

SCOTTISH LITERATURE

Peppers Theatre

5.30pm

Saltire award-winner, poet and novelist, former mountaineer, Andrew Greig distils something quintessentially Scottish in his work. His new book is a love song to the social levelling, quiet communion and co-existence of inner and outer worlds which he believes are the true heart of that ancient Scottish practice: golf.

£7.00 £5.00

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Paul Henderson Scott

SCOTTISH HISTORY

Writers' Retreat

6.00pm

The Union of Parliaments changed the face of Britain forever, with far-reaching consequences for Scotland in particular. Although the Act of Union was finalised in 1707, it was 300 years ago this year that the real groundwork was laid for this momentous marriage – for better or for worse.

£5.00 £3.00

Carol Ann Duffy

POETRY

RBS Main Theatre

6.30pm

She has won all the awards, she has won all our hearts, she has taken language and lassoed our souls. A reading by Carol Ann Duffy is something no-one should miss. As this year's Book Festival draws to a close, listen to one of the most compelling poets in the land.

£8.00 £6.00

Sandy Balfour

LIVED LIVES

Peppers Theatre

6.45pm

Following on from his bestselling book on love, exile and crosswords, Sandy Balfour now draws a poignant and beautifully crafted portrait of the bond between father and son – and the game of bridge. A lovely meditation on why we play games and how we communicate.

£8.00 £6.00

Carl MacDougall

SCOTTISH LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

7.00pm

Scots is the language of the people, declares Carl MacDougall in his BBC2 television series and excellent book – and also of course of some of our most distinctive writers. A much needed energetic journey through the great riches of our own indigenous speech.

£8.00 £6.00

Closing Ceilidh

MUSIC, DRINKING, DANCING

Highland Park Spiegeltent

7.30pm

In the now traditional and hugely popular end to the Book Festival, dance the night away to the wonderful Scottish tunes of the legendary **Bella McNab's Dance Band**.

£8.00 £6.00

Richard Holloway

SOCIETY AND ETHICS

RBS Main Theatre

8.00pm

Would you like some words and thoughts to live long in your heart on the last night of the Book Festival? Richard Holloway, prodigious and wise thinker, is a former bishop who now draws sustenance from the arts and literature, and is the author of over twenty books. Tonight he talks about suffering: how do we manage it in our own lives and the lives of others?

£8.00 £6.00

Billy Collins

POETRY

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

8.30pm

A very special conclusion to the festival: the first ever visit from Billy Collins, one of the most popular poets on the planet and former US Poet Laureate. Disarming, direct, knowing and witty, he speaks without pretension and with perfect perception about the revelatory detail of our day to day lives. An immaculate ending.

£8.00 £6.00

SPECIAL BOOK FESTIVAL AUTUMN EVENINGS

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Martin Amis

Wednesday 4 October 8.00pm

A major event: a rare visit to Scotland by one of the most admired and influential writers of his generation. Martin Amis is launching his brand new book *House of Meetings* – a post 9/11 novella accompanied by two superb stories.

William Boyd

Friday 6 October 7.30pm

Another rare event in Scotland (his homeland) by acclaimed, award-winning author and screenwriter William Boyd, reading from his major new novel *Restless* – a thrilling espionage novel set in the Second World War and the seventies.

Gordon Brown

Sunday 8 October 7.30pm

A unique chance to hear one of the most powerful men in politics, returning to his home territory to launch a collection of his talks and thoughts, about which Nelson Mandela has said: 'His speeches show a vision of a better world for all, a vision to which he is deeply committed.'

Margaret Atwood

Tuesday 10 October 7.30pm

A hugely welcome return by one of the world's most gifted and eminent writers and one of the Book Festival's favourite guests – in Scotland as the recipient of the Scottish Arts Council's Muriel Spark International Fellowship.

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Welcome to the 2006 Edinburgh International Book Festival RBS Children's Programme.

Once more we are delighted to bring you the best in writing and illustrating for children and teenagers. From teenage private detectives to cats who do kung fu, from swashbuckling pirates to perfect princesses, from internationally renowned names to rising talent, whatever your age and enthusiasms, there is bound to be something here to tempt you.

The largest of its kind in the world, our 17 day programme of almost 300 children's events is a feast of books, poetry, storytelling, authors, workshops, music and much more. All of this takes place in our specially created family-friendly tented village.

We are delighted to have the fantastic support of The Royal Bank of Scotland whose sponsorship is making a tremendous difference.

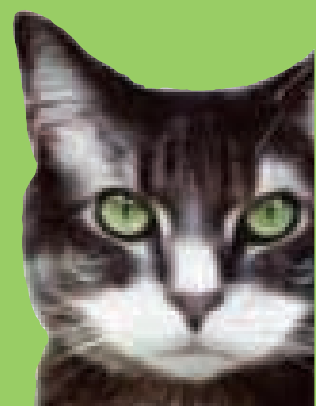
At the heart of the RBS Children's Programme is a focus on participation, imagination and creation. We aim to enable young people of all ages to encounter the wonderful world of books in many different ways. By creating an imaginative and engaging environment where children can expand their horizons and explore their own minds, we hope to provide them with a memorable and enriching experience that instils a love of reading and writing for life.

There is much on offer for adults too – be inspired by the best in our masterclass series, hear leading educationalists discuss the current education agenda, get advice on what to read with your children, and consider the value of children's books in confronting life's challenges.

So fire up your imagination and join us for the time of your life!

Karen Mountney, Children's Programme Director

PS. Look out for a special announcement in July of a fabulous new addition to the RBS Children's Programme. (See our website for details www.edbookfest.co.uk)



who's on?

Shirley Hughes

Tony Robinson

Eoin Colfer

Jacqueline Wilson

Ian Whybrow

Cathy Cassidy

Nick Butterworth

Tony Ross

Aileen Paterson

Jeanette Winterson

Joan Lingard

Alexander McCall Smith

Francesca Simon

Julie Hearn

William Nicholson

Charlie Higson

Karen McCombie

Philip Ardagh

Debi Gliori

Meg Rosoff

Anne Fine

Michael Morpurgo

Michael Foreman

Darren Shan

Julia Donaldson

Peter Rabbit

Roger McGough

...and many more!



what's on?



Activity Corner

Free hands-on activities for children aged up to eleven in the Activity Corner at the rear of the RBS Children's Bookshop. Open daily 10.30am to 5.00pm.

Children's Passport

Your very own guide to the RBS Children's Programme. Find out where everything is, what you can do, and keep a record of your fun day out.

Free lunchtime live musical entertainment

Every Saturday and Sunday in the RBS Imagination Lab.

Storytelling & Performance Poetry

Free storytelling or poetry, daily in the RBS Imagination Lab.

Workshops

An exciting and eclectic range of interactive and hands-on sessions in the RBS Workshop Tent, with bookbinders, artists, storytellers, authors, poets and picture book illustrators.

The Reading Mission

In the Activity Corner on 17 August



Bookstart at the Book Festival

Weekend and weekday Bounce & Tickle events, plus a special event for adults on sharing rhymes and books with very young children.



The Read Together Makeover

Catch up with the playground's latest book buzz, discover some new ideas for bedtime stories or simply get started on reading with your child in this drop-in reading makeover surgery for parents, carers and children of all ages. In the RBS Workshop Tent on 22 August.



Events for Teenagers

A fantastic line-up of events for young adults.

Events for Adults

Children's literature events and masterclasses.

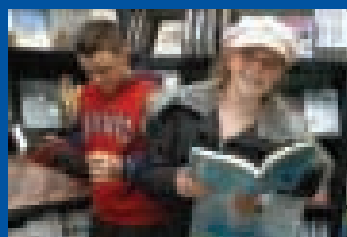
Events for adults are listed on the days they feature and, for ease, all together on page 54.

Events for Teachers

Four events relevant to both primary and secondary classes on 16, 17, 18 and 21 August.

Browse our books

With over 3,000 of the best titles to browse and buy, our independently run RBS Children's Bookshop is the only place to buy books this August.



Information for the grown-ups! Helping you and your children to enjoy your time at the Book Festival

We want you to have the most enjoyable experience possible at the Book Festival. To help you, we have answered some frequently asked questions in advance of your visit.

How long are children's events?

The finish times of individual events are indicated throughout.

Do I have to accompany my child to author events?

We would suggest children under the age of ten are accompanied by adults to all events, except workshop activities (see below).

Do I have to accompany my child in a workshop?

As our workshop events are for small numbers, adults are not specifically required to accompany their children. However, if you would like to attend the workshop with your child then you are welcome to buy a ticket in the usual way.

If you do not accompany your child, we would request that you stay in the gardens during the event in case we need to contact you. The gardens are the perfect place to read and relax while you are waiting for your child to come out of an event.

How can I tell if the event is a workshop or not?

All workshops take place in the RBS Workshop Tent. All the events in all other venues are not workshops.

Age suitability

For your guidance, a suitable age range is indicated for each event. This is carefully chosen in consultation with the relevant publisher and event leader, with reference to both the reading age of the book/s and the event content, length and format.

Latecomers policy

Please be aware that we operate a no latecomers policy in order to ensure that events are enjoyable and relaxing for our audience and authors. We recognise, however, that parents with very young children may need to leave the venue unexpectedly! Our staff are on hand to help you leave as discreetly as possible, and help you back in should you wish to return.

Bounce & Tickle!

RBS Imagination Lab

10.00am – 10.30am

Join Bookstart Edinburgh and Craigmillar Books for Babies for a session of action rhymes and songs for babies and children under three years. *[Also at 11am today and on 15, 17, 21, 24 & 27 Aug].*

Babies & toddlers

Free – book in advance

Harry and the Dinosaurs Go To School with Ian Whybrow

RBS Main Theatre

10.00am – 11.00am

Come and hear all about Harry's latest adventure – school! Harry and his dinosaurs are really excited about starting school (except Stegosaurus who's heard about no 'Raaahs' in class). But when Harry and his bucket get separated he's not so sure he likes school after all. Will the dinosaurs save the day? Of course they will!

Age 5 – 7

£3.50

Scarlett with Cathy Cassidy

RBS Children's Theatre

10.00am – 11.00am

Join the author of *Dizzy*, *Indigo Blue* and *Driftwood* and hear all about her brilliant, moving and funny new book, *Scarlett*. Scarlett cannot believe her mum's packed her off to Ireland to stay with the dad who left them. Surely he's the reason everything's going wrong? Scarlett plans to show them what she's made of, but then the mysterious Kian arrives on the scene. This is Scarlett's last chance – will she take it?

Age 10 – 13

£3.50

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Make a Bookmark with Linda McCann

RBS Workshop Tent

11.00am – 4.00pm

It's the first day of the Book Festival and time for your reading bonanza to begin! What better way to prepare yourself than by joining artist Linda McCann to design and create your very own bookmarks. Just drop in anytime between 11am and 4pm. Mums and dads can join in too!

All ages

Free & drop-in

Snowbone with Cat Weatherill

RBS Children's Theatre

11.30am – 12.30pm

Snowbone is the mesmerising and magical sequel to the enchanting *Barkbelly*. The Ashenpeakers, wooden people who hatch from eggs, have a long history of being sold into slavery. But now a new leader has emerged, and *Snowbone* is determined to fight back. Full of action, poetry and dark twists of fate, Cat will mesmerise you with her vivacious and inventive storytelling.

Age 9 – 11

£3.50

The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth with Eoin Colfer

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Will and his brothers are back in a brilliant second adventure. Marty is always playing practical jokes. When he tells the bloodcurdling story of the cut-throat pirate Captain Crow,

Will is terrified! Could the Captain's ghost really be out to get him? A spooky, funny story for younger readers from the mega-selling author of *Artemis Fowl*. *[Also appearing on 13 Aug for older children].*

Age 7 – 9

£3.50

Storyteller of the day: Tony Bonning

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

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All ages

Free & drop-in

Lionboy: The Truth with Louisa Young BSL

RBS Children's Theatre

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Meet one half of mother and daughter writing team Zizou Corder to hear about the stunning final instalment of the *Lionboy* trilogy. Charlie Ashanti – Lion rescuer, shipwreck survivor, circus veteran and Catspeaker – is safe. Or is he? An amazing, dangerous voyage through Morocco, Ghana and beyond presents a chance to bring the evil Corporacy – and Maccommo – down. The time to run is over. Now is the time to fight.

Age 8 – 10

£3.50

Mad Myths with Steve Barlow & Steve Skidmore

RBS Children's Theatre

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Things are not what they seem in these hilarious retellings of some familiar stories. Where did the rather dramatic new supply teacher Ms Dusa appear from, and why does she always wear a turban? Not to mention the caretaker, Mr O'Taur. And there's something not quite right about that strange old man on the beach. Take an entertaining odyssey through some mad myths with the outrageously brilliant Two Steves.

Age 8 – 11

£3.50

Happy Birthday to You, Blue Kangaroo! with Emma Chichester Clark

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm – 5.15pm

Lily and Blue Kangaroo share everything, even birthdays. For her special birthday party, Lily decides that everything must be pink! But Blue Kangaroo isn't pink – does that mean Lily doesn't love him anymore? Come and meet Blue Kangaroo, and find out how Lily makes him happy again.

Age 3 – 5

£3.50

Icarus with Hugh Lupton & Daniel Morden

RBS Children's Theatre

5.30pm – 7.15pm

The award-winning retellers of Greek myth make a welcome return to the Book Festival. This new production tells of three generations of makers: Prometheus the Titan, Hephaestus the God and Daedalus the man. It asks the question: what is the relationship between creation and suffering, and is humanity equipped to deal with it? This performance includes a 15 minute break. *[Also appearing on 13 Aug].*

Adults & 12+

£3.50



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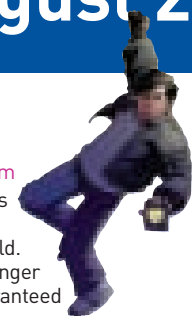
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Half Moon Investigations with Eoin Colfer

RBS Main Theatre 10.00am – 11.00am

The creator of the hugely popular *Artemis Fowl* brings you a brand new character, Detective Fletcher Moon. Fletcher is no ordinary detective – he's twelve years old. Could a series of crimes at school bring him more danger than he bargained for? An unforgettable event is guaranteed with the utterly brilliant Eoin Colfer.
(Also appearing on 12 Aug for younger children).

Age 9 – 12



£3.50

Just In Case with Meg Rosoff

RBS Children's Theatre 10.00am – 11.00am

This extraordinary new novel from the author of the breath-taking bestseller *How I Live Now* is daring, powerful and utterly compelling. Every minute of every day a million things could happen. Will you step out in front of that bus? Win the lottery? Who controls it all? Fate? And what if fate doesn't like you?

Teenagers & adults

£3.50

Charlie & Lola

RBS Imagination Lab 10.30am – 11.05am

Enter the world of the extremely and absolutely loveable Charlie and Lola in this fun and interactive session. You will have the chance to hear some Charlie and Lola stories, play some 'I Will Not Ever, Never, Give Up My Seat' musical chairs and do some crazy collage.
(Also at 4.30pm today).

Age 5 – 8

£2.00

I Want to Go Home! with Tony Ross

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 10.30am – 11.30am

Everyone's favourite feisty toddler, Little Princess, has moved to a new castle, but doesn't see what's so wrong with the old one. Enter the wonderful world of the award-winning Tony Ross for an entertaining journey with some of his best-loved creations and some on-the-spot drawing.

Age 5+

£3.50

Here Comes the Crocodile with Kathryn White

RBS Workshop Tent

11.00am – 11.45am

Here comes Crocodile. He's sniffing and he's snarling, and he's grumbling and he's growling – oh no, he's hungry! Run!! Come and make snappy finger puppets with Kathryn White and then find out what Crocodile finally has for tea.

Age 5 – 7

£3.50



CHERUB: Divine Madness with Robert Muchamore

RBS Children's Theatre 11.30am – 12.30pm

CHERUB is a branch of British Intelligence with a difference: its agents are aged ten to seventeen. Why? Who would suspect a kid of being on an undercover mission? In this latest instalment, teen agent James Adams is in Australia to uncover the link between an eco-terrorist group and a religious cult, where he finds himself fighting his toughest battle yet – the battle to keep control of his own mind. Punchy, edgy and enthralling, these kids are not to be messed with.

Age 11+

£3.50

Blood Fever with Charlie Higson

RBS Main Theatre 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Be shaken and stirred by the latest instalment of the Young Bond series featuring the world's most enigmatic spy as a teenager. The discovery of a secret, sinister Latin-speaking society with links to Eton is disturbing enough, but a school archaeology trip to Sardinia brings James face-to-face with fearless pirates, blood-thirsty art thieves and determined bandits.

Age 10 – 14

£3.50

Hey Crazy Riddle with Trish Cooke

RBS Children's Theatre 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Why can't the wasp make honey? Did the dish really run away with the spoon?! Find all these answers and more with the wonderfully exuberant Trish Cooke. Have fun joining in with traditional Dominican call and response chants and be filled with the mischievous, loveable and fun-loving spirit of the Caribbean.

Age 7 – 9

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All ages

Free & drop-in

The Adventures of Odysseus with Hugh Lupton & Daniel Morden

RBS Children's Theatre 3.00pm – 4.15pm

Join two master storytellers for an exhilarating account of the greatest adventure story of all time. As Odysseus fights to find his way back home after the long and brutal Trojan War, he endures harrowing ordeals and adventures. Hugh and Daniel's graphic retelling breathes new life into this great classic.

Age 10+

£3.50

The Very Ugly Bug with Liz Pichon

RBS Workshop Tent 3.30pm – 4.15pm

The Very Ugly Bug is proud to look different, but her friends don't understand why. Then, one day, she shows just how useful it can be to look a little bit unusual! Join author and illustrator Liz Pichon to create your very own Ugly Bugs.

Age 4 – 6

£3.50

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(Also at 10.30am today).

Age 5 – 8

£2.00

Nick Butterworth & Tony Ross

RBS Children's Theatre 5.00pm – 6.00pm

A unique opportunity to hear two of today's best-loved children's book illustrators in conversation. Nick Butterworth's creations include Percy the Park Keeper and the adorable Tiger. As well as illustrating the Horrid Henry series, Tony Ross brought us Towser and the world's feistiest toddler, the Little Princess. Find out how they create characters and bring them to life for generations of children.

Adults

£7.00 £5.00



Storyteller of the day: Gareth Cashin

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

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Tiger with Nick Butterworth

RBS Main Theatre 10.00am – 11.00am

Tiger isn't really a tiger. He's a kitten. But when he plays he pretends to be a real tiger with a loud, scary, tigery ROAR! A delightful and irresistible tale with guaranteed appeal from the creator of the hugely popular *Percy the Park Keeper*.

Age 4 – 6 £3.50

How to Speak Dragonese with Cressida Cowell

RBS Children's Theatre 10.00am – 11.00am

Dashing, brave and ever so hairy hero Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III continues his Viking training in a new and hilarious chapter in his Nordic adventures. What's worse than accidentally climbing onto a Roman dragon rustling ship in your first 'Boarding an Enemy Ship' lesson? Perhaps stealing a copy of *How to Speak Dragonese* from Alvin the Treacherous? Find out if Hiccup can save the dragons and the day!

Age 7 – 10 £3.50

Singing Games & Rhymes with Lucinda Geoghegan

RBS Imagination Lab 10.30am – 11.30am

Join Lucinda Geoghegan of the National Youth Choir of Scotland for a fun packed session of traditional rhymes and songs. (Also on 19 Aug).

Age 7 – 10 £3.50

Meggie Moon with Elizabeth Baguley

RBS Workshop Tent

11.00am – 12.00 noon

No one dares to enter Digger and Tiger's Yard – it's their place. One day someone arrives, wanting to play. Worse still, it's a girl! But Meggie Moon can build amazing pirate ships and racing cars with the things she finds in their Yard. Come and find out how you can turn bits and bobs into fantastic creations with a little bit of imagination.

Age 5 – 7 £3.50

Poems That Matter Most

RBS Children's Theatre 11.30am – 12.30pm

The Scottish Poetry Library's latest anthology of Scottish poems for children, *The Thing that Mattered Most*, is jam packed with an eclectic assortment of brand new poems by today's finest Scottish poets. Come and hear **Diana Hendry** and **Tom Pow** read their favourite poems as well as their own work.

Age 9 – 13 £3.50

Watch Out for Sprouts! with Simon Bartram

RBS Children's Theatre 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Experience this fantastic and innovative collection of poems, pictures, musings and serious brain-thinking from the award-winning creator of *Bob, Man on the Moon*. Find out about puddle worlds, the difference between werewolves and hippies, and what Simon has against sprouts. Fresh, funny and imaginative, this superb collection is what pens were invented for!

Age 7 – 10 £3.50

Burger Boy with Alan Durant

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Benny loved burgers; they were all he would eat. His mum warned him he'd turn into a burger one day. And one day, he did! Find out if Benny escapes the madcap chase of hungry dogs and angry cows in this hilarious culinary cautionary tale.

Age 5 – 7 £3.50



Simon Puttock & Natalie Russell

RBS Children's Theatre 3.00pm – 4.00pm

We need your help to re-tell the classic tale, *There Was an Old Woman Who Swallowed a Fly*. Expect lots of audience participation and some hot on the spot improvisation from author Simon and illustrator Natalie. You'll also have the chance to hear all about Simon's *Little Lost Cowboy* and Natalie's *Hamish the Highland Cow*, as well as BRAW, an exciting new venture celebrating Scottish children's books.

Age 5 – 8 £3.50

Mouse House with Diana Hendry

RBS Workshop Tent 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Come and hear all about Little Mouse and Big Mouse from the wonderful *The Very Noisy Night* and *The Very Busy Day* and then make a house for them to live in. **Please bring along a shoebox** to make the house. If you want to, you can also bring any other bits and pieces you think would make their mouse house a home.

Age 5 – 6 £3.50

Slawter with Darren Shan

RBS Main Theatre 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Come and get your spine thoroughly tingled with the master of horror and all things gruesome. In the third instalment of the *Demonata* series, *Slawter*, the nightmare continues for Dervish Grady. Back from the *Demonata* universe, being a consultant on a new horror film sounds like fun, but being on set in a town called Slawter stirs up more than bad memories. Horror at its blood-curdling best!

Age 10 – 15 £3.50

Russell the Sheep with Rob Scotton

RBS Imagination Lab 4.30pm – 5.15pm

Sometimes Russell is just a little bit out of step with the rest of the flock. All the sheep are falling asleep – except Russell. He's tried everything, but he's still wide awake. What's a sheep to do? Find out how Russell finally dozes off in this wonderful tale for little sleepy heads everywhere.

Age 4 – 6 £3.50

A Life Backwards with Alexander Masters

RBS Children's Theatre 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Alexander Masters's biography of homeless Stuart Shorter, *Stuart: A Life Backwards*, has been hailed by critics as startling, remarkable, rare, haunting and uplifting. Alexander joins us to ask how a life can follow such a troubled journey, and to explore the reality all too often obscured by alarmist labels pinned on young people by society and the media. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

SCRA (Scottish Children's Reporter Administration) is the national body that works with partners to provide a system of child protection and youth justice throughout Scotland.

Adults £7.00 £5.00

Storyteller of the day: David Campbell

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Babies & toddlers

Free - book in advance

The Great Big Enormous Crocodile

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am – 11.30am

Colly the Croc and friends Snip and Snap are back with more crocodile stories, rhymes and songs and a crocodile card for you to make. As ever they're looking forward to eating, ooops, meeting you for lots of fun with Edinburgh City Libraries Youth Services. Don't forget to snap up your free ticket!

Age 5 – 8

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Make a Monster with Julie Dawson

RBS Workshop Tent

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Come and create a monster with artist Julie Dawson. After inspiring you with Maurice Sendak's much-loved *Where the Wild Things Are*, Julie will help you to conjure up your very own original monster.

Age 6 – 8

£3.50

Flower Fairies

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm – 2.15pm

The Flower Fairies live in a hidden world amongst the plants and flowers of your garden. To learn their secrets and be a part of the magic, come along dressed as your favourite fairy! (Also at 4.30pm today and on 16 Aug).

Age 4 – 7

£3.50

Kamishibai Picture Stories

RBS Workshop Tent

3.00pm – 5.00pm

Enter the extraordinary world of Japanese kamishibai picture stories with storytellers **Mio Shapley** and **Fergus McNicol** and artist **Juliana Capes**. Help transform a magical story into an amazing kamishibai, then enjoy the fun as your artwork is used in a retelling of the tale!

Age 7+

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Maisie with Aileen Paterson

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm – 5.30pm

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Follow in the footsteps of Edinburgh's favourite feline friend as Aileen Paterson takes you on a magical tour of her exciting adventures. A must for all Maisie fans!

Age 4 – 7

£3.50

Pirateology

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm – 6.00pm

Come on a swashbuckling adventure on the high seas where pirates rule the waves! What was it like to be a pirate, how did they dress and speak? Where did they hide their booty? Find out everything you ever wanted to know about pirates with **Dugald Steer**, creator of *Pirateology* (fourth in the bestselling and ingenious Ology series), and a rather famous pirate.

Age 8 – 12

£3.50



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Age 4 – 7

£3.50

Suitcase Books with Rachel Hazell

RBS Workshop Tent

11.00am – 12.30pm

Come and create a Suitcase Book with book artist Rachel Hazell! After thinking about how to prepare for a holiday and exploring some basic book-binding techniques, you will discover ways of documenting your travel experiences and making containers to hold them in.

Age 8 – 10

£3.50

Peter Rabbit

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm – 2.15pm

Hop along to this charming interactive puppet show where *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* is brought to life. Help Peter escape from Mr MacGregor's garden, and don't miss a special appearance from Mr Jeremy Fisher who celebrates his centenary this year! (Also at 4.30pm today).

Age 4 – 7

£3.50



Once Upon a Fairytale

RBS Workshop Tent

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Magical tales and fairy stories - with happy endings guaranteed! Come dressed as your favourite fairytale character and make your own sparkly or spooky magic wand. With Edinburgh City Libraries Youth Services.

Age 5 – 8

Free - book in advance

More Tickling in Public! with Paul Cookson & Stewart Henderson

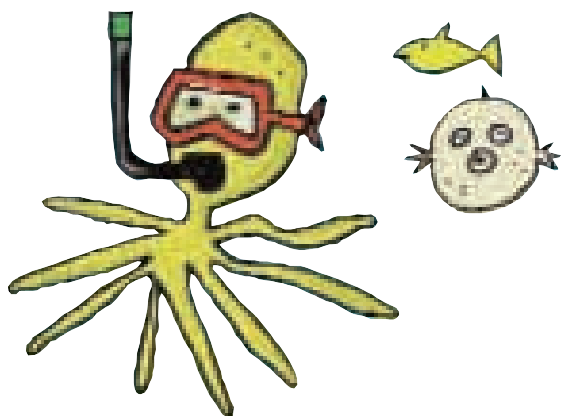
RBS Children's Theatre

4.00pm – 5.00pm

A fantastic and energetic show with poems and puns for every occasion. Smile, laugh, tap your feet and join in! The tickling twosome will fizz about the stage performing hits from their bestselling collections plus some new, sparkly top speed rhymes. An extravaganza of stanzas guaranteed to tickle your funny bones.

Age 7 – 10

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Age 4 – 7

£3.50

Encouraging Confident Individuals with Carol Craig

RBS Children's Theatre

5.30pm – 6.30pm

The new Curriculum for Excellence lists, as one of the four purposes of education, the development of 'confident individuals'. In this talk Dr Carol Craig, Chief Executive of the Centre for Confidence and Well-Being and author of *The Scots' Crisis of Confidence* will outline what confidence is and how it can be nurtured in children. Suitable for teachers of all stages.

Teachers & adults

£5.00



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From Printed Page to Centre Stage with Linda McCann

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am – 12.30pm

Join model-maker Linda McCann in this workshop for adults, and bring your favourite literary character to life in 3D. Linda is renowned as one of Scotland's most innovative artists and has been commissioned to create models of musicians such as Kate Rusby, Evelyn Glennie, and the band Capercaillie. Linda will guide you through the model making process, helping you to create the literary character of your choice in clay form. All you need to bring along is some thoughts on the character you would like to create.

Adults

£10.00 £8.00

The Reading Mission with Libraries Alive!

RBS Children's Bookshop

10.30am – 4.30pm

Calling all secret agents! Join us anytime between 10.30am and 4.30pm for spy-themed crafts and activities with Edinburgh City Libraries. Dr Recommenda Book will be on hand to recommend reads so be sure to pick up your reading prescription! The Reading Mission is one of the biggest national promotions of children's reading and is taking place in most libraries throughout Britain this summer.

Age 5 – 12

Free & drop-in

Bounce & Tickle!

RBS Imagination Lab

11.00am – 11.30am

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Babies & toddlers

Free - book in advance



Topsy & Tim

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm – 2.00pm

Meet famous twins Topsy and Tim in this gentle storytelling session. Join the twins on their journey through the park and have lots of adventures along the way! This delightful storytelling will introduce children to the joys of reading in a fun and reassuring way.

Age 3 – 6

£2.00

Creepy Crawly Collage with Julie Dawson

RBS Workshop Tent

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Come and create an animal collage with artist Julie Dawson. Julie will inspire you with the story of Eric Carle's much loved tale, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and then help you make some mini beasts of your own.

Age 6 – 8

£3.50

Ladybird Tales

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm – 5.00pm

Once upon a time... Come and listen to a traditional fairy tale from Ladybird Books in this magical storytelling session which is sure to captivate young listeners. Enjoy the excitement of a much-loved classic; parents will love it as much as their children!

Age 3 – 7

£2.00

Create a Story with Vivian French

RBS Workshop Tent

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Get your ideas tickled and teased into a masterpiece with one of today's most prolific and popular authors. Just bring your imagination and watch a story grow before your eyes! *(Also on 24 Aug for younger children).*

Age 9 – 11

£3.50

Tanglewreck with Jeanette Winterson

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm – 6.00pm

Ever felt there were not enough hours in the day? You're right, they are being stolen by Regalia Mason who wants to control time and rule the world. Silver realises she is caught up in this plot when the mysterious Abel Darkwater arrives at her cottage, Tanglewreck, in search of a missing watch. Jeanette Winterson's remarkable first novel for young readers is a compelling adventure full of brilliance and wit.

Age 8 – 12

£3.50

Fostering Creativity: A hard look at soft thinking with Ian Smith

RBS Children's Theatre

5.30pm – 6.30pm

How can teachers foster creative thinking in the classroom? Based on the idea that creative thinking does not just happen but needs to be nurtured and developed, Ian Smith will examine practical ways to foster and develop both your own creativity as a teacher and that of your pupils. Ian is one of Scotland's foremost teacher developers who has worked with over 30,000 teachers exploring how people learn. Suitable for teachers of all stages.

Teachers & adults

£5.00



Poet of the day: Stewart Henderson

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

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Katie's Coo: Scots Rhymes for Wee Folk

RBS Imagination Lab

10.00am – 10.30am

Join Craigmillar Books for Babies for a selection of Scots rhymes and songs, including favourites such as *Ally Bally* and *Katie Bairdie*.
(Also at 11.30am today).

Babies & toddlers

Free - book in advance

Create a Storybook with Family Learning

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am – 11.45am

A fantastic opportunity for parents, carers and children to create storybooks together with the Family Learning team. With a guest storyteller, this interactive workshop will demonstrate simple storytelling techniques, both written and oral, and show parents and carers ways of sharing stories with their children. You will also have the chance to create your very own storybook together.

(Also at 1pm, 2.45pm & 4.30pm today).

Age 3 – 5

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Age 3 – 5

Free - book in advance

Magic Train Ride with Sally Crabtree

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm – 2.15pm

Clickety, clickety, clack! Jump aboard with your magic ticket and travel through the jungle, outerspace and underwater, meeting lots of colourful characters along the way.

Age 4 – 6

£3.50

Create a Storybook with Family Learning

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Age 5 – 8

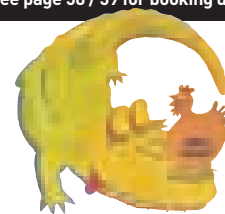
Free - book in advance



Storyteller of the day: Claire McNicol

RBS Imagination Lab **12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm**

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event



Story Mania! with Bob Hartman

RBS Children's Theatre

3.00pm – 4.00pm

When Bob Hartman tells a story he gives it all he's got, and that's a lot! Join one of the world's most dynamic storytellers for a hilarious action-packed and interactive event featuring some of his popular books such as *The Wolf Who Cried Boy* and *The Generous Rabbit*. Don't miss this if you love lively storytelling!

Age 6 – 10

£3.50

Charlie Cook's Favourite Book with Julia Donaldson

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Join the much-loved creator of *The Gruffalo* for stories and songs old and new. Julia's events are always action-packed and unforgettable. Come dressed as your favourite character and be prepared to sing!

Age 5 – 7

£3.50

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Age 5 – 8

Free - book in advance

Roger McGough

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm – 6.00pm

A fantastic opportunity to hear the 'patron saint of poetry' read and talk about his poems. Not to be missed!

Families & age 7+

£3.50

A Long Way to Cherrytime with Amnesty International

RBS Imagination Lab

5.00pm – 6.30pm

How would you feel if you were taken away from your family and friends, or if someone you knew suddenly disappeared? What would you do? In this special interactive event with Amnesty International, you'll be transported to Morocco where you will try to track down a newspaper seller who has vanished from a busy marketplace, and find out how to send clever secret messages.

Age 8 – 12

£3.50

Toxic Childhood with Sue Palmer

THE GILLESPIE MACANDREW EVENT

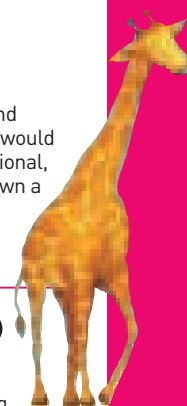
RBS Children's Theatre

5.30pm – 6.30pm

The number of children in the developed world diagnosed as having 'developmental or behavioural problems' is rising by 25% each year. Former head teacher and literacy expert Sue Palmer has researched a diverse range of 'problem areas', from poor diet to modern factors such as mobile phones, televisions and increasingly stressed parents. An illuminating and stimulating revelation of the issues behind the general concerns about children's health, providing a few answers to parents on how to ensure their children emerge as healthy, intelligent and happy adults.

Adults

£7.00 £5.00



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Deep Water with Debi Gliori

RBS Main Theatre 10.00am – 11.00am

The hugely entertaining Debi Gliori brings us another day in the life of that irresistibly bizarre family, the Strega-Borgias, in this special interactive event. Still reeling from the nanny's disappearance, chaos reigns in the StregaSchloss household. So an arrest for murder, a demon intent on revenge and a suicidal deep-frozen ancestor are all par for the course. Fun and mayhem guaranteed!

Age 9 – 11

£3.50

Ingo with Helen Dunmore

RBS Children's Theatre 10.00am – 11.00am

Come and be transported to the enchanting Ingo, a tantalisingly beautiful and dangerous world under the sea, in this captivating new trilogy. Sapphire's father is lost at sea, but she is convinced he is still alive. Then, when she decides to investigate her brother's strange behaviour, Sapphire discovers a mysterious world and soon becomes intoxicated by this perilous and exciting place. Brilliantly imagined, astonishingly lyrical and utterly compelling.

Age 9 – 12

£3.50

Singing Games & Rhymes with Lucinda Geoghegan

RBS Imagination Lab 10.00am – 11.00am

Join Lucinda Geoghegan of the National Youth Choir of Scotland for a fun packed session of traditional rhymes and songs. (Also on 14 Aug).

Age 7 – 10

£3.50

Next Goal's the Winner! with Fergus McNicol and Ron Fairweather

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 10.30am – 11.30am

Following last year's sell-out season, premier league storytellers Ron and Ferg are back with a hat-trick of football stories, songs and poems. With tales of wild games and magic goalie gloves, special guests and a winner-takes-all penalty kick quiz, it will be action all the way, right up to the final whistle! So... here we go, here we go, here we go...

Age 8 – 11

£3.50

Write your own hilarious comedy! with Sue Limb

RBS Workshop Tent 10.30am – 12.30pm

Want to be the next Catherine Tate? Find out how with a master of comedy writing, Sue Limb, author of the hugely popular and hilarious *Girl 16: Pants on Fire*, *Girl 16 (Nearly): Absolute Torture* and *Girl 15: Charming but Insane*. In this two hour workshop, Sue will reveal the secrets of good comedy writing, and you'll have the chance to try it out for yourself.

Age 12+

£3.50

Ptolemy's Gate with Jonathan Stroud

RBS Children's Theatre 11.30am – 12.30pm

The third instalment of the gripping Bartimaeus series is an irresistible combination of magic, adventure and political intrigue. Three years on from the events in *The Golem's Eye*, the magicians' rule in London is teetering on a knife edge. Is the only solution an alliance between djinn and ordinary people? Kitty seeks out Bartimaeus and embarks on a terrifying journey into the djinn's chaotic domain, a journey no human has ever survived.

Age 11 – 13

£3.50

The Worst Children's Jobs in History with Tony Robinson

RBS Main Theatre 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Travel back in time to the days when being a kid was no excuse for getting out of hard labour. Tony Robinson will reveal the back-breaking reality of life as a jigger-turner, stepper and many more jobs which have kept Britain ticking over throughout the last few hundred years. Your paper round will never seem as bad again!

Age 9 – 11

£3.50

Storyteller of the day: Bob Hartman

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

Septimus Heap with Angie Sage

RBS Children's Theatre 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Join Angie Sage to hear all about *Magyk* and *Flyte*, the first two instalments of the captivating Septimus Heap series, the bestselling story of the seventh son of a seventh son. Full of wonders, charms and surprises, this richly imagined world of dangerous quests, good and bad magic, monster-infested marshes and hurtle-paced humour will leave you spellbound.

Age 9 – 12

£3.50

Musical Pairs with Anne Evans & Dick Lee

RBS Imagination Lab 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Come and munch through your picnic lunch with flautist and pianist Anne Evans and 'reeds wizard' Dick Lee, as they combine virtuosity with wit in this captivating hour of musical entertainment. Can you find the hidden tunes and musical jokes? A free and drop-in lunchtime treat. (Also on 12, 13, 20, 26 & 27 Aug).

All ages

Free & drop-in

Akimbo and the Snakes with Alexander McCall Smith

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ScottishPower Studio Theatre 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Join the captivating Alexander McCall Smith to hear all about his new children's novel, his first for ten years. Akimbo loves his life in Africa on the great game reserve where his father is ranger. He sees all sorts of wonderful animals – except snakes. Perhaps his luck will change at Uncle Peter's snake farm! Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear one of Scotland's most popular authors weave his magic.

Age 7 – 9

£3.50

Cartoon Illustration Masterclass with Tony de Saulles

RBS Workshop Tent 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Join award-winning Horrible Science illustrator, Tony De Saulles, for a cartoon illustration workshop. Discover how to draw heads, hands, bodies, animals, and insects, and learn lots of other useful tips that will help bring your work to life. And there'll be some handy worksheets to take away for some Horrible Homework!

Adults

£10.00 £8.00

The Flight of the Silver Turtle with John Fardell

RBS Children's Theatre 3.00pm – 4.00pm

More gripping escapades and astounding surprises from the author of *The Seven Professors of the Far North*. Sam is back in Edinburgh with his brilliant inventor uncle and cousins, whose efforts to build an experimental flying boat lead to a dramatic discovery. So begins an adventure of nocturnal museum thefts, encrypted clues, murder cover-ups, mysterious airships and sky-chases over the rooftops of Edinburgh.

Age 9 – 13

£3.50

Words & Pictures with Ross Collins & Vivian French

RBS Children's Theatre 4.30pm – 5.30pm

How do you create a picture book? What comes first, the pictures or the story? Here's your chance to find out by creating an illustrated story on the spot! Join the wonderfully exuberant Vivian French and fantastically quick-on-the-draw Ross Collins to create a story together and see it come to life before your eyes.

Age 8+

£3.50

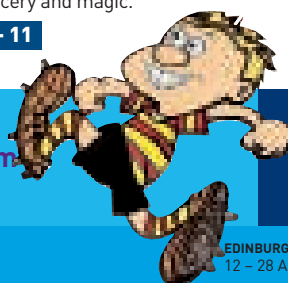
Waking Merlin with Tanya Landman

RBS Imagination Lab 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Find out all about different Arthurian myths with Tanya Landman. She will also talk about *Waking Merlin*, a fun fantasy adventure in which a young girl accidentally wakes the famous Merlin whilst pot-holing! She'll give you a sneak preview of the sequel too, *Merlin's Apprentice*, which abounds with more sorcery and magic.

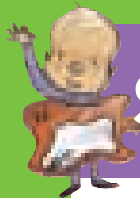
Age 8 – 11

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Meet Karen McCombie

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10.00am – 11.00am

Don't miss this chance to meet the creator of the hugely popular Ally's World series. Karen will tell you all about the sixth instalment of the irresistible Stella Etc series, *Twists, Turns & 100% Tilda*. You'll also be the first to hear about Karen's brand new book, *An Urgent Message of Wowness*. How can you resist?!

Age 9 – 12

£3.50

The Outlaw Varjak Paw with SF Said

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

10.30am – 11.30am

Varjak Paw, Mesopotamian Blue Cat and master of the Way, a secret martial arts for cats, returns in another extraordinary and compelling adventure. Lurking in the shadows is the world of city cats ruled by Sally Bones – never beaten in a fight, never seen in daylight, she is the terror of every kitten. Only Varjak can stand up to her, but only if he faces his fears and finds true courage. Be lured into this fascinating and award-winning world of cats and kung fu.

Age 8 – 10

£3.50

Henny Penny with Vivian French & Sophie Windham

RBS Imagination Lab

10.30am – 11.30am

We all know the story of Henny Penny, the silly chicken who thinks the sky is falling in. Well, that's not the true story. That's the story the foxes like to tell. Join author Vivian French and illustrator Sophie Windham to find out what really happened after the acorn fell from the oak tree.

Age 4 – 6

£3.50

Picture Book Masterclass with Simon James

RBS Workshop Tent

11.00am – 1.00pm

How do you create a classic picture book? Find out in this intensive session for adults with author and illustrator Simon James, creator of *Days Like These* and the award-winning *Baby Brains*.

Adults

10.00 £8.00

Girl 16: Pants on Fire with Sue Limb

RBS Children's Theatre

11.30am – 12.30pm

Come and laugh till it hurts at the hilarious sequel to *Girl 15: Charming but Insane* and *Girl 16 (Nearly): Absolute Torture*. Jess and Fred are finally an 'item' and spend an idyllic summer creating fabulous comedy routines together. Then one fateful morning Fred casually mentions he's not so keen anymore... Jess is OUTRAGED! Can Jess keep her cool and her man or will it all end in tears?

Age 12+

£3.50

Shirley Hughes

THE BAILLIE GIFFORD EVENT

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm – 2.30pm

A rare opportunity to hear one of today's most distinguished children's author-illustrators talk about her best-loved characters, including the enduringly popular Alfie who is twenty-five years young this year!

Families & age 7+

£3.50

Musical Pairs with Anne Evans & Dick Lee

RBS Imagination Lab

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All ages

Free & drop-in

Final Curtain with Philip Ardagh

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm – 3.00pm

It's the last outing for hapless hero Eddie Dickens in this outrageously funny final instalment of the Further Adventures of Eddie Dickens series. Join the endlessly inventive Philip Ardagh for an explosive hour of anarchic characters and wild wit. A unique slice of the ridiculous that will change the way you think about stories.

Age 8+

£3.50

Become a Poet with Diana Hendry

RBS Workshop Tent

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Join popular local poet Diana Hendry to hear some of her many wonderful poems. Then have a go at writing and illustrating some of your own. *(Also on 21 Aug for older children).*

Age 7 – 9

£3.50

Baby Brains Superstar with Simon James

RBS Children's Theatre

3.00pm – 4.00pm

The world's brainiest baby is back – and this time he rocks! Following on from the delightful *Baby Brains*, our extraordinary young hero learns to play electric guitar and decides rock 'n' roll is where it's at. When he headlines at an open air concert he realises he's missing something – his mummy! An interactive and lively event is guaranteed.

Age 6 – 8

£3.50

Framed with Frank Cottrell Boyce

RBS Children's Theatre

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Dylan is the only boy in the tiny Welsh town of Manod. Something is happening on Manod Mountain. Which is odd. Nothing ever happens in Manod. When Dylan discovers that priceless artwork has been stashed in the mountain, his extensive knowledge of Donatello, Raphael, Leonardo and Michelangelo looks like it might help him to pull off the heist of the decade and save the family's failing business. Except he's talking about Ninja Turtles. An ingeniously comic story of fine art and first-rate crime from the author of the award-winning *Millions*.

Age 9 – 12

£3.50

Horrible Science with Tony De Saulles

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Join Horrible Science illustrator, Tony De Saulles for a Horrible Science cartoon session. Take a close look at the amazing *Stunning Science of Everything* and learn how to draw exploding chickens, farting swamps, microscopic monsters and sick scientists! You can take your magnificent masterpieces home with you and maybe one of Tony's too!

Age 8 – 10

£3.50



Storyteller of the day: Ruth Kirkpatrick

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

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Bounce & Tickle!

RBS Imagination Lab

10.00am – 10.30am

Join Bookstart Edinburgh and Craigmillar Books for Babies for a session of action rhymes and songs for babies and children under three years. (Also at 11am today and on 12, 15, 17, 24 & 27 Aug).

Babies & toddlers

Free - book in advance

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Babies & toddlers

Free - book in advance

Murderous Maths with Kjartan Poskitt

RBS Children's Theatre

4.00pm – 5.00pm

Criminal mastermind and evil genius Professor Fiendish has finally achieved his ultimate goal - a Murderous Maths book all to himself. In a desperate attempt to warp the minds of readers everywhere he has filled it with utterly diabolical puzzles. Join the hugely entertaining Kjartan Poskitt for some fascinating facts and perilous puzzles. Maths will never be the same again!

Age 8 – 10

£3.50

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RBS Workshop Tent

4.00pm – 5.00pm

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Age 10 – 12

£3.50

Sharp Sheep with Vivian French

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Join the exuberant and entertaining Vivian French for a hilarious woolly tale. Josh loves to terrify his brother and stepsister with scary stories about the strange Black Balwen Mountain sheep around Grampy's farmhouse. Will the devilish shepherd, Rhys the Fleece, really grant a magic wish to anyone brave enough to camp out all night? One night, Paul decides to find out!

Age 7 – 10

£3.50

The Motivated School with Alan McLean

RBS Children's Theatre

5.30pm – 6.30pm

Alan McLean is a Principal Psychologist in Glasgow and was commissioned by the Scottish Executive to produce *The Motivated School* training programme. This programme provides tools and activities to help teachers reflect on the motivational capacity of their classrooms. Alan will also talk about *The Learning Stances*, a framework which examines how learners adapt to and engage in the learning climate. Suitable for teachers of all stages.

Teachers & adults

£5.00



Poets of the day:

Elsbeth Murray & Richard Medrington

RBS Imagination Lab

12 noon – 12.45pm & 3.00pm – 3.45pm

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

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Tuesday 22

What to Read:

The Read Together Makeover

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am – 3.30pm

Read Together National Co-ordinators **Lindsey Fraser** and **Kathryn Ross** are here from 10.30am to 3.30pm to answer your queries about reading with your children. Drop in and pick up the latest reading recommendations – we have lists for all ages (from 0 to 14 years) for you to take away. Share your favourite books, authors and reading tips and help to grow our Read Together Reading Tree. You could win a fabulous book prize in our free prize draw! (Also see the three special Reading Champion events throughout the day).

Read Together is the Scottish Executive's Home Reading Initiative, encouraging parents and carers to get involved with their children's reading right from the start.

Parents, carers & children

Free & drop-in

Storytelling with Reading Champion Linda Strachan

RBS Workshop Tent

11.00am – 11.30am

Linda has written many books for children including *What Colour is Love?* and the popular Hamish McHaggis series. Her latest picture book is *Greyfriars Bobby* – a splendid retelling of the famous story about a brave and loyal little dog.

Age 4 – 6

Free - book in advance

Storytelling with Reading Champion Janey Louise Jones

RBS Workshop Tent

1.00pm – 1.30pm

Storytelling with Reading Champion, Janey Louise Jones, creator of the bestselling Princess Poppy series. Find out more about the people who live in Honey Pot Hill, including everybody's favourite princess, Poppy.

Age 3 – 6

Free - book in advance

Hamish McHaggis with Linda Strachan and Sally J Collins

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Hamish McHaggis and his friends live in a secret glen in Coorie Doon, deep in the Highlands of Scotland. Come and hear all about their adventures around Scotland and learn a few Scots words and phrases along the way. And if you're not sure how to spot Hamish McHaggis, Sally will be at hand to draw pictures of him.

Age 4 – 8

£3.50

Storytelling and Colouring-in with Reading Champion Andrew Wolffe

RBS Workshop Tent

2.30pm – 3.00pm

Join the creator of the delightful and well-loved Rory Stories series, all about the adventures of red-haired Rory and his wee dog, Scruff McDuff, for some fun stories and colouring-in.

Age 3 – 6

Free - book in advance

Geraldine McCaughrean & Philip Reeve

RBS Children's Theatre

5.00pm – 6.00pm

Not only are Geraldine McCaughrean and Philip Reeve two of today's most inventive writers, they are also mutual fans. Philip's brilliantly imagined quartet set in an extraordinary world of 'municipal Darwinism', where mobile cities are powered by engines, concludes magnificently with *A Darkling Plain*. Geraldine's latest novel, *The White Darkness*, challenges us to consider where the source of our own happiness really lies. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear these brilliant authors in conversation.

Age 11 – 13

£3.50

Rhymes & Reasons with Bookstart Edinburgh

RBS Imagination Lab

6.00pm – 7.00pm

Join Edinburgh's Bookstart team for an informal session on how sharing rhymes and books with very young children sows the seeds for educational achievements later in life. For both professionals and carers with an interest in early literacy.

Adults

Free - book in advance

Storyteller of the day:

Donnie Henderson-Shedlarz

RBS Imagination Lab

12 noon – 12.45pm & 3.00pm – 3.45pm

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

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Wednesday 23

Bookmaking Masterclass with Rachel Hazell

RBS Workshop Tent

11.00am – 1.00pm

A playful and creative workshop for adults on bookart featuring a mixture of practical techniques and conceptual ideas. A variety of simple folded and sewn structures will be employed to best display short texts. Artists' books will be available for inspiration, or you can bring short poems, haiku or collections of words.

Adults

£10.00 £8.00

The Sea Mice and the Stars with Kenneth Steven

RBS Workshop Tent

4.00pm – 4.45pm

Join Kenneth Steven for his enchanting tale about a family of seafaring mice. One night the sky is sparkling with falling stars and the sea mice must set out into the dark and storms to collect them when they fall. Then make star hats to equip you for your own adventures.

Age 5 – 7

£3.50

Perform a Story with Pam Wardell

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm – 6.00pm

Come and create the characters and experience the drama of a popular story with props, costumes and sound effects. Parents and carers can leave their children in rehearsal and then return at 5.45pm for a special free performance. Just ask for your free VIP parents tickets when booking for your children. (Also on 25 Aug).

Age 6 – 9

£3.50



Storyteller of the day: Bea Ferguson

RBS Imagination Lab

12 noon – 12.45pm & 3.00pm – 3.45pm

Free Tickets available from the Box Office on the day of the event

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Bounce & Tickle!

RBS Imagination Lab

10.00am – 10.30am

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Babies & toddlers

Free - book in advance

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Babies & toddlers

Free - book in advance

Create a Story with Vivian French

RBS Workshop Tent

4.00pm – 5.00pm

Get your ideas tickled and teased into a masterpiece with one of today's most prolific and popular authors. Just bring your imagination and watch a story grow before your eyes! (Also on 17 Aug for older children).

Age 6 – 8

£3.50

Jacqueline Wilson

RBS Main Theatre

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Book Festival favourite and utterly brilliant Jacqueline Wilson talk about her writing and her latest book, *Candy Floss*. There will be plenty of time for questions! (Also appearing on 26 Aug).

Age 8 – 11

£3.50

Jango with William Nicholson

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm – 6.00pm

Be the first to hear all about *Jango*, the second book in the critically acclaimed Noble Warriors trilogy. Seeker, Morning Star and the Wild Man discover that the mysterious warrior sect they had been so desperate to join is not quite what it appears from the outside. Having acquired the remarkable skills of the Nomana, they leave to find their own way in the world. When the mighty warlord of the Arlan nation vows to destroy Anacrea, they find they need all the powers they have. A great chance to meet one of today's most gifted and imaginative writers.

Age 11+

£3.50

Stories at Lughnasadh

RBS Children's Theatre

6.00pm – 7.30pm

As the harvest draws closer, come and revel in the stories and music of the Celtic festival of Lughnasadh. Balor the one-eyed giant roams the land and Beira the hag of winter awakens from her summer sleeping. With storytellers **Claire and Fergus McNicol** and musicians **Margarte Smith** and **Simon Van der Werd**.

Adults & age 10+

£3.50



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Perform a Story with Pam Wardell

RBS Imagination Lab

10.00am – 11.30am

Come and create the characters and experience the drama of a popular story with props, costumes and sound effects. Parents and carers can leave their children in rehearsal and then return at 5.45pm for a performance. Just ask for your free VIP parents tickets when booking for your children. (Also on 23 Aug).

Age 6 – 9

£3.50

Angelina Ballerina with Katharine Holabird

RBS Imagination Lab

1.30pm – 2.00pm

Calling all budding ballerinas! Join the creator of everybody's favourite dancing mousling, Angelina Ballerina, in a feast of storytelling and dance. Don't forget to wear your tutu! (Also on 26 Aug).

Age 5 – 7

£2.00

Storysticks with Ruth Kirkpatrick & Claire McNicol

RBS Workshop Tent

2.30pm – 4.30pm

Who ever heard of a story on a stick? Come along and we'll teach you the trick! An interactive workshop with stories and craft with two of Scotland's leading storytellers.

Age 7 – 9

£3.50

Ghostboy and the Moonbalm Treasure with Richard Hamilton & Sam Hearn

RBS Children's Theatre

3.00pm – 4.00pm

After 150 years the novelty of haunting Halibut Hall has worn off for Alex and his grandfather, so a surprise holiday to Moonbalm Hotel puts them in high spirits. But it's the living residents, not the extraordinary ghosts, that are causing trouble, and Alex soon uncovers a sinister plot to steal the Moonbalm Treasure. Don't miss this action-packed and fiendishly funny mystery adventure with author Richard Hamilton and illustrator Sam Hearn – Sam will make the ghostly characters come back to life before your eyes!

Age 7 – 9

£3.50

Ultimate Teen Books with Nicola Morgan, Eleanor Updale & Daniel Hahn

RBS Children's Theatre

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Come and celebrate, challenge and provoke all things teenage with two of today's most acclaimed authors for teens, Nicola Morgan and Eleanor Updale, and editor Daniel Hahn. Who exactly are teenagers? What do you like to read? Should teen books be censored? Have your say in all this and more. We'll also be celebrating *The Ultimate Teen Book Guide*, a fabulous and eclectic compendium of over 700 books reviewed and recommended by teenagers and top teen authors, just for you. Chaired by Leonie Flynn.

Teenagers

£3.50

Pharaoh's Egypt with Brita Granström & Mick Manning

RBS Imagination Lab

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Explore ancient Egypt in this engaging interactive event. Mick and Brita's fly-on-the-wall reporting from ancient times will reveal the lives of majestic Pharaohs and their scribes, delve deep into tombs and explore worshipping at temples. You may even get to be a mummy or a Pharaoh yourself!

Age 7 – 9

£3.50

Clash of the Sky Galleons with Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

5.00pm – 6.00pm

Delve into the weird and wonderful world of The Edge Chronicles and be the first to hear all about the brand new instalment, *Clash of the Sky Galleons*. Their unique partnership means that author Paul and illustrator Chris play an equal part in developing plots and characters. Hear about the original way they work together and see The Edge creatures come to life before your very eyes!

Age 9 – 11

£3.50

Climate Change – whose problem is it?

THE WWF DEBATE

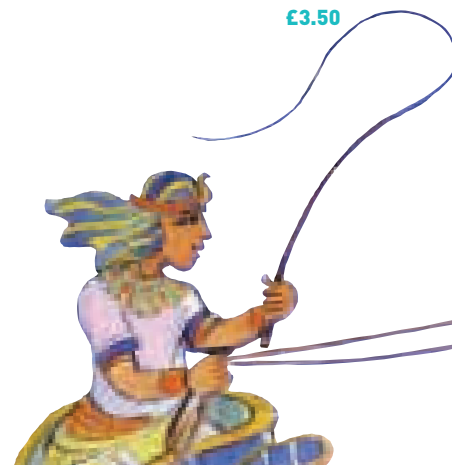
RBS Children's Theatre

6.30pm – 7.30pm

Is climate change inevitable or caused by modern society? Should the needs of the developing world come before measures to reduce our impact on the planet, even if that means damaging the environment? What exactly can we do about climate change? Environmental activist Joss Garman and Sandy Starr, founding member of the Manifesto Club get to grips with the debate. Come and have your say. Chaired by Rajiv Joshi of the Scottish Youth Parliament.

Adults & age 16+

£3.50



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Tom Trueheart with Ian Beck

RBS Children's Theatre 10.00am – 11.00am
Tom Trueheart's six big, brave and bold brothers are true adventurers. Employed by the Story Bureau to embark on heroic voyages, they rescue young ladies and climb outlandishly large beanstalks. But one day the brothers don't return and the stories remain unfinished. Enter the Land of Stories with Tom to find out who is sabotaging the happy endings.

Age 8 – 10 £3.50

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Age 5 – 7 £2.00

Pirates & Princesses with Linda McCann

RBS Workshop Tent 11.00am – 12.30pm
Come and be transformed into a swashbuckling pirate or a magical princess. Linda will help you to make the essential accoutrements for a career on the high seas or life as a perfect princess.

Age 6 – 9 £3.50

Vampirates with Justin Somper

RBS Children's Theatre 11.30am – 12.30pm
An extravaganza of brilliantly flamboyant characters and swashbuckling adventure, the Vampirates series will leave you bloodthirsty for more! *Demons of the Ocean* introduces twins Connor and Grace, who find themselves separately rescued at sea by two very different and mysterious ships. Connor becomes part of the oddball crew led by rock star-like seadog Captain Molucco Wraith. Grace, however, is in great danger as she tries to discover what the enigmatic Lorcan is keeping from her. The adventure continues in *Tide of Terror*. Unmissable!

Age 9 – 12 £3.50

Heroes & Villains

RBS Main Theatre 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Do you always root for the heroes? Or secretly admire the villains? In this special family event, First Minister **Jack McConnell** joins popular children's authors **Anne Fine** and **Francesca Simon** to talk about their favourite children's books, revealing the heroes that inspired them and the dastardly deeds of the villains they admired!

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Families & age 7+ £3.50



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Ivy with Julie Hearn

RBS Children's Theatre 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Don't miss this chance to hear about the gripping and atmospheric new novel from the author of the highly acclaimed *The Merrybegot* and *Follow Me Down*. The only beautiful thing in Ivy's drab life is her glorious red hair, but others seem intent on exploiting her because of it. From being used as a 'skinner' by Carrotty Kate to being the muse of a wealthy pre-Raphaelite painter, Ivy's life seems to be out of her control. Until she determines to escape. Fast-paced and brilliantly imagined, the magnificent *Ivy* promises to be unforgettable.

Age 12+ £3.50

Musical Pairs with Anne Evans & Dick Lee

RBS Imagination Lab 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Come and munch through your picnic lunch with flautist and pianist Anne Evans and 'reeds wizard' Dick Lee, as they combine virtuosity with wit in this captivating hour of musical entertainment. Can you find the hidden tunes and musical jokes? A free and drop-in lunchtime treat. (Also on 12, 13, 19, 20 & 27 Aug).

All ages Free & drop-in

Meet Joan Lingard

ScottishPower Studio Theatre 2.00pm – 3.00pm
A wonderful opportunity to hear one of Edinburgh's most distinguished children's authors talk about her award-winning fiction including her new book about Tilly, *Tilly and the Badgers*. Joan is renowned for her wonderfully engaging and inspiring events which leave audiences, both children and adults, enthralled.

Families and age 8+ £3.50

Troll Mill with Katherine Langrish

RBS Children's Theatre 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Dark secrets, gruesome grindings and troll trickery abound in this dramatic sequel to the captivating *Troll Fell*. Peer Ulfsson and his dog Loki are settling into a contented life after the mysterious happenings on Troll Fell. But strange times are afoot – could his greedy, scheming uncles be back? A marvellous, magical adventure.

Age 10 – 13 £3.50

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Adults & age 8+ £3.50

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Babies & toddlers

Free - book in advance



Horrid Henry with Francesca Simon

RBS Main Theatre

10.00am – 11.00am

Meet the wonderful Francesca Simon, creator of the bestselling Horrid Henry series, and hear all about his uproarious new adventures in *Horrid Henry and the Football Fiend*. Lots of fun and audience participation is guaranteed with this brilliantly entertaining speaker.

Age 6 – 9

£3.50

Winston the Book Wolf with Ian Beck

RBS Children's Theatre

10.00am – 11.00am

Winston the wolf loves words – he thinks they taste absolutely delicious! But the librarian isn't keen on him munching on her books. Come and hear how a little girl in a red hood shows Winston that there are different ways to enjoy words. A tasty treat for all book-munchers and word lovers.

Age 4 – 5

£3.50

Anne Fine

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

10.30am – 11.30am

Hear the captivating former Children's Laureate, Anne Fine, talk about her books for older children, including her extraordinary new novel *The Road of Bones*, a chilling and dramatic tale of belief and freedom, imprisonment and escape. An essential event for your festival diary.

Age 10+

£3.50

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Babies & toddlers

Free - book in advance



Make a Postcard with Linda McCann

RBS Workshop Tent

11.00am – 4.00pm

The Book Festival is nearly over – we hope you've had a wonderful time! Why not write to your friends and tell them all about the books and authors you've discovered? Join artist Linda McCann and create your own postcard to send. You can even post it right here! Drop in anytime between 11am & 4pm.

All ages

Free & drop-in

Diamonds & Sirens with Julia Golding

RBS Children's Theatre

11.30am – 12.30pm

Julia will captivate you with her two brand new fiction series. The award-winning *The Diamond of Drury Lane* transports you to Victorian London where orphan Cat Royal mixes with high and low society, theatre and gangland, and becomes embroiled in a life or death intrigue. In *Secrets of the Sirens*, Connie discovers a secret group who work in harmony with mythical creatures to protect each other. When Connie discovers that she too can communicate with all mythical creatures, she finds herself in a battle with a dark force.

Age 9 – 12

£3.50

Michael Foreman & Michael Morpurgo

RBS Main Theatre

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear one of the most successful and best-loved writing and illustrating partnerships in conversation. Over the past forty years, Michael Foreman has become one of the world's best known writer-illustrators, having illustrated over 170 books for children. Michael Morpurgo has written over 100 books for children, many of which have been made even more vibrant by Michael Foreman's extraordinary interpretations.

Families & age 8+

£3.50

Storyteller of the day: Colin McEwan

RBS Imagination Lab 12 noon – 12.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.45pm

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Soul Eater with Michelle Paver

RBS Children's Theatre

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Hear about the dazzling third instalment of the Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series. After their heart-stopping adventure in the Seal Islands, Torak and Wolf are together again. But their reunion is short-lived. The Soul Eaters have snatched Wolf and plan to sacrifice him. Desperate to rescue him, Torak hatches a perilous plan and enters a dangerous and shadowy world of deceit and treachery.

Age 9 – 12

£3.50

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All ages

Free & drop-in

Tersias with GP Taylor

ScottishPower Studio Theatre

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Be the first to hear about this brand new and eagerly anticipated third novel from the creator of *Shadowmancer*. *Tersias* is a gripping tale of intrigue and sorcery set in the London of 1756. *Tersias* is a blind boy oracle who sees visions of the future. As his powers strengthen the unscrupulous seek to use him, but none are aware of a much darker force that torments *Tersias's* soul.

Age 12+

£3.50

Troublesome Angels and the Red Island Pirates with Hazel Marshall

RBS Children's Theatre

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Be transported to a medieval world of angels, alchemy and inventions with the creator of the fabulous Troublesome Angels trilogy. This extraordinary and exciting adventure begins when Blanco Polo (great-nephew of Marco Polo) travels from Venice to Spain to build flying machines with the villainous Count Maleficio. En route he meets Eva who is accompanied by two mischievous angels. Come and find out how Hazel is inspired by history and travel and hear about some fun things she discovered while researching her books.

Age 9 – 11

£3.50

Dominic Barker & David Lee Stone

RBS Children's Theatre

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Join the creators of two of today's most witty and hilarious fantasy adventures. Dominic Barker's *Blart* is a more than reluctant hero. His destiny is to save mankind but he would rather look after his pigs. So begins a magnificent (well, actually, woefully incompetent) quest and some encounters with a clutch of weird and wonderful characters. David Lee Stone's devilishly humorous Illmoor Chronicles series abounds with hopeless heroes and dark lords that are even more twisted than its city's own residents. Heroic quests will never be the same again!

Age 10 – 15

£3.50

The Tiara Club's Perfect Princess Party

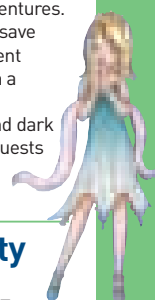
RBS Imagination Lab

5.00pm – 6.00pm

Calling all wannabe princesses! Dust off your tiaras and join Vivian French, author of *The Tiara Club*, for A Perfect Princess Party. Hear tales of the six princesses who attend The Princess Academy and meet a real life fairy godmother – who might be able to grant some wishes! Finally, customise and take home your own perfect princess accessory.

Age 5 – 8

£3.50



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Events for adults in the RBS Children's Programme

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Saturday 12 August

Icarus with Hugh Lupton & Daniel Morden

RBS Children's Theatre

5.30pm – 7.15pm

The award-winning retellers of Greek myth make a welcome return. Their new production tells of three generations of makers: Prometheus the Titan, Hephaestus the God and Daedalus the man. It asks the question: what is the relationship between creation and suffering, and is humanity equipped to deal with it? *This performance includes a 15 minute break.*

Adults & 12+

£3.50

Sunday 13 August

Just in Case with Meg Rosoff

RBS Children's Theatre

10.00am – 11.00am

This extraordinary new novel from the author of the breath-taking bestseller *How I Live Now* is daring, powerful and utterly compelling. Every minute of every day a million things could happen. Will you step out in front of that bus? Win the lottery? Who controls it all? Fate? And what if fate doesn't like you?

Teenagers & adults

£3.50

Sunday 13 August

Nick Butterworth & Tony Ross

RBS Children's Theatre

5.00pm – 6.00pm

A unique opportunity to hear two of our best-loved children's book illustrators in conversation. Nick Butterworth's creations include *Percy the Park Keeper* and the adorable *Tiger*. As well as illustrating the Horrid Henry series, Tony Ross brought us *Towser* and the world's feistiest toddler, the *Little Princess*. Find out how they create characters and bring them to life for generations of children.

Adults

£7.00 £5.00

Monday 14 August

A Life Backwards with Alexander Masters

THE SCRA EVENT

RBS Children's Theatre

6.00pm – 7.00pm

Alexander Masters's biography of homeless Stuart Shorter, *Stuart: A Life Backwards*, has been hailed by critics as startling, remarkable, rare, haunting and uplifting. Alexander joins us to ask how a life can follow such a troubled journey, and to explore the reality all too often obscured by alarmist labels pinned on young people by society and the media. Chaired by **Ruth Wishart**.

SCRA [Scottish Children's Reporter Administration] is the national body that works with partners to provide a system of child protection and youth justice throughout Scotland.

Adults

£7.00 £5.00

Thursday 17 August

From Printed Page to Centre Stage with Linda McCann

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am – 12.30pm

Join model-maker Linda McCann and bring your favourite literary character to life in 3D. Linda is renowned as one of Scotland's most innovative artists and has been commissioned to create models of musicians such as Kate Rusby, Evelyn Glennie and the band Capercaille. Linda will guide you through the model making process, helping you to create the literary character of your choice in clay form. All you need to bring along is some thoughts on the character you would like to create.

Adults

£10.00 £8.00

Friday 18 August

Toxic Childhood with Sue Palmer

THE GILLESPIE MACANDREW EVENT

RBS Children's Theatre

5.30pm – 6.30pm

The number of children in the developed world diagnosed as having 'developmental or behavioural problems' is rising by 25% each year. Former head teacher and literacy expert Sue Palmer has researched a diverse range of 'problem areas', from poor diet to modern factors such as mobile phones, televisions and increasingly stressed parents. An illuminating revelation of the issues behind the general concerns about children's health, providing some answers on how to ensure children emerge as healthy, intelligent and happy adults.

Adults

£7.00 £5.00

Saturday 19 August

Cartoon Illustration Masterclass with Tony de Saulles

RBS Workshop Tent

2.30pm – 4.30pm

Join award-winning Horrible Science illustrator, Tony De Saulles, for a cartoon-illustration workshop. Discover how to draw heads, hands, bodies, animals, and insects, and learn lots of other useful tips that will help bring your work to life.

Adults

£10.00 £8.00

Sunday 20 August

Picture Book Masterclass with Simon James

RBS Workshop Tent

11.00am – 1.00pm

How do you create a classic picture book? Find out in this intensive session with author and illustrator Simon James, creator of *Days Like These* and the award-winning *Baby Brains*.

Adults

£10.00 £8.00

Tuesday 22 August

What to Read: The Read Together Makeover

RBS Workshop Tent

10.30am – 3.30pm

Read Together National Co-ordinators **Lindsey Fraser** and **Kathryn Ross** will be at the Book Festival to answer all your queries about reading with your children. See page 49 for full details.

Parents, carers & children

Free & drop in

Tuesday 22 August

Rhymes & Reasons with Bookstart Edinburgh

RBS Imagination Lab

6.00pm – 7.00pm

An informal session on how sharing rhymes and books with very young children sows the seeds for educational achievements later in life. Find out how the Bookstart scheme works and how they can work with you.

Adults

Free – book in advance

Wednesday 23 August

Bookmaking Masterclass with Rachel Hazell

RBS Workshop Tent

11.00am – 1.00pm

A playful and creative workshop on bookart featuring a mixture of practical techniques and conceptual ideas. A variety of simple folded and sewn structures will be employed to best display short texts. Artists' books will be available or you can bring short poems, haiku or collections of words.

Adults

£10.00 £8.00

Thursday 24 August

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Adults & age 8+

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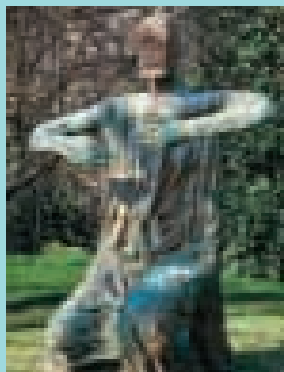


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- **over 50 author events** including exciting new authors and many old favourites.
- **truly creative and interactive workshops** where children can learn how to create a story and improve their writing skills.
- **events for teachers and adults** – lively, informative and designed to inspire.

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Art in the garden

Edith Simon (1917 - 2003), illustrator, graphic artist, historian, novelist, translator, essayist, painter and sculptor exhibited her work in Edinburgh for 30 years. We are delighted to have a selection of her sculptures at the Book Festival for you to enjoy. You can buy *Moderation Be Damned!*, a book on Edith Simon's life and work, in our bookshop or pick up a free information sheet about her at the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent.

Contemporary seating: relax on state of the art designer seating, provided by Inhouse, in a highly practical outdoor exhibition on the Chair.

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You can also catch Radio Scotland's weekly book programme, Cover Stories, hosted by Book Festival favourite Richard Holloway. Book Festival authors take part in live recordings of the Radio Café at the Famous Spiegeltent in George Square – near Edinburgh University – from Monday 14 to Friday 25 August (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) at 1.15pm – 2pm. Tickets are free from the Fringe: 0131 226 0000 or www.edfringe.com



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Daily 9.30am – late

Light snacks, sandwiches and fresh salads, plus a selection of great wines and beer from the bar, Fair Trade coffee, teas and whisky.

Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, The Bookshop

Daily 9.30am – 9.15pm

Expertly roasted Fair Trade organic coffees, and speciality teas from around the world as well as a tempting selection of homemade cakes, tarts and pastries.

Di Rollo of Musselburgh Ice Cream Trike

Daily 11am – 6pm

Locally made ice creams in a mouth watering variety of flavours.

Beetroot Blue Café Bar, Highland Park Spiegeltent

Daily 11.30am – 6pm

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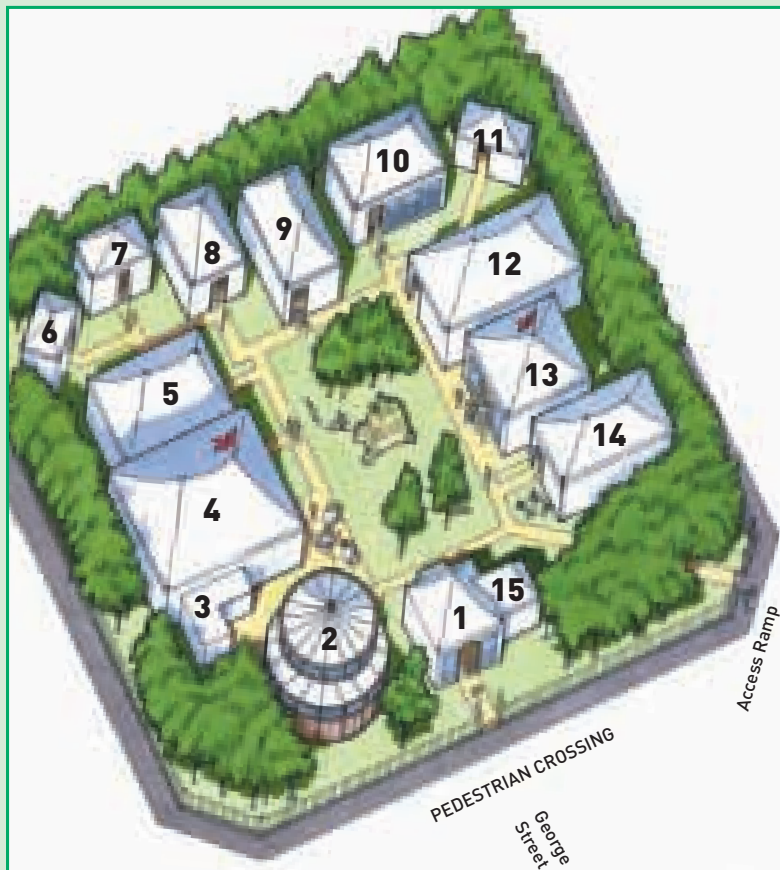
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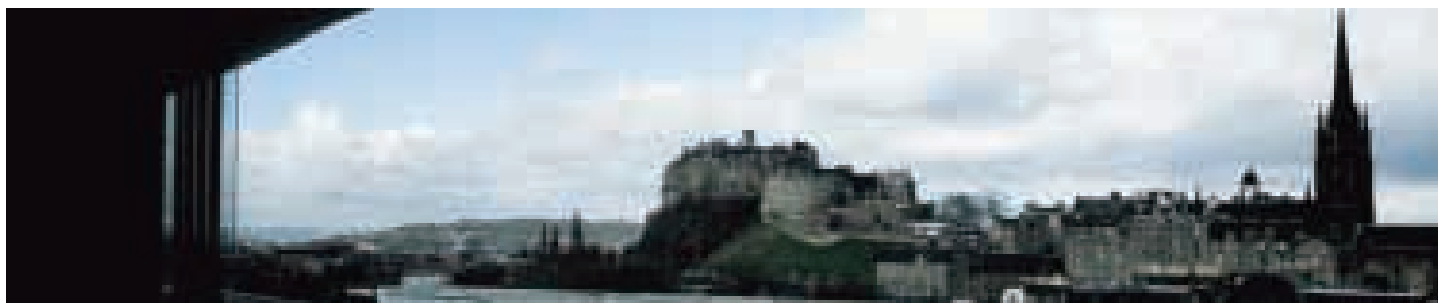
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www.edinburghjazzfestival.co.uk

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www.edfilmfest.org.uk

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Booking for all events opens 16 June 2006

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Online	www.edbookfest.co.uk (from 16 June at 9.30am)	
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