

THE SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL



Once upon a time . . .

Friday 21st October to Sunday 30th October

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... Celebrating Folk and Fairy Tales of the World

Welcome to the 16th Scottish International Storytelling Festival - a ten day celebration of live oral storytelling when Scottish and international storytellers will be coming together to share an exciting array of folk and fairy tales from around the world. There is a cornucopia of events for children and adults in a host of venues in and around Edinburgh. You can hear the best stories and storytellers, be part of the ceilidh atmosphere, experience the skills, and tell your own stories.

Folk and Fairy Tales of the World

Scots, Gaelic and Traveller traditions are rich in fairy tales and we will be exploring them throughout the Festival. Alongside these we take a special look at Middle Eastern stories and welcome international guests Shai Schwartz from Israel, Palestinian musician George Samaan and Egyptian storyteller Chirine Al Ansary. From the Arabian Nights to Jewish folktale this promises to be a magic carpet experience!

2005 is also the 200th anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen's birth and we are delighted to be taking part in the celebration of this master of the literary fairy tale with storytelling for children in local libraries, a glasshouse promenade for adults at the Royal Botanic Garden exploring the darker side of the fairy tale genre, plus a lively programme of film and animation for all ages.

Stories for All

Storytellers will be out and about leading story tours in the Old Town and New Town, telling tales in castles, museums, gardens and glasshouses, libraries, farms and galleries. You can even feast on stories along with supper at The Fruitmarket Gallery, learn new storytelling skills, or come along to the Festival Club at the Waverley pub to share your own stories or songs. And following the success of last year's Leith Lives events we enjoy a new programme celebrating the community's vibrant heritage and contemporary life.

As the nights draw in, the last weekend of the Festival majors on Scottish traditions and on the Feast of Samhain, or All Hallows Eve. Highland and Traveller storytellers feature along with the urban tale tellers of Glasgow. Hallowe'en was originally the Celtic New Year - a time of merrymaking - and we look forward to seeing you joining in the merriment and revelry at this year's Scottish International Storytelling Festival.

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**Friday 21st to Saturday 22nd October
and Thursday 27th to Saturday 29th October 9.15pm**

The Waverley, 5 St. Mary's Street, Edinburgh

Festival Club

The Storytelling Festival's own non-stop storytelling ceilidh, hosted and led by the incomparable Duncan Williamson. Pop in to share a story or song, or just come along and listen.

Entry by donation (£3)

Info from the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Friday 21st October 7.45pm

St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh

Weaving

Shai Schwartz (Israel) and George Samaan (Palestine) bring you Jewish and Arab folktales of hope, hurt and conflict resolution accompanied by a wealth of Middle Eastern music. The Festival opens with this artistic collaboration for peace on the frontiers of war.

£7/£5 conc Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets also available on door at St. Cecilia's Hall one hour prior to performance

Friday 21st October 7.30pm

Bowhill Little Theatre, Bowhill, Selkirk

A Clash of Heroes

There is love and war, there is mayhem and magic, when the heroes from the ancient sagas meet. Three storytelling giants - John Hamilton from Ulster, Paraig MacNeil from the Scottish Highlands and Marion Kenny whose family hails from Donegal - meet head to head to bring you great stories of Celtic adventure and romance, and soothe you with music of a bygone age.

£8/£6 conc (concessions for under 16s only - all adults £8)

Book on 01750 22204 Tickets also available on the door subject to availability

Saturday 22nd October 2.00-4.30pm

St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh

Step by Step – Storytelling Workshop

A fun, interactive introduction to telling stories for all those wanting to develop their storytelling abilities and make the most of their natural skills. The workshop, led by Ruth Kirkpatrick, will explore where to find stories, how to learn a story and make it your own with tips for telling, imagining and remembering.

£11/£7 conc (storytelling network members £7/£6 conc)

Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Saturday 22nd October 7.45pm

St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh

Crescents of Stories

Chirine Al Ansary (Egypt), Shai Schwartz (Israel) and George Samaan (Palestine) share with you fertile deltas of Middle Eastern story and music as traditions mix and merge. Inspiration for the soul and the spirit of humanity!

£7/£5 conc Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets also available on door at St. Cecilia's Hall one hour prior to performance

Sunday 23rd October 12.30pm

Meet at the gate of Calton Burial Ground, Waterloo Place, Edinburgh

Calton Hill - a story tour with Donald Smith

Tour the monuments and scenes of Calton Hill - Burns, Hume, Nelson and the Scots Radicals. Science, religion and democracy. It is Scotland's history on the city's own sacred hill. Tour lasts 90 mins.

£3 Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets on the day subject to availability

Sunday 23rd October 1.30-4.30pm

Sandeman House, Trunk's Close, 55 High Street, Edinburgh

In Conversation with Shai Schwartz

The sources, the role, the skills, the experience of a contemporary storyteller working on frontiers of conflict and healing. Shai is currently the Educational Director of the Israeli Children's Museum of Holon. He lives with his family in Neve Shalom/Wahat a Salam, the unique Jewish-Palestinian cooperative in Israel.

For working storytellers/network members.

£9 Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579



Sunday 23rd October 7.00pm

St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh

A Universe of Stories

Spiritual traditions, humane perceptions and joyful humour overlap. They said it was a religious event - why did it turn out to be so funny (and inspiring)? With Chirine Al Ansary (Egypt), Amadu Khan (Sierra Leone), Shai Schwartz (Israel) and George Samaan (Palestine).

£7/£5 conc Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets also available on door at St. Cecilia's Hall one hour prior to performance

Monday 24th October 10.00am-3.30pm

Sandeman House, Trunk's Close, 55 High Street, Edinburgh

At the Heart of the School

Storytelling in Education Best Practice - celebrating storytellers

The event is for all those working with children from P3 to P7. Storytelling best practice involves warm times, the delight of discovery, and a re-enchantment of the classroom through the magic of the imagination. This day draws on the experience of those who have facilitated successful storytelling projects, around focussed goals such as Transitions; Festivals and Celebrations; Creative and Critical Thinking; Imagination; Personal and Social Development. Hear examples of best practice activities and explore the steps in implementing a project. The Scottish Storytelling Centre is an approved member of the National Register of CPD Providers.



£28/£20 conc (including lunch and refreshments)

Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Monday 24th October 5.00pm

The Real Mary King's Close, 2 Warriston's Close, Writers' Court, Edinburgh

Strange Tales

Visit this infamous underground site and hear a number of strange tales told by characters from the past whose lives marked the close. Why is this historic site thought to be one of the most haunted places in Scotland? Perhaps you'll find out . . .

Ages 12+. Event lasts 2 hours.

£8/£7 conc Book with The Real Mary King's Close on 08702 430160

Tickets on door subject to availability

Monday 24th October 7.00pm

St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh

A Medieval Tale with Lisa Gjedde (Denmark)

An extraordinary demonstration of the power of stories to challenge conventional definitions of disability or education. Lisa Gjedde from Denmark presents a pioneering multi-media narrative learning CD-ROM for learners with severe personal challenges, followed by a response from the Scottish Storytelling Centre, questions and discussion. This event is presented and supported by the Danish Cultural Institute as part of the bi-centenary celebration of Hans Christian Andersen.

Free but ticketed Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets also available on door at St. Cecilia's Hall one hour prior to performance

Monday 24th October 7.30pm

Brownsbank Cottage, Candymill, Biggar

Stories by the Brownsbank fire

Brownsbank Cottage - a place steeped in stories, whisky, and pipe-smoke from the days it was lived in by poet Hugh MacDiarmid and his wife Valda. Join us in this intimate setting to be transported imaginatively by two storytellers resident for the evening. Children welcome. Bring your own cushion!

£3/£2 conc Limited numbers so booking is essential either by phone on 01899 860327 or preferably by sending name, address, phone number, a note of tickets required and cheque made out to 'Brownsbank Committee' to: Linda Cracknell, Writer in Residence at Brownsbank Cottage.

The Brownsbank writing fellowship is run by the Biggar Museum Trust and is financially supported by the Scottish Arts Council and South Lanarkshire Council. This event is supported by Scottish Book Trust.



Tuesday 25th October 6.00pm

St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh

Alan Bruford Memorial Lecture - Carl Lindhal, University of Houston, Texas

The Art of the Terrorist Nursemaid Female Storytellers of the Lowlands, Ulster, and Appalachia

While the great storytelling traditions of the Travellers - and the Celtic speakers - of the Highlands and Islands have been collected, anthologised and studied in depth, the magic tales of Scottish Lowlanders have suffered general neglect. Yet there is a rich store of surviving narratives from the nineteenth century, a repertoire that Lowland Scotland shares with English-speaking Ulster and the Appalachian Mountains of the United States. Most of these tales were told primarily by women, and many of them feature ghosts, corpses, and body parts. This presentation focuses on living female stories from the Appalachians and what they may teach us about the artful Lowland nursemaids who told their tales two centuries ago. Sponsored by the School of Scottish Studies Archives, in the Department of Celtic and Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh.

Free event Information from the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tuesday 25th October 7.45pm

Royal Botanic Garden, 20a Inverleith Row, Edinburgh

Glasshouse Promenade: Love and Cruelty

A Journey on the Dark Side with David Campbell

Is there a dark side to the stories of Hans Christian Andersen and the fairy tale genre? Enter the transformative and sometimes disturbing realm of love, beauty, cruelty and death. 2005 marks the bi-centenary of Hans Christian Andersen's birth. Adults only, meet at RBGE Reception, 20A Inverleith Row.

£7/£5 conc Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets on the night subject to availability

Tuesday 25th October 8.00pm (doors open 7.30pm)

The Village, 16 South Fort Street, Edinburgh

Leith Folk Club

Kick back and enjoy a night of stories and music at Leith Folk Club. Hear the irrepressible Stuart McHardy share a selection of traditional Scottish tales and revel in the music of Orcadian twins Jennifer and Hazel Wrigley who are two of the fastest-rising stars on today's international folk circuit. 18+ only

£5 Tickets on the door

Wednesday 26th October 7.00pm

National Library of Scotland, 57 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh

Wisdom of the Heart

Stories from the Jewish tradition with Shai Schwartz

Judaism has given the world one of its great storytelling traditions. Here in the setting of one of the world's great libraries a leading contemporary storyteller celebrates humour, humanity and the spiritual in all life - seeking always the wisdom of the heart. Shai is currently the Educational Director of the Israeli Children's Museum of Holon and lives with his family in Neve Shalom/Wahat a Salam, the unique Jewish-Palestinian cooperative in Israel.

Free event - Booking recommended

Call the NLS events line on 0131 623 3845 or email events@nls.uk

Wednesday 26th October 8.30pm

The Waverley, 5 St. Mary's Street, Edinburgh

Martin MacIntyre at The Waverley

Martin MacIntyre blends ancient Gaelic traditions with contemporary verve. Storyteller and poet, Martin represents a new generation of rising talent. Mix and malt at The Waverley!

Entry by donation (£3)

Info from the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Thursday 27th October 7.00pm

The Fruitmarket Gallery, 45 Market Street, Edinburgh

Storytelling Supper

Enjoy supper and stories with Claire McNicol. On this autumnal night you will find food to awaken your taste buds, riddles and stories to fill your belly and songs to warm your heart.

£15 per person (includes supper)

Booking essential. Tickets available from the Bookshop at The Fruitmarket Gallery on 0131 226 8181 or bookshop@fruitmarket.co.uk

Thursday 27th October 7.45pm*The Nomad's Tent, 21 St. Leonard's Lane, Edinburgh***1001 Nights - in the Nomad's Tent**

Enjoy the magic carpet atmosphere but also the superb artistry of a contemporary storyteller directly descended from Shahrazad, mistress of the nights. Discover an oasis of tales with Egyptian storyteller, Chirine Al Ansary.

£7/£5 conc Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets on the night subject to availability

Friday 28th October 5.00pm*Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh***Do Fairy Tales Damage Your Health?****Debate followed by screening of *The Tinderbox***

Is a diet of murder, incest and abandonment right for children today? What are fairy tales really about anyway? Join this unique one hour debate to celebrate National Tell A Story Day followed by the first-ever Scottish screening of Mihail Badica's 'The Tinderbox', to mark the 200th anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen. Amongst the panellists will be Kim Caspersen (Director, Danish Cultural Institute), Ruth Kirkpatrick (National Storytelling Development Worker, Children 1st), Marc Lambert (Director, Scottish Book Trust) and Donald Smith (Director, Scottish Storytelling Centre). Total programme lasts 90 mins.

Free event but ticketed

Book at Filmhouse on 0131 228 2688 or at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579. Tickets on door subject to availability.

Friday 28th October 7.45pm*St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh***City of Stories**

Live, word-of-mouth, from Scotland's urban melting pot. It's the patter, the humour, the humanity of a new Glasgow rife with stories! With storytellers Michael Kerins, Ewan McVicar and Rachel Smillie.

£7/£5 conc Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets also available on door at St. Cecilia's Hall one hour prior to performance

Saturday 29th October 2.00pm*Meet outside John Knox House, 45 High Street, Edinburgh***Edinburgh World Heritage - Old Town Story Tour**

Join the Old Town's own master storyteller John Fee for a stroll down Canongate to Holyrood beginning outside John Knox House. Hear short stories - gruesome, romantic and enlightening - about the characters that once lived here and uncover the mysteries of the Old Town.

Free but ticketed Book at Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets on the day subject to availability

See also *A Mile of Stories* at 12.00pm for 7-12 year olds on page 25**Saturday 29th October 2.00-4.00pm***Royal Museum (Education Centre), Chambers Street, Edinburgh***Storytelling Workshop**

Learn how to make and tell your own stories inspired by Russian fairytales and the magical Nicholas and Alexandra exhibition at Royal Museum, with storyteller Senga Munro. Beginners welcome! For 16+

Free but booking essential Book on 0131 247 4422**Saturday 29th October 7.45pm***St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh***The Carrying Stream**

Dip down into the wells of Scottish tradition - Highland, Traveller and Scots. Here is the living source and inspiration of Scotland's renaissance. With Ruth Kirkpatrick, George MacPherson and Sheila Stewart.

£7/£5 conc Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets also available on door at St. Cecilia's Hall one hour prior to performance

Sunday 30th October 2.00pm*St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh***William Wallace - The Tree of Liberty**

Go behind the myths - in story, song and poetry - to celebrate the liberty and search for justice, then and now. Unbeatable tales vital to Scotland's international heritage with Paraig MacNeil and Donald Smith. For older children and adults.

£7/£5 conc Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets also available on door at St. Cecilia's Hall one hour prior to performance

Sunday 30th October 2.00-4.00pm*Royal Museum (Education Centre), Chambers Street, Edinburgh***Storytelling Workshop**

On the Day of the Dead, come and join storyteller Claire McNicol to learn new storytelling skills and make your own stories inspired by the spirits of our ancestors. Beginners welcome! For 16+

Free but booking essential Book on 0131 247 4422**Sunday 30th October 4.00pm***St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh***Audrey Parks - Life Story**

Storytelling has been central to Audrey's life from a Belfast childhood through adult life in Scotland to a flourishing of her storytelling art. Here Audrey discusses the motivations and experiences that inform her art. Interview with Donald Smith, Director of the Scottish Storytelling Centre.

£5/£3 conc Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets also available on door at St. Cecilia's Hall one hour prior to performance

Sunday 30th October 6.00pm*St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh***Sibylle Alexander - Life Story**

Sibylle was born in Hamburg where her love of story was to become a lifeline during a childhood under the Third Reich. In 1945 she set up a free children's hour to help begin the healing process after World War II, later moving to Scotland where she continues to work as a storyteller and to produce many books of stories. In this interview Sibylle shares her life experiences with Colin Mackay, Chair of the Scottish Storytelling Forum.

£5/£3 conc Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets also available on door at St. Cecilia's Hall one hour prior to performance

Sunday 30th October 7.45pm*St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh***Hallowe'en: Customs, Traditions, Tales**

Celebrate the Celtic New Year. This is the moment when different worlds come close, the separation paper thin. Join storytellers David Campbell, George MacPherson, Stanley Robertson and Jess Smith for stories dark and light.

£7/£5 conc

Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets also available on door at St. Cecilia's Hall one hour prior to performance

LEITH LIVES**Friday 21st October 2.00pm***South Leith Parish Church Halls, 6 Henderson Street, Edinburgh***Stories My Granny Told Me****Tales from an Irish Granny**

From an early age Audrey Parks sat at her granny's knee to listen to stories of Ireland and Scotland which she still tells with relish, treating them as gifts to be passed on down through the generations. Join Audrey, an Ulster Scot, and enjoy the magic of her storytelling heritage.

Free event Info on 0131 556 9579**Monday 24th October 2.00pm***Trinity House, 99 Kirkgate, Leith, Edinburgh***Trinity House Story Tour - Stories from Leith's maritime past**

Trinity House is a reminder of Leith's proud sea-faring heritage which had such influence on the burgeoning capital of Edinburgh. Today, in its elegant Georgian setting with its wonderful array of maritime memorabilia, Noel Cochrane will tell stories from Leith's sea-faring past. The event will last 75 mins.

Free event Info on 0131 556 9579**Tuesday 25th October 2.00pm***Carriers Quarters, 42 Bernard Street, Edinburgh***Leith Lore**

Following last year's fantastic first-time event, join Leith "liars" John Fee and Jack Martin for another afternoon of intriguing stories about Leith in Carriers Quarters, the oldest unreconstructed pub in Edinburgh. Bring your own stories and memories too!

Free event Info on 0131 556 9579**Tuesday 25th October 8.00pm (doors open 7.30pm)***The Village, 16 South Fort Street, Edinburgh***Leith Folk Club**

See page 9 for details

Wednesday 26th October 2.00pm*South Leith Parish Church Halls, 6 Henderson Street, Edinburgh***Sixpence for the Gallery****Theatre and Entertainment in Old Leith**

Popular stories from a vintage age with the 'Life Stories' storytelling group: Noel Cochrane, John Fee, Millie Gray and Jack Martin.

Free event

Info on 0131 556 9579

Thursday 27th October 2.00pm*Leith Library, 28-30 Ferry Road, Edinburgh***The All-Clear****War-time memories and stories from old Leith**

Humour and endurance from difficult days with 'Life Stories': Noel Cochrane, John Fee, Millie Gray and Jack Martin. Life Stories is supported by the North Edinburgh and Leith Area Committee of the City of Edinburgh Council.

Free event

Info on 0131 556 9579

All these events which celebrate Hans Christian Andersen will take place at FILMHOUSE, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh. For tickets call Filmhouse on 0131 228 2688.

Saturday 22nd October 1.00pm
The Little Mermaid

John Musker, Ron Clements, USA 1989, 1h23m, 35mm, U

Hans Christian Andersen is given a Disney update in this animated fairytale, the action punctuated by calypso and sweeping ballads as 16-year-old rebellious mermaid Ariel follows her one true, human love, handsome Prince Eric. One of Disney's best loved animated features with great music and spectacular underwater scenes. A feast for the eyes and the ears and a 'must see' cinematic experience. Thanks to Buena Vista International for lending this special 100th anniversary print, the only existing print of the film in the UK - **£4.00 / £2.50 conc**

Sunday 23rd October 1.00pm
The Snow Queen

Snezhnaya Koroleva Gennadi Kazanski, USSR 1966, 1h23m, 35mm, English language version, U

Cast: Natalya Klimova, V Nikitieako, L Proklova.

Big budget adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's eerie tale, combining live action and animation. The Snow Queen freezes the heart of a young boy with a kiss and takes him to her ice palace. His sister, Gerda, sets out on an odyssey to free her brother - **£4.00 / £2.50 conc**

Sunday 23rd October 6.30pm

Hans Christian Andersen Shorts

£5.20 / £3.70 conc Various, 1h26m, 35mm, U

La Petite marchande d'allumettes (The Little Match Girl)

Jean Renoir & Jean Tédesco, France 1928, 29 min, 35mm, U, Silent

This little gem from Renoir's silent period represents the antithesis of the realism with which he is usually associated. As the little matchgirl lies dreaming in the snow, her would-be customers and a gendarme become toy-soldiers and a jack-in-the-box.

Thumbelina

Lotte Reiniger, UK 1954, 10 min, 35mm, U, English language version
 Lotte Reiniger's 1954 animated version of Andersen's tale of the girl no bigger than her mother's thumb.

Snedronningen (The Snow Queen)

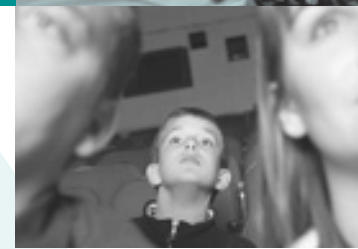
Jacob Jorgensen & Kristof Kunczewicz, Denmark 2000, 26 min, 35mm, U, English language version

Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale 'The Snow Queen' told as a digital drama with designs and narration by Queen Margarethe II of Denmark. Découpages are animated and mixed with live action and music. Designs from the film will be exhibited at the Danish Cultural Institute (www.dancult.demon.co.uk).

Klods Hans (Hans the Clopper)

Mihail Badica, Denmark 1999, 21 min, 35mm, U, Danish with English subtitles

A delightful puppet film about the peasant boy whose creativity and imagination help him to win the princess and half the kingdom.



Sunday 30th October 1.00pm

Le Roi et l'Oiseau

The King and Mr Bird Paul Grimault, France 1980, 1h22m, 35mm, Subtitles, U

This animated tale (loosely based on the Hans Christian Andersen story 'The Shepherdess and the Chimney Sweep') tells of the downfall of the king and kingdom of Tachycardia. The animation is a marvel - beautifully designed sets and backgrounds, wondrous caverns, towers, arches, Venetian canals, squares and vast palaces with Escher-like staircases - the characterisations delightful and the script witty and intelligent.

£4.00 / £2.50 conc

Sunday 30th October 5.30pm

Rusalka

David Pountney, Britain 1986, 2h38m, BETA SP, U

Cast: Eilene Hannan, John Treleaven, Rodney McCann, Ann Howard, Phyllis Cannan, Cathryn Pope. Dvorak's three-act opera takes as its inspiration 'The Little Mermaid'. It tells the story of a water-nymph, Rusalka, yearning to become human because she has fallen in love with a mortal. David Poutney's highly acclaimed production for English National Opera explores the deeper level of this fairy tale. The water-glade becomes an Edwardian nursery and Rusalka, a young girl on the threshold of sexual maturity. Libretto by Jaroslav Kvapil with English translation by Rodney Blumer - **£5.20 / £3.70 conc**

Friday 28th October 5.00pm

Do Fairy Tales Damage Your Health?

Debate followed by a screening of The Tinderbox. Is a diet of murder, incest and abandonment right for children today? What are fairy tales really about anyway? Join this unique one hour debate to celebrate National Tell-A-Story Day followed by the first-ever Scottish screening of Mihail Badica's The Tinderbox, to mark the 200th anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen. Amongst the panellists will be Kim Caspersen (Director, Danish Cultural Institute), Ruth Kirkpatrick (National Storytelling Development Worker, Children 1st), Marc Lambert (Director, Scottish Book Trust) and Donald Smith (Director, Scottish Storytelling Centre). Total programme lasts 90 mins.

Free but ticketed Book at Filmhouse on 0131 228 2688 or at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Saturday 29th October 1.00pm

Princess and the Pea

Printsessa na goroshinne Boris Rytsarev, Russia 1976, 1h29m, 35mm, English language version, U

Cast: Irina Malysheva, Andrei Podoshyan, Innokenti Smoktunovsky. Charming adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen story about a Prince's search for his own true love. The cinematography and scenery are breathtaking and the princesses quirky and delightful. A treat for the senses. **£4.00 / £2.50 conc**

COMING SOON . . .

The Red Shoes - Michael Powell's classic of the Hans Christian Andersen Fairytale
 1st and 2nd Nov, 5.45pm
 3rd Nov, 3.00pm

TICKET DEALS

See any of the films in the Hans Christian Andersen season in a group of three or more, including at least one child, for only £2 per ticket. OR see any three Hans Christian Andersen films for £12/£7.50 concessions, or all six for £18/£12 concessions. Tickets must all be bought at the same time.

Friday	21st October	11.00am and 2.00pm	Edinburgh World Heritage - New Town Tales	Edinburgh World Heritage, 5 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh (P18)
Friday	21st October	2.00pm	Stories My Granny Told Me	South Leith Parish Church Halls, 6 Henderson Street, Edinburgh (P12)
Friday	21st October	2.30-3.15pm and 3.30-4.15pm	Stories from the Egyptian Oasis	McDonald Road Library, 2-4 McDonald Road, Edinburgh (P18)
Friday	21st October	7.45pm	Weaving	St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh (P5)
Friday	21st October	7.30pm	A Clash of Heroes	Bowhill Little Theatre, Bowhill, Selkirk (P5)
Friday & Saturday	21st & 22nd Oct	9.15pm	Festival Club	The Waverley, 5 St. Mary's Street, Edinburgh (P5)
Saturday & Sunday	22nd & 23rd Oct	11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm	Tales of Dark Deeds	Craigmillar Castle, Craigmillar Castle Road, Edinburgh (P18)
Saturday	22nd October	1.00pm	The Little Mermaid	Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh (P14)
Saturday	22nd October	2.00-4.30pm	Step by Step - Storytelling Workshop	St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh (P5)
Saturday	22nd October	2.00pm	Fairytales and Fun	North Berwick Community Centre, Law Road, North Berwick (P18)
Saturday	22nd October	2.00-2.45pm and 3.30-4.15pm	Middle-Eastern Magic	Royal Botanic Garden, 20a Inverleith Row, Edinburgh (P19)
Saturday	22nd October	2.00-4.00pm	Midnight at the Oasis - Kids workshop	City Art Centre (fifth floor), 2 Market Street, Edinburgh (P19)
Saturday	22nd October	2.30pm	Hans Christian Andersen and his Tales	Newington Library, 17-21 Fountainhall Road, Edinburgh (P19)
Saturday	22nd October	7.45pm	Crescents of Stories	St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh (P6)
Sunday	23rd October	12.30pm	Calton Hill - a story tour with Donald Smith	Meet at the gate of Calton Burial Ground, Waterloo Place, Edinburgh (P6)
Sunday	23rd October	1.00pm	The Snow Queen	Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh (P14)
Sunday	23rd October	1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm	Tales from the Outback	Edinburgh Zoo, Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh (P21)
Sunday	23rd October	1.00-1.45pm and 3.00-3.45pm	Myths, Masks and Migrations	The Scottish Seabird Centre, The Harbour, North Berwick (P21)
Sunday	23rd October	1.30-4.30pm	In Conversation with Shai Schwartz	Sandeman House, Trunk's Close, 55 High Street, Edinburgh (P6)
Sunday	23rd October	1.30-2.15pm and 2.45-4.00pm	BRAW Stories	St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh (P21)
Sunday	23rd October	2.00-2.45pm and 3.15-4.00pm	Favourite Tales for Young and Old	Blast-Off Books, 103 High Street, Linlithgow (P22)
Sunday	23rd October	6.30pm	Hans Christian Andersen Film Shorts	Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh (P14)
Sunday	23rd October	7.00pm	A Universe of Stories	St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh (P6)
Monday	24th October	10.00am-3.30pm	At the Heart of the School	Sandeman House, Trunk's Close, 55 High Street, Edinburgh (P7)
Monday	24th October	11.00am and 1.00pm	Animal Magic Tales	Gorgie City Farm, 51 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh (P22)
Monday	24th October	2.00pm	Trinity House Story Tour	Trinity House, 99 Kirkgate, Leith, Edinburgh (P12)
Monday	24th October	5.00pm	Strange Tales	The Real Mary King's Close, 2 Warriston's Close, Writers' Court, Edinburgh (P7)
Monday	24th October	7.00pm	A Medieval Tale with Lisa Gjedde (Denmark)	St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh (P7)
Monday	24th October	7.30pm	Stories by the Brownsbank fire	Brownsbank Cottage, Candymill, Biggar (P8)
Tuesday	25th October	2.00pm	Leith Lore	Carriers Quarters, 42 Bernard Street, Edinburgh (P13)
Tuesday	25th October	6.00pm	The Art of the Terrorist Nursemaid	St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh (P8)
Tuesday	25th October	7.45pm	Glasshouse Promenade: Love and Cruelty	Royal Botanic Garden, 20a Inverleith Row, Edinburgh (P8)
Tuesday	25th October	8.00pm	Leith Folk Club	The Village, 16 South Fort Street, Edinburgh (P9)
Wednesday	26th October	2.00pm	Sixpence for the Gallery	South Leith Parish Church Halls, 6 Henderson Street, Edinburgh (P13)
Wednesday	26th October	7.00pm	Wisdom of the Heart	National Library of Scotland, 57 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh (P9)
Wednesday	26th October	8.30pm	Martin MacIntyre at The Waverley	The Waverley, 5 St. Mary's Street, Edinburgh (P9)
Thursday	27th October	10.15-11.00am	Fairy Tales in Wester Hailes	Wester Hailes Library, 1 West Side Plaza, Edinburgh (P22)
Thursday	27th October	2.00pm	The All-Clear	Leith Library, 28-30 Ferry Road, Edinburgh (P13)
Thursday	27th October	7.00pm	Storytelling Supper	The Fruitmarket Gallery, 45 Market Street, Edinburgh (P9)
Thursday	27th October	7.45pm	1001 Nights - in the Nomad's Tent	The Nomad's Tent, 21 St. Leonard's Lane, Edinburgh (P10)
Thursday - Saturday	27th - 29th Oct	9.15pm	Festival Club	The Waverley, 5 St. Mary's Street, Edinburgh (P5)
Friday	28th October	10.30-11.30am	Mouse Tails	Sighthill Library, 6 Sighthill Wynd, Edinburgh (P22)
Friday	28th October	11.00-11.45am	Tail tales	Corstorphine Library, 12 Kirk Loan, Edinburgh (P23)
Friday	28th October	1.00pm-4.00pm	Garden of Delights	Royal Botanic Garden, 20a Inverleith Row, Edinburgh (P23)
Friday	28th October	1.00pm and 2.00pm	Super Stories and Fabulous Fables	Eyemouth Library, Manse Road, Eyemouth (P23)
Friday & Saturday	28th & 29th Oct	1.15-2.00pm & 2.45-3.30pm	Horrible Tales with Nasty Endings	National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh (P23)
Friday	28th October	see venue	Meet Hans Christian Andersen	Stockbridge Library 2.00-2.45pm / Leith library 3.45-4.45pm (P23)
Friday	28th October	5.00pm	Do Fairy Tales Damage Your Health?	Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh (P10/15)
Friday	28th October	7.45pm	City of Stories	St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh (P10)
Saturday	29th October	10.00am and 11.00am	Treasure Tales	North Edinburgh Arts Centre, 15a Pennywell Court, Edinburgh (P24)
Saturday & Sunday	29th & 30th Oct	11am, 12pm 2pm and 3pm	Prisoners of War	Edinburgh Castle, Castlehill, Edinburgh (P24)
Saturday & Sunday	29th & 30th Oct	11.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm	Murder and Mayhem at the Castle	Edinburgh Castle, Castlehill, Edinburgh (P24)
Saturday	29th October	11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm	Tales Anastasia Heard	Royal Museum (European Art Gallery), Chambers Street, Edinburgh (P24)
Saturday	29th October	12.00pm	A Mile of Stories	Meet at Abbey Strand outside Holyrood House Palace, Edinburgh (P25)
Saturday	29th October	12.45pm, 1.45pm, 2.45pm	Scottish Stories	Museum of Scotland (Hawthornden Court), Chambers Street, Edinburgh (P25)
Saturday	29th October	1.00pm	Princess and the Pea	Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh (P15)
Saturday	29th October	2.00pm	A Handful of Halloween Magic	Musselburgh Sports Centre, Newbigging, Musselburgh (P25)
Saturday	29th October	2.00pm	Football Stories	Sandeman House, Trunk's Close, 55 High Street, Edinburgh (P25)
Saturday	29th October	2.00pm	Edinburgh World Heritage - Old Town Story Tour	Meet outside John Knox House, 45 High Street, Edinburgh (P10)
Saturday	29th October	2.00-4.00pm	Storytelling Workshop	Royal Museum (Education Centre), Chambers Street, Edinburgh (P11)
Saturday	29th October	7.45pm	The Carrying Stream	St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh (P11)
Sunday	30th October	12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm	Scary Stories	Royal Museum (European Art Gallery), Chambers Street, Edinburgh (P26)
Sunday	30th October	12.45pm, 1.45pm, 2.45pm	Tales of Samhain (Halloween)!	Museum of Scotland (Hawthornden Court), Chambers Street, Edinburgh (P26)
Sunday	30th October	1.00pm	Le Roi et l'Oiseau	Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh (P15)
Sunday	30th October	1.00-1.45pm and 3.00-3.45pm	Myths, Masks and Migrations	The Scottish Seabird Centre, The Harbour, North Berwick (P27)
Sunday	30th October	1.30pm	Stories in the Straw	Eaglescarmie Mains, Gifford, Haddington (P26)
Sunday	30th October	2.00pm	Doodles and Tales	National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh (P27)
Sunday	30th October	2.00-4.00pm	Storytelling Workshop	Royal Museum (Education Centre), Chambers Street, Edinburgh (P11)
Sunday	30th October	2.00pm	William Wallace - The Tree of Liberty	St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh (P11)
Sunday	30th October	4.00pm	Audrey Parks - Life Story	St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh (P11)
Sunday	30th October	5.30pm	Rusalka	Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh (P15)
Sunday	30th October	6.00pm	Sibylle Alexander - Life Story	St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh (P12)
Sunday	30th October	7.45pm	Hallowe'en: Customs, Traditions, Tales	St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh (P12)

Friday 21st October 11.00am and 2.00pm

Edinburgh World Heritage, 5 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh

Edinburgh World Heritage

New Town Tales

Child prodigies, world famous writers, human giants - a world of stories from Edinburgh's New Town with world traveller storyteller, David Campbell. Suitable for all the family.

Free

Book your place on 0131 220 7720 or e-mail info@ewht.org.uk



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Friday 21st October 2.30-3.15pm and 3.30-4.15pm

McDonald Road Library, 2-4 McDonald Road, Edinburgh

Stories from the Egyptian Oasis

Storyteller Chirine Al Ansary tells children's stories from the Egyptian oasis, transporting her listeners to exotic lands of Arabian nights and flying carpets. Join her and discover a treasure trove of tales from her homeland. Ages 7+

Free event but ticketed

Tickets available from McDonald Road Library from 7th Oct. on 0131 529 5636

Saturday 22nd October and Sunday 23rd October

11.00am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm

Craigmillar Castle, Craigmillar Castle Road, Edinburgh

Tales of Dark Deeds

Join storyteller John Hamilton for a selection of stories from Craigmillar Castle's bloody and turbulent history. Hear tell of dark deeds at one of Scotland's most atmospheric castles. Story sessions last 40 mins. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Free with admission to Castle

Saturday 22nd October 2.00pm

North Berwick Community Centre, Law Road, North Berwick

Fairytales and Fun

Hans Christian Andersen is one of the world's greatest storytellers. Which of his fairytales are your favourites? The Ugly Duckling, Thumbelina or the Princess and the Pea? Join Judy Paterson and Juliana Capes as they tell you magical stories from around the world and have fun with a fairytale craft activity where you get to take home a surprise! Ages 5-8 and parents/carers.

£2 for children with parents/carers free

Tickets in advance from Brunton Theatre Box Office on 0131 665 2240 and at the venue one hour prior to the event

Saturday 22nd October 2.00-2.45pm and 3.30-4.15pm

Royal Botanic Garden, 20a Inverleith Row, Edinburgh

Middle-Eastern Magic

Stories and music with Shai Schwartz (Israel), George Samaan (Palestine) and Angela Knowles (Scotland). Enjoy a magical journey of Middle Eastern tales in the exotic glasshouses of the Botanic Garden, accompanied by live music. Ages 5+

Meet in Forest Room, Exhibition Hall

£2 adult/£1 children Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets on the day subject to availability

Saturday 22nd October 2.00-4.00pm

City Art Centre (fifth floor), 2 Market Street, Edinburgh

Midnight at the Oasis

Egyptian storytelling and craft workshop for kids

Meet Egyptian storyteller Chirine Al Ansary for a magic carpet ride of exotic stories from the land of the pharaohs, followed by a fun craft activity with artist Kate Leiper and get to take home your Egyptian surprise!

And why not visit the The Tomb of Thutmosis III exhibition to get in the mood, on at City Art Centre from 1st October 2005 to 9th January 2006 ?

Storytelling and workshop suitable for ages 7 to 12 and parents/carers

£5 for children with parents/carers free

Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets on day subject to availability

**Saturday 22nd October
2.30pm**

Newington Library, 17-21

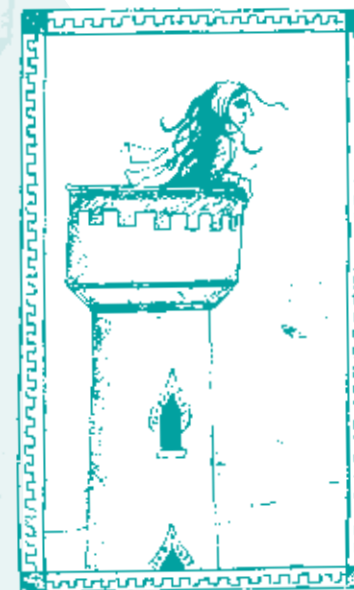
Fountainhall Road, Edinburgh

Hans Christian Andersen and his Tales

The Ugly Duckling, The Little Mermaid and the Emperor's New Clothes have enchanted generations of children - come and listen to a couple of Hans Christian Andersen's tales and learn a bit about his life and times. Ages 5-10

Free event but ticketed

Tickets available from Newington Library on 0131 529 5536



National Tell a Story Day

Friday 28th October is a big day for tale tellers. National Tell A Story Day returns for the fifth time, with events happening all over Scotland as a celebration of the art of oral storytelling. It's your opportunity to organise an event in your local area. You don't need a theatre - why not requisition a school, local barn, living room or any place you can fit an audience into? Join in this national extravaganza of storytelling – last year over 7,000 took part from all parts of the nation, so get in touch if you can help us make 2005 the biggest yet!

For information and a registration form, call the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579.



Sunday 23rd October
1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm

Edinburgh Zoo, Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh

Tales from the Outback

Visit Edinburgh Zoo's new residents - the koalas - and take a whistle-stop tour Down Under, as storyteller Judy Paterson tells you the stories and secrets of Australia's incredible animals.

Ages 5+ and families (children should be accompanied by a parent/carer)

Event lasts 30 mins. Meet at the Koala enclosure

Free with admission to the zoo

Advanced bookings welcome on 0131 334 9171

Sunday 23rd October and Sunday 30th October

1.00-1.45pm and 3.00-3.45pm

The Scottish Seabird Centre, The Harbour, North Berwick

Myths, Masks and Migrations

In African tradition, it was the birds and animals who told the folk tales and myths, passing down lore and customs from generation to generation. Our storytellers, Donnie Henderson Shedlarz and Ewan McVicar, will tell some of these incredible stories as the birds travel across the world to Africa and you will get the chance to make your own bird mask. And don't forget that everyday at 2pm from 23rd to 30th October you can pop in to make African bird masks and try them out in the new Migration Flyway.

Ages 5-14

Free with admission to Centre Info on 01620 890202

Sunday 23rd October 1.30-2.15pm and 2.45-4.00pm

St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, Edinburgh

BRAW Stories

Children's literature is flourishing in Scotland. Storytellers, authors, illustrators and rhymers all contribute to the vital live experience of BRAW (Books Reading and Writing). Come along to enjoy the stories and to find out more about what's available. A copy of the free BRAW book of children's stories will be available for all families.

1.30-2.15pm BRAW Stories with Bea Ferguson, for ages 3 to 5

2.45-4.00pm BRAW Stories with Linda Strachan, David Campbell and Linda Bandelier, for ages 5 to 8. BRAW is a project of Scottish Book Trust.

£5 adults (to attend one or both events) £2.50 children for each event

Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579

Tickets on day subject to availability

Sunday 23rd October 2.00-2.45pm and 3.15-4.00pm

Blast-Off Books, 103 High Street, Linlithgow

Favourite Tales for Young and Old

International storyteller, Ewan McVicar, will be telling favourite tales of Hans Christian Andersen. Using songs and puppets, Ewan gives plenty of opportunity to join in with the storytelling. If you've never heard the stories or you've heard them many times over, this is the event for you. Ages 3+ and families

£3 Booking essential

Book at Blast-Off Books on 01506 844645 or blastoff.books@virgin.net

Monday 24th October 11.00am and 1.00pm

Gorgie City Farm, 51 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh

Animal Magic Tales

Where better than Edinburgh's very own city farm to hear magical tales of animals and farming life, followed by the option of a free guided tour? Scottish Storyteller James Spence and tour guide Malcolm Bruce invite you to enjoy stories down on the farm. Ages 8+

£3 per small family (or concessions) and

£5 per larger family. Places are limited so please book ahead.

Booking/information on 0131 623 7031 or education@gorgiecityfarm.org.uk

Monday 24th October 5.00pm

The Real Mary King's Close, 2 Warriston's Close, Writers' Court, Edinburgh

Strange Tales

For ages 12+. See page 7 for full details

Thursday 27th October 10.15-11.00am

Wester Hailes Library, 1 West Side Plaza, Edinburgh

Fairy Tales in Wester Hailes

Stories and rhymes for the under 5's and their parents and carers with Michelle from Bookstart.

Free - just come along on the day

Info on 0131 529 5667

Friday 28th October 10.30-11.30am

Sighthill Library, 6 Sighthill Wynd, Edinburgh

Mouse Tails

Come along and hear mouse tales and sing nursery rhymes, with refreshments and snacks. For under 5's and their parents/carers.

Free - just come along on the day

Info on 0131 529 5569



Friday 28th October 11.00-11.45am

Corstorphine Library, 12 Kirk Loan, Edinburgh

Tail Tales

Come and hear stories about puppy dog tales and kittens with lost mittens at Corstorphine Library. Ages 3-6.

Free Event but ticketed Tickets available from Corstorphine Library from 14th October on 0131 529 5506 (space is limited so please book ahead)

Friday 28th October 1.00-4.00pm

Royal Botanic Garden, 20a Inverleith Row, Edinburgh

Garden of Delights

National Tell-A-Story Day

Bring your stories or just your ears: come and find the Talking Trees Storytellers at different locations throughout the Garden. Pick up a map at the gate to find out where the stories can be found. Please bring warm clothes and something to sit on. All ages welcome.

Free event Info on 0131 248 2937

Friday 28th October 1.00pm and 2.00pm

Eyemouth Library, Manse Road, Eyemouth

Super Stories and Fabulous Fables

Join storyteller Donnie Henderson Shedlarz, one-time "official story lady" of her school district in Indiana, as she tells stories from America's Midwest and Appalachia. As a grandmother of triplets Donnie has plenty of opportunities to share her stories which include folktales, fairytales, plantlore, myths and legends.

Free event for over 5's and their parents and carers

Info on 01890 750300

Friday 28th October

2.00-2.45pm *Stockbridge Library, Hamilton Place, Edinburgh*

3.45-4.45pm *Leith Library, 28-30 Ferry Road, Edinburgh*

Meet Hans Christian Andersen

Hans Christian Andersen's wonderful tales stretch from The Little Mermaid, to Thumbelina. Come along and share them with Colin Mackay as he makes a special appearance in the guise of the master storyteller first at Stockbridge and then Leith Library for one afternoon only. Ages 5+ and parents/carers.

Free event but ticketed

Tickets available from 7th October at Stockbridge Library on 0131 529 5665 and Leith Library on 0131 529 5517

Friday 28th and Saturday 29th October 1.15-2.00pm and 2.45-3.30pm

National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh

Horrible Tales with Nasty Endings

The gruesome and the ghostly, the strange and striking, the horrific and horrendous and the just plain gory tales of Scotland's past and present. Loads of fun with storyteller John Hamilton! Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Free event Meet at main entrance of National Gallery. Info on 0131 556 9579

Saturday 29th October 10.00am and 11.00am

North Edinburgh Arts Centre, 15a Pennywell Court, Edinburgh

Treasure Tales

From Maori myths to international tales, New Zealand storyteller Gareth Cashin has collected a treasure trove of stories on his travels around the world. Come along for a fun-packed story ride. Gareth's hilarious style captures the imagination of children and adults alike and makes everyone laugh. Ages 4+

£4 /£1 /£1.50

Book on 0131 315 2151

Saturday 29th October and Sunday 30th October

11.00am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm

Edinburgh Castle, Castlehill, Edinburgh

Prisoners of War

Beneath the Great Hall of Edinburgh Castle lies a labyrinth of vaults, used in the 1700s to hold prisoners taken in the long wars with France. Hear stories of sea battles, prison life and escape plans hatched by the unfortunate captives, told by storyteller Colin Mackay.

Story sessions last 40 mins. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Meet outside the Education Centre

Free with admission to Castle



Saturday 29th Oct and Sunday 30th Oct

11.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm

Edinburgh Castle, Castlehill, Edinburgh

Murder and Mayhem at the Castle

Edinburgh Castle has been the scene of many gory and bloody events over the centuries. Amongst other tales, hear about the tragedy of Lady Jane Douglas, the gruesome experience of the poor Mr Spence and decide for yourself whether you would have accepted an invitation to the Black Dinner. With storytellers David Campbell and Noreen Hamilton. Story sessions last 40 mins. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Meet outside the Education Centre

Free with admission to Castle

Saturday 29th October 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm

Royal Museum (European Art Gallery), Chambers Street, Edinburgh

Tales Anastasia Heard

Old Russian stories retold - Lazy Ivan and the King of the Fishes, How Mother Goat Outwitted the Singing Wolf, Baba Yaga the Terrible Witch, How Little Kolobok Ran Away. Ewan McVicar brings these startling stories back from the Urals city of Perm.

Free but booking essential Book on 0131 247 4422

Saturday 29th October 12.00pm

Meet at Abbey Strand outside Holyrood House Palace, Edinburgh

A Mile of Stories

Stories old and new, historical and fantastic, from Edinburgh's Old Town, a crucible of intriguing and exciting tales. The Edinburgh World Heritage education programme seeks to enrich our understanding of and engagement with the city's World Heritage site. The story tour is designed for young Storymakers, aged 7-12 years, interested in devising, adapting and illustrating stories.

Free but ticketed

Book at Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579. Tickets on the day subject to availability. See also Old Town Story Tour for adults on page 10.



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Saturday 29th October 12.45pm, 1.45pm, 2.45pm

Museum of Scotland (Hawthornden Court), Chambers Street, Edinburgh

Scottish Stories

Hear the wild and wonderful stories of storyteller Wendy Woolfson as she tells Scottish tales around the Museum of Scotland. Lasts 30 mins. All ages welcome.

Free but booking essential Book on 0131 247 4422

Saturday 29th October 2.00pm

Musselburgh Sports Centre, Newbigging, Musselburgh

A Handful of Halloween Magic

Listen to the seasonal stories of autumn and make your very own take-home puppet at this special Halloween event for children aged 5 to 8 and parents/carers. Enjoy the fun-filled magic of stories and craft activities with storytellers Beth Cross and Aileen Finlay.

£2 for children with parents/carers free

Tickets in advance from Brunton Theatre Box Office on 0131 665 2240 and at the venue one hour prior to the event

Saturday 29th October 2.00pm

Sandeman House, Trunk's Close, 55 High Street, Edinburgh

Football Stories

Team up with premier league storytellers Ron and Ferg as they lead you out for a cup final full of characters such as the 'Wee Tiny Man' who loves football, 'Jimmy' and his magic gloves and 'Jenny' with the noisiest boots in football. Discover how football began with a team of marauding giants and hear tales of wild games deep in the jungle. Meet special guest 'Jock McTattie', the oldest goalie in the world and have a chance to take part in the fun-filled, weird-and-wonderful, super-exciting 'Spot-Kick quiz!' Football stories, poems and sing-along songs abound with storytellers Fergus McNicol and Roni Fairweather.

£5 adults £3.50 children Book at the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579. Tickets on the door subject to availability

Sunday 30th October 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm

Royal Museum (European Art Gallery), Chambers Street, Edinburgh

Scary Stories

Have fun with storyteller Gerry Durkin as he tells you spooky Halloween tales of witches, ghosties and things that go bump (and make you jump)!

Lasts 30 mins. All ages welcome.

Free but booking essential

Book on 0131 247 4422

Sunday 30th October 12.45pm, 1.45pm, 2.45pm

Museum of Scotland (Hawthornden Court), Chambers Street, Edinburgh

Tales of Samhain (Halloween)!

Halloween, the time when the boundaries between this world and the spirit world are at their weakest . . . This is the time when bogles and beasties and things that go howl in the night are abroad. Stories with Stuart McHardy to get your heart pounding and set your hair on end, to make your flesh creep and set your nerves a-jangling. Suitable for children who know how to scream! Adults beware...

Free event - no need to book



Sunday 30th October 1.30pm

Eaglescairn Mains, Gifford, Haddington

Stories in the Straw

Wear warm clothes, wellies and smiles for this afternoon of fun on the farm with hot chocolate and cookies. Children bring your parents and grandparents along and sit on bales of straw listening to stories from far away and close to home - of animals, birds and wildlife - told by American storyteller

Donnie Henderson Shedlarz. After the stories there will be a gentle walk for all ages by hedgerow and woodland lasting 30 minutes. Ages 5+ and families. Parking available in farmyard.

Free event but ticketed

Tickets in advance from Brunton Theatre Box Office on 0131 665 2240 and at the venue one hour prior to the event. Children should be accompanied by an adult. For info or directions to the venue call the Box Office on 0131 665 2240 or see www.eaglescairn.com

Sunday 30th October (also Sun 23rd) 1.00-1.45pm and 3.00-3.45pm

The Scottish Seabird Centre, The Harbour, North Berwick

Myths, Masks and Migrations

See page 21 for details.

Sunday 30th October 2.00pm

St Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Edinburgh

William Wallace - The Tree of Liberty

For older children and adults. See page 11 for details.

Sunday 30th October 2.00pm

National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh

Doodles and Tales

Artist Juliana Capes and storyteller Judy Paterson bring the paintings and sculptures to life with lots of fun activities. For families with children aged 5-9 years. Event lasts 2 hours.

Free event - no need to book

Meet at entrance to the Gallery. Information on 0131 624 6428



Once Upon A Time: Classic Fairy Tales

24th September 2005 - 22nd April 2006

Museum of Childhood, 42 High Street, Edinburgh

To celebrate the bi-centenary of the birth of Hans Christian Andersen, the Museum of Childhood will be displaying books, pictures, toys and games representing well-loved fairy tales. Stories by the Brothers Grimm and Perrault, as well as those of Hans Christian Andersen, will be included, along with some less familiar Scottish tales. The exhibition will look at some of the most famous illustrators of fairy tales, such as Walter Crane, John Hassall, Anne Anderson and Margaret Tarrant. Visitors can browse through a selection of fairy tale editions, kindly loaned by the City of Edinburgh Libraries and Information Services, and enter prize-winning competitions.



About the Scottish Storytelling Centre

Would you like to learn how to tell stories or find out about storytelling events for families and adults? The Scottish Storytelling Centre runs lots of events and training workshops throughout the year, including continuing professional development events. If you would like to know about any of the following please get in touch: membership, Young Storymakers, training workshops and CPD, storytelling events for adults or children, publications and resources.

Or you can visit our website at www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk



Blast-Off Books 103 High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7EQ. **Tel: 01506 844645**
Wheelchair access.

Bowhill Little Theatre Bowhill, Selkirk, TD7 5ET. **Tel: 01750 22204** Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet. Phone ahead for assistance.

Brownsbank Cottage Candymill, Biggar ML12 6QY **Tel: 01899 860327**
Assisted wheelchair access but not adapted to suit wheelchair users.

Carriers Quarters 42 Bernard Street, Edinburgh. **Tel: 0131 554 4122**
Wheelchair access.

City Art Centre 2 Market Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1DE. **Tel: 0131 529 7902**
Wheelchair access with lift. Accessible toilet.

Corstorphine Library 12 Kirk Loan, Edinburgh EH12 7HD. **Tel: 0131 529 5506** Wheelchair access. Please phone ahead.

Craigmillar Castle Craigmillar Castle Road, Edinburgh EH16 4SY. **Tel: 0131 661 4445**
Not wheelchair accessible.

Eaglescairn Mains Gifford, Haddington EH41 4HN. Take B6368 from Haddington, signed Humble & Bolton (also A68 Lauder). Go on 3 miles through Bolton and at the sharp bend at the top of the hill fork left signed to Eaglescairn and Gifford. Go on up the hill for 1/2 mile, till large red and white signs on left for 'Eaglescairn Mains'. From A68 take the B6368 towards Haddington for 7 miles and at crossroads with B6355 turn right towards Gifford. After one mile turn left at sign Eaglescairn and Bolton; the farm is 1/4 mile on the right hand side. If coming from Pencaitland take the B6355 to Gifford, and one mile after crossroads with B6368 turn left signed Eaglescairn and Bolton. 1/4 mile on right. Map available: www.eaglescairn.com
Wheelchair access. Guide dogs welcome.

Edinburgh Castle
Castlehill, Edinburgh, EH1 2NG
Limited access to area of story tour. Contact Scottish Storytelling Centre for info on **0131 556 9579**

Edinburgh World Heritage 5 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, EH2 4DR. **Tel: 0131 220 7720** Not wheelchair accessible but access for visitors with mobility difficulties.

Edinburgh Zoo Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh, EH12 6TS **Tel: 0131 334 9171** Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet. Ring ahead for assistance.

Eyemouth library Manse Road, Eyemouth, TD14 5JE **Tel: 01890 750300**
Wheelchair access.

Filmhouse 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh, EH3 9ND **Tel: 0131 228 2688**
Wheelchair access. Accessible toilets. Please phone ahead.

The Fruitmarket Gallery
45 Market Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1DF **Tel: 0131 226 8181** Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet. Portable infrared hearing loop available if requested prior to event.

Gorgie City Farm 51 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh, EH11 2LA **Tel: 0131 337 4202** Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet. Induction loop.

Leith Library 28-30 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, EH6 4AE **Tel: 0131 529 5517**
Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet.

McDonald Road Library
2-4 McDonald Road, Edinburgh EH7 4LU **Tel: 0131 529 5636**
Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet.

Musselburgh Sports Centre
Newbigging, Musselburgh EH21 7AS **Tel: 0131 653 6367**
Wheelchair access via lift. Accessible toilet. Induction loop.

National Gallery of Scotland

The Mound, Edinburgh EH2 2EL
Tel: 0131 624 6200 Wheelchair access to all areas of the Gallery except Room A1. Accessible toilet and lift. Access at rear of the building.

National Library of Scotland

57 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EW
Tel: 0131 623 3700 Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet. Induction loop.

Newington library

17-21 Fountainhall Road, Edinburgh EH9 2LN
Tel: 0131 529 5536 Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet.

The Nomad's Tent

21 St. Leonard's Lane, EH8 9SH
Tel: 0131 662 1612 Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet but not adapted.

North Berwick Community Centre

Law Road, North Berwick EH39 4DQ
Tel: 01620 893056 Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet. Induction loop.

North Edinburgh Arts Centre

15a Pennywell Court, Edinburgh EH4 4TZ. **Tel: 0131 315 2151** Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet. Induction loop.

The Real Mary King's Close

2 Warriston's Close, Writers' Court, Edinburgh, EH1 1PG. **Tel: 08702 430 160**
 Entrance to the attraction is through Warriston's Close, off the Royal Mile across from St Giles Cathedral. Stairs and uneven surfaces throughout. No lift. Accessible toilet. Induction loop.

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

20a Inverleith Row, Edinburgh, EH3 5LR.
Tel 0131 552 7171 Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet. Phone ahead for assistance.

Royal Museum

Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF
Tel: 0131 247 4219 Wheelchair access. Wheelchairs available for loan. Accessible toilet. Induction loop.

St. Cecilia's Hall

Corner of Niddry Street and Cowgate, EH1 1LJ. Information on events from The Scottish Storytelling Centre on **0131 556 9579**. Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet. Induction loop. Access information on **0131 650 2805**.

Sandeman House

Trunk's Close, 55 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1SR.
Tel: 0131 524 0160 No disabled access.

The Scottish Seabird Centre

The Harbour, North Berwick, East Lothian, EH39 4SS. **Tel: 01620 890202**
 Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet.

Sighthill Library

6 Sighthill Wynd, Edinburgh EH11 4BL. **Tel: 0131 529 5569**
 Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet.

South Leith Parish Church Halls

6 Henderson Street, Edinburgh EH6 6BS.
Tel: 0131 554 2578 Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet.

Stockbridge Library

Hamilton Place, Edinburgh EH3 5BA. **Tel: 0131 529 5665**
 Wheelchair access via ramp.

Trinity House

99 Kirkgate, Leith, Edinburgh EH6 6BJ. **Tel: 0131 554 3289**
 Limited access, please phone ahead for assistance or try The Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 557 5724/ 556 9579.

The Village

16 South Forth Street, Edinburgh EH6 4DN.
Tel: 0131 478 7810 Wheelchair access.

The Waverley

5 St Mary's Street, Edinburgh EH1 1SY. No wheelchair access to area of Festival club. Information from Scottish Storytelling Centre on **0131 557 5724/ 556 9579**.

Wester Hailes Library

1 West Side Plaza, Edinburgh EH4 2FT.
Tel: 0131 529 5667 Wheelchair access. Accessible toilet.



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