



# AT THE 2019 EDINBURGH FESTIVALS



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# GIG BUDDIES AT THE EDINBURGH FESTIVALS

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August is Festival time in Edinburgh and we love enabling our members to see as much as possible.

Last year we saw loads of shows as part of the Fringe Festival including the wonderful 'Tape Face' and the hilarious 'Lost Voice Guy'.

This year, we're going to events from The Fringe Festival, The Edinburgh International Festival, The Edinburgh Book Festival, and The BBC at The Edinburgh Festivals! All of our events are in the 'Events Calendar' Section of this newsletter and everything is FREE to attend for Gig Buddies members.

This newsletter will let you know how to get tickets to events, how to choose events that you want to go to, and how we can help you get there.

We've got a busy August ahead, and you're invited!

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# EDINBURGH JAZZ FESTIVAL

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# THE EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL



The Fringe Festival is the worlds biggest arts festival. Most of the shows are comedy and theatre, and many of the famous comdians you see playing in Edinburgh during the festivals will be part of the Fringe Festival.

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Last year many of our socials were based on members suggestions

Let us know what you want to see this year and we might be able to get you FREE tickets!

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**What do you  
want to see?!**

Go to [www.edfringe.com](http://www.edfringe.com) to see what shows are on. Don't worry about how much tickets cost. We are proud to say that anything you come along to with Gig Buddies during the Fringe Festival will be FREE! Just let Sam know what show you want to go to.

Look our for the programme book in town. You can find them in lots of shops and supermarkets. This contains ALL the shows for the Finge Festival.

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# THE EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL

We already have a lots of group events planned that you can get FREE tickets for! They are all in the 'Events Calendar' section of this newsletter. If you want to come to any of these events, let Sam know as soon as possible. You can get tickets for yourself, you and your buddy, or you and someone to support you.

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## ACCESS INFORMATION

You can get a FREE ticket for your support to EVERY show that's part of the Fringe Festival. They also have a wide range of signed shows, subtitled shows, and relaxed performances.

By going to their website you can find access information for every venue at the festival, where 5 changing places toilets are located across the city, how to get a Sensory Backpack, and more!

For more information go to:

[www.edfringe.com/experience/access-at-the-fringe](http://www.edfringe.com/experience/access-at-the-fringe)

Or, you can call the Fringe Access Booking Box Office:

**0131 226 0002**

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**More info  
in the 'Events  
Calendar'!**

# FRINGING NINE TO FIVE

*It's enough to drive you crazy  
if you let it.*

**Saturday  
3rd August  
9am-5am  
(Yes, you read that right)**

**P.S. Did we mention it's free?!**

**Only 10 spaces for members are available for this event. If you want to  
be part of 'Fringing 9-5' contact Sam as soon as possible!**



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Edinburgh  
International  
Book Festival

# THE BOOK FESTIVAL



The book festival is on from August 10th-26th in Charlotte's Square Edinburgh. It's all about books and literature!

Last year, Euan's Guide awarded it best venue at the festivals for accessibility, and it's a great place to chill out after a busy afternoon at the Edinburgh Festivals.

There are loads of events happening at this festival, featuring lots of famous authors from all genres. Many of the events are 'pay what you want'. You can find the programme book in many shops in town. There's always a copy at Waterstones on Princes Street.

We're holding our first ever Book Festival Social this year, it's a free event that's sure to be great fun. More details are later in this newsletter.

For more information on how you can get access to the book festival go to:

[www.edbookfest.co.uk/visiting-the-festival/access](http://www.edbookfest.co.uk/visiting-the-festival/access)





**HAVING A  
BLETHER WITH  
LOST VOICE GUY**





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The BBC run some fantastic events every year showing off a variety of acts from the best of the festivals. They also record live radio shows that you can get FREE tickets to!

They are based in the grounds around George Heriot's School on Lauriston Place. The venue is great for families and is fully accessible. There is always something to do and it's a great spot to chill out!

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Every year we make sure that we get out to some BBC events as group socials and offer FREE tickets to our members.

These tickets will be announced to members early in August and will be first come first served, so keep an eye out for the messages from Sam.

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# HOW TO FIND...

**BBC**  
**AT THE EDINBURGH**  
**FESTIVALS**



You can get more information about the BBC at the Festivals once they open in August. Head to their venue at George Heriots to find out whats on!



# THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

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The Edinburgh International Festival includes less events than the Fringe festival but these are usually world class acts, and sometimes world premier performances.

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The logo for the Edinburgh International Festival, featuring a black rectangle above the text "EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL" in bold, black, uppercase letters.

This year we will be attending the launch of the International Festival. This is a concert at Tynecastle Stadium in Gorgie. The concert will be the L.A. Philharmonic playing music from films. Information on how you can get your FREE ticket can be found in the 'Events' section of this newsletter.

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The programme for this festival has now been fully announced. You can see all International Festival shows at

**[www.eif.co.uk](http://www.eif.co.uk)**

The International Festival also have some fantastic access information available for you with many shows being signed, captioned, and having relaxed performances.

Information can be found on their website or by calling:

**0131 473 2056**



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# GIG BUDDIES SCOTLAND FESTIVAL EVENTS 2019

The rest of this newsletter is all about the events we will be going to as part of this years festivals.

## THERE WILL BE MORE!

There will be other events that we can't announce yet that don't appear in this newsletter. For example, there are no BBC events in here, however we will let you know what these are as soon as we have more information.

Also, if you see anything happening over August that you want us to run as a group event, just let us know and we will try to make it happen.



Many of these events have strictly limited space. For this reason, they are only open to Gig Buddies Scotland Members. These can be booked by Gig Buddies members, their support or family, and Gig Buddies Volunteers.

Non ticketed events, like the Book Festival event, are open to everyone. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more public events.



# Friday 2nd August

## Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra

Friday 2nd August - 6:30pm-8:30pm

Member spaces: 6

Support/volunteer spaces: 6

Location: Tynecastle Stadium



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This is the launch of the 2019 Edinburgh International Festival.

The L.A. Philharmonic Orchestra will be playing famous movie music including pieces from 'Star Wars', 'Harry Potter', and 'E.T.'

This will be a very busy event with large crowds.

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To get your FREE ticket, contact Sam  
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# Saturday 3rd August - Fringing 9-5

Saturday 3rd/4th August - 9am - 5am

Member spaces: 10

Support/volunteer spaces: Contact Sam

Location: Around Edinburgh City Centre

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This is the biggest event we have ever held. From 9am on Saturday 3rd August to 5am on Sunday 4th August, we will be spending 20 hours at the Edinburgh Festivals! We will be seeing 6 shows throughout the day followed by late night clubbing with Get2Gether at ATIK from 12am - 5am.

All the shows are FREE for people attending the event, and Gig Buddies will be buying everyone dinner! You just need money for lunch and drinks throughout the day.

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We are encouraging people to sign up for the full marathon if they can, as it will be such a great story to tell people!

There will be volunteer support during the day, but if you need to bring your own support, contact Sam and we can look at making that happen.

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The full schedule for the day is on the next page!

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# Fringing 9-5: Schedule

| Time          | Event                               | Location                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 9am-11am      | Meeting for breakfast               | To be announced              |
| 11:30-12:40   | Burns for Brunch                    | Scottish Storytelling centre |
| 1pm-2:15pm    | Fish Bowl                           | Pleasance Grand              |
| 2:15-4pm      | Lunch                               | George Square                |
| 4pm-5pm       | Mark Watson                         | George Square                |
| 6pm-7pm       | Flo and Joan                        | George Square                |
| 7:30-8:30     | David O'Doherty                     | George Square                |
| 8:30-10:30pm  | Dinner                              | George Square                |
| 10:30-11:30pm | Comedy at The Museum                | National Museum of Scotland  |
| 12am-5am      | Late night clubbing with Get2Gether | ATIK                         |

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If you'd like a space, be sure to contact Sam as soon as possible!

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The people that do attend will have the chance to take part in our own Fringe event. On Frinday 23rd August we are presenting a FREE talk all about 'Fringing 9-5' and we want people to talk about their experiences! More info later in this newsletter.





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Gig Buddies Scotland and get2gether invite you to...



What if your night out started at 10pm?

**ATIK** EDINBURGH

**SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST**  
**10PM-5AM - FREE ENTRY**

Book your space and join us for some seriously late night clubbing.  
Limited spaces available through Gig Buddies and get2gether.

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# **Saturday 3rd August / Sunday 4th Late Night Clubbing with Get2Gether**

Saturday 3rd/4th August - 10pm-5am

Gig Buddies/Get2GetherSpaces: Very Limited - Contact Sam

Support/volunteer spaces: Contact Sam

Location: ATIK

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If you can't or don't want to come along to 'Fringing 9-5', you can still join us for the big finish! We've teamed up with Get2Gether and ATIK to give a limited number of people FREE entry for the night, and some FREE private booths.

With the help from some Gig Buddies Volunteers and Get2Gether's DJ Andy, we will be clubbing the night away until 5am.

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This is open to Gig Buddies and Get2Gether Members. We have extremely limited space. Once our spaces are all booked, you will have to pay for entry.

Get2Gether will be starting the event from 10pm, but the Gig Buddies group won't be at the venue until 12am.

Please make sure you can get home safely in the morning. Gig Buddies may be able to help you with this. Please talk to us plenty of time in advance.

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Please note that this IS NOT a standard Get2Gether at the ATIK event. The venue will be open to the general public and it will be very busy.

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For more information, contact Sam at Gig Buddies Scotland.



# Sunday 11th August - Lost Voice Guy

Sunday 11th August - 7pm-9pm

Member spaces: 8

Support/volunteer spaces: 7

Location: National Museum of Scotland

## LOSTVOICEGUY

A firm favourite from last year, we're going back to see 'Lost Voice Guy'! We expect tickets for this to go fast, so contact Sam quickly if you want one.  
Expect adult content.



Last year we were lucky enough to interview Lost Voice Guy. You can see the full video on our Facebook page.

To get your FREE ticket, contact Sam  
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# Friday 16th August - Book Festival

Friday 16th August - 9pm-11pm

Public Event - All are welcome

Location: International Book Festival in Charlotte Square

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This is one of the book festival's 'Unbound Literary Caberet' nights! Each night of the festival a different line up of acts play with words, music, and a lot more!

This is a free non-ticketed event for everyone. The specific acts for this night will be announced on the book festivals website at some point in July.

## Saturday 17th August - Limmy!

Saturday 17th August - 3:15pm-4:50pm

Member Spaces: 4

Support/Volunteer Spaces: 4

Location: New Town Theatre, George Street

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Glasgow's dark prince of comedy bring his new autobiography to the Fringe. Limmy will be talking live on stage about his new book, reading from it, and answering audience questions.





# Friday 23rd August - Gig Buddies Talk 20 Hours at the Fringe

Friday 23rd August - 2:45pm-4pm

Public Event - All are welcome

Location: Fringe Central at Appleton Tower

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Join us to hear all about how we spent 20 hours at the Festival! We will be showing photos and videos that we made on the day, and Gig Buddies members will be talking about their experience 'Fringing 9-5'!

Tickets are free from the Fringe website or just turn up on the day!

**Free  
Public  
Event!**

# Saturday 24th August Showstopper! The Improv Musical

Saturday 24th August - 5:30pm-7pm

Member Spaces: 6

Support/Volunteer Spaces: 5

Location: Pleasance Grand

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The must-see, Olivier Award Winning West End hit returns for its 12th consecutive year! A brand-new musical comedy is created from scratch at every performance!







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If you would like a ticket to any of these shows please make sure to contact Sam as soon as possible. We expect many tickets to be booked extremely quickly.

We have lots of individual Fringe Festival vouchers for members. If you see anything that you'd like to go to with your buddy or your family let Sam know and he can book this for you. Don't worry about ticket price, everything through Gig Buddies will be FREE if you contact Sam.

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Remember, there will be more events announced as we get nearer to August. Keep an eye out on your emails for these events.

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