# MAGICFEST VENUES



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Edinburgh International

> 27th June *till* 4th July 2014 magicfest.co.uk

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Online: www.magicfest.co.uk **Telephone:** 0131 473 2000 In person: Hub Tickets (The Hub, Castlehill EH1 2NE)

Hub Tickets Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm Sunday 29th June 10am to 5pm

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Please note tickets for Magic Dinner (p.10) and Magic Workshops (p.12) are NOT available on the day. Tickets for all the other Festival events can be purchased at the venue 20 minutes prior to the start of the event, subject to availability.

#### **Booking Fees**

There are NO additional booking fees for MagicFest 2014 tickets.

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Group Discounts are available for groups of over ten people. Please phone 0131 473 2000 for more information.

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Please note the Festival has a no refund or exchange policy, other than in the event of a cancellation.

Latecomers may only be admitted at the discretion of staff and only during a suitable break in the performance.

ALL SEATING IS UNRESERVED (except for the Gala show at the Royal Lyceum Theatre). If you require access for a wheelchair user, please inform the Box Office at time of booking.

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Buy tickets for 4 different events - 10% OFF Buy tickets for 6 different events - 15% OFF Buy tickets for 8 different events - 20% OFF

This offer is available for all Festival shows and events on full price and concession price tickets but not child or family tickets. Tickets must all be purchased at the same time. Special offer is NOT available on the door, ONLY from Hub Tickets box office (online/on the phone/in person).

#### **Festival Team**

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#### Special Thanks to the Festival Advisory Board

John Archer, Prof. Joe Goldblatt, Jamie Harrison, Gavin Oattes, Carol Taylor, Judith Wilson, R Paul Wilson.

# WELCOME

#### Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> annual MagicFest!

When you start a new event, as we did with MagicFest not too long ago, you never know if it will take off. We waded into the busy Edinburgh festival market aiming to get live magic in front of the public and to find acts that didn't just amaze but also excited and inspired people. We're proud to announce that last year over 5000 people opened up to magic, our busiest year to date, so this year the festival has grown, mirroring the interest and support you've given us.

Since its conception MagicFest has produced some of the largest magic events in the UK, been asked to consult for the National Theatre of Scotland, broken a Guinness World Record and put together a series of shows and workshops as part of the celebration of Shakespeare's birthday at the Globe Theatre in London. We continue to look for and develop amazing, magical events and exhibitions.

As always this year's festival opens with the Gala Show - it's the most diverse yet, with performers from six different countries on one stage. The winner of the Great Lafayette Award (closely guarded secret) is a legend in the magic world and I'm very excited to meet him and introduce him to an Edinburgh audience. Keep an eye out for author and psychologist Professor Richard Wiseman who will take you behind the magic. And we also invite you to a brand new treasure hunt event 'Tower of Illusion' at the astonishing Camera Obscura. Finally check out our new venue, Adam House Theatre, for some verv intriguing new shows.

I'm really looking forward to a wonderful fifth year.

Kevin McMahon Artistic Director

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# **OPENING NIGHT GALA** Magic and Variety Gala Show

Fri 27 June 2.30pm & 7.00pm LUKAS (South Korea) brings a sense of poetic The Royal Lyceum Theatre 2.30pm (Preview) • All tickets £12 7pm • £12 - £26 Duration: 2hr 30mins with interval Ages 5+

Take what you think you know about magic and then think again! Come enjoy a magical mix of breath-taking illusion, sleight-of-hand, circus and mind reading.

artistry with his visual manipulation techniques. He will perform his multi-award winning act for the first time in Scotland.

**ROB ZABRECKY** (USA) invents a magical world through a series of strange and beautiful effects which he combines with remarkable timing and sensational theatrical edifice. Zabrecky sets the stage for everyday life, then sets it on fire.

MAX GUITO (France), past French Champion of Magic, creates a universe where technology fuses with magic in his high-energy cuttingedge act.

**XAVIER TAPIAS** (Spain) A beautiful experiment with life that transforms into one of the most original acts in magic - Xavier is a creative magic inventor who likes to bring to life inert objects.

R PAUL WILSON (UK) is star of the BBC's 'The Real Hustle' and a world-renowned expert on cheating, con games and conjuring. Witness this sleight of hand master in action.

ARCHER AND SMITH (UK) take you back to the good old days of the Music Hall, when men were men and suits were double breasted. Prepare to be bemused.

COLIN CLOUD (UK) has the ability to deduce everything about you. Everything. And, undoubtedly, he will - as he attempts to read the entire audience at this year's Gala Show.

AINSLEY HAMILL & NEIL KELSO (UK) The Queen of Hearts and Mad Hatter will sing your heads off with twisted versions of modern songs.

COMPÈRED BY NIGEL MEAD (UK) "Truly amazing" - Steven Spielberg

The winner of the Great Lafayette Award 2014 will be announced during the evening Gala.



















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# SPECIAL EVENTS **Richard Wiseman** "Mind Magic"

Mon 30 June 7.00pm & 8.30pm The Scottish Storytelling Centre £13/£11 conc/£8 child Duration: 55mins Ages 14+

Magicians appear to make solid objects vanish into thin air, defy the laws of gravity and predict the future. Magician and psychologist Professor Richard Wiseman invites you to step backstage and discover the secret science of sorcery. Learn the hitherto hidden psychology employed by some of the world's greatest illusionists, how to detect lies, and discover why the hand is rarely quicker than the eye.

Richard Wiseman holds Britain's only Professorship in the Public Understanding of Psychology, at the University of Hertfordshire. His research into a range of topics including deception, illusion and persuasion has been published in the world's leading academic journals, while his psychology-based YouTube videos have received over 200 million views. He is the author of several books that have been translated into over 30 languages, including 'The Luck Factor', 'Quirkology', 'Rip it Up' and the international bestseller '59 Seconds'.

# Tower of Illusion

Mon 30 June - Tue 1 July 9.15pm Camera Obscura £20/£14 conc/£10 child Duration: approx 2hr Ages 14+

Battle your way through the Tower of Illusion and defeat all that may stand in your way. But no one said it would be an easy climb! Throughout your journey you must work together to defy illusion, solve riddles, challenge mystery and confront the unknown in a unique treasure hunt.

You will encounter bloodthirsty dragons and devious wizards along the way so remember, your brains will get you to the top but only your bravery will take you to the end! Rally up a team of five at the most or come alone and join your fellow brave warriors at the Tower of Illusion!

### MENTALISM & THEATRICAL MAGIC Michael Neto "Tragic Magic"

Sat 28 June - Fri 4 July (except Mon 30 June) 7.00pm The Scottish Storytelling Centre £13/£11 conc/£8 child

Duration: 50mins Ages 10+

What do you do when you have to choose between the thing you love and the one you love? For Alan Sparks magic is the only life he's ever known and his big break is finally just around the corner. So what does he do now his long suffering fiancée decides enough is enough: it's her or magic?

A one man show fusing magic and theatre, with 4 time Scottish Champion of close up magic, Michael Neto, and Sonic Boom Theatre Company. The very best of new Scottish Theatre with the most impressive magic.

# Luke Jermay "Strange Power"

Sat 28 June - Fri 4 July (except Mon 30 June) 8.30pm The Scottish Storytelling Centre

f13/f11 conc

Duration: 55mins Ages 14+

In the past eight months Jermay has made more accurate public predictions than any psychic entertainer in history; publicly posting his predictions on his Twitter profile, days, weeks and even months in advance of their coming true. Jermay considers his public predictions to be a bizarre form of performance art and for the first time he is bringing this unusual recreation to the stage.

'Luke Jermay - Strange Power' is for entertainment purposes only. No spirit mediumship will take place. Written and performed by Luke Jermay, Directed by Michael Weber. Produced by Psychic Cabaret in association with MagicFest.

"My jaw dropped repeatedly... Jermay puts us in a state where we can wonder whether life has more possibilities than we thought it did an hour before" The Times \*\*\*\*

# **Colin Cloud** "The Forensic Mind Reader"

Sat 28 June - Fri 4 July (except Mon 30 June, Tue 1 July ) 7.00pm Adam House

£11/£9 conc/£6 child Duration: 60mins Ages 10+

Imagine someone who can tell you what you do for a living, what your hobbies are and what's been on your mind all day, all by merely looking at you.

He'll bridge the gap between fact and fiction, you'll learn how to spot the guiltiest person in a room. He will accurately profile specific members of the audience and solve mysteries that you, the audience,

"Slick, skilful and utterly compelling" Edinburgh Spotlight \*\*\*\*\* "Seriously impressive" Edinburgh Reporter \*\*\*\*

#### **Scott Smith** "The Imagining" Sat 28 June - Fri 4 July

(except Mon 30 June, Tue 1 July) 8.30pm Adam House

£11/£9 conc/£6 child Duration: 55mins Ages 12+

In our mind's eye magical sequences play out to us. Illusion is part of our lives; woven into our very existence. Join Scott for an extraordinary evening, at the point where imagination and reality meet, and experience how illusion can transform, motivate, and inspire. By imagining... anything is possible..

Commissioned by fashion houses, luxury brands, and world-class theatres, including Edinburgh's own Usher Hall, Scott Smith has distinguished himself as an acclaimed illusionist.

"An extraordinary performer with awe-inspiring abilities... catch this star in the making whilst you can" Aeon Arts and Culture \*\*\*\*\*

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Imagine if: Objects could float. Minds could be read. Time could be stopped

# Magicfest 2014 Calendar

	Fri 27 June	Sat 28 June	Sun 29 June	Mon 30 June	Tues 1 July	Wed 2 July	Thurs 3 July	Fri 4 July
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# ADVENTURES Magic Dinner

Sat 28 June 7.00pm The Royal Scots Club Please note, the tickets for this event must be booked in advance.

£56 per person • Discounts available for groups 10+ Duration: approx 3hr 30mins Ages: 16+ only Dress code: Black tie

#### DINNER PARTY INVITATION

Hello! How exciting! You're invited to the magic party of the year with a three course meal, fabulous entertainment and, of course, illicit amounts of tea!

We're expecting a royal visitor! So black tie and dinner dresses please.

We only have 99 1/4 tickets left, so do RSVP as soon as possible. I guarantee at least six impossible things before dessert!

Myself, the White Rabbit and the stripy ginger one are awaiting your response.

Kindest possible regards,

PS No Evil Queens. PPS Scratch that. Evil Queens invited too. PPPS Potato anyone?

Featuring Ainsley Hamill, Neil Kelso, Billy Reid, Jango Starr and Kevin McMahon.

### The Secret Room

Thurs 3 July 5.30pm & 7.30pm Lauriston Castle

£20 /£18 conc

Duration: 75mins Ages 10+

On the outskirts of Edinburgh, hidden away at the end of a winding driveway, behind a walled garden, lies one of Edinburgh's secret castles. Preserved in a early 1900s timewarp, Lauriston Castle remains in the exact state its last human owner left it. Timeless tapestries, ornate silverware, but also a world of clandestine laboratories, hidden passages and secret rooms...

A sell-out in 2013, this event features three of the finest Scottish magicians, as they animate the castle's intriguing past with stories, performances and illusions related to the history of Lauriston. What mysteries does this wonderful castle conceal? Find your answer inside "The Secret Room". With Lewis Barlow, Jody Grieg and Drew McAdam.



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### CLOSE-UP MAGIC David Blanco "Honest Lies"

Sat 28 June - Fri 4 July 7.00pm

The Vault £11/£9 conc/£6 child Duration: 50mins Ages 8+

David does not like to lie... however being a magician forces him to deceive for the sake of the audience.

As a rule, he neither does what he says and nor says what he does, but gets away with it owing to his honest intention to please the audience. In a charming manner with some "true stories" (maybe not all), David will show you his inspiring visual magic with drama and surprise. Funny and remarkable, "Honest Lies" will arouse the curiosity of many and the smiles of all.

David is an award winning magician, director, producer and consultant to numerous theatre, magic and puppet theatre shows.

# Billy Reid "Watch Closely"

Sat 28 June - Fri 4 July 8.30pm The Vault

£11/£9 conc/£6 child Duration: 50mins Ages 8+

Witness the impossible unfold inches from your very eyes - a spellbinding assault on your senses where cards appear and disappear, coins transpose to impossible locations, objects levitate and future events are predicted...

A finalist in The Magic Circle's "Close-up Magician of the Year" competition in 2013 and 2014, Billy Reid is one of the UK's most devilishly brilliant close-up magicians. An expert sleight of hand artist, he's amazed and astounded audiences at countless shows and events with his modern wizardry. Are you watching closely...?

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### MAGIC WORKSHOPS Magic School

City Art Centre

One-off Magic School Workshop £17 Sat 28 June - Sun 29 June 10.00am OR 1.30pm

5-Day Magic School £85

Mon 30 June - Fri 4 July 10.00am OR 1.30pm Duration: approx 2hr 30min Ages 7-10 EDINBURGH **MUSEUMS &** GALLERIES

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What would it be like to perform real magic? How would it feel to receive an invitation to a secret Magic School to develop those skills?

Magic School was created five years ago to teach and inspire children to perform incredible magic for their family and friends. Back for an amazing fifth year, Magic School brings together apprentice wizards from all over the world and has been featured in the Sunday Times, National Geographic, BBC News and on STV. Workshops are led by head master Gary James who was able to make the most magical author of all, JK Rowling, disappear (and then reappear again). Magic School is a unique opportunity to learn to perform exciting magic, and make new wizard friends.

Become a graduate of the most mysterious school in the world - Magic School. This summer. Only at the Edinburgh International Magic Festival

Please note, all children should be registered for Magic School and Street Magic Master Class in advance and therefore, tickets for these events are not available on the door. More info at www.magicfest.co.uk

Last year was a complete sell out so book tickets early to avoid disappointment. Magic newbies welcome!



Mon 30 June - Wed 2 July 11.00am If you have good card handling skills City Art Centre £36 Duration: approx 5hr 30min Ages 11-15

we recommend coming along to the Advanced class on Wednesday. More info at magicfest.co.uk

A new generation of magicians are being inspired by jaw dropping magic performed by Dynamo and David Blaine on TV. These performers wow audiences around the world from California to the streets of Mumbai, leaving their mark on all those who see their work.

If you would like to learn new sleight of hand techniques, and deliver amazing illusions that will blow your friends' minds, then come Join an intimate group of no more than 20 magicians this summer at the all new SMMC. The class will be led by professional magicians David Blanco (Spain) and Luke Eaton (UK). So bring a packed lunch, a pack of cards, and bags of enthusiasm and we'll provide the magic!

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# FAMILY SHOWS & COMPETITIONS





# **Colonel Custard** "Magical Mayhem"

#### Sat 28 June - Fri 4 July 5.00pm

The Scottish Storytelling Centre f11/f9 conc/f6 child

£28 family ticket available (2 adults and 2 children) Duration: 45mins Ages 4+

Colonel Custard is the current British Children's Entertainer National Champion. He has been entertaining children for over a decade with his unique blend of fun-filled magical mayhem. His award-winning children's shows have taken him around the world, delighting audiences both young and old with his crazy antics. The magic show includes juggling, levitation, unicycling and loads more surprises along the way. Fun for all the family with slapstick comedy and "blow your brains" magic.

#### War of the Wizards Under Sun 29 June 11.00am

Duration: 60mins

# **Open War of the Wizards**

#### Sun 29 June 2.00pm

Duration: 90mins

The Scottish Storytelling Centre £6/£4 conc Ages 10+

MagicFest competitions let you see and support the top up-and-coming talent in the world of magic. The two competitions, Under 18's and Open, will be judged by a panel of professional magicians and non magicians.

THINKING ABOUT ENTERING? Visit magicfest.co.uk/get-involved

# LATE 'N' LIVE MagicFest at SKYbar

Thurs 3 July 6.00pm till midnight Penthouse, DoubleTree by Hilton Edinburgh City Centre Free event Over 18's only

'Penthouse' is a unique venue; an exceptional suite with stunning views of Edinburgh, open to the public especially for MagicFest. Bring your friends and enjoy a cocktail and close up magic from magicians throughout the night. Note this is a free, unticketed event with limited venue capacity. Please arrive early if you wish to guarantee entry.

### Four Nations Magic-Off + Magic Ceilidh

Fri 4 July 10.00pm Roxy Art House £20/£18 conc Duration: till late! Over 18's only

Complete sell out for the last four years, see the top UK comedy magicians going trick for trick for your vote! MagicFest's final night party now includes a ceilidh to send off the festival in style. Not to be missed.

A late night MagicFest institution!

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