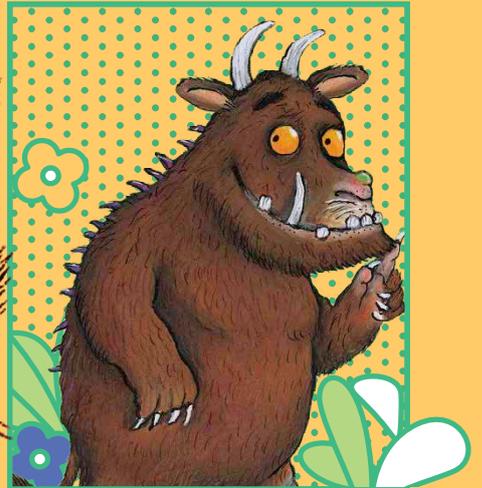


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AUGUST 2019

BAILLIE GIFFORD CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME



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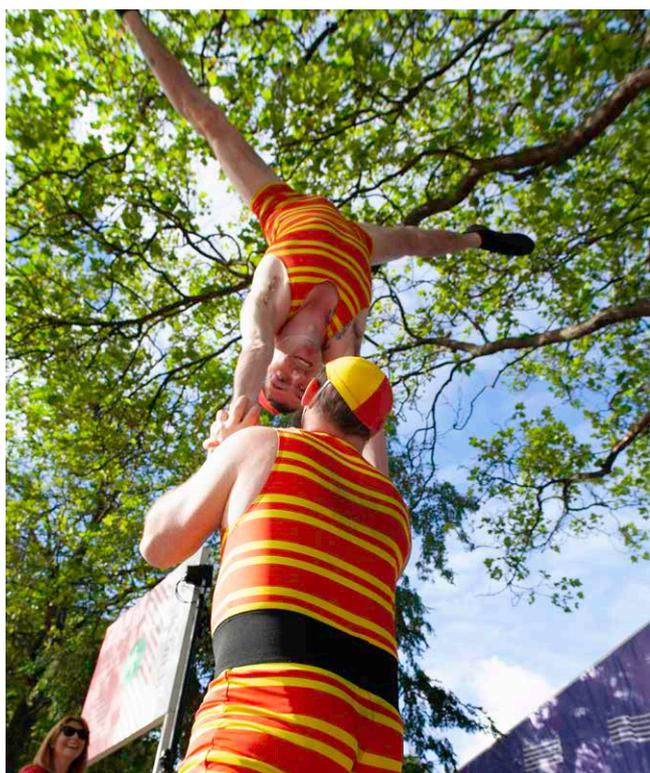
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Relax with a picnic,
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SOAR WITH DRAGONS
VANQUISH VICIOUS VIKINGS
**CUDDLE UP WITH A
PATCHWORK ELEPHANT**
**SNACK WITH A VERY
HUNGRY CATERPILLAR**

Step into a place filled with imagination and magic. When Edinburgh is packed with August crowds, the Book Festival Village becomes another world; it's your space to explore, relax, create and spot as many of your favourite book characters as you can.

ALL EVENTS FREE OR £5.00



**GET INVOLVED IN OVER 200
INTERACTIVE EVENTS**

Dive into the following pages for the full range of events for all ages from tiny tots to teens. There are crafty activities for little ones to bring storytime alive, sensational stories from David Almond, Philip Ardagh and Cressida Cowell for older kids, and high-powered events for teens covering everything from tough topics to side-splitting comedy. There are plenty of opportunities to get creative with daily free drop-in activities in the Baillie Gifford Story Box (open every day from 11:00-16:30).



MEET YOUR HEROES

From asking your burning questions, to getting your most-loved book signed, to joining them for engaging activities, now is your chance to spend some quality time with your favourite authors and illustrators, learn all about the magic of crafting stories and have fun with them too.

**BROWSE THE AMAZING SELECTION OF
CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

Now is the perfect opportunity to take home a book you've fallen in love with. The Garden Bookshop has one of the largest ranges of children's books in the UK, with over 5,000 titles in the children's section, plus a selection of book-themed toys and games. There are frequent signings for you to get your new prize autographed and special spaces for you to share your stories.

GET YOUR HANDS ON SOME DELICIOUS TREATS

With mouth-watering snacks on offer, including ice cream, cakes and sandwiches, you won't want to miss a trip to one of our cafés, food stalls or bars - where the grown-ups will find beer, wine and spirits too!

STAY COMFY WITH FAMILY FRIENDLY FACILITIES

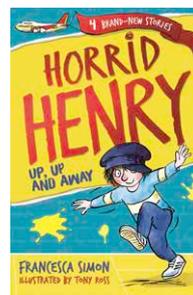
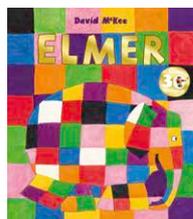
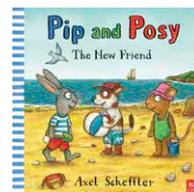
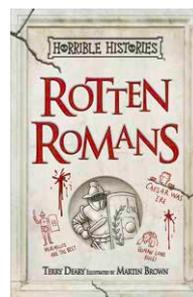
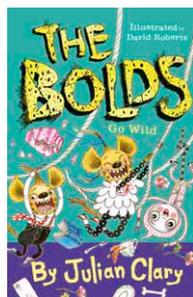
We have highchairs, a buggy park, baby changing facilities, drinking water taps, toilets (including an accessible Changing Places toilet) and grassy areas to picnic and play.





KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR...

JULIA DONALDSON
 HARRY HILL
 DAVID ALMOND
 VIVIAN FRENCH
 MALORIE BLACKMAN
 FRANCESCA SIMON
 KONNIE HUQ
 CHRIS HOY
 CRESSIDA COWELL
 CLARE BALDING
 TONY ROSS



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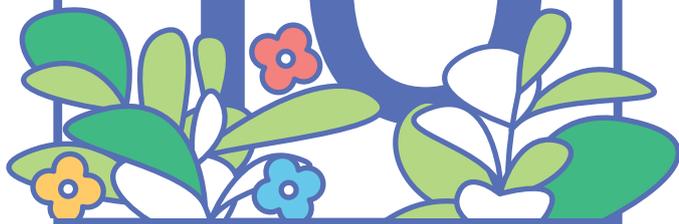
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Baillie Gifford is committed to helping as many young people as possible explore the joys of books and reading. As such, we are delighted to be the Lead Sponsor of the Baillie Gifford Children's Programme at the Book Festival, making it possible for children from all over Scotland to come face-to-face with some of the world's leading authors.

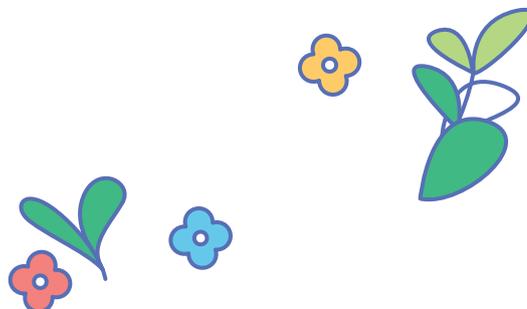
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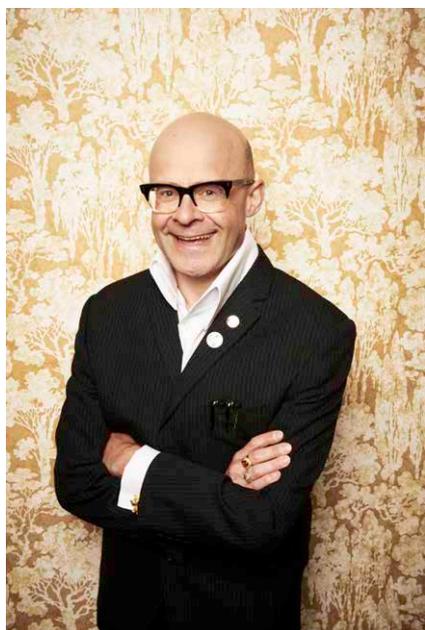


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HARRY HILL
10 AUG 11:45

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THE DICKSON MINTO EVENT

JULIA DONALDSON & CATHERINE RAYNER: PERFORMING PICTURE BOOKS

10:00 AGE 4-7
THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

Multi award-winning author of *The Gruffalo*, Julia Donaldson has teamed up with hugely talented illustrator Catherine Rayner on *The Go-Away Bird*, a beautiful rhyming story about the power of friendship. They kick off this year's Festival with a lively performance full of singing, drawing and dancing, guaranteed to bring a smile to your face.

GRUESOME GREEKS WITH CHAE STRATHIE

10:00 AGE 7-10
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

If you've got a passion for horrible history, then join award-winning author Chae Strathie as he takes you back in time to ancient Greece to find out what life was like for kids. You might be picturing sunshine and Olympic sports, but think again, blood soup diets and memorising epic poetry is more like it! Get ready for a hilarious, interactive take on all things Greek.

VIKINGS AND DRAGONS WITH DAVID MACPHAIL

10:30 AGE 6-9
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Venture with Vikings and author David MacPhail as he introduces the seventh book in his funny and fearsome series about Thorfinn, the world's worst Viking! From across the world, Vikings are travelling to the Shetland Islands for the Great Fire Festival. Can Thorfinn steal the show by tracking down a legendary dragon? Join David for an hour of plundering, raiding and Viking fun.



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HARRY HILL: STAND UP STAR

11:45 FAMILIES & 7+

THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

Top comedian and entertainer Harry Hill returns to the Festival with his latest comic caper, *Matt Millz Stands Up!* Matt is finally a star, but he's been so busy soaking up the showbiz life that he hasn't written any new jokes. Can Matt save himself from the ultimate heckling humiliation? Find out as Harry tells the tale in an event packed full of heart and humour.

LAUREN BEARD & ABIE LONGSTAFF: FABULOUS FAIRY TALES

11:45 AGE 3-6

BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Author and illustrator double act Abie Longstaff and Lauren Beard are back with the latest enchanting tale in their *Fairytale Hairdresser* series. This time round, Thumbelina is missing and it's up to Kittie Lacey, the best hairdresser in all of Fairyland, to save the day. Hear Abie read from the stylish story, watch Lauren do some designer live drawing and get involved with some classy crafts.

CLIMB ABOARD WITH ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH & IAIN MCINTOSH

12:15 FAMILIES & 7+

SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Set sail on the School Ship Tobermory with much-loved Edinburgh author Alexander McCall Smith and illustrator Iain McIntosh as they present the fourth title in their hugely successful series, *The Secret of the Dark Waterfall*. This time the gang are on the hunt for a shipwreck laden with treasure. You'll need courage and ingenuity to help them find it.

CONNIE GLYNN: PRINCESS IN PRACTICE

12:15 AGE 9-12

BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

YouTube sensation Connie Glynn brings you the second instalment in her *Rosewood Chronicles* series. An ordinary girl and a princess have switched places. Two years later, they're learning more about themselves and each other, but has someone figured out their secret? If you're not already one of Connie's million YouTube subscribers, you'll want to be; now's your chance to meet her in real life.

LAURA ELLEN ANDERSON: SIZE DOESN'T MATTER

13:30 AGE 3-6

BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Have you ever wished you could be a little bit taller? Or are you tired of towering over your friends? In Laura Ellen Anderson's latest picture book, *I Don't Want to be Small*, you'll discover that people come in all shapes and sizes. The author-illustrator of the bestselling *Amelia Fang* series teaches you to love who you are, no matter whether small or tall.

THE ROTSOME WORDS OF ROALD DAHL

13:45 FAMILIES & 8+

THE SPIEGELTENT, £5.00

Get ready to be goose-gruggled and fluckgungled with lively linguists **Sara-Jane Arbury** and **Fiona Ross** as they take a light-hearted look at some of the naughtiest words and phrases created by the infamously inventive children's author, Roald Dahl. Spend an anarchic hour discovering the most mischievously rude words in Roald's whizzpopping worlds and uncover some frobscottling facts.

EMMA CARROLL: WARRIORS OF WORLD WAR TWO

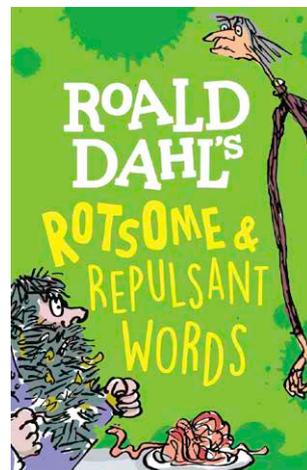
14:15 AGE 8-12

GARDEN THEATRE, £5.00

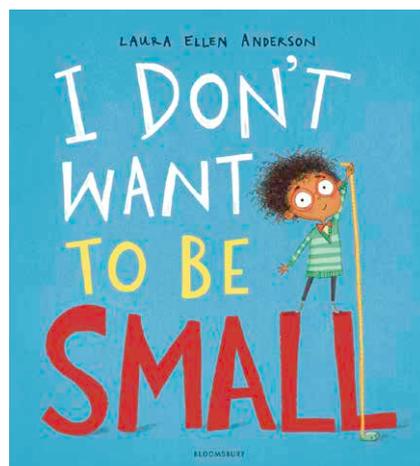
The queen of historical fiction takes you deep into the horrors of the Second World War with her new short story collection, *When We Were Warriors*. Hear the multi award-winning author of *Letters from the Lighthouse* talk about her thrilling tales, which combine historical facts with gripping plots, and learn about the good things that happen when people come together in dark times.



CONNIE GLYNN
10 AUG 12:15



SARA-JANE ARBURY &
FIONA ROSS
10 AUG 13:45



LAURA ELLEN
ANDERSON
10 AUG 13:30

SATURDAY 10 CONTINUED...



SOPHY HENN: BAD NANA IS BACK

15:15 AGE 5-8
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Waterstones Children's Book Prize-shortlisted author Sophy Henn has brought everyone's favourite Bad Nana back for a wickedly funny romp in *All the Fun of the Fair*. Jeanie's nana is very naughty, but it's hard not to be in hysterics at her latest escapades. Sophy takes you inside the covers of the second book in her gorgeously illustrated series. Grab your granny and get involved.

JAMIE LITTLER & DANNY WALLACE: MONSTROUS HILARITY

15:45 AGE 8-12
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Comedian-turned-author Danny Wallace and illustrator Jamie Littler bring you the latest laugh-out-loud story of Hamish Ellerby. There's a plot afoot in Starkley, and it's down to Hamish and his pals to save the world with the help of the top secret Monster Patrol. See Hamish's hilarious adventures come alive as Jamie draws live, while Danny talks about the story in his warm and witty style.

EMMA SHOARD & LARA WILLIAMSON: HANDLING ANXIETIES

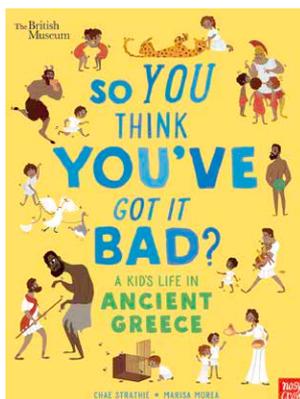
15:45 AGE 9-12
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Hot new illustration talent Emma Shoard was longlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal last year. Now, she's added her stunning illustrations to a powerful and unsettling story from multi award-winning author Mal Peet. Lara Williamson's *The Girl with Space in Her Heart* is a thought-provoking but heart-warming tale about a young girl with a lot of worries. Today, they talk about how they have used words and images to explore young people's anxieties.

LARA WILLIAMSON
10 AUG 15:45



CHAE STRATHIE
10 AUG 10:00



DISCOVERING D-DAY WITH MICHAEL NOBLE

17:00 AGE 10-14
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Experience the dramatic events of a major turning point in the Second World War as you uncover the diverse stories of those who were there, including soldiers and civilians. To mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day, Michael Noble has collected amazing photographs and personal accounts from this momentous day in history. He's here to share them with you in this dynamic event.

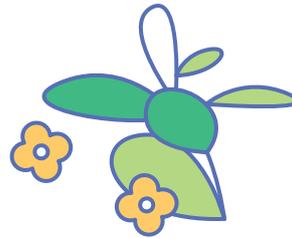
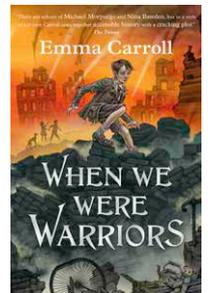
YASMIN RAHMAN: THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP

VOTE

18:30 AGE 12+
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Yasmin Rahman's *All the Things We Never Said* is a bold, brave novel touching on suicide and the life-saving power of friendship. She introduces her moving debut and its heroine Mehreen, who makes new connections in her darkest times. Come prepared for a sophisticated, sensitive event that explores different points of view, mental health in a digital world and finding the strength and happiness to survive.

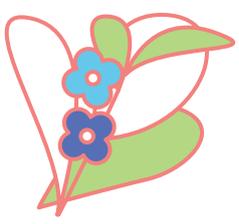
EMMA CARROLL
10 AUG 14:15





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- JOHN BOYNE
- KRISTINA STEPHENSON
- JUNO DAWSON
- VIVIAN FRENCH



YASMIN RAHMAN
10 AUG 18:30



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KRISTINA STEPHENSON: BEAR NECESSITIES

10:00 AGE 4-7
BSL THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

The bestselling author of *Sir Charlie Stinky Socks* has a hilarious story to share with her trademark liveliness. The most brilliant minds in the animal kingdom have gathered together to try and answer the impossible question: why are there so many books about bears? Expect music, movement and fun galore as you join Kristina Stephenson to get to the bottom of this bear-y important question.

SOPHY HENN: SUPER DUPER UNIQUE YOU

10:00 — AGE 3-6
10:45 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

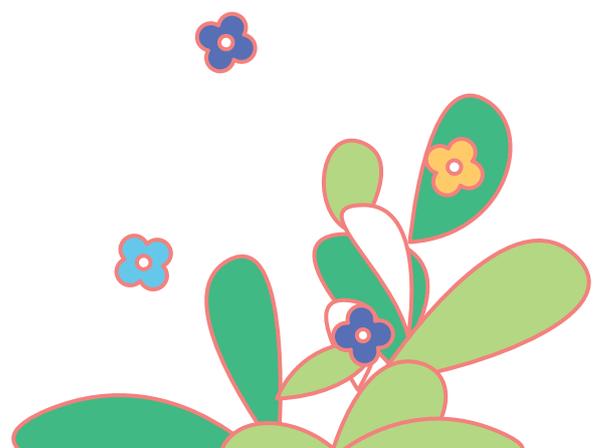
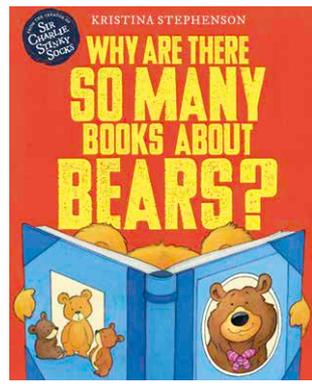
Celebrate the varied and wonderful things that make each of us unique in this positive, inclusive event with highly acclaimed children's illustrator Sophy Henn. She reads rhymes from her latest book, *Super Duper You*, and shows you her bright and vibrant illustrations, which get you thinking about what makes you so super. Expect a joyful hour of colour and creativity.



SOPHY HENN
10 AUG 15:15 & 11 AUG 10:00



KRISTINA STEPHENSON
11 AUG 10:00



SUNDAY 11 CONTINUED...



BRAVE VAMPIRES AND EVIL PENGUINS WITH LAURA ELLEN ANDERSON

10:30 AGE 7-10
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Meet the hilarious characters in author-illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson's brilliantly imagined tales. Amelia Fang, the bravest little vampire in the kingdom, is back in a gorgeously gothic new story, *Amelia Fang and the Half-Moon Holiday*. Meanwhile, Evil Emperor Penguin is trying to take over the world from his Antarctic lair. Join Laura and her captivating characters for live drawing and games.

STORY DETECTIVES ON THE TRAIL OF A TALE

11:00— FAMILIES & 7+
11:45 CHARLOTTE SQUARE GARDENS, £5.00

Victorian story detectives Mr Titus Wellpeckit and Dr Symington Smythe peek behind the drapes of Charlotte Square and George Street residences to discover the weird and wonderful tales hidden within. Who were the New Town characters that walked these streets of the past and what did they get up to? Find out on **Macastory's** fun-filled interactive walking tour. *Meet at the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent. Please dress for the weather.*

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CREATING CARTOONS WITH JAMIE LITTLER

11:30 AGE 6-9
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Are you crazy for cartoons? Now's your chance to create your own in illustrator Jamie Littler's interactive drawing workshop. Jamie is the man behind the drawings in *Cogg and Sprokit*, serialised in the Phoenix comic for two years, and the multi award-winning *Hamish* series, authored by Danny Wallace. He gives you handy hints and insider tips for making your own unforgettable cartoon masterpiece.

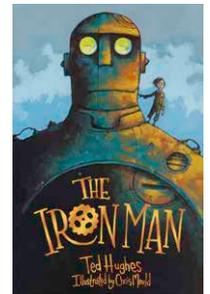
CHRIS MOULD: THE IRON MAN REIMAGINED

12:00 FAMILIES & 8+
THE SPIEGELTENT, £5.00

Ted Hughes's classic *The Iron Man* is regarded as one of the greatest children's books of all time. With strong environmental messages, his words are more relevant now than ever. Chris Mould has updated the book to create an exciting new edition for the 21st century featuring stunning illustrations. He tells you how he approached reimagining such a timeless tale and shows you some of his striking artwork.



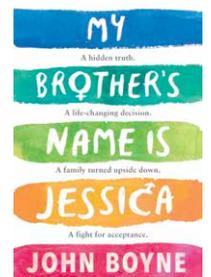
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CHRIS MOULD
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JOHN BOYNE
11 AUG 17:30



MARIA
TURTSCHANINOFF
11 AUG 15:45

JUNO DAWSON
11 AUG 17:45





GABRIEL DYLAN
11 AUG 16:45



LAURA ELLEN
ANDERSON
11 AUG 10:30

MYSTERY SOLVING WITH ABIE LONGSTAFF

13:15 AGE 7-10
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Orphan Tally is the servant girl at Mollett Manor, but she's also the Secret Keeper of the magical library hidden beneath the grounds. In the latest of Abie Longstaff's *Trapdoor Mysteries*, Tally and her trusty sidekick Squill the squirrel must solve the mystery of a kidnapped dog. Crack codes and solve secret puzzles with Abie as she introduces you to her intelligent, inquisitive heroine.

MALORIE BLACKMAN: CROSSFIRE

13:30 AGE 12+
THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

One of the UK's most influential children's authors, Malorie Blackman brings you the highly anticipated new book in her groundbreaking *Noughts & Crosses* series, *Crossfire*. Dealing with racism, politics and terrorism, the series feels as relevant today as when the first book was published 15 years ago. Hear this masterful writer discuss a novel that packs a powerful punch.

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QUIRKY ANIMAL CHARACTERS WITH ROSS COLLINS

14:00 AGE 4-7
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Illustrator and author Ross Collins's new books are guaranteed to have you howling with laughter at their very quirky animal characters. Join Ross for a hilarious hour of live drawing and mischievous animal mayhem as he shares the stories of *This is a Dog* and *I am a Tiger* with you. Expect a cocktail of colourful creatures.

VIVIAN FRENCH: FROM STEAM TRAIN TO STAGE

15:00 AGE 8-12
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Climb aboard and grab a seat to follow the exuberant exploits of the Pringles: a family theatre troupe touring Victorian England by train. Festival favourite Vivian French's new book *The Steam Whistle Theatre Company* is a playful, high-octane tale packed with colourful characters and tantalising plot twists. Join Vivian for an hour of theatrical storytelling at its very best.

FEMINIST FANTASY WITH DEIRDRE SULLIVAN & MARIA TURTSCHANINOFF

15:45 AGE 12+
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Deirdre Sullivan's *Perfectly Preventable Deaths* is a lyrical story of witchcraft, sisterhood and sacrifice set in a remote mountain community. *Maresi Red Mantle*, the thrilling conclusion to Maria Turtchaninoff's *The Red Abbey Chronicles*, sees Maresi return to fight for the people in her village with newly learned magic. Meet two authors who have created beautifully crafted fantasy tales with inspiring female characters at their core.

UNNERVING UNDEAD WITH M A BENNETT & GABRIEL DYLAN

16:45 AGE 12+
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Meet the authors of two spine-chilling psychological dramas. In Gabriel Dylan's *Whiteout*, the local town on Charlie's ski trip holds a sinister secret. In the thrilling sequel to M A Bennett's *S.T.A.G.S.*, a long-lost play has strange effects on the students rehearsing it. Discover the secrets to writing sophisticated suspense with two authors who have a knack for imagining what happens when the dead come back to life.

JOHN BOYNE: TRANSITIONS

17:30 AGE 9-12
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

What do you do when your older brother says he's not your brother at all, but she's actually your sister? In *My Brother's Name is Jessica*, multi award-winning author of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, John Boyne tackles a big topic with warmth and humour. He tells you why he chose to write about transgender teens and how he hopes books can shine a light on prejudice.

JUNO DAWSON: THE DARK SIDE OF GLAMOUR

17:45 AGE 14+
GARDEN THEATRE, £5.00

Discover the dark underbelly of the fashion industry with Juno Dawson's honest, raw novel *Meat Market*. Jana is an ordinary girl, suddenly catapulted into the dazzling world of modelling. But she soon discovers that it's as grimy as it is glamorous. Join Juno for an insightful discussion on the #MeToo movement and why she thinks women must work together to create a cultural shift.

MAKE YOUR OWN COMIC WITH GARY CHUDLEIGH & TANYA ROBERTS

18:30 AGE 12+
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

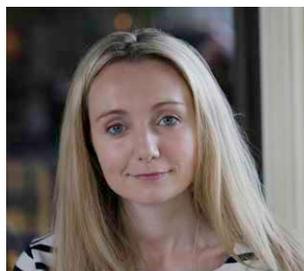
Two talented comic creators lead you into colourful worlds in this comic-making workshop. As well as their joint series *Plagued*, Tanya Roberts has worked as an artist on *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* and Titan Comics's *How To Train Your Dragon*, while Gary Chudleigh has illustrated for comic publishers DC Thomson and Futureshock. Today, they develop your drawing and visual storytelling skills.





INCLUDING:

ABI ELPHINSTONE
CHRIS HAUGHTON
CERRIE BURNELL
WARHAMMER ADVENTURES
ROBERT MUCHAMORE



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10:00 AGE 7-10
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Expect madness and mayhem as Dave Cousins introduces you to his latest laugh-out-loud book, *My Babysitter is a Robot*. When Grandma invents a robot to take care of Jake and Jess, chaos ensues! But when someone tries to steal him, they must put their sibling squabbles aside to bring him home. Find out if they succeed in a hilarious event about teamwork, sibling rivalry and bionic babysitters.

SALLY POMME CLAYTON & AMIN HASSANZADEH SHARIF: MIDDLE EASTERN MYTHS

10:30 FAMILIES & 6+
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Prepare to be captivated by a 1,000 year old legend from ancient Persia, with skilful storytelling, song and live drawing from a pioneering writer and an award-winning Iranian illustrator. *The Phoenix of Persia* is a beautifully imagined retelling of a mythical tale of family, forgiveness and true wisdom. Come along for a colourful and lively hour of storytelling magic.

CREATE A GIANT IRON MAN

11:00— ALL AGES
13:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Drop into Story Box to help us create an Iron Man super sculpture. Build a massive version of the iconic character out of different materials, inspired by **Chris Mould's** stunning new illustrated edition of the book. Lend your ideas to build an Iron Man ready to save the world.

CLARE ELSOM: FRIENDS, ROMANS, STATUES!

11:45 AGE 5-8
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Seven year old Harriet and 17th century statue Horace - the best of friends - are back and this time Horace is making quite an exhibition of himself in Rome. Illustrator of Chris Hoy's *Flying Fergus*, Clare Elsom brings the latest book in her humorous and heart-warming series to life with live drawing and gets you joining in the illustration fun.

DIVING INTO THE DEEP WITH CERRIE BURNELL

12:00 AGE 8-12
THE SPIEGELTENT, £5.00

Are you ready to go on a brave mission with author and former CBeebies presenter Cerrie Burnell? In *The Girl with the Shark's Teeth*, Minnow must venture beneath the waves to find her missing mother. Can a girl who is lost on land find answers in the Wild Deep? Hear more about the story from Cerrie in an event packed with magic, mermaids and mystery solving.

WARHAMMER ADVENTURES WITH TOM HUDDLESTON & CAVAN SCOTT

12:15 FAMILIES & 8+
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Calling all Warhammer fanatics! Today's your chance to meet the writers behind two thrilling new Warhammer series - *Warped Galaxies* and *Realm Quest*. Tom Huddleston and Cavan Scott's writing credits include *Star Wars: Adventures in Wild Space* and the *Doctor Who* book series. Now they share their excitement about bringing Warhammer stories to younger readers for the first time. Expect monsters, space battles and dangerous villains.

COSMIC EXPLORATIONS WITH MARTIN HOWARD & CHRIS MOULD

12:15 AGE 8-12
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Blast off on an intergalactic adventure with author Martin Howard and illustrator Chris Mould's fantastically funny travel guide, *The Cosmic Atlas of Alfie Fleet*. Alfie loves to explore and this time he's off on a quest beyond his wildest dreams. Take a journey to the planet of Outlandish with Martin, before Chris shows you how to draw a brilliant brain in a jar.

PIPPA GOODHART: SHARING'S CARING

13:30 AGE 3-6
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Hare and Bear are trying to reach some juicy pears in the tree, but they only have three chairs to help. How can they split the chairs fairly? Award-winning author Pippa Goodhart shares her beautiful new picture book *Fair Shares* with you today as you consider a tricky topic - what is fair? The answer might not be as simple as you think.

HOLLY SMALE & CATHERINE WILKINS: TEEN GEEKS

13:45 AGE 10-14
THE SPIEGELTENT, £5.00

Bestselling author of *Geek Girl*, Holly Smale returns with the first hysterically funny book in her brand new series *The Valentines*. *Happy Girl Lucky* has been described as 'Little Women meets the Kardashians!' Writer and stand-up comedian Catherine Wilkins's *When Good Geeks Go Bad* perfectly captures the trauma and hilarity of being in your early teens. Today, they talk about their light-hearted tales.

KIERAN LARWOOD: BATTLES AND BUNNIES

14:00 AGE 10-14
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Fans of fantasy fiction - and of rabbits - will love Kieran Larwood's award-winning *The Five Realms* series. He joins us to talk about *The Beasts of Grimheart*, the third thrilling instalment of Podkin the rabbit's epic battle against the Gorm. Who will survive the latest encounter between the enemy sides? Come along to find out more about a brilliantly inventive, magical series.

COLOURFUL CANINE DRAWING

14:30— ALL AGES
16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Draw along with author and illustrator **Shoo Rayner**, creator of *Walker: The Boy Who Can Talk to Dogs*. From loud Labradors to posh Poodles, drop in to join in the doggy drawing fun. You would be barking mad to miss it!

COURAGEOUS CRABS WITH CHRIS HAUGHTON

15:15 AGE 3-6
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

The multi award-winning creator of much-loved picture books including *A Bit Lost* and *Goodnight Everyone* introduces you to the courageous character from his brand new book *Don't Worry, Little Crab*. Little Crab is excited to go for a dip in the sea... until he sees the enormous waves! Chris Haughton shows you how he creates his wonderful under-the-sea illustrations and talks about conquering your fears.

CHANGE THE WORLD WITH ROBERT MUCHAMORE

15:45 AGE 12+
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

International bestselling author Robert Muchamore takes you from London to Lagos in a bold and arresting new book, *Arctic Zoo*, which follows two teenagers living very different lives, both determined to change the world. Explore important themes of protest, sexuality and mental health with Robert as he talks about this startling contemporary novel and opens up about his own experiences.

TEENAGE TRIBULATIONS WITH WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE & JESS VALLANCE

15:45 AGE 12+
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Meet two authors of humorous novels all about surviving your teenage years. *The Gifted, the Talented and Me* by William Sutcliffe centres on 15 year old Sam who is sent to a new school where he doesn't fit in. Jess Vallance's *By Popular Demand* follows the embarrassing endeavours of Gracie Dart as she pursues popularity. An event guaranteed to give you a giggle.

MAGICAL MISSIONS WITH ABI ELPHINSTONE

16:00 AGE 8-12
GARDEN THEATRE, £5.00

Grab your compass and set sail with Abi Elphinstone on the first adventure in *The Unmapped Chronicles* series. Everyone in Crackledawn is waiting for the phoenix to rise from the Everdark forests, but a far more dangerous creature appears and it's up to 11 year old Smudge to save the day. Delve into *Everdark* with Abi and find out what inspired her to write it.

TOM HUDDLESTON & JAMIE SMITH: FUTURISTIC FANTASY WORLDS

17:00 AGE 10-14
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

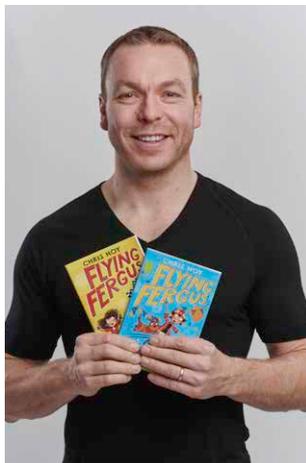
Film critic and *Star Wars: Adventures in Wild Space* author, Tom Huddleston discusses his cinematic new work *Floodworld* with Jamie Smith, whose debut *Frostfire* was shortlisted for the Times/Chicken House Children's Fiction Competition. The futuristic fantasy worlds that they spin take you on journeys from the depths of an underwater city to merciless mountain summits. They unlock the secrets of writing compelling adventures.

DARK MAGIC WITH LESLEY GLAISTER

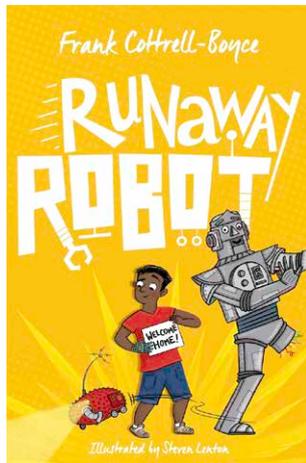
18:45 AGE 12+
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Award-winning author, poet and playwright Lesley Glaister brings her immense lyrical talent to a dark fantasy tale. Set in mythical Scotland, *Aphra's Child* is the story of a young woman whose only hopes of survival are to hide her differences. Hear about the start of this deadly series and ask a master author your burning questions.





CHRIS HOY
13 AUG 17:00



FRANK COTTRELL-BOYCE
13 AUG 16:00



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Appearing today: **Chris Haughton.**

ALICE PATTULLO: SPREAD YOUR WINGS

10:00 AGE 5-8
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

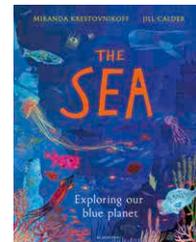
Step inside *The Butterfly House* with Alice Pattullo and take a look at some of her intricate illustrations of the world's most beautiful insect. Learn lots of fantastic facts about butterflies, moths and caterpillars, and have a go at drawing some of your own. The perfect introduction to these wonderful, winged insects for little ones.

INCLUDING:

CHRIS HOY
FRANK COTTRELL-BOYCE
SHOO RAYNER
SHEILA KANANI



JILL CALDER
13 AUG 13:30



PIPPA GOODHART & AUGUSTA KIRKWOOD: FROGGY FAMILIES

10:30 AGE 4-7
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Daddy Frog thinks Baby Frog needs lavish gifts - including the moon! But all Baby Frog wants is to spend time with her Daddy. Hear from this lovely, heart-warming tale as award-winning author of the *You Choose* books, Pippa Goodhart, guides you through the story with musical accompaniment from publisher **Alan Windram**. Then learn how to draw your own froggy creations with illustrator Augusta Kirkwood.

DOGGY DIALECTS WITH SHOO RAYNER

10:30 AGE 7-10
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

When Walker finds his dream job as a dog walker, he discovers he can talk to dogs, which comes in very handy when there are doggy mysteries to be solved. Shoo Rayner has written over 200 books for children and he's back with a tale that will have you howling with laughter. Hear from the story and watch Shoo draw some of the colourful canines.

DRAW BEAUTIFUL PERSIAN PICTURES

11:00— ALL AGES
13:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Get creative with award-winning Iranian illustrator **Amin Hassanzadeh Sharif**. Drop in to discover how he drew the stunning pictures in *The Phoenix of Persia* and have a go at making some vibrant and colourful artwork of your own.

GILL ARBUTHNOTT: COUNTDOWN TO THE MOON

11:30 AGE 8-12
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

To mark the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, science teacher-turned-author Gill Arbuthnott guides you through a fascinating countdown of the technologies, innovations and stories that led humans from hot air balloons to walking on the moon. Learn about some of humankind's most amazing inventions and then let your imagination run wild as you consider what might be possible in the future.

BLAST OFF WITH SHEILA KANANI

12:00 AGE 8-12
THE SPIEGELTENT, £5.00

Have you got what it takes to become an astronaut, a spaceship engineer or to work at Mission Control? Blast off with award-winning space scientist Sheila Kanani to discover all of the different and incredible space-related jobs that you could do - from being a space chef to designing spacesuits. An interactive out-of-this-world event perfect for young would-be space explorers.

SUNSHINE AND SPECTRES WITH ALISON MOORE

12:15 AGE 6-9
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Sunny is back to solve more ghostly goings-on at the Hotel Splendid. When Ana and her mum check in, they soon discover some unexpected guests and objects that move by themselves. Sharpen up your ghost-hunting skills with lots of engaging activities as Booker Prize-shortlisted author Alison Moore takes you on a tour of this very mysterious hotel.

JILL CALDER: OUR BLUE PLANET

13:30 AGE 9-12
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Jill Calder takes you on a deep dive into her illustrated underwater world. *The Sea* pairs her award-winning illustrations with stories and facts from the BBC's Miranda Krestovnikoff about our blue planet and how to protect it. Combining mesmerising drawing with fascinating scientific information, Jill inspires you with top tips for helping to save our magical oceans.

JOURNEYING TO NOWHERE WITH ROSS MACKENZIE

14:00 AGE 10-14
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Author Ross MacKenzie introduces the highly anticipated sequel to his Scottish Children's Book Award-winning *The Nowhere Emporium*. Venture through the Emporium's doors with Ross to discover the new wonders waiting for you in the next instalment of this gripping mystery series. Prepare to be astonished and enthralled in an event full of magic and danger.

BUILD YOUR OWN BUTTERFLY

14:30— ALL AGES
16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Take a look at some of the beautiful butterfly illustrations in **Alice Pattullo's** wonderful *The Butterfly House*. Then, be inspired to design your own stunning patterned butterfly. Get ready to cut, stick, draw and collage before fluttering off back into the Gardens with a unique butterfly creation.

FEISTY FELINES AND HONEST HOUNDS WITH KIMBERLIE HAMILTON

15:15 FAMILIES & 8+
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Discover lots of fur-raising facts and tail-wagging tales with Kimberlie Hamilton as you delve into the pages of her fantastic collections, *Rebel Cats!* and *Rebel Dogs!* Hear lots of stories and secrets about history's most fascinating felines and heroic hounds, including an astrocat that travelled in space and an internet-sensation pup. The paw-fect event for animal lovers everywhere.

VANISHING VIKINGS WITH MIKE NICHOLSON

15:45 AGE 5-8
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Grab your notebook and magnifying glass as you crack another baffling case with Mike Nicholson's Museum Mystery Squad. The museum is displaying its biggest exhibit yet - a giant Viking longboat. With such a huge attraction, there's plenty of room to hide a secret or two. Join Mike for riddles, red herrings and big reveals as you help solve the latest mystery in his entertaining series.

FRANK COTTRELL-BOYCE: MY AUTOMATON MATE

16:00 AGE 9-12
GARDEN THEATRE, £5.00

Imagine the fun you could have if your best friend was a robot! That's what CILIP Carnegie Medal winner Frank Cottrell-Boyce explores in his latest heart-warming tale of friendship, *Runaway Robot*. When Alfie finds Eric, a one-legged robot, in the airport lost property, there's no way he's leaving without him. Come along and discover a hilarious book about a boy and his bionic best pal.

CHRIS HOY: FLYING FERGUS'S BIG FINALE

17:00 FAMILIES & 6+
THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

Strap on your helmet for a fun and fast-paced event celebrating the final book in Olympic champion cyclist Chris Hoy's fantastic *Flying Fergus* series. Joined by his writing and illustration team, **Joanna Nadin** and **Clare Elsom**, Chris shares stories from the entertaining adventure series all about an ordinary boy and his big cycling dreams.

GREAT SCOTS / ALBANNAICH IONGANTACH

17:00 FAMILIES & 7+
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

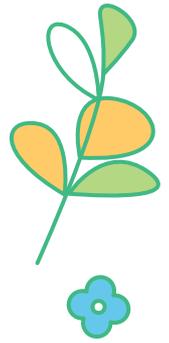
Did you know that the inventor of the pedal bicycle lived in Dumfries? Or that a woman from Dundee discovered Orion's Horsehead Nebula? Join **Mairi Kidd**, illustrator **Tom Morgan-Jones** and the Cuilean Craicte team for nonsense, a splash of art and the stories of the many Scots - and Gaels - who have changed the world. *An robh fhios agad gur e duine à Dùn Phrìs a rinn a' chiad bhaidhsagal le casachain? Gur i tè à Dùn Dè a lorg an neul-reultan 'Ceann an Eich' san t-Sealgar Mhòr? Thig còmhla rinn airson spòrs, crathadh ealain is stoiridhean nan iomadh Albannach - tòrr Ghàidheal nam measg - a thug buaidh air an t-saoghal. Le **Mairi Kidd**, dealbhadair **Tom Morgan-Jones**, is sgioba Cuilean Craicte.*





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LARI DON
TOM MORGAN-JONES
SARA SHERIDAN



TOM MORGAN-JONES
 14 AUG 12:15



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SCOTS RHYMETIME

10:00— AGE 0-3
 10:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB,
 FREE: BOOK IN ADVANCE

Join Craigmillar Books for Babies for a fun and lively sing-along as they share their favourite rhymes and songs in Scots. With lots of laughs and language learning, this event is ideal for families with children under the age of four.

SCRAWL AND SCRIBBLE CRAWL

10:45— FAMILIES & 8+
 12:15 CHARLOTTE SQUARE GARDENS, £5.00

Be inspired by the sights and sounds in and around Charlotte Square Gardens and flex your creative muscles with the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators walking and writing workshop. Children's author **Justin Davies** and illustrator **Jill Calder** lead you on a journey around the Book Festival with lots of writing and drawing fun. *Meet at the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent. Please dress for the weather.*

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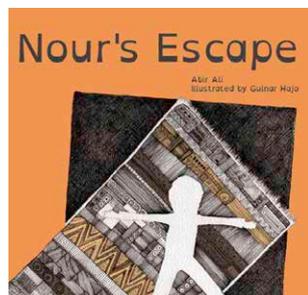
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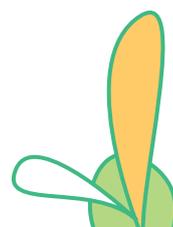
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GULNAR HAJO
 14 AUG 14:00



LARI DON
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SIBÉAL POUNDER
14 AUG 17:15

GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE FOR 25 YEARS

11:00— ALL AGES
13:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

To celebrate 25 years of the international number one bestseller *Giraffes Can't Dance*, Dads Rock, an organisation which supports and inspires dads everywhere, are holding a giant giraffe drop-in! Come along to help colour, stick, collage and create the graceful creature.

TOM MORGAN-JONES: THE RED DREAD

12:15 AGE 3-6
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Tom Morgan-Jones's debut picture book comes to Edinburgh in an energetic, interactive event full of live drawing and storytelling. Follow the story and draw along with Tom as a friendly group of animals falls into panic when they hear the notorious 'thump' of the Red Dread - a spooky monster lurking in their midst. Watch a quirky tale bursting with visual humour brought to life.

FREEDOM OF IMAGINATION WITH GULNAR HAJO

14:00 AGE 4-7
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Free your mind with a book beautifully illustrated by Syrian-born Gulnar Hajo. *Nour's Escape* follows a little girl with no family, no home and seemingly no escape. But as the story criss-crosses fantasy and reality, you'll discover how freeing a little imagination can be. Watch as Gulnar shows you how she created the stunning images to accompany this original tale.

BIG CAT CREATIONS

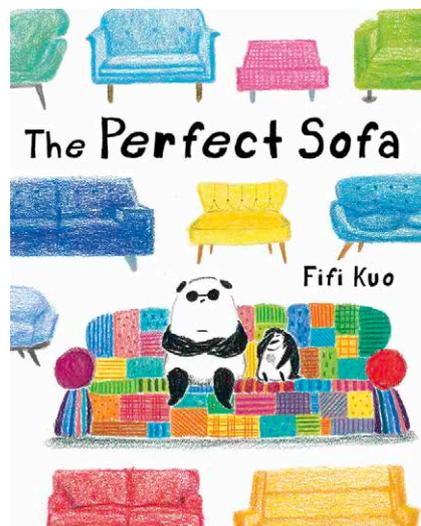
14:30— ALL AGES
16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

ROARRRR! Drop in and join *Big Cat* author **Emma Lazell** to help her create a very big Big Cat. Make sure you place him in his natural surroundings with lots of green and leafy collaging - and be sure to remember to give him his stripes.

SCRIBBLING ON THE SOFA WITH FIFI KUO

15:45— AGE 3-6
16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Discover your inner artist with Fifi Kuo, Macmillan Prize for Illustration winner and author of *Everyone Can Draw*. Using giant rolls of paper, create a story with Fifi and celebrate your unique drawing style. Then, taking inspiration from her new book *The Perfect Sofa*, you'll get the chance to help make a perfect paper sofa out of your artwork.



FIFI KUO
14 AUG 15:45 & 15 AUG 10:00

NESSIE REIMAGINED WITH LARI DON & SARA SHERIDAN

15:45 AGE 14+
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

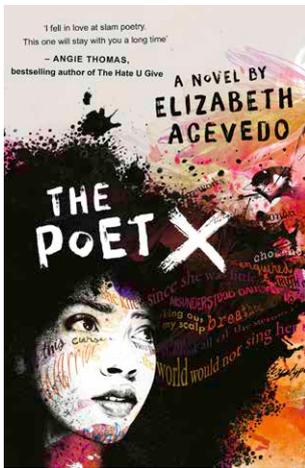
What is the process of turning an idea into a book? How can the same idea appear as very different stories? Meet two Edinburgh authors, each putting their spin on the legend of the Loch Ness Monster. Lari Don's *The Treasure of the Loch Ness Monster* draws on local folklore, while Sara Sheridan's *Monsters Unite* pulls Nessie into the 21st century in a brilliantly topical tale about pollution.

SIBÉAL POUNDER: BAD MERMAIDS AND WITCH WARS

17:15 AGE 5-8
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Think you know all there is to know about mermaids and witches? Wait until you meet bestselling World Book Day 2019 author Sibéal Pounder, creator of the *Witch Wars* and *Bad Mermaids* series. Find out the truth about your favourite fairy tales, and learn how to create cool characters and build amazingly weird worlds. Broomsticks and shells strongly encouraged.





ELIZABETH ACEVEDO
15 AUG 17:30



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BECOME A LITTLE INVENTOR

11:00 — ALL AGES
16:30 — BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Get your thinking cap on and drop in to design your own original invention with authors of *The Little Inventors Handbook*, **Katherine Mengardon** and **Dominic Wilcox**. With lots of different materials available, you can let your imagination roam free and leave with your own invention prototype.

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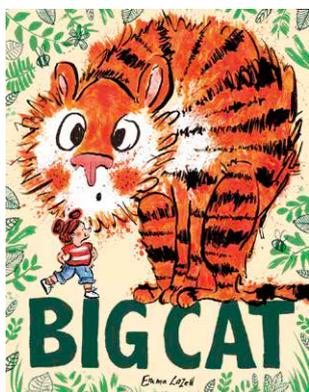
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BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

In a brilliantly funny debut by Emma Lazell, Gran and Isobel find a surprise in their garden, a new cat... a very BIG new cat indeed. Join in their colourful adventures with an exciting array of arts and crafts: collage your own Big Cat mask or add to the giant cat picture created with paints, chalks and more.

MARIA ISABEL SÁNCHEZ VEGARA: LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG GAMES

15:30 AGE 4-7
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara is the author of the inspirational *Little People, Big Dreams* series all about characters from history and how they came to achieve their childhood dreams. To introduce you to some of these amazing people, Maria invites you to join in a gigantic game of Guess Who? Match fun facts with the famous faces from her books including Maya Angelou, Frida Kahlo and Stephen Hawking.



EMMA LAZELL
15 AUG 13:45

HARRIET MUNCASTER: ISADORA MOON RETURNS

15:45 AGE 5-8
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Isadora Moon is proud to be different. With a fairy mum and a vampire dad, she combines magic and sparkle with a bit of bite! Harriet Muncaster introduces you to her totally unique heroine and otherworldly family as she presents the latest two tales in her bestselling series. Then, get creative with Harriet as she leads you through some dazzling drawing and captivating crafts.

KONNIE HUQ: SILLY SCIENCE

17:00 FAMILIES & 8+
THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

As the longest serving female *Blue Peter* presenter, Konnie Huq is used to hearing young people's stories. Now for the first time, she has written her own story, *Cookie*, about a British-Bangladeshi girl who dreams of being a scientist. Filled with madcap humour and sensational science, this dynamic, energetic event will have you laughing out loud.

KATHERINE MENGARDON & DOMINIC WILCOX: LITTLE INVENTORS

17:15 FAMILIES & 7+
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Get ready to think big as Katherine Mengardon and Dominic Wilcox guide you through *The Little Inventors Handbook*, their step-by-step manual for coming up with ingenious inventions. Be inspired by scarf helicopters, toothbrush maracas and ladybird umbrellas to come up with some creative concepts of your own. Plus, learn some crazy facts about the history of inventions, science and design along the way.

ELIZABETH ACEVEDO & DEAN ATTA: SPEAKING UP

VOTE

17:30 AGE 14+
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

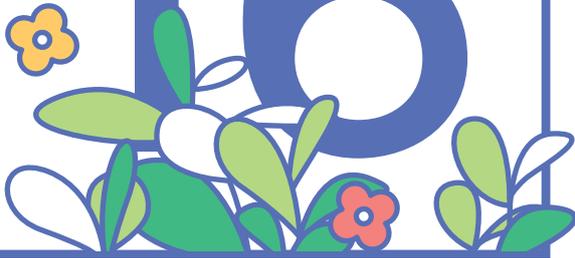
Two powerful verse novels about identity and self-acceptance are unlocked by National Slam Poetry Champion Elizabeth Acevedo and BBC Young Writers' Award judge Dean Atta. In Elizabeth's *The Poet X*, the secret book of poems under Xiomara's bed is about to be thrust into the spotlight, while in Dean's *The Black Flamingo*, a young boy finds his wings when he discovers drag. Get ready to learn the secrets to finding your voice.

KONNIE HUQ
15 AUG 17:00



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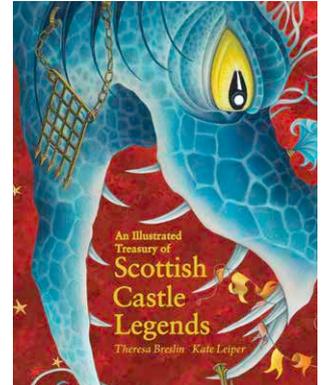


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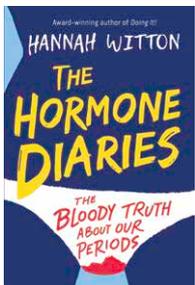
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& KATE LEIPER
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BAILLIE GIFFORD CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME



HANNAH WITTON
16 AUG 19:00



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10:00— ALL AGES
10:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE: BOOK IN ADVANCE

Join one of our Festival authors each morning for a magical half hour of storytelling, poetry, song or rhyme. This daily changing event is suitable for children of all ages. Appearing today: **Mylo Freeman**.

CREATIVE CROCODILES WITH LUCY VOLPIN

10:00 AGE 3-6
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Meet Crocodali, the most talented painter in the whole wide world, as you're invited to enter his studio. Lucy Volpin shares the story of her artistic croc and gets you involved with some fun, creative arts and crafts activities. Come along for giggles, gators and getting your hands dirty and leave with your very own masterpiece.



FRANCESCA SIMON
16 AUG 10:30, 15:45 & 17 AUG 10:00



GOBBLING GOATS WITH FRANCESCA SIMON

10:30 AGE 4-7
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Goats eat everything! So when someone leaves their garden gate open, chaos ensues. First goes the food, then the shed, then the fence... Bestselling creator of *Horrid Henry*, Francesca Simon brings you her latest colourful picture book *The Goat Café*. Join in the rhyming verse as Francesca reads from the hilarious story. Will the goats leave anything ungnobbled?

AMAZING ANIMAL ARTWORK

11:00— ALL AGES
13:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Drop into Story Box to create some animal art inspired by the Book Festival programme, featuring goats, aardvarks, horses, crocodiles and deep sea creatures. Choose your beast from water, land or air and come and contribute to the menagerie.



DUNCAN BEEDIE: A MOTH'S MOON MISSION

11:45 AGE 3-6
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Molly the moth yearns for adventure; she longs to visit the moon. She knows it's no easy feat for one little moth, but she's not one to give up on her dreams. Celebrate the hilarious endeavours of a tiny moth's big journey with author-illustrator of *Molly's Moon Mission*, Duncan Beedie. Expect an out-of-this world hour as you take one giant leap for mothkind with Molly.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY WITH MYLO FREEMAN

13:30— AGE 3-6
14:15 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Mylo Freeman has published over 50 books with her trademark colourful illustrations - and now you can be part of them too! Mylo shows you how she creates her amazing artwork, as well as reading from the latest in her bestselling *Princess Arabella* series and *Hair, It's a Family Affair!*, an entertaining celebration of diversity in black hair.

FASHION A FEATHERED FRIEND

14:30— ALL AGES
16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Author-illustrator **Lucy Volpin** loves to draw, paint and create. Drop into Story Box today and help her fashion an incredible flock of feathered friends. Design your own bright, bold bird using lots of arty materials and then let them take flight with everyone else's creations.

SUPER SLEUTHING WITH SERENA PATEL

15:00 AGE 7-10
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Meet Serena Patel, the author of a fresh and very funny new series about a multi-generational British-Indian Sikh family. Anisha Mistry is excited to be a bridesmaid at her Auntie's wedding. But when the groom gets kidnapped, she must use her super sleuthing skills to save the day. Find out if she succeeds as Serena shares the story and her inspirations with you.

SECRETS OF SCOTTISH CASTLES WITH THERESA BRESLIN & KATE LEIPER

15:45 AGE 7-10
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Discover the legends that dwell within Scotland's ancient castles. Multi award-winning author Theresa Breslin and CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal-longlisted illustrator Kate Leiper bring you the highly anticipated third volume in their much-loved *Illustrated Scottish Treasuries* series. Explore secret passages beneath Edinburgh Castle and search for the mysterious monster of Glamis. Expect dark dragons, ghostly pipers and spooky wizards galore.

PLAYING WITH BOOKS

FROM PAGE TO STAGE WITH FRANCESCA SIMON

15:45— FAMILIES & 10+
17:00 THE SPIEGELTENT, £5.00

Francesca Simon's darkly humorous novel *The Monstrous Child*, about a teen Goddess of the Underworld finding her place, has been adapted into a stunning theatrical spectacle by The Royal Opera. Today is your chance to hear some of the music performed live by soprano **Marta Fontanals-Simmons**. Francesca and Marta are joined by composer **Gavin Higgins** to discuss taking the book from page to stage.

WENDY MEDDOUR: PEBBLE PALS

16:45 AGE 4-7
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Lubna and Pebble are best friends. Even when life gets scary in the camp where they live, Pebble always listens - but perhaps the other children need Pebble's help too. Bestselling author Wendy Meddour delivers a gentle but powerful lesson for little ones about empathy, displacement and life as a refugee, then gives you your own pebble pal to paint.

REMEMBERING JOHN BURNINGHAM

17:30 FAMILIES & 10+
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

This special event celebrates the life and works of the late John Burningham, who won the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal twice for *Mr Gumpy's Outing* and *Borka: The Adventures of a Goose with No Feathers*. **Catherine Rayner**, herself a CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal winner, and **James Mayhew**, who has been shortlisted, discuss John's influence on their work and all things illustration with one of the prize's judges, **Joy Court**.

KEEP ON READING

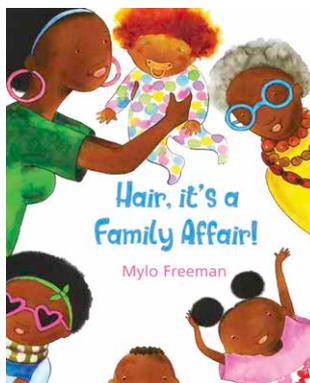
18:30 FAMILIES & 10+
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

How do you navigate the tricky adolescent reading years spanning the end of primary school and the start of secondary school when there's so much else to do? Join award-winning novelist **William Sutcliffe**, debut author **Serena Patel** and *Mr Gum* creator **Andy Stanton** for a lively discussion exploring ways to send children on a reading journey that will last a lifetime. *In association with the Youth Libraries Group Scotland.*

HORMONE DIARIES WITH HANNAH WITTON

19:00 AGE 14+
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Influential vlogger Hannah Witton has written the book that 50% of the world has been waiting for. In *The Hormone Diaries*, she asks why nobody talks about periods. Using her experiences, and those of her 500,000 YouTube followers, she gives her honest, humorous take on living with your period and explores the different cultural attitudes to them across the world. Expect a bloody fascinating and light-hearted event.



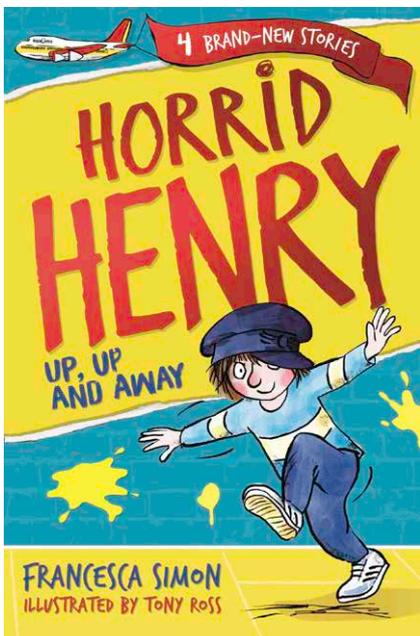
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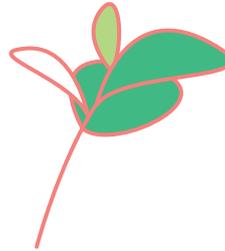
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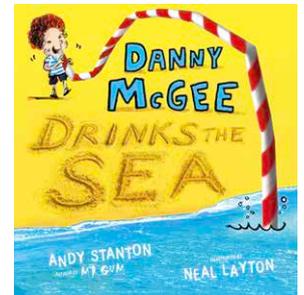
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FRANCESCA SIMON:
HAPPY BIRTHDAY HORRID HENRY!

10:00 AGE 6-9
CAP THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

Much-loved master of mischief Horrid Henry is back! His award-winning creator Francesca Simon brings you an interactive event bursting with Henry's hilarious stories, including latest adventure *Up, Up and Away*. Prepare to giggle your socks off with these rib-tickling tales of wicked tricks, this year celebrating their 25th birthday. Perfect entertainment for naughty little ones.

SPLASHING AROUND WITH DUNCAN BEEDIE & WENDY MEDDOUR

10:00 AGE 3-6
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Meet the hero of the inky deep for a high-powered under-the-sea adventure. The team from Deep Sea TV never seem to notice Stefano, but can this ordinary squid dig deep and find the superhero inside? *Wendy Quill* author Wendy Meddour and *The Bear Who Stared* illustrator Duncan Beedie take you on a deep sea dive into all things aquatic with a story that makes a big splash.

PETER BENTLY: SPOTTY DOGS AND DOGSPOTTING

10:30 AGE 4-7
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Roald Dahl Funny Prize winner Peter Bently delivers an entertaining canine caper with creative crafts for little paws. Hear him read from the 10th anniversary edition of *The Great Dog Bottom Swap*, unravelling the mystery of why dogs love to sniff each other's bottoms, and spot some familiar characters in *The Hundred and One Dalmatians: Cruella and Cadpig*. Then, join in by making your own doggy sumo wrestling match.

FAMILY PORTRAIT MASH-UP

11:00— ALL AGES
13:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Mylo Freeman's *Hair, It's a Family Affair!* celebrates the varied hairstyles found in a single family. Drop in today to join her for some lively portrait swapping. Pair up with your parent, carer or pal and draw each other's portrait. Then cut up your creations and make a big collage combining your images in a brand new, topsy-turvy family tree.

MOUSE AND MOLE WITH JAMES MAYHEW

11:45 AGE 4-7
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

James Mayhew draws you into the vivid world of the wonderful *Mouse and Mole* series. Discover how the bestselling illustrator created the much-loved characters to match Joyce Dunbar's witty stories about two furry best friends. With warmth and humour, James shows you how you too can create colourful animal characters to decorate your stories.

ROBIN STEVENS: UNLADYLIKE INVESTIGATORS

12:15 AGE 10-14
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Become part of the infamous Wells and Wong Detective Society as Robin Stevens introduces you to Daisy and Hazel, two schoolgirls with impeccable crime-solving credentials. In the latest *Murder Most Unladylike* tale, Deepdean School prepares for an upcoming reunion, and the girls discover some old grudges with deadly consequences. Put your sleuthing skills to the test in an exciting event from one of the foremost children's murder mystery writers.

A NICE CUP OF SEA WITH ANDY STANTON

12:15 AGE 4-7
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

In Andy Stanton's latest absurd and colourful story, Danny McGee swallows the sea... then the trees, flies, fleas, peas and even the mountains! Find out if Danny can be stopped before it's too late as you take a storytime adventure with the hysterically funny, multi award-winning author of the *Mr Gum* series.



ROBIN STEVENS
17 AUG 12:15 & 18 AUG 14:00



BEDLAM AND BLOODSHED WITH DEREK LANDY

13:30 AGE 10-14
CAP
THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

Skeleton detective Skulduggery Pleasant is back for an explosive twelfth escapade in *Bedlam*, which sees Valkyrie Cain embark on a lawless quest to save her sister's soul and Omen Darkly attempting to save thousands of innocent lives. Derek Landy introduces his bestselling series to fans old and new, with readings and activities perfect for ghoulish young readers with a taste for all things undead.

UNDERSTANDING MIGRATION WITH PETR HORÁČEK

13:30 AGE 5-8
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Award-winning picture book creator and Festival favourite, Petr Horáček returns with his latest stunning work, *Migrations*. Opening up discussions about human migration, the book depicts the migration routes of birds through the artwork and words of over 50 illustrators and famous voices. Today, Petr shows you how to recreate some of the stunning images.

SARAH CROSSAN: CHEWING ON TRICKY TOPICS

14:00 AGE 14+
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Sarah Crossan is a multi award-winning master of free verse novels and Irish Children's Laureate. In her latest novel *Toffee*, Allison runs away from home and finds herself sheltering with an old lady with dementia who's convinced she's a long-lost friend. Slowly, questions arise of where home is, what family means and what ultimately defines you. Join Sarah for an insightful discussion about identity and mental health.

INVENT YOUR OWN INSECT

14:30— ALL AGES
16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Be inspired by **Yuval Zommer's** *The Big Book of Bugs* to drop in and create your own creepy crawly creature. Will you add wings, six eyes or teeth? Join Yuval for interactive insect inventions.

GABRIELLE KENT: GAMING GIRLS AND BIKING BESTIES

15:15 AGE 9-12
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Meet best friends Nessa and Demelza, two independent, bike-riding heroines uncovering the mysteries of Penfurzy island. Author of *Alfie Bloom* Gabrielle Kent runs the Animex festival of Animation and Computer Games. For *Knights and Bikes* she's teamed up with BAFTA-winning LittleBigPlanet creative director, Rex Crowle. Come along to experience an event packed with illustrations and gaming influences.



SATURDAY 17 CONTINUED...

BABBLE ON — SPOKEN WORD

RELEASE YOUR INNER POET: SPOKEN WORD WORKSHOP

15:30 AGE 8-12
WRITERS' RETREAT, £5.00

From #Instapoetry to TV ads, poetry and spoken word are gaining popularity every day. Do you have an inner wordsmith waiting to be heard? Have you dreamed of taking to the stage with your thoughts and poems? Two of the UK's top poetry stars - **Liz Berry** and **Toria Garbutt** - host an energetic workshop giving you the tools to write and perform like a pro.

CHEESY COMEDY CAPERS WITH JEREMY STRONG

15:45 AGE 6-9
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Armadillo and Hare while away their days in the Big Forest eating cheese sandwiches and playing the tuba. Get to know these quirky characters as master of children's comedy and bestselling author Jeremy Strong presents the first book in his whimsically funny new series. Expect an energetic event with comedy capers galore.

ALEX BELL & STEVE FEASEY: DISCOVERING DESTINIES

15:45 AGE 12+
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Embark on exciting fantasy adventures with Alex Bell and Steve Feasey as they introduce you to two remarkable worlds with their new series. In Steve's *Dark Blade*, Lann must defend humanity when the powers of gods fail, while in Alex's *Music and Malice in Hurricane Town*, Jude disappears into the city's gothic underworld after being possessed by a murdered queen. Find out what happens as they face their daunting destinies.

SCINTILLATING SCIENCE WITH CHRISTOPHER EDGE

17:00 AGE 9-12
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Christopher Edge's critically acclaimed fiction blends heart-warming stories with scientific knowledge. Following on from *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright*, his new book about time proves again that science can be thrilling and fun. Join him for an interactive event packed full of mind-bending facts and sensational science as he introduces *The Longest Night of Charlie Noon*.

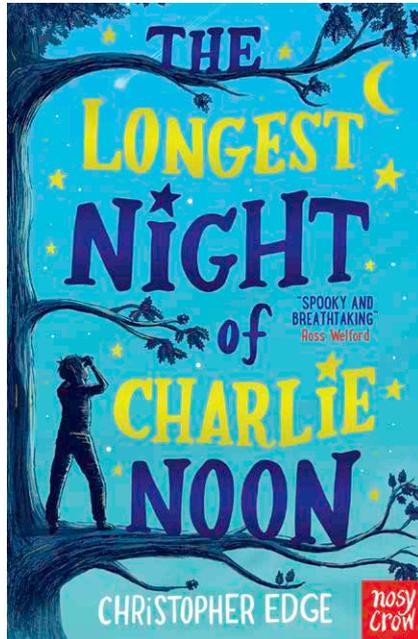
ILLUSTRATOR-IN-RESIDENCE

CREATING WORDLESS STORY BOOKS

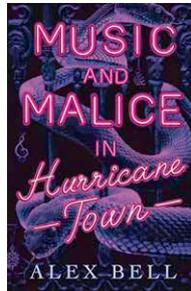
18:30 — AGE 14+
20:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Join 2019 Illustrator-in-Residence **Eilidh Muldoon** for a hands-on workshop in making wordless picture books. Learn how she brought Glasgow to life with only her artwork in *The Colouring Book of Glasgow*, and be inspired to get folding and sketching under her expert guidance until you have your own picture book to take home. Tell any story you can imagine, there's just one rule - no words allowed!

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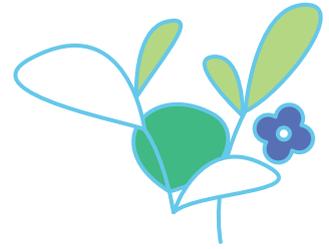
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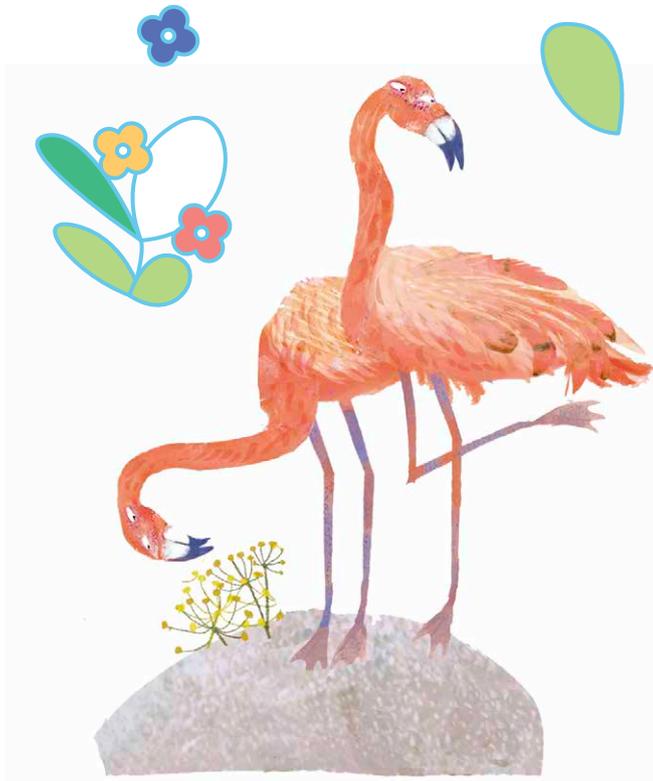


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Appearing today: **Tom Knight**.

ANDY STANTON: POMPEII, PANINIS AND PIZZA VOLCANOES

10:00 FAMILIES & 6+
 THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE,
 BSL £5.00

Author of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize-winning *Mr Gum*, Andy Stanton is back with an even more bonkers series. Follow the lovable Panini family on their ludicrous ventures in accidental gladiator battles and dodging pizza-emitting volcanoes! Delivered with Andy's irreverent humour and outrageous wordplay, this event is guaranteed to descend into utterly surreal silliness.

HIGH FLYING FUN WITH YUVAL ZOMMER

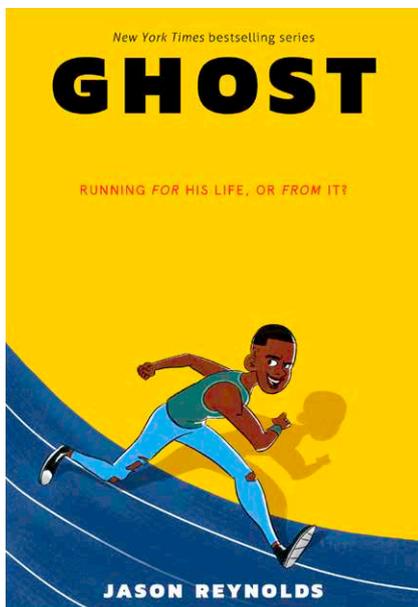
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 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Yuval Zommer introduces the latest in his immensely popular *Big Book* series and this time it's all about birds. Packed with illustrations and flighty facts about our feathered friends, from peacocks to pigeons and flamingos to fairy wrens, a whole aviary is about to be released. After an interactive reading and live illustration, take the chance to create your own colourful winged creature.

JAMES MAYHEW & ZEB SOANES:
 GALLIVANTING WITH GASPARD

10:30 AGE 4-7
 BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Following his debut success, Gaspard the Fox is back with his friends Peter and Finty. When they stumble across a summer fête, suddenly Gaspard finds himself competing in the dog show. Based on the humorous escapades of a real north London fox, see the latest tale brought to life in this entertaining event with BBC Radio 4 broadcaster and author Zeb Soanes and bestselling illustrator James Mayhew.



JASON REYNOLDS
 18 AUG 12:15
 & 20 AUG 17:30

SUNDAY 18 CONTINUED...

STORY DETECTIVES ON THE TRAIL OF A TALE

11:00— FAMILIES & 7+
11:45 CHARLOTTE SQUARE GARDENS, £5.00

Victorian story detectives Mr Titus Wellpeckit and Dr Symington Smythe peek behind the drapes of Charlotte Square and George Street residences to discover the weird and wonderful tales hidden within. Who were the New Town characters that walked these streets of the past and what did they get up to? Find out on **Macastory's** fun-filled interactive walking tour. *Meet at the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent. Please dress for the weather.*

MAKE A PASSPORT TO THE UNIVERSE

11:00— ALL AGES
13:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Drop in and join students from the Edinburgh College of Art to create a very special 'explosion' book that can be turned into your passport to anywhere in the universe. Then make your own rocket so that you can boldly go where no human has gone before.

ANDY SEED: DOODOO DETECTIVES

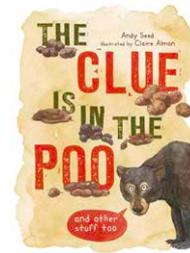
11:45 AGE 7-10
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Become an expert tracker and poo-identifier with handy field guide to droppings, tracks and traces, *The Clue is in the Poo*. Fact-filled funnyman Andy Seed won the 2015 Blue Peter Best Book with Facts Award and has now turned his attention to the natural world and all it leaves behind. Get the scoop on poop with an interactive quiz where you'll identify animals from their... clues.

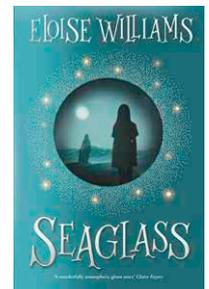
IMPROVISING STORIES WITH VIVIAN FRENCH & PETR HORÁČEK

12:00 AGE 5-8
THE SPIEGELTENT, £5.00

Following the success of last year's improvised event, favourite Festival storyteller Vivian French returns with illustrator Petr Horáček to craft a new story based on your ideas. Suggest exciting plot points to Vivian and guide Petr's drawing hand as they show what it takes to create imaginative stories like *Oliver's Vegetables* and *Puffin Peter*.



ANDY SEED
18 AUG 11:45



ELOISE WILLIAMS
18 AUG 17:00

KWAME ALEXANDER, SARAH CROSSAN & JASON REYNOLDS: WRITING RHYTHM

12:15 AGE 12+
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Three authors for young adults come together for a lively conversation about verse novels, their growing popularity and how to tell diverse, dynamic stories. Kwame Alexander and Jason Reynolds are CILIP Carnegie Medal-shortlisted authors and Sarah Crossan is the current Irish Children's Laureate. Their stories, with their flowing narrative rhythms inspired by sports, hip hop and other cultural influences, have successfully encouraged reluctant readers to get into books. Join three accomplished authors for this fascinating discussion. *In association with CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals.*

DAN SMITH: DARK AGE ADVENTURES

12:15 AGE 10-14
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

She Wolf is a startlingly original tale centering on an epic action heroine. Determined to avenge her mother's death, young Viking girl Ylva tracks her killer north across the hinterland. But has she become too hardened by cruel fate to recognise kindness when it comes? Award-winning writer Dan Smith discusses his gripping Norse adventure with forgiveness at its core.

FIRE-BREATHING BOOKWORMS WITH DEBI GLIORI

13:30— AGE 3-6
14:15 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Much-loved author-illustrator of *No Matter What*, Debi Gliori hosts a lively, creative event based on her light-hearted new tale *The Bookworm*. Max is desperate for a pet of his own, ideally a dragon, but instead ends up with a particularly peculiar pet worm - one that's growing spines and breathing smoke. Be careful what you wish for!

STORY DETECTIVES ON THE TRAIL OF A TALE

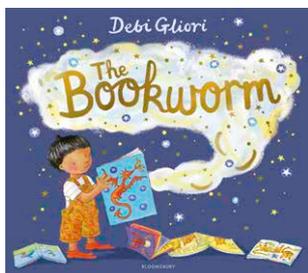
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LISA WILLIAMSON
18 AUG 15:45



DEBI GLIORI
18 AUG 13:30



CRACKING THE CASE WITH SHARNA JACKSON & ROBIN STEVENS

14:00 AGE 10-14
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Nik and Norva have the whole summer holiday ahead of them with nothing to do. So when there's a murder in their London high-rise, who better to solve the case? *High-Rise Mystery's* debut author Sharna Jackson and editor Robin Stevens, herself a bestselling children's murder mystery writer, uncover the secrets of the first book in their contemporary series and talk about their inspirations.

THE BIG DROPPINGS DROP-IN

14:30— ALL AGES
16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Join **Andy Seed**, hilarious author of *The Clue is in the Poo*, for a big drop-in drawing event all about droppings. Can you use your nature knowledge to match the animal pictures with their poos? Get ready for cutting, sticking, drawing and colouring - don't leave any droppings behind!

GOOD KNIGHT, BAD KNIGHT, TOM KNIGHT!

15:00 AGE 5-8
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Hold onto your helmets for an armour-splittingly funny event with hilarious creator of the *Good Knight, Bad Knight* series, Tom Knight, as he progresses his heroic characters from picture books into longer fiction. The two rival knight cousins are total opposites but they must work together to overcome dragons, stinkbombs, barbarians and more. Come along to see the laugh-out-loud consequences.

INTO THE WILD WITH JULIAN CLARY & DAVID ROBERTS

15:15 FAMILIES & 7+
BSL CAP THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE,
£5.00

Get ready to monkey around with the Bolds, the wildest family in Teddington, trying to fit into a neighbourhood in which they don't quite belong. Comedian and entertainer Julian Clary and illustrator David Roberts introduce the fifth book in their bestselling series, *The Bolds Go Wild*. Expect fun and games, lots of readings and loads of live drawing in an event filled with animal hilarity.



A LIBRARY OF SPELLBOOKS WITH SCARLETT THOMAS & PIERS TORDAY

15:45 AGE 10-14
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Scarlett Thomas is the author of the enchanting *Worldquake* series, which Joanne Harris called the 'most exciting debut in children's fiction since *Harry Potter*'. Piers Torday is the bestselling author of *The Last Wild* trilogy and winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize. Join a spellbinding discussion on the latest instalments in their captivating series covering talking animals, forbidden spells and two magical libraries.

MAKING CONNECTIONS WITH BRIAN CONAGHAN & LISA WILLIAMSON

15:45 AGE 14+
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Award-winning author of *The Art of Being Normal*, Lisa Williamson brings you a new tale about painfully shy Ro, who's keeping secrets from her friends. In Brian Conaghan's *The M-Word*, Maggie has taken so many hard knocks she's earned the nickname Conker. Brian and Lisa masterfully capture the voices of closed-off teenagers in a tender, enlightening conversation about grief, resilience and hope.

ELIZABETH JONES & ELOISE WILLIAMS: MAGIC AND MEANING

17:00 AGE 10-14
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

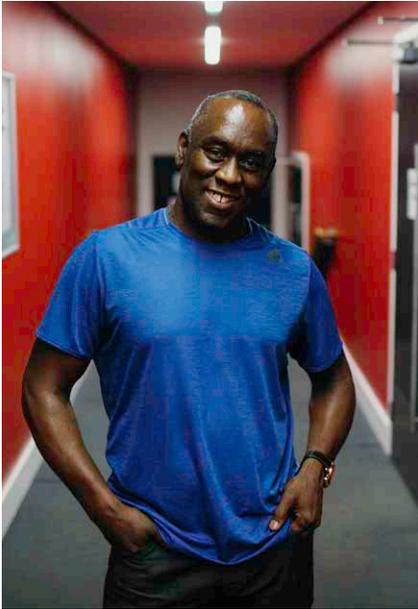
Elizabeth Jones's *A Dark Iris* sees Rebekah learn the violent history of her homeland through magical appearances in her artwork. In Eloise Williams's *Seaglass*, Lark confronts a long-buried family secret after an outdoor expedition turns into a chilling ghost story. Elizabeth and Eloise lead you on a mystical journey of understanding as they discuss how magic can be used to explore real life hardships.



MONDAY

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ALEX WHEATLE
19 AUG 19:00



BAILLIE GIFFORD CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

INCLUDING:

CLARE BALDING
ALEX WHEATLE
JANE FOSTER



**ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY? /
CZY SIEDZICIE WYGODNIE?**

10:00 — ALL AGES
10:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE: BOOK IN ADVANCE

Join one of our Festival authors each morning for a magical half hour of storytelling, poetry, song or rhyme. This daily changing event is suitable for children of all ages.

Appearing today: **Craigmillar Books for Babies with Polish Rhymetime.**

Zapraszamy Was do codziennych magicznych spotkań z pisarzami i ilustratorami, którzy przez pół godziny każdego poranka dzielą się opowieściami, piosenkami i rymowanekami dla najmłodszych. Każdego dnia gościmy innego autora książek dla dzieci. Dziś zapraszamy na spotkanie z Craigmillar Books for Babies, którzy zaprezentują piosenki i wierszyki po polsku.

**THE BIG BILINGUAL DROP-IN /
WIELKIE DWUJĘZYCZNE ZAJĘCIA DLA WSZYSTKICH**

11:00 — ALL AGES
13:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Join illustrator **Kasia Matyjaszek** for a bilingual safari with storytelling, drawing and crafts. Learn about wild animals in Polish and English, help to create a big mural and make your own picture books.

Zapraszamy na dwujęzyczne safari z ilustratorką Kasią Matyjaszek. Będą czytanki, zabawy i rysowanki. Spotkamy dzikie zwierzęta, będziemy pracować nad ogromnym murałem i nauczymy się ilustrować książeczki.



JANE FOSTER: FROM RABBITS TO RAPTORS

12:15 — AGE 2-4
 13:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Acclaimed artist Jane Foster's colourful books provide teaching for tots about new experiences. Her latest two focus on animal kingdoms - alive and extinct - with *Pets* and *Dinosaurs*. With vibrant, stylish artwork, these bold board books introduce you to an array of new friends from rabbits to raptors. See Jane draw some of her vivid images and get hands-on with fun craft activities.

CANDY GOURLAY: MERMAID MIX-UPS

13:45 AGE 3-6
 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Swim away to an idyllic island with the charming story of a dugong who's convinced she's a mermaid... and perhaps she's right? Join Candy Gourlay for interactive fun as you take part in a story-building game and watch some live illustration. You'll find out lots about what a dugong really is as you follow this colourful story of identity, friendship and kindness.

CREATE MOON MAGIC

14:30 — ALL AGES
 16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Drop into Story Box to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing by joining in with out-of-this-world cosmic crafts. Will you create a shiny space suit, a wacky alien creature or a space shuttle ready to blast you into the stratosphere? Come along for intergalactic fun that will put your imagination to the test.

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HORSING AROUND WITH CLARE BALDING

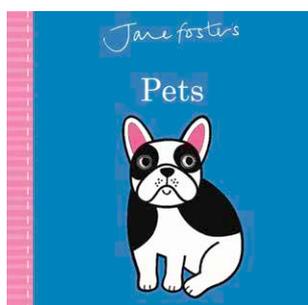
17:00 FAMILIES & 8+
 THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE,
 CAP £5.00

Charlie Bass's best friend Polly has a talent with horses, but after an accident it looks like her skills will go to waste. Can they find a way to make Polly's equestrian dreams come true? Find out as award-winning broadcaster and equine expert Clare Balding shares the latest book in her series, *The Racehorse Who Learned To Dance*. Get ready for an hour of hilarious horseplay.

CANDY GOURLAY
 19 AUG 13:45



JANE FOSTER
 19 AUG 12:15 & 15:30



EMER STAMP: PIG AND PALS

17:00 AGE 6-8
 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Learn to draw the colourful characters from Emer Stamp's rip-roaring *Diary of Pig* series. Get ready to run away and join the farm with Pig and his pals for lots of bonkers adventures. Pick up a pencil and get top tips from the creative mind behind the John Lewis Christmas adverts.

ANTHONY MCGOWAN & ALEX WHEATLE: TOUGH TEENS

19:00 AGE 12+
 BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

CILIP Carnegie Medal-shortlisted Alex Wheatle and Guardian Children's Fiction Award winner Anthony McGowan tell gritty stories of teenagers growing up in tough urban worlds. Hear about the heroes of their fast-paced short novels, ideal for enticing reluctant readers to get reading, including a courageous girl growing up in care, a boy swept up in a criminal plot and two brothers about to embark on a life-threatening adventure.

PLAYING WITH BOOKS

ADAPTING DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE

19:00 — AGE 12+
 20:15 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

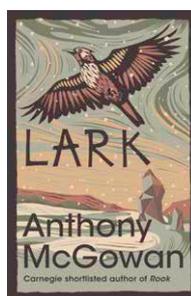
Dougie Irvine, Artistic Director of Visible Fictions Theatre Company, and **Oscar Silva**, Portuguese director and theatre maker, give you a fascinating insight into their collaborative dramatic and bilingual adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's seminal Gothic novella *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. They talk about the development process and use of different languages, and they present some scenes. A must-see for those intrigued by the process of taking a book from page to stage.



CLARE BALDING
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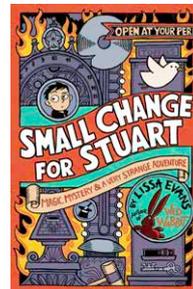
TUESDAY

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INCLUDING:

ELMER THE ELEPHANT
JASON REYNOLDS
DAVID MCKEE
FRANN PRESTON-GANNON

LISSA EVANS
20 AUG 16:00



JASON REYNOLDS
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Appearing today: **Morag Hood.**

30 YEARS OF ELMER THE ELEPHANT

11:00— ALL AGES
16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of David McKee's much-loved classic, *Elmer*, by dropping into Story Box for lots of colourful *Elmer*-based crafts and activities. The beautiful story all about accepting differences has sold over 10 million copies worldwide. You might even get a chance to meet the multi-coloured patchwork elephant himself.

EMER STAMP: FARTYPANTS FUN

12:15— AGE 3-6
12:45 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

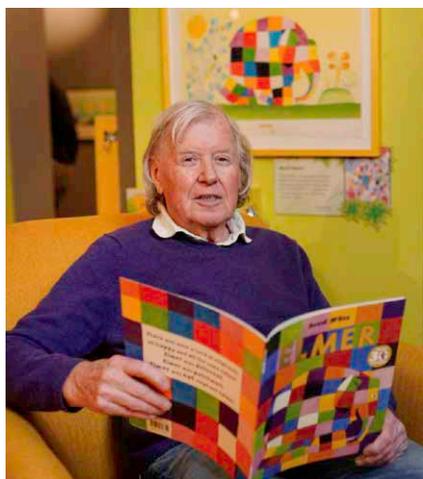
All dads are embarrassing, but imagine if yours constantly farted everywhere you went! Emer Stamp will have you laughing your pants off with her very windy bear creation and this stinky half hour of storytime silliness. Emer is the writer behind the hilarious bestselling *Diary of Pig* series, and this latest story promises to be another trumping triumph.

MORAG HOOD: AADORABLE AARDVARKS

13:30 AGE 3-6
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Two-time Macmillan Prize winner and Edinburgh local, Morag Hood appears at the Book Festival this year in an event packed with her mischievous humour and original picture books. *Brenda is a Sheep* is a witty retelling of the idea of a wolf in sheep's clothing and *Aalfred and Aalbert* is an adorable romance between two aardvarks, both of which feature Morag's memorable illustrations.





DAVID MCKEE
20 AUG 17:00



ANDREW CLOVER: SERIOUSLY DEADLY ESCAPADES

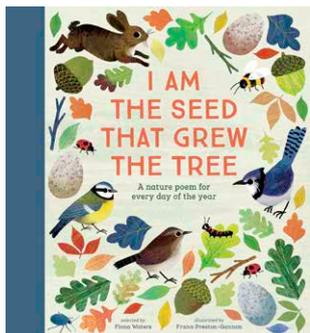
17:00 AGE 7-10
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Described by Adam Baron as the 'perfect link between picture books and full-length novels', Andrew Clover's hilarious comedy-crime series *Rory Branagan* is all about the best detective in town. Today, the actor, comedian and author tells you about the most recent instalments in Rory's seriously deadly escapades in a brilliantly lively event of storytelling and silliness.

JASON REYNOLDS & NIKESH SHUKLA: LEFT JAB, WRITE HOOK

17:30 AGE 12+
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Join this unmissable conversation about finding identity and belonging through sport with award-winning authors Nikesh Shukla and Jason Reynolds. Nikesh's *The Boxer* was influenced by his work coaching young people in the boxing ring. In Jason's *Ghost*, his central character finds solace in running - just as Jason did in poetry and writing. Be inspired by two brilliantly modern, relatable authors.



FRANN PRESTON-GANNON
20 AUG 15:15



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FRANN PRESTON-GANNON: A YEAR IN POEMS

15:15 AGE 5-8
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

I Am the Seed that Grew the Tree is a stunning collection of 366 nature poems for every day of the year (including leap years!), published with the National Trust. Featuring poets ranging from John Agard to William Wordsworth, every page includes one of Frann Preston-Gannon's stunning illustrations. The first UK recipient of the Sendak Fellowship brings the poems to life in a spellbinding drawing event.

WIZARDING WHIRLWIND WITH LISSA EVANS

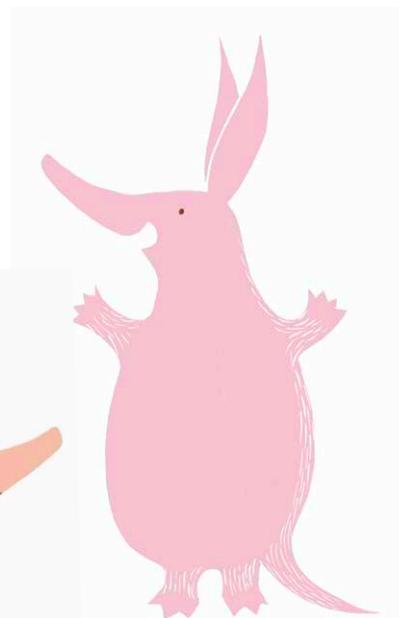
16:00 AGE 8-12
GARDEN THEATRE, £5.00

Lissa Evans's tale about wickedly funny wizard Stuart has been shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal. In *Small Change for Stuart*, Stuart goes on a dangerous quest to find a long-lost magician's workshop. Will you be able to help him make it to safety? Packed with Lissa's signature jokes and lively readings, this event is a real treat for those with a taste for trickery.

ELMER'S BIG BIRTHDAY WITH DAVID MCKEE

17:00 FAMILIES & 10+
CAP THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE,
£5.00

Help us celebrate the 30th anniversary of everyone's favourite patchwork elephant pal, *Elmer*. Meet David McKee, the man behind the classic books, as well as TV character Mr Benn, as he talks about his life, works and the poignant ideas behind his heart-warming tales. Perfect for older children who grew up loving the books or those who have wondered if life would be easier if it were a little less colourful.



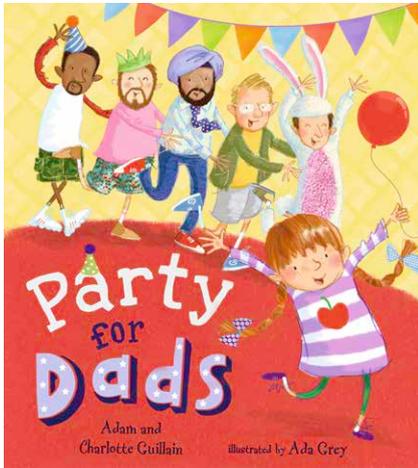


INCLUDING:

JOSEPH COELHO
SALLY GARDNER
ALAN POLLOCK



JOSEPH COELHO
21 AUG 13:15



ADAM GUILLAIN &
CHARLOTTE GUILLAIN
21 AUG 10:00

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**ADAM GUILLAIN & CHARLOTTE GUILLAIN:
DAY FOR DADS**

10:00 AGE 3-6
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

The joyful rhyming follow-up to *School for Dads* is here. Get your dad dancing ready as you join a big celebration of fathers everywhere in *Party for Dads*. Bestselling authors of *George's Amazing Adventures*, Adam and Charlotte Guillain get you joining in the story and imagining a world where kids and dads swap places. A hilarious, interactive hour to enjoy with the old man.

SENSORY STORYTELLING SPECTACULAR

11:00— ALL AGES
16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX,
LD FREE & DROP-IN

Drop in and join storyteller **Ailie Finlay** and friends for fun, inclusive sensory stories and games. Expect lots of interactivity, with props to squish, shake and rattle! *This sensory drop-in event has been designed for children with additional needs, their friends and families but everyone is welcome to join in.*

**CROAKING CHOIRS WITH
FRANN PRESTON-GANNON**

11:45 AGE 3-6
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Bestselling illustrator of *I Am the Seed that Grew the Tree*, Frann Preston-Gannon turns her talent for capturing natural beauty to a wonderfully inclusive picture book about a little frog who wants all the swamp animals to join in his song. Follow the story in this fun, friendly event with plenty of opportunities to add your voice to the moonlit choir.



JOSEPH COELHO: WARM-HEARTED WORDS

13:15— AGE 3-6
14:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Hear award-winning performance poet Joseph Coelho share an uplifting story about the importance of being yourself. With sensitivity and warmth, Joseph encourages little ones to get to grips with big topics, including loss. Expect lots of rhymes and tales in this gentle and positive event, perfect for encouraging open and honest conversations about your emotions.

DIVE INTO READING WITH SALLY GARDNER

14:30 AGE 7-10
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Award-winning author Sally Gardner champions positive debate about dyslexia; her latest book *Mr Tiger, Betsy and the Sea Dragon* has been printed in a font designed to make reading easier. Join her for an event encouraging struggling readers to dive into stories, starting with the second adventure for Betsy and Mr Tiger in which they swim with mermaids and confront a wicked pirate.

MEET SHINY PIPPIN WITH HARRY HEAPE

16:00 AGE 7-10
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Harry Heape takes you back in time on strange and silly adventures with his hilarious new series about a little girl called Pippin who is quite the opposite of ordinary... she's Shiny! And that means she has very special powers. With topsy-turvy illustrations, these chaotic tales jump off the page. Join Harry for an event that will tickle your funny bone and put a big smile on your face.

TOM PALMER: D-DAY DOG

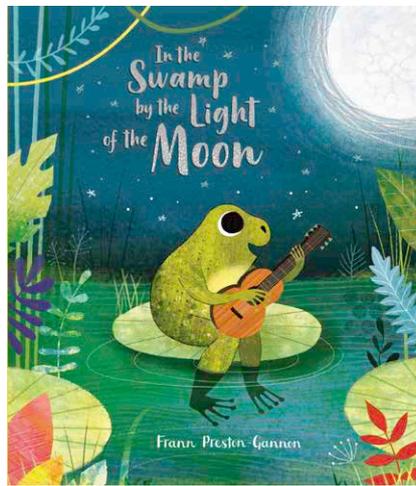
17:30 FAMILIES & 8+
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Learn all about a heroic Second World War paratrooper and his loyal parachuting partner: his dog Glen! Following on from the critically acclaimed *Armistice Runner*, Tom Palmer uses the gripping adventure story of *D-Day Dog* to mark the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Today, Tom reads from the book and makes use of his experience getting reluctant readers (including himself!) into fiction.

ALAN POLLOCK & BRYONY THOMSON: THE BEAR WHO WENT TO WAR

17:30 AGE 7-10
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

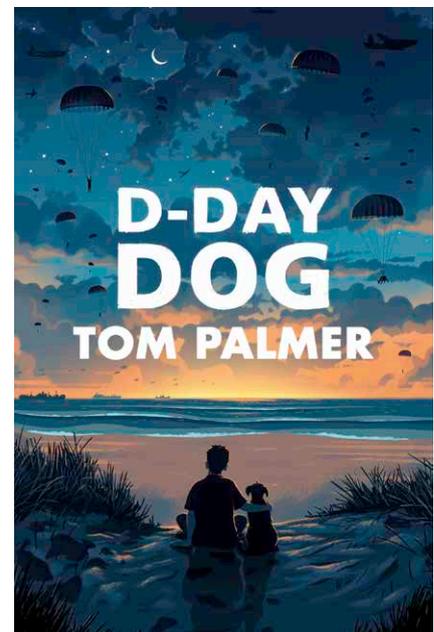
Join author Alan Pollock and illustrator Bryony Thomson to hear the remarkable true story of an orphaned bear cub who was adopted by soldiers in the Second World War and named Private Wojtek. As they introduce their picture book *The Bear Who Went to War*, Alan and Bryony tell you all about Wojtek's history and how he ended up in Edinburgh Zoo. A bear-ly believable tale.



FRANN PRESTON-GANNON
21 AUG 11:45



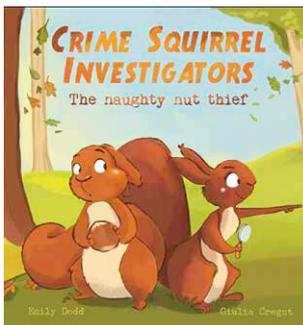
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SITA BRAHMACHARI
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Appearing today: **Cròileagan - Edinburgh's Gaelic playgroup.**
Thig còmhla rinn gach madainn airson leth uair a thìde de sgeulachdan, bàrdachd, òrain no rannan. Bidh an tachartas seo ag atharrachadh bho latha gu latha agus freagarrach dha clann de gach aois. A' nochdadh an-diugh: Cròileagan Dhùn Èideann.

LITTLE WARDROBE MONSTERS WITH
BRYONY THOMSON

10:00 AGE 3-6
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Author-illustrator Bryony Thomson presents her heart-warming debut picture book, created with inventive hand-printing techniques. Every night, Dora hears a mysterious knocking sound at the wardrobe door. It's keeping her and the toys awake, but they'll need all their courage to find out what it is... Expect readings and interactive drawing activities for little ones in this fun, friendly event.

THE GREAT GAELIC DROP-IN /
THIGIBH A-STEACH

11:00— ALL AGES
13:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Drop in and join author-illustrator duo **Marie C Macaulay** and **Robin Bans** for lots of Gaelic fun. Take a look at their colourful *Teàrlag* tales, learn some Gaelic words and make a mess with creative activities. All ages and Gaelic levels welcome.
Thigibh a-steach airson an t-seisean seo còmhla ri Marie C NicAmhlaigh agus Robin Bans airson spòrs agus fealla-dhà. Faic na leabhraichean dathte leis a' character Teàrlag, ionnsaich beagan Gàidhlig agus tha cothrom butarrais a dhèanamh a' cruthachadh rudan. Tha fàilte ro gach aois is ìre Gàidhlig.



CSI: CRIME SQUIRREL INVESTIGATORS WITH EMILY DODD

11:30 AGE 3-6
 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Bestselling children's author and CBeebies screenwriter Emily Dodd, brings her scientific knowledge to this quirky investigative event. Through energetic storytelling, you'll learn how to identify different animals as you help the Crime Squirrel Investigators catch the naughty nut thief. Plus, get ready to join in the woodpecker hip hop track as Emily sings, raps and plays guitar.

CHARLOTTE GUILLAIN: SKIES IN THEIR EYES

13:15— AGE 3-6
 14:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Charlotte Guillain takes you on a journey up through the atmosphere, way into outer space and back again with her richly illustrated giant concertina book *The Skies Above My Eyes*, perfect for inquisitive young minds. Unfold the pages with her to discover an array of exciting facts about the skies, which will fill you with awe and wonder.

CAPTURE THE CHANGING SEASONS

14:30— ALL AGES
 16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

If you've enjoyed the many nature-themed picture books at the Festival, then drop in to try your hand at creating some stunning artwork all about the changing seasons. Whether it's the icy blues of winter that inspire you, or the warm reds of autumn leaves, you'll find everything you need to create a detailed masterpiece.

UNDER THE BED WITH ELIZABETH LAIRD

15:00 AGE 3-6
 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Amir is frightened of the monster living under his bed. What if it tries to eat him in the night? Perhaps he should try to befriend him instead. Multi award-winning author Elizabeth Laird presents her timeless picture book tale *Grobblechops*, based on a 13th century Rumi story. Join her for a dreamy event about friendship and conquering fears.

SITA BRAHMACHARI & JANE RAY: ISLA'S ISLANDS

16:45 AGE 7-10
 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

When Isla's family whisk her away from Edinburgh to live on the Orkney Islands, she is surprised to find legends and natural beauty that help her make sense of her dual-heritage and her family's loss. Author Sita Brahmachari shares the important lessons from her heart-warming tale with you, as illustrator Jane Ray brings her stunning Orkney illustrations to life in front of your eyes.

DARREN SHAN: ROLL UP, ROLL UP!

17:30 AGE 10-14
 SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Enter the Cirque Du Freak, home of the world's most remarkable performers. You have your ticket, now take your seat, the show is about to begin. Darren Shan celebrates the 20th anniversary of his worldwide bestselling vampire series by taking you beyond the covers of the first three books. Ask your questions, learn about some scary circus acts and maybe even join in the show.

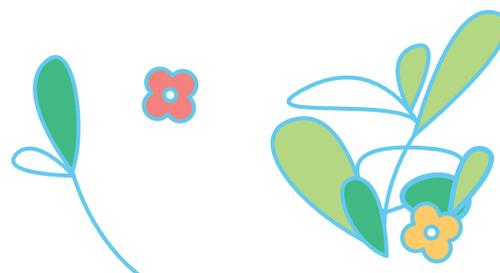
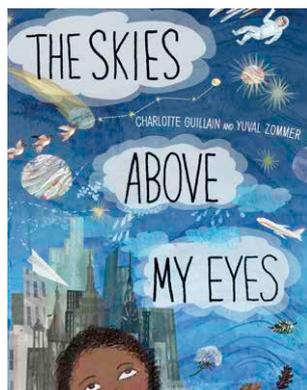
C A FLETCHER & MARCUS SEDGWICK: CRUMBLING WORLDS

17:45 AGE 14+
 GARDEN THEATRE, £5.00

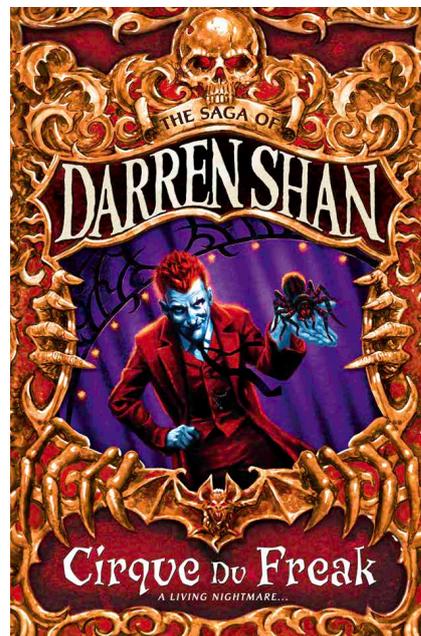
Two hopeful stories find richness in barren dystopia. Griz has only met a handful of people in his life, so when his dog is stolen, C A Fletcher takes us to the edge of the world to rescue him. Award-winning author Marcus Sedgwick's desert world, ravaged by illness, challenges stigmas about health. They share the stage to introduce ideas about civilisation and its impact on the planet.



CHARLOTTE GUILLAIN
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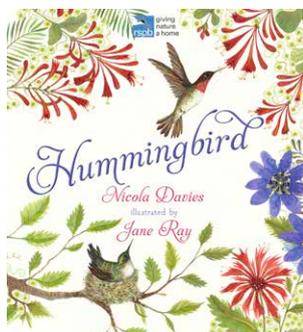
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BECOME A SQUIRREL DETECTIVE

11:00 — ALL AGES
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Drop into Story Box and join author **Emily Dodd**'s team of squirrel science investigators for crafty fun and interactive detective work. Inspired by her books *Crime Squirrel Investigators* and *Can't Dance Cameron*, Emily hosts a day of accessible activities filled with scientific knowledge and nature facts.

INVENTIVE ILLUSTRATIONS WITH SARA OGILVIE

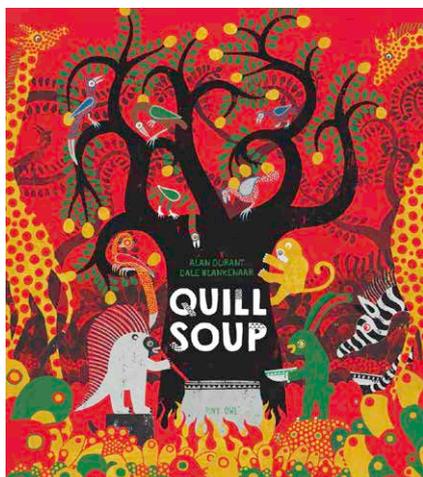
11:30 — AGE 3-6
12:15 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

One of BookTrust's Best New Illustrators, Sara Ogilvie has worked on bestselling books including Julia Donaldson's *The Detective Dog*. She teaches you all her drawing secrets with help from two very colourful characters: Dave the Lonely Monster, who lives in a retirement cave all alone, and the exuberant Izzy Gizmo, who is determined to take to the skies with her fabulous inventions.

A HUMMINGBIRD HISTORY WITH NICOLA DAVIES
& JANE RAY

13:15 AGE 5-8
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Did you know that a hummingbird is smaller than your thumb and weighs less than a 20 pence piece? Award-winning nature author Nicola Davies and CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal nominee Jane Ray teach you lots of fascinating facts about these magical little creatures in their exquisite storybook *Hummingbird*. Expertly blending fact with fiction, this engaging event is perfect for budding zoologists and nature lovers.

ALAN DURANT
23 AUG 15:00

SHARING SOUP WITH ALAN DURANT

15:00 AGE 4-7
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

The classic moral tale *Stone Soup* has been lovingly retold in an African setting by prolific author Alan Durant. Noko the porcupine is very hungry but can't find anyone who'll share their food with him - his solution is creative and delicious! With important messages about kindness and sharing resources, this vibrant event is led with Alan's signature wit and wisdom.

GILL LEWIS & RUTH TINGAY: WILDLIFE WARRIORS

15:45 AGE 10-14
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Bobbie and her Gran will stop at nothing to save the golden eagles near their home in the Scottish Highlands, but they're up against some seriously dangerous poachers. *Eagle Warrior* author Gill Lewis is joined by raptor expert and conservationist Ruth Tingay to discuss Ruth's experiences working with the Global Raptor Network and how real events inspired this stunning wilderness story.

GALLOP THROUGH HISTORY WITH SAVIOUR PIROTTA

16:45 AGE 8-12
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Maltese author Saviour Pirotta takes you on a historical mystery adventure across the globe. Dip into the world of the ancient Greeks with *Shadows of the Centaurs* and the Middle East circa 900AD with *The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad*. Expect high-powered drama and fascinating historical facts in this exciting event, as Saviour tells you all about his ancient tales.

MATT HAIG: EVIE AND THE ANIMALS

17:00 FAMILIES & 7+
THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

Matt Haig is an award-winning author for young people and grown-ups. Today, he introduces you to a very special little girl and a menagerie of animals with a lot to say in *Evie and the Animals*. Evie can understand them, but can she keep her promise to stop talking back? Packed full of lively illustrations, Matt's enchanting chapter book is impossible to put down.

HOW TO BE A WRITER FOR LIFE

17:30 AGE 12+
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Join the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators for a frank discussion about sustaining a writing career in a hugely competitive environment. **David Almond** is a multi award-winning children's novelist whose work has been adapted for stage and screen. **Lauren James** signed her first book deal at 21 and is now publishing her fifth novel while still in her 20s. Together they talk about the highs and the lows of their careers.

LAURA BATES & PATRICE LAWRENCE: LIKE WILDFIRE

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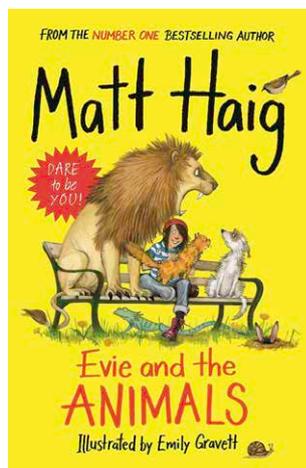
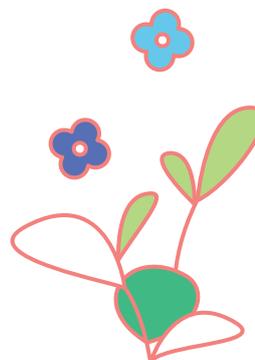
17:45 AGE 14+
GARDEN THEATRE, £5.00

Founder of the Everyday Sexism Project Laura Bates and prize-winning author Patrice Lawrence navigate the maze of teenage girlhood. In Patrice's *Rose, Interrupted*, a girl escapes a religious sect and plunges into a new world, while Laura's *The Burning* shows how rumours have always spread like wildfire, from the witch hunts of history to cyberbullying now. They talk informatively about technology, misogyny and staying safe online.

ELIZABETH LAIRD: REBUILDING AS A REFUGEE

18:30 AGE 10-14
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Following the success of her novel *Welcome to Nowhere*, based on her time spent in Jordanian refugee camps, Elizabeth Laird returns with a powerful story set amidst the Syrian refugee crisis. Hear her discuss the themes of family, hope and redemption found in *A House Without Walls*, which follows a young girl attempting to rebuild her life after being driven out of her country by civil war.

MATT HAIG
23 AUG 17:00LAURA BATES
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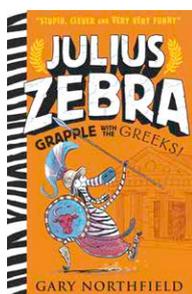
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JULIA DONALDSON
10 AUG 10:00 & 24 AUG 10:00

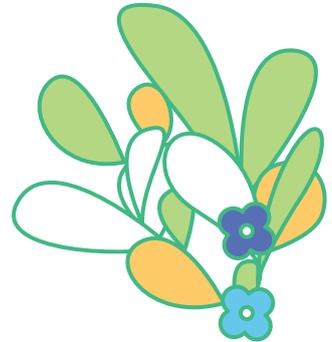


GARY NORTHFIELD
24 AUG 10:30



INCLUDING:

HORRIBLE HISTORIES
TONY ROSS
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JULIA DONALDSON
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JULIA DONALDSON & AXEL SCHEFFLER: THE PERFECT MIX

10:00 AGE 4-7
THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

The award-winning team behind *The Gruffalo* brings you a colourful event that shoots you into outer space with lots of songs, stories and silliness. Alien tribes the red Smeds and the blue Smoos never mix, but that all comes under threat with a budding romance. Will the colours mix to paint a happy ending? This charming tale is told with humour and read-aloud rhyme.

NICOLA DAVIES: COUNTRY COMFORTS

10:00 AGE 8-12
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Nicola Davies is the multi award-winning author of beautiful, informative stories about the natural world, including CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal-longlisted *Perfect* and *The Pond*. Today, she takes you on a romp into the wild with fun activities and readings from the latest books in her *Country Tales* series about children growing up in the countryside and making sense of a changing world.

ILLUSTRATING HARRY POTTER WITH JIM KAY

10:30 FAMILIES & 10+
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Jim Kay is the artistic talent behind the beautifully detailed and imagined illustrated editions of the *Harry Potter* novels by J K Rowling. Join him to hear about the artists, graphic novelists and illustrators who have inspired his work in this fascinating and wide-ranging discussion on the art of the illustrated book.

GARY NORTHFIELD: FROM ZEUS TO ZEBRAS

10:30 AGE 6-9
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Julius Zebra is back - and this time he's grappling with all things Greek! Author and illustrator of the action-packed and hysterically funny *Julius Zebra* series, Gary Northfield shares lots of Greek facts from his latest book with you, before you join him in fun comic-drawing activities. Expect historical hilarity, mad mammals and maybe a few minotaurs thrown in for good measure.

BRING OUT YOUR INNER ARTIST

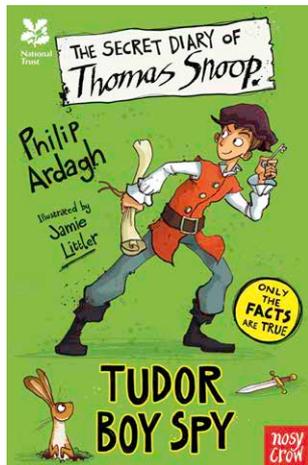
11:00— ALL AGES
13:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Drop into Story Box throughout the day to get crafty and creative with lots of colourful, arty activities. Be inspired by the many wonderful picture books in the programme and put your artistic skills to the test. There will be lots of craft materials on hand to help you express yourself.

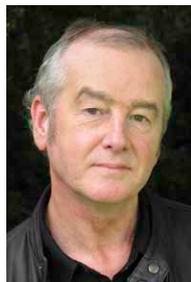
THE FLYING CIRCUS WITH PETER BUNZL

11:45 AGE 8-12
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Let your imagination be carried far, far away by the travelling Skycircus. When the troupe descend on Lily and Robert's hometown, with their astounding acts and clockwork wonders, mystery and mayhem await. BAFTA-winning animator-turned-children's author, Peter Bunzl hosts a highly visual event based on the awe-inspiring world of his bestselling *Cogheart* series.



PHILIP ARDAGH
24 AUG 13:30



DAVID ALMOND
23 AUG 17:30 &
24 AUG 12:00

DAVID ALMOND & DAVID LITCHFIELD: WAR IS OVER

12:00 FAMILIES & 10+
THE SPIEGELTENT, £5.00

Everyone tells John he's at war with the Germans, but the little boy he meets doesn't feel like the enemy. Multi award-winning author of *Skellig*, David Almond reads from his vivid new story about the end of the First World War. With elegant live drawing from David Litchfield, this poignant event explores the power of peace and how children get swept up in war.

#PERFECTPORRIDGE WITH TONY ROSS & JEANNE WILLIS

12:15 AGE 4-7
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Much-loved *Little Princess* illustrator Tony Ross and award-winning children's author Jeanne Willis have teamed up on *#Goldilocks*, a witty look at the dangers of social media. The third in their series of hilarious cautionary tales for young internet whizz-kids reimagines Goldilocks as a vlogging superstar. Tony and Jeanne host a lively event perfect for introducing little ones to online safety.

CENTURIES OF SHENANIGANS WITH PHILIP ARDAGH

13:30 AGE 6-9
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Award-winning author Philip Ardagh combines fact and fiction in his two new *Secret Diary* escapades, featuring top secret Tudor missions and intrigue and adventure from a Cornish coastal town. A great introduction to historical fiction and perfect for fans of *Horrible Histories*, Philip's event shows you how he weaves hilarious historical facts with exciting plots.

ALTERNATE REALITIES WITH LAUREN JAMES & CELIA REES

14:00 AGE 12+
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Leave the bounds of the real world with two fast-paced, cinematic adventures that twist until the last page. Learn how Celia Rees, bestselling author of *Witch Child*, has combined a gaming alternate reality with the writings of the Brontë children, and discover Lauren James's sci-fi thriller about a declining human race. Two masters of speculative fiction lead you between the real and imagined.

AMBER LEE DODD & KIRAN MILLWOOD HARGRAVE: FOLKLORE AND FANTASY

14:15 AGE 10-14
GARDEN THEATRE, £5.00

The magic of words becomes actual magic in the stories of two courageous young girls determined to save those they love. Winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, Kiran Millwood Hargrave enthralls you with the wintry lyricism of her tale *The Way Past Winter*, while Amber Lee Dodd invites you into *Lightning Chase Me Home*, the heart-wrenching story of a girl with dyslexia who has started mysteriously disappearing.



SATURDAY 24 CONTINUED...



MAKE YOUR OWN CUDDLY CAT

14:30 — ALL AGES
16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Not everyone is lucky enough to have a pet at home - so now's your chance to make one! Drop in and join *The Pawed Piper* author **Michelle Robinson** to make your own cuddly cat creation. From ping pong balls to pipe cleaners, we've got everything to help you create your perfect pet.

FACING FEARS WITH KATIE TSANG & KEVIN TSANG

15:00 AGE 6-9
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

When the school tarantula gets loose, it's up to Sam Wu to retrieve the eight-legged escapee. Good thing he's absolutely not afraid of spiders. Or anything at all! Join the authors of *Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Spiders* for a fun event that gently deals with common fears: Katie Tsang and Kevin Tsang, whose childhood nerves inspired the series.

PAMELA BUTCHART: ON STAGE WITH THE SECRET SEVEN

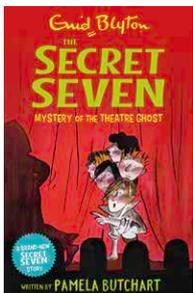
15:45 AGE 7-10
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Enid Blyton's mystery-solving gang are brought into the 21st century with Pamela Butchart's latest spectacular story. The seven are cast in a local play, but things go very wrong on opening night and it's not just stagefright... The award-winning *Baby Aliens* author turns her hand brilliantly to this well-known world. A fun, highly interactive event for *Secret Seven* fans old and new.

THE DEEP BLUE SEA WITH JULIA GREEN

15:45 AGE 8-12
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Wonder at the natural world with Julia Green as she shares her beautiful, lyrical tale about courage, friendship and survival in the face of loss, *The House of Light*. With her trademark compassion, Julia teaches you important lessons about family and the environment as she talks about the sense of magic associated with the sea - what it gives us and what it can take away.



PAMELA BUTCHART
24 AUG 15:45



MAPPING THE WAY HOME WITH LIVI GOSLING

16:45 AGE 6-9
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Try your hand at the fascinating art of cartography with illustrator Livi Gosling. Her new book *Maps of the United Kingdom* is a beautiful, detailed atlas showing every county in Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland, jammed with fun facts about each spot. Come along to create your own personal UK map featuring stories of the places you've been or dream of visiting.

25 YEARS OF ROTTEN ROMANS WITH MARTIN BROWN

17:00 AGE 8-12
THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

If you've never read the multi-million bestselling *Horrible Histories* series, what better place to start than by cracking open the shiny new 25th anniversary edition of *Rotten Romans?* Illustrator Martin Brown brings this iconic collection of fun facts and historical horseplay to life. More accessible than ever, it's time to recruit the next generation of gory historians.

UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES WITH MEL DARBON

18:30 AGE 14+
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

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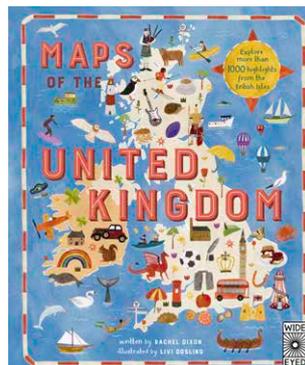
Rosie loves Jack and Jack loves Rosie. When they're separated, Rosie goes on a journey to find him that would be difficult for anyone, let alone a girl with Down's Syndrome. Mel Darbon introduces you to her stunning, timely story told from a unique perspective and explains why she thinks it's important to give a voice to young people who may not be heard. *This fully interactive event has been specially created to be suitable for those of all abilities.*



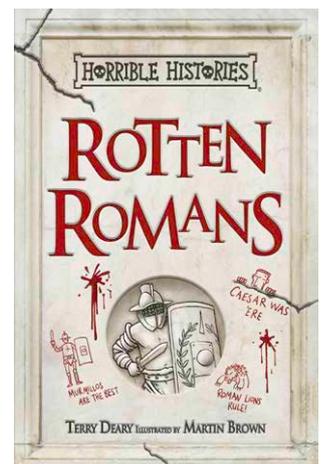
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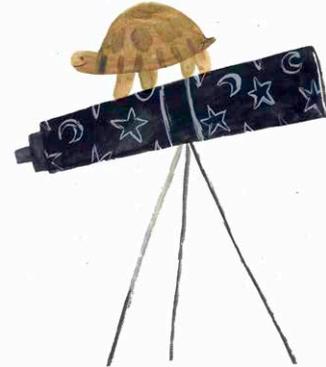
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Appearing today: **Catherine Rayner**.

HARRY POTTER PARTY

10:00 FAMILIES & 7+
 THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

Apparate into the *Harry Potter* universe with this fun-filled celebration of all things witchcraft and wizardry, hosted by the incomparable **Fleurble Laffalot**. Packed with interactive games and fun facts about life at Hogwarts, this Potter-themed party will have you casting spells to rival any member of Dumbledore's Army. Grab your broomsticks and wands, dress as your favourite character and find out which house you'll be sorted into.

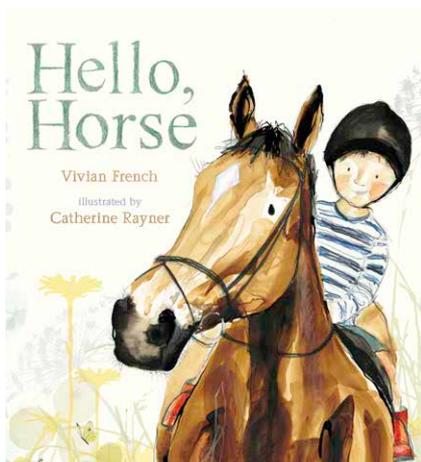
INTERGALACTIC ADVENTURES WITH
 JEN CAMPBELL & KATIE HARNETT

10:00 AGE 3-6
 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Strap on your space boots and prepare for an exciting Franklin and Luna adventure. This time, they're joined by their pet tortoise, Neil Armstrong! Contribute to the story and draw along as the creators of the bestselling *Franklin's Flying Bookshop* present *Franklin and Luna Go to the Moon*. Let your love of reading send you soaring into the stratosphere.



VIVIAN FRENCH
 & CATHERINE RAYNER
 25 AUG 12:15



SUNDAY 25 CONTINUED...



CLASSROOM CAPERS WITH PAMELA BUTCHART

10:30 AGE 5-8
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Class 2R are back for more hilariously chaotic lessons in fun in the fifth book in the *Wigglesbottom Primary* series. Join in three engaging stories set in the best school in the world - can you help decipher the classroom cat's secret message? Blue Peter Award-winning author of *The Spy Who Loved School Dinners*, Pamela Butchart takes you on a classroom caper where anything could happen.

GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

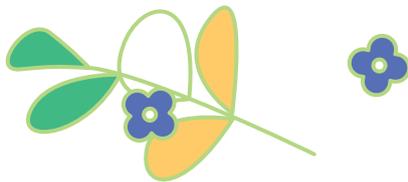
11:00— ALL AGES
12:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

We're going to catch a big one! Storytime classic *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* is celebrating its 30th anniversary and you can join the party by dropping into Story Box for some crafty fun. Dads Rock, an organisation which inspires and supports fathers, encourage you to get creative and get involved in their interactive bear hunt.

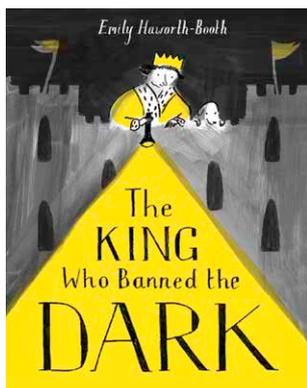
MICHELLE ROBINSON: THE PAWED PIPER

11:45— AGE 3-6
12:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

The legend of *The Pied Piper* gets an adorably feline twist as one little girl plots to attract her own furry friend. Purr-fect for cat lovers and those dying for a pet of their own, come along to have a go at some creative, cat-inspired crafts as Michelle Robinson tells you about her story's inspiration and gives you a sneak peek into other upcoming tales.



EMILY HAWORTH-BOOTH
25 AUG 14:45



SYLVIA V LINSTEADT
25 AUG 18:00



UNKNOWN UNDERDOGS WITH MARTIN BROWN

12:15 AGE 7-10
SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Iconic illustrator of the *Horrible Histories* series, Martin Brown sheds light on the hidden corners of the animal kingdom in *Lesser Spotted Animals 2*. With his signature stylised illustrations and irreverent humour, Martin teaches you about the brilliant beasts you never knew you never knew, from the altai argarli to the yellow-bellied glider. A quirky, fact-filled event for non-fiction fans.

VIVIAN FRENCH & CATHERINE RAYNER: SADDLE UP!

12:15 AGE 4-7
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

If you're not horse-mad already, prepare to fall in love with the majestic creatures as highly acclaimed children's author Vivian French and illustrator Catherine Rayner share their beautiful, warm-hearted story, *Hello, Horse*. Providing a gentle introduction to the animals for even the most unsure, they cover everything from understanding horse behaviour to safety tips, with lots of storytelling and live drawing thrown in.

BEAR'S BIG BAND WITH DAVID LITCHFIELD

13:15— AGE 3-6
14:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Enter the jazz lounges of New Orleans with a cast of talented animal musicians in a tender, accessible story about jealousy. David Litchfield's charming sequel to his award-winning *The Bear and the Piano* teaches us that good friends and good music are all you really need. With Bear on the piano and Hugo the dog learning the fiddle, there's an instrument in the band for everyone - even you!

DRAGONS AND WIZARDS WITH CRESSIDA COWELL

13:30 AGE 8-12
THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

Set in an ancient past full of mythological creatures, the age-old tale of a boy and girl from opposing tribes who become friends takes on a fantasy adventure twist in the highly anticipated third instalment of master storyteller Cressida Cowell's *Wizards of Once* series. Take your chance to meet the bestselling author of *How To Train Your Dragon* and ask her your burning questions.



SANDY SANDWICHES WITH PHILIP ARDAGH & ELISSA ELWICK

14:00 AGE 4-7
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Little Adventurers are brave, honest and kind to nature. Does that sound like you? If so, come along and hear all about their latest escapades at the seaside with Roahl Dahl Funny Prize-winning author Philip Ardagh and illustrator Elissa Elwick. Get ready for an action-packed, hilarious event perfect for little fans of adventure.

MAKE MAGICAL MOON DRAGON MASKS

14:30— ALL AGES
16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Drop in to decorate a magical moon dragon mask, inspired by the beautiful illustrations in **Katie Harnett's** charming picture book, *Franklin and Luna Go to the Moon*. Katie is on hand to give her top dragon-creating tips, so get stuck in and create a fire-breathing masterpiece.

LIGHTS OUT WITH EMILY HAWORTH-BOOTH

14:45 AGE 4-7
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

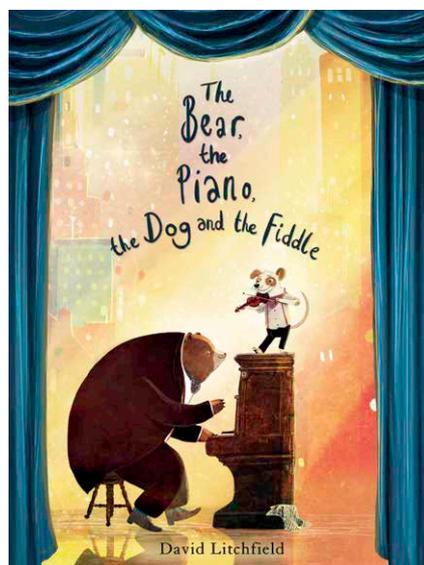
What would happen if a little boy who's afraid of the dark became king? In Emily Haworth-Booth's illuminating tale, we find out why a world kept awake in constant brightness is a lot scarier than the dark. See Emily bring her striking debut picture book to life with readings and drawing, teaching us how sometimes a little darkness can help us enjoy the light.

SPUDS AND SILLINESS WITH SUE HENDRA & PAUL LINNET

15:15 AGE 4-7
THE SPIEGELTENT, £5.00

The supermarket vegetables are planning a colourful carnival, but when their plans are threatened by the dastardly Evil Pea, there's only one starchy superhero who can save the day. Enter Supertato and his gang of plant-based pals, created by bestselling author-illustrator duo Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. Join in a vibrant vegetable variety show of reading, romps and ridiculousness.

DAVID LITCHFIELD
25 AUG 13:15



RUN AWAY TO THE CIRCUS WITH KATHERINE RUNDELL

15:45 AGE 10-14
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

A country girl finds herself in the bustling chaos of New York City, and when the need to exact revenge presents itself, enlists the help of some local circus performers. Join Costa Children's Book Award-winning novelist Katherine Rundell for a lively event in which she tells you all about her experiences learning the flying trapeze while writing *The Good Thieves*.

INTO THE TARDIS WITH DAVID SOLOMONS

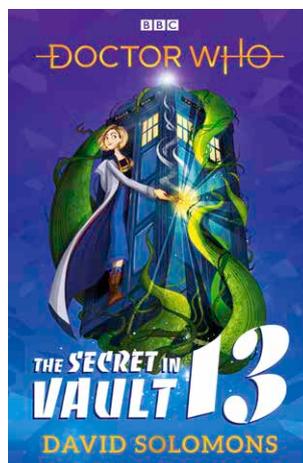
16:30 FAMILIES & 8+
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Lifelong *Doctor Who* fan and bestselling children's author David Solomons brings you a new adventure, which sees the Doctor whizzing across time and space again. A diverse, modern episode, *The Secret in Vault 13* is the perfect introduction to the book series for new readers or a refreshing addition for long-time time lords. Step into the Tardis for sci-fi fun and games.

SYLVIA V LINSTEADT: ENTER THE WILD FOLK WILDERNESS

18:00 AGE 10-14
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Enter the magical world of Farallone, a place inspired by the plants and animals of author Sylvia V Linsteadt's woodland home. *The Wild Folk Rising*, the latest tale in Sylvia's *Stargold Chronicles*, is an epic fantasy quest rooted in folklore and mythology. Sylvia discusses the important ecological ideas explored in her books as her characters try to save the land they love.

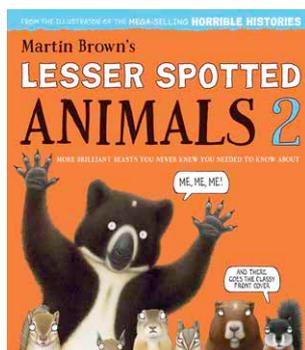


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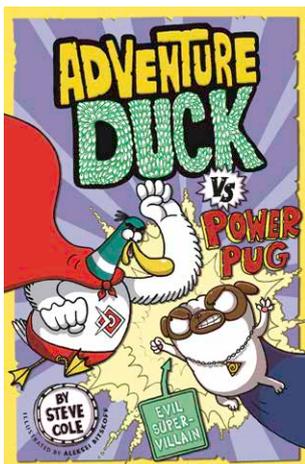


MONDAY

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STEVE COLE
26 AUG 17:30



AXEL SCHEFFLER
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LITTLE MOLE'S 30TH BIRTHDAY

11:00 — ALL AGES
16:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX, FREE & DROP-IN

Calling all fans of Werner Holzwarth's classic tale, *The Story of the Little Mole Who Knew it was None of His Business*. Drop in for activities inspired by the mole with some very unpleasant business dropped on his head. Help him discover who did the dropping by solving puzzles, colouring in and matching poos with naughty animals. You might even get the chance to meet Little Mole himself.

TRACEY CORDEROY: ONE-STOP STORY SHOP

11:30 AGE 3-6
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Festival favourite Tracey Corderoy tells a story all about storytelling itself. Come along to take a thrilling trip from Starry Space to the Deep Dark Ocean as lost characters from different worlds visit the One-Stop Story Shop hoping to find a new tale. Then, learn to draw your favourite characters in this lively, hands-on event.

MAKING FRIENDS WITH AXEL SCHEFFLER

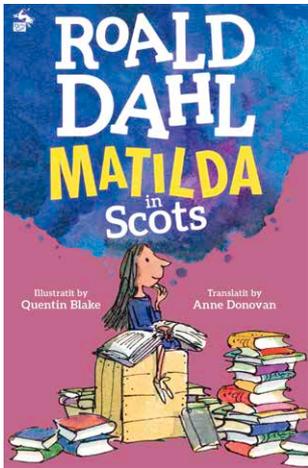
13:15 AGE 3-6
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Axel Scheffler has illustrated books for numerous authors including Julia Donaldson's *The Gruffalo*, but he also writes his own inventive stories. Little page-turners will love the delightful board book *The New Friend*, part of his bestselling *Pip and Posy* series. This gentle, funny event has something to teach all ages about the power of friendship and kindness.

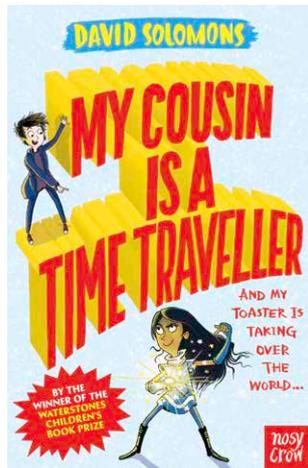
HAPPY BIRTHDAY NO MATTER WHAT

15:00— AGE 3-6
15:45 BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Join creator of *No Matter What*, **Debi Gliori** for a special 20th anniversary celebration of this beautiful and important picture book all about reassurance and unconditional love. Proving the impact of picture books in children's lives, the story has inspired everything from wedding vows to tattoos in its now grown-up first generation of readers.



ANNE DONOVAN
26 AUG 17:00



DAVID SOLOMONS
26 AUG 16:30

BIZARRE BODY-SWAPPING WITH DAVID SOLOMONS

16:30 AGE 9-12
BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00

Venture through time and space with David Solomons, hilarious winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. Luke and his brother have swapped bodies and now he has superpowers! Discover how he puts them to good use in *My Arch-Enemy is a Brain in a Jar* and *My Cousin is a Time Traveller*. The perfect event for fans of all things sci-fi, supernatural and just plain wacky.

RETELLING ROALD DAHL'S MATILDA

17:00 FAMILIES & 8+
WRITERS' RETREAT, £5.00

Selected as the 2019 Roald Dahl Book of the Year, *Matilda* is the magical and much-loved story of everyone's favourite bookworm. Now it's been added to the growing number of quality titles available in Scots. Join Scots writer and translator **Anne Donovan** as she provides an engaging introduction to the text for Scots speakers, language lovers and Roald Dahl fans everywhere.

ALIEN ADVENTURES WITH TRACEY CORDEROY & STEVEN LENTON

17:15 AGE 5-8
THE SPIEGELTENT, £5.00

Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam are back in their latest lively adventure and this time they're using their doggy detective skills to defend against an alien attack. Full of slapstick humour and clever twists, this quirky tale of two canine robbers-turned-bakers is brought alive by the pet lovers behind the hugely successful series: author Tracey Corderoy and illustrator Steven Lenton.

STEVE COLE: TOADS, SNAILS AND PUPPY DOGS' TAILS

17:30 AGE 6-9
BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

Immensely popular author of *Astrosaurus*, Steve Cole returns to the Book Festival armed with his customary zany humour and lively performance. Become the sidekick to a wise-quacking superhero in *Adventure Duck vs Power Pug* and take a foray into the beastly habits of Ten Nasty Little Toads. Expect plenty of humour, disgusting facts, quizzes and a cautionary message for naughty little toads who misbehave.



EVENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS



We have selected some events which will particularly appeal to teenagers and young adults, listed here for convenience. You can find more details on these events and others throughout this brochure and at edbookfest.co.uk

10 AUGUST

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

CASEY GERALD WITH DERAY MCKESSON

19:15 SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £12.00 [£10.00]

Casey Gerald's memoir about growing up underprivileged, black and gay in Dallas examines racial and masculine identity. He shares his thoughts with Black Lives Matter activist DeRay Mckesson.

11 AUGUST

EDINBURGH COMIC ART FAIR

10:00— INSTITUT FRANÇAIS D'ECOSSE,
17:00 FREE & DROP-IN

A vibrant and inspiring gathering of comics authors, artists and publishers. Discover exciting new comics and meet the indie creatives behind them.

MALORIE BLACKMAN: CROSSFIRE

13:30 THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £5.00

Masterful writer Malorie Blackman brings you the highly anticipated new book in her groundbreaking *Noughts & Crosses* series, *Crossfire*, dealing with racism, politics and terrorism.

JOHN BOYNE: TRANSITIONS

17:30 SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Multi award-winning author John Boyne discusses writing about transgender teens in *My Brother's Name is Jessica* and how books can expose prejudice.

JUNO DAWSON: THE DARK SIDE OF GLAMOUR

17:45 GARDEN THEATRE, £5.00

Juno Dawson's *Meat Market* exposes the dark underbelly of the fashion industry. Join her for an insightful discussion on #MeToo and the need for cultural shift.

12 AUGUST

CHANGE THE WORLD WITH ROBERT MUCHAMORE

15:45 SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Arctic Zoo follows two different teenagers both determined to change the world. Explore important themes of protest, sexuality and mental health with bestselling author Robert Muchamore.

MARKUS ZUSAK

17:00 THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £12.00 [£10.00]

Thirteen years since his multi-million bestseller *The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak joins us for his first Book Festival appearance with YA novel *Bridge of Clay*.

RACHAEL BALL & JON MCNAUGHT

19:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £8.00 [£6.00]

Family stories are at the heart of new graphic novels *Wolf* by Rachael Ball and *Kingdom* by Jon McNaught. They discuss how to seamlessly blend comics and narrative.

CHRIS BROOKMYRE

20:30 THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £12.00 [£10.00]

Among our finest crime writers and funniest speakers, Chris Brookmyre is back with one of his best stories yet, about a mysterious death and fateful family reunion.



15 AUGUST

ELIZABETH ACEVEDO & DEAN ATTA: SPEAKING UP

VOTE

17:30 SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £5.00

Two powerful verse novels about identity and self-acceptance are unlocked by National Slam Poetry Champion Elizabeth Acevedo and BBC Young Writers' Award judge Dean Atta.

16 AUGUST

A L KENNEDY

15:45 SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE STREET, £12.00 [£10.00]

In A L Kennedy's fable *The Little Snake*, young Mary befriends a golden snake. She discusses fabular fiction and whether friendships are worth the pain of losing them.

HORMONE DIARIES WITH HANNAH WITTON

19:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE, £5.00

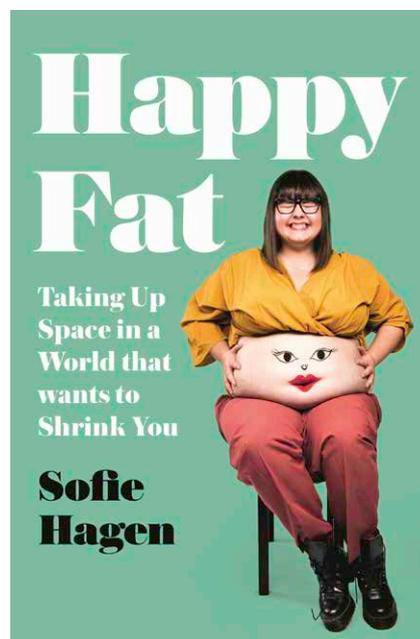
In *The Hormone Diaries*, influential vlogger Hannah Witton gives her honest, humorous take on living with your period and explores the cultural attitudes to them around the world.

TELLING HER STORY

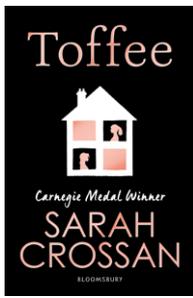
GINA MARTIN

20:30 THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE, £12.00 [£10.00]

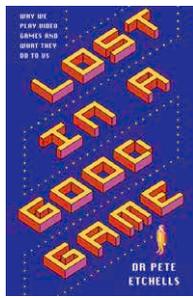
The vile practice of upskirting wasn't an offence in England until activist Gina Martin changed the law within 18 months. Now, she wants to help others do the same.



SOFIE HAGEN
17 AUG 15:15



SARAH CROSSAN
17 AUG 14:00



PETE ETHELLES
24 AUG 12:15



RACHAEL BALL
12 AUG 19:00



HANNAH WITTON
16 AUG 19:00

17 AUGUST

SARAH CROSSAN: CHEWING ON TRICKY TOPICS

14:00 BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER
THEATRE, £5.00

Sarah Crossan is a master of free verse novels and Irish Children's Laureate. Her novel *Toffee* raises questions about family, identity and mental health, which she discusses insightfully today.

TELLING HER STORY
THE SKINNY EVENT

SOFIE HAGEN

15:15 THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN
THEATRE, £PAY WHAT YOU CAN
CAP

Danish comedian Sofie Hagen took the Best Newcomer Prize at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2015. She discusses body image and her new book *Happy Fat*.

18 AUGUST

MAKING CONNECTIONS WITH BRIAN CONAGHAN & LISA WILLIAMSON

15:45 BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER
THEATRE, £5.00

Brian Conaghan and Lisa Williamson masterfully capture the voices of closed-off teenagers. Join them in a tender, enlightening conversation about grief, resilience and hope.

20 AUGUST

HOLLY BLACK & SAMANTHA SHANNON

20:45 SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE
STREET, £12.00 [£10.00]

Samantha Shannon's *The Priory of the Orange Tree* is a fantasy masterpiece; Holly Black returns us to her *The Folk of the Air* series with *The Wicked King*. Hear about their imaginative worldbuilding.

22 AUGUST

C A FLETCHER & MARCUS SEDGWICK: CRUMBLING WORLDS

17:45 GARDEN THEATRE, £5.00

Two hopeful stories find richness in barren dystopia. C A Fletcher and Marcus Sedgwick share the stage to introduce ideas about civilisation and its impact on the planet.

23 AUGUST

HOW TO BE A WRITER FOR LIFE

17:30 SPARK THEATRE ON GEORGE
STREET, £5.00

A frank discussion about the highs and lows of a writing career with bestselling author **David Almond** and **Lauren James**, who signed her first book deal at 21.

LAURA BATES & PATRICE LAWRENCE

VOTE

17:45 GARDEN THEATRE, £5.00

Laura Bates and Patrice Lawrence navigate the maze of teenage girlhood through their new novels. They talk informatively about technology, misogyny and staying safe online.

24 AUGUST

TELLING NEW STORIES

PETE ETHELLES

12:15 BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER
THEATRE, £8.00 [£6.00]

Psychology lecturer and video games researcher Pete Etchells believes that video games can be of great benefit to individuals. Hear about his experience overcoming grief today.

UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES WITH MEL DARBON

VOTE

18:30 BAILLIE GIFFORD
IMAGINATION LAB, £5.00
LD

Mel Darbon introduces you to her timely story told from the perspective of a girl with Down's Syndrome and explains why it's important to give a voice to young people. *This fully interactive event has been specially created to be suitable for those of all abilities.*

TELLING HER STORY

ZAWE ASHTON

20:30 THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN
THEATRE, £12.00 [£10.00]

Join cult actress, playwright and director Zawe Ashton for a witty dissection of her touching memoir, from her debut at the age of six to playing *Fresh Meat's* Vod.

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THE BOOK FESTIVAL VILLAGE

FACILITIES FOR VISITORS WITH DISABILITIES

For large print, Braille, audio CD or MP3 brochures please contact: 0131 718 5666 or mailinglist@edbookfest.co.uk

- BSL interpretation by request: see page 141 for details.
- British Sign Language interpreted events: look for

BSL

- Captioned events: look for

CAP

- Learning disability friendly events

LD

- Infrared systems in all theatres except Baillie Gifford Story Box and Imagination Lab. Please collect earphones and a receiver along with an instruction card from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent prior to your event.
- Free carer tickets and reserved seating requests: see page 141 for details.
- Disabled toilets including a Changing Places toilet.
- Assistance dogs welcome (no other dogs admitted).

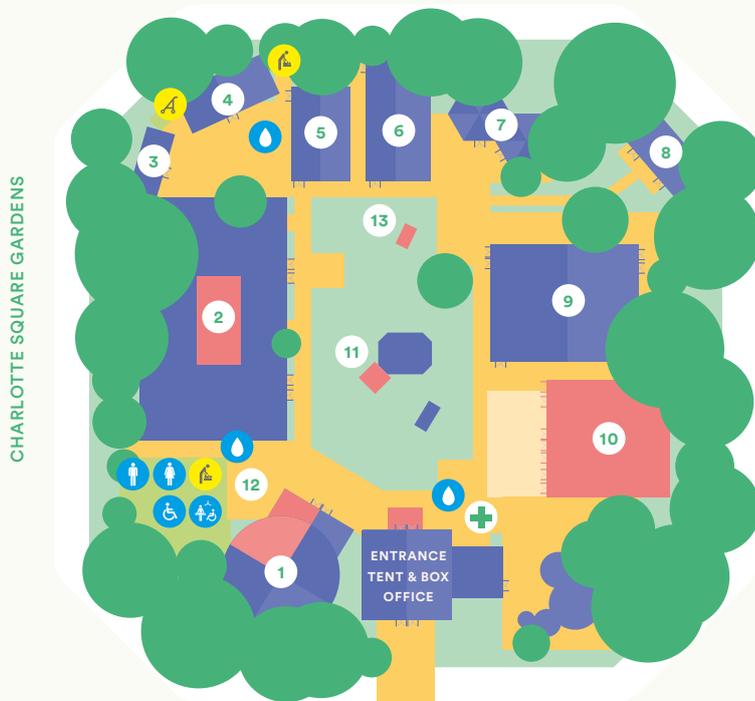
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CHARLOTTE SQUARE GARDENS

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1. THE SPIEGELTENT (WITH BAR)
2. THE GARDEN BOOKSHOP (WITH CAFÉ-BAR)
3. BAILLIE GIFFORD STORY BOX
4. BAILLIE GIFFORD IMAGINATION LAB
5. BAILLIE GIFFORD CORNER THEATRE
6. GARDEN THEATRE
7. PARTY PAVILION
8. WRITERS' RETREAT
9. THE NEW YORK TIMES MAIN THEATRE
10. EDINBURGH GIN SIGNING TENT (WITH CAFÉ-BAR)
11. EDINBURGH GIN BAR
12. DRINKS VAN (NADINE)
13. HORSEBOX (HETTIE)

WEST END OF GEORGE STREET

14. SPARK THEATRE
15. BOX OFFICE
16. CAFÉ-BAR AND SEATING
17. GEORGE STREET BOOKSHOP

BUGGY PARK

DRINKING WATER TAPS

FIRST AID

TOILETS AND BABY CHANGE

PLEASE NOTE:

We don't admit dogs to the Book Festival Village except assistance dogs. Our official roving photographers will take shots of visitors and authors around all areas of the site and cameras will film all events in the The New York Times Main Theatre for promotional use. We reserve the right to refuse entry.

DROP IN, WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!

Entry is FREE to our tented village in central Edinburgh
Open 9.30 until midnight

BOOK FESTIVAL BOOKSHOPS

Our bookshops are owned and run by us and the proceeds from sales help us to develop and deliver the Edinburgh International Book Festival each year.

THE GARDEN BOOKSHOP

OPEN DAILY FROM 9.30 – 23.00

Books, books, beautiful books. We've got tens of thousands of wonderful titles from our Festival authors and lots of others too. Scottish interest books, British and international fiction and non-fiction, comics, graphic novels and titles for young adults are all waiting for you to explore. We've created the Baillie Gifford Children's Area - a huge space dedicated to children which is stocked to the rafters with books and stories children will love. There are some great places to sit, read together, daydream or get chatting to friends with a cuppa or a glass of wine in the café, day time or evening. Feel free to pop in and have a browse.

THE BOOKSHOP ON GEORGE STREET

OPEN FROM SAT 3 AUG, DAILY 9.30 – 22.30

Our smaller yet no less beautiful bookshop on George Street offers thousands of books by Festival authors and others across a wide range of subjects and genres and it has a brilliant showcase of Scottish books. We also sell some unique Book Festival souvenirs.

BOOK SIGNINGS

Authors sign copies of their books after their events. Book signings take place in the Signing Tent in Charlotte Square Gardens and in our bookshops. Please check the boards outside each venue for the signing schedule.

CAFÉS AND BARS

DI ROLLO OF MUSSELBURGH ICE-CREAM TRIKE

OPEN DAILY FROM 11.00 – 18.00

Delicious locally made ice cream

EDINBURGH GIN CAFÉ BAR & SIGNING TENT

CHARLOTTE SQUARE GARDENS
OPEN DAILY FROM 9.30 – LATE

Imaginative salads, hot pots, soups, pastries and sandwiches created using local, Scottish produce plus a range of freshly baked cakes, sweet treats and savoury snacks. Soak up the sunshine on the decking with a glass of wine, a coffee or a draught beer.

BOOKSHOP CAFÉ-BAR

IN THE GARDEN BOOKSHOP,
CHARLOTTE SQUARE GARDENS
OPEN DAILY FROM 9.30 – 23.00

A lively café in the centre of The Garden Bookshop serving Fairtrade coffee, speciality teas, a range of wine, beer and soft drinks along with sandwiches, salads and delicious cakes and sweet treats. Have a natter with friends surrounded by books or take food into the Gardens to enjoy outside. Visit in the evening for sharing platters and fine wines.

GEORGE STREET CAFÉ-BAR

ON GEORGE STREET
OPEN FROM SAT 4 AUG, DAILY 9.30 – LATE

A new pop-up café-bar in our George Street arena serving Fairtrade coffee, speciality teas, wine, beer, soft drinks and spirits. Also hot food to take away or enjoy in the seating area.



THE SPIEGELBAR

IN THE SPIEGELTENT
OPEN DAILY PRE-EVENTS

For people attending events in our atmospheric Spiegeltent, serving a range of beers, wines and spirits and a variety of tasty snacks for when you're feeling peckish. Open during Unbound performances (21.00 each night) and pre-event throughout the day.

DRINKS VAN (NADINE)

ON THE SPIEGELTENT DECKING
OPEN DAILY 11.00 – LATE

A mini-bar for when you want to grab a hot drink, a glass of wine or a beer.

HORSEBOX (HETTIE)

CHARLOTTE SQUARE GARDENS
OPEN DAILY 09.30 – 18:00

Selling a range of Fairtrade coffee, hot drinks and snacks.

EDINBURGH GIN BAR

CHARLOTTE SQUARE GARDENS
OPEN DAILY 11.00 – LATE

A delightful outdoor bar serving Edinburgh Gin and Edinburgh Gin cocktails.



INFORMATION FOR FESTIVAL-GOERS WITH CHILDREN

The Book Festival is a charming tented village with lots of grass, walkways, bars, cafés and our own independent bookshops. It is a family-friendly space where children and adults can relax and have some fun. Come to play, read and enjoy free daily activities. Interactive events for babies to teens take place throughout the Festival.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Garden Bookshop has a huge area dedicated to children. It's got thousands of books for children of all ages, along with a lovely area to read together. Feel free to browse for as long as you want.

BUGGIES, PUSHCHAIRS AND BABY CHANGE

Buggies cannot be taken into the theatres. Please park your buggy in the Buggy Park next to the Baillie Gifford Story Box. It's not staffed and items are left at the owner's risk. You can find the baby change area by the toilets.

PICNICS AND PACKED LUNCHES

You're welcome to bring your own food and soft drinks and relax on the grass for as long as you want - you don't have to see an event. Drinking water taps are available to fill up water bottles.



FOOD AND DRINK

Our cafés serve a range of food and drink for adults and children and have high chairs for youngsters.

AGE SUITABILITY OF EVENTS

We've recommended an age range for each event. These are chosen in consultation with the publisher/author, taking into account the length, content and format of each event.

BRINGING BABIES TO ADULT EVENTS

If you cannot make alternative arrangements, you may bring your baby to adult events. Request a free baby ticket from the Box Office before the event. Our staff will find you a seat near the door to allow a swift exit, should it become necessary. Out of consideration to others, we will ask you to leave if your baby is noisy.

ACCOMPANYING CHILDREN TO EVENTS

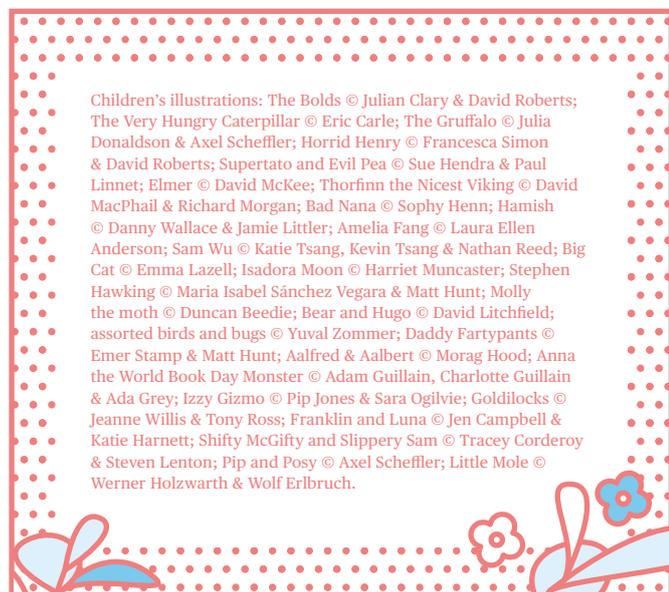
Please accompany children under ten to events. You will require an event ticket. As space is limited, we can only admit ticket holders. Additional babies/siblings may only be admitted at our discretion.

DURATION OF EVENTS

All events last 1 hour unless otherwise indicated in the event listings.

LATECOMERS POLICY

Latecomers won't be admitted once the doors have been closed to an event, nor refunds given. However, we understand people with young children may need to leave an event unexpectedly and we will help you exit as discreetly as possible, and get you back in again.



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BOOKING INFORMATION



The Box Office opens for booking at 8.30am on Tuesday 25 June.

Tickets are limited to 4 per event per booking on the first day of booking.

ONLINE

From 8.30am on Tues 25 June:
edbookfest.co.uk

BY PHONE

0345 373 5888

Calls are charged at the same rate as a local call to a landline. Please check your mobile contract as network charges may differ.

Opening hours:

Tues 25 Jun: 8.30 - 17.00

Weds 26 Jun to Fri 9 Aug: 10.00 - 17.00,

Mon - Sat.

Once the Book Festival has opened:

9.30 - 20.45 daily

The first day of booking is extremely busy. We will do our best to deal with calls quickly however you may not get through immediately.

IN PERSON

For the first day of booking only:

Edinburgh International Conference Centre,
Morrison Street, Edinburgh
Open: Tues 25 Jun, 8.30 - 15.00

After the first day of booking:

The Hub, Castlehill, Edinburgh EH1 2NE
Open: Weds 26 Jun - Fri 2 Aug,
10.00 - 17.00, Mon - Sat.

Once the Book Festival has opened:

In the Entrance Tent, Charlotte Square
Gardens and on George Street:
Open daily from Sat 10 - Mon 26 Aug,
9.30 - 20.45

(Note: our George Street Box Office also
opens Sat 3 - Fri 9 Aug 10.00 - 17.00)

PAYMENT, FEES AND REFUND POLICY

We accept Visa / Delta / Maestro / Mastercard.

Cheques should be made payable to Edinburgh International Book Festival. Bookings are subject to a £1 booking fee per transaction, except those made in person. Tickets cannot be exchanged nor money refunded unless an event is cancelled or substantially changed. Where demand is high for sold-out events, we may take tickets back for resale at our discretion - tickets must be returned to the Box Office and, if resold, refunds will be made to the original payment method.

CONCESSION TICKET PRICES

[in brackets on event listing]

Available to students, over 60s, under 16s, Young Scot cardholders, jobseekers and disabled visitors (carer goes free - see details below).

PERSONAL ASSISTANT/ CARER TICKETS

If your disability requires that you need a carer to attend our events the carer is entitled to a free ticket, which should be booked at the same time as your own. Free tickets for carers are not available to book online. See page 138 for details of our facilities for disabled visitors.

BABY TICKETS

Everyone attending an event requires a ticket. If you are bringing a baby under 2 years, please request a free baby ticket from the Box Office on the day of the event (unless the event is for children under 2). See page 140 for information about visiting with children.

PAY WHAT YOU CAN

We've chosen a selection of events which have a Pay What You Can ticket price. We hope it gives more people the opportunity to enjoy Festival events and is designed to help audiences who are struggling financially. If you can afford our standard ticket price, we ask that you opt to pay it so we can continue to offer the benefit to those who need it most.

EVENTS AND SEATING

Events are 1 hour long unless otherwise specified. All our seating is unreserved. Please do not book events back-to-back (where one event finishes at the same time the other starts): you will not get to the second event in time and we do not admit latecomers.

LATECOMERS

Please arrive in good time, allowing yourself time to collect tickets and get to the event venue. We don't admit latecomers after the start of events due to the nature of venues/ events and refunds will not be given to latecomers. See page 142 for parking and transport information.

ACCESSIBLE SEATING REQUESTS

If your disability requires you sit in a specific area (aisle, etc) please let the Box Office know at least 2 days before your event. We will put a note on your booking and our front of house staff will reserve a seat for you at all the events you have booked. We will do our best to seat you somewhere suitable for your needs. Due to space/demand we cannot also reserve seats for others in your group because we need to ensure the most accessible seats are available for those who need them most.

CAPTIONED PERFORMANCES

CAP A selection of events on 17, 18, 19 and 20 August will be live-captioned. Look out for the symbol in the event listings.

LEARNING DISABILITY FRIENDLY EVENTS

LD Some events have been created for people with severe or multiple learning disabilities. Look out for the symbol in the event listings.

BSL INTERPRETATION BY REQUEST

BSL You may request British Sign Language interpretation for any event in the programme.

HOW IT WORKS

- Buy tickets to the event you want to see in the usual way.
- Then email bsl@edbookfest.co.uk or phone 0345 373 5888 to request an interpreter for the event you have booked.
- We will process requests weekly in July and make arrangements with our BSL interpreters before confirming your request. If you would like a BSL interpreter, we ask that you let us know promptly.
- To allow preparation time for our interpreters, requests cannot be accepted after 26 July.
- If we are unable to fulfil a request we will refund your tickets, or exchange them to an alternative event if you prefer.

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A guide to all of Edinburgh's 11 major festivals, updated daily. Includes videos, interviews, news, event listings and lots of tools to help you plan your festival day plus links to each festival's website.

THE SUMMER FESTIVALS

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

19-30 June
+44 (0)131 228 4051
www.edfilmfest.org.uk

EDINBURGH JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL

12-21 July
+44 (0)131 467 5200
www.edinburghjazzfestival.com

EDINBURGH ART FESTIVAL

25 July - 25 August
+44 (0)131 226 6558
www.edinburghartfestival.com

ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

2-24 August
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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE

2-26 August
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www.edfringe.com

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2-26 August
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Official Edinburgh Festivals Map

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Taxis

There are taxi ranks around the city or you can book:
City Cabs: 0131 228 1211
Central Taxis: 0131 229 2468
Capital Cars: 0131 777 7777

Eating and Drinking

See pages 138-139 for details of the cafés and bars at the Book Festival. For the rest of the city, The List magazine's comprehensive guide to bars and eateries in Edinburgh is a great source of information: www.list.co.uk

Edinburgh Literary Tours

Visit www.cityofliterature.com for details of the liveliest and most informative literary tours you'll find anywhere. The tours are popular during the busy festival period so book in advance if you can.

GETTING HERE

Help with accommodation and planning your break

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Traveline +44 (0)871 200 2233
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Parking in the city

We advise the use of public transport wherever possible; Edinburgh is very busy during August and parking options are limited. You can find some metered parking spaces around Charlotte Square, including some bays for disabled drivers. A multi-storey car park on Castle Terrace is about a 10 min walk away from the Book Festival.



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