

Wednesday 30 July

Festival Parade

Union Street 10.30 am
From Castlegate, the traditional and colourful parade involving over 500 participants from 15 countries and led by the Bucksburn & District Novice Juvenile Pipe Band will process up Union Street to the Music Hall, to open the Festival.

The Festival Opening Concert

Jugend-Sinfonieorchester Ahrensburg, Germany

Music Hall 7.30pm
Conductor: Michael Klauwe
Soloists: Elke Auschläger (Clarinet)
Annika Steinkamp (Oboe)
Tickets: Balcony £10.50, £7.00 Stalls £7.00 £6.00 £5.00
Concessions: Balcony £8.50, £5.00 Stalls £5.00 £4.00 £3.00
The Festival welcomes back this outstanding young orchestra from Germany to open the Orchestral Season with a highly popular programme.
Bizet Carmen: Suite No. 1
Weber Concerto for Clarinet No. 1 Op. 73 in F Minor
Hummel Adagio - Tema con variazioni for Oboe and Orchestra
Elgar Enigma Variations Op. 36

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Inaugural Ceremony

Music Hall 11am
Admission by invitation only
Host orchestra: Jugend-Sinfonieorchester Ahrensburg, Germany
Conductor: Michael Klauwe
Band: Bucksburn & District Novice Juvenile Pipe Band

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Scottish Traditional Music School

Tutors Bash

The Lemon Tree Café 8.00pm
Tickets: £7.50 Concessions £5.50
Once again the festival provides a rare chance to hear some of Scotland's finest traditional musicians on stage together.
featuring:
David Francis - Guitar
Sarah-Jane Fitteld - Fiddle
Mairi Gemmill - Fiddle
Christine Kydd - Song
Corinna Hewat - Clarsach
Kenny Hadden - Whistle & Flute
Jim Walker - Percussion
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Global Voices

Mitchell Hall, Marischal College 7.30pm
Tickets: £8 all seats unreserved
Concessions: £6
Featuring outstanding choirs from Aberdeen's twin city Gomel in Belarus, Det Norske Jentekor (Norwegian Girls' Choir) and the Mount Royal Youth Choir from Canada, this promises to be a unique vocal evening.
Featuring:
'Dziannitsa' Gomel University Choir
Mount Royal Youth Choir
Det Norske Jentekor



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Thursday 31 July

Opera Garden presents Bizet's Carmen

MacRobert Hall 8pm
Tickets: Balcony and front Stalls £19.50, Stalls £15.50
No Concessions
Artistic Director: Gidon Saks
Music Director: Evan Christ
Bizet's Carmen direct from Broadway? This year, Opera Garden invites you to see opera's greatest femme fatale with more than just a twist of sass and style. Expect to hear some of the most famous and tuneful music ever composed, and to see opera with a decidedly 21st century spin. Opera singers dance? You bet they will!

Carmen Flora Macintosh
Dancairo Samuel de Beck Spitzer
Escamillo James Bobby
Frasquita Hrafnhildur Björnsdóttir
Jose Andrew Sriharan
Mercedes Edith Maria Brauer
Micaela Manya Eliza Deeda D. Barretto
Romandado Petro Wychnij
Zuniga Marcus Pujol

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Photography: Anna Henly



Friday 1 August

The Lions of Africa present: The Traditional Dance of the Lions

Aberdeen Arts Centre 7.30pm
Tickets: £8
Concessions: £6
The Lions of Africa present an ancient and traditional dance drama based on a popular African folktale, symbolising the powerful communion between men and animals. Including spectacular dance, drumming and African magic - still walking and fire breathing - not to be missed!



Saturday 2 August

World Music and Song

Music Hall 7.30pm
Tickets: Downstairs: Adults £9 Students and under 16s £6
Balcony: Adults £7 Students and under 16s £4.50
(See booking info for special discounts)
Comper: Jamie MacDougall
The Music Hall stage will fill with over 250 musicians and singers, to bring you an evening of music from across the world, and a spectacular finale featuring all 6 of the Festival's participating choirs.
Featuring:
Det Norske Jentekor
The Fairer Six
'Dziannitsa' Gomel University Choir
Guildhall Saxophone Ensemble
Lions of Africa
Mount Royal Youth Choir
New Tradition, Shetland
Olga Shishkina (Gusli soloist)
University of the Philippines Concert Chorus
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The Splore Concert "Tales and Tunes from the North"

The Lemon Tree Studio 7.00pm
Tickets: £6.50
Concessions: £4.50
Radio Scotland's Frieda Morrison presents "Tales and Tunes from the North" - a sequence of stories told by a company of young actors and illustrated by the Splore students' exciting and exuberant traditional music. The tales and the tunes will interweave throughout the evening, bringing past and present together in a new exploration of the North East's traditional culture.



Sunday 3 August

Melvin MacTaggart's Magical Journey

Director: Michael Richardson
Beach Ballroom 3pm
Tickets: £3.50, Family Tickets (4 People): £13.00
Apprentice wizard Melvin needs to find five different pieces to make his magic wand, and he can't find any of them in Aberdeen. Join him and Owl, his wise old assistant, as they set off on a magical adventure.
Bring your own wand - Melvin will need all the help he can get!
Featuring groups from Japan, the Philippines, Romania, Senegal and the UK.
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AIYF Music Theatre Summer School's Cabaret Showcase

MacRobert Hall 7.30pm
Tickets: £6
Concessions: £4
Come and celebrate the stars of tomorrow, in this showcase of work performed by the talented students from the Festival's exciting new Music Theatre Summer School.



Opera Garden presents International Song Recital featuring the cast of Carmen

Cowdray Hall 7pm
Tickets: £8
Concessions: £6
A memorable evening featuring the talented young cast of Carmen.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Festival

Friends of the Festival Party

The Forum, Skene Terrace 9.30pm
Admission free to the Friends of the Festival only

Monday 4 August

Opera Garden presents Carmen

MacRobert Hall 6.00pm please note earlier start time
"Pay what you can" performance
If you have never attended an opera before here's your chance, admission free, donations welcomed on your way out!
Bizet's Carmen, but as you've never seen it before! Think the highest of heels, the thinnest of fabrics, the blackest of eyeliner, the barest of torso's, and imagine our biggest cast and largest orchestra ever, and then try to stay away!



Tuesday 5 August



Just Jazz!

Music Hall 7.30pm
Tickets: Downstairs: Adults £9
Students and under 16s £6
Balcony: Adults £7
Students and under 16s £4.50
(See booking info for special discounts)
We welcome for the first time at the Festival, the National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland, who, along with the Guildhall Saxophone Ensemble will take the roof off and blow your mind with an evening of sensational jazz and re-workings of traditional Asian, Eastern European and Iraqi folk melodies.
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International Folk Spectacular

His Majesty's Theatre 7.30pm
Tickets: D.C. £16.50, Stalls £14.50, £9.50, U.C. £11.50, Balcony £5.50
Concessions: D.C. £14.50, Stalls £12.50, £7.50, U.C. £9.50, Balcony £3.50
Booking Fee: 30p per ticket, not applicable to sales on the door
An evening of dance featuring the diverse traditions of European dance and a truly international moment with Japanese dancers performing Spanish Flamenco, contrasted with the throbbing drums and dance of West Africa.
Featuring:
Doina Folk Ensemble, Romania
Hungarian Dance Academy, Hungary
Lions of Africa, Senegal
Saiga Ballet, Japan
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Wednesday 6 August



Children's Concert A Musical Journey

(suitable for children aged 8 and upwards)

Beach Ballroom 3pm
Tickets: £3.50
Family Tickets (4 People): £13.00
Comper: Jamie MacDougall
Aimed at children aged 8 and upwards, this 60 minute programme with lots of musical fun and games and audience participation will reflect the Festival's Carnival theme featuring excerpts from the ever popular "Carnival of the Animals", and will be introduced by the outstanding singer and BBC presenter, Jamie MacDougall.
Featuring:
Amici Cello Trio
The Fairer Six
Jugend-Sinfonieorchester Ahrensburg
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Watnots Music Theatre Group present: Robin the Rich - to feed the poor

Aberdeen Arts Centre 7.30pm
Tickets: £4.50
Concessions: £2.50
This year Watnots Music Theatre Group will be performing a traditional English legend, but one that appears in every culture across the world - that of robbing the rich to give to the poor. In this case, the story of Robin Hood who plagued the life out of the gatherer of the King's taxes, the Sheriff of Nottingham. Watnots will be using music and song to illustrate the legend and are greatly looking forward to being joined by "Merry Men" from Aberdeen to tell the tale.

University of the Philippines Concert Chorus

Mitchell Hall, Marischal College 7.30pm
Tickets: £8
Concessions: £5 all seats unreserved
Tonight sees the welcome return of one of the Festival's most popular groups on their tenth visit to Aberdeen. Forty young singers present their unique blend of Filipino, Classical and Popular songs enhanced by beautiful costumes and spectacular choreography.
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Thursday 7 August

Festival Dance Gala

Director: Kenn Burke
His Majesty's Theatre 7.30pm
Tickets: D.C. £17.50, Stalls £15.50, £10.50, U.C. £12.50, Balcony £5.50
Concessions: D.C. £15.50, Stalls £13.50, £8.50, U.C. £10.50, Balcony £3.50
Booking Fee: 30p per ticket, not applicable to sales on the door
A magical night of dance, featuring contemporary dance from Finland, Hungary's finest ballet and folk dancers and a return visit by the popular Saiga Ballet from Japan. Following the major development in the Festival's Dance Summer School, the senior students will present the world premiere of three new ballets, created especially for them.
Featuring:
Hungarian Dance Academy
Pori Dance Company
Saiga Ballet
Senior students attending the AIYF Dance Summer School
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Norman Cooper Chamber Music Competition Finals

Cowdray Hall 3pm
Admission free
Open to ensembles taking part in the Festival. The winning ensemble will receive the Gannochy Trust Award worth £2,000. There is a further prize of £500 of music vouchers donated by Music Sales Ltd and the Blyth Major Audience Prize of £300 donated by Alan and Peter Wiltshire.

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Friday 8 August

Saiga Ballet & Aberdeen Academy of Dance present a Summer Pantomime Around the World

Aberdeen Arts Centre 3pm
Tickets: Adults £5 Children £3.50 Family Tickets: 4 people £13.50
Saiga Ballet from Japan, return to the Festival to present "Around the World" a journey through dance, visiting Korea, Italy, France, China, Spain, the USA and Scotland. Featuring a special appearance by dancers from Aberdeen Academy of Dance.



Festival Gala Concert

Orchestra: JeugdOrkest Nederland and Festival Chorus
Conductor: Jurjen Hempel
Soloist: Pieter Wispelevy (cello)
Music Hall 7.30pm
Tickets: Balcony £12.50, £11.00 Stalls £11.00, £8.50, £5.00
Concessions: Balcony £10.50, £9.00 Stalls £9.00, £6.50, £3.00
Featuring:
Keuris Schumann *Arcade Concerto violincello, Op. 129 in A minor*
Vaughan Williams *Serenade to Music*
Shostakovich *Symphony No 5, Op. 47*
The outstanding Dutch National Youth Orchestra will be joined by the participating choirs at the Festival, from Gomel in Belarus, Norway and the Philippines, making the evening a truly international musical celebration.
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Saturday 9 August

International Variety Gala

Producer: Michael Richardson
His Majesty's Theatre 7.30pm
Tickets: D.C. £19.50, Stalls £17.50, £12.50, U.C. £14.50, Balcony £5.50
No Concessions
Booking Fee: 30p per ticket, not applicable to sales on the door
Experience the carnival atmosphere at the Grand Finale of the Festival - book early as this is guaranteed to be a sell out show!
Featuring:
Doina Folk Dance Ensemble
The Fairer Six
Hungarian Dance Academy
Lions of Africa
Olga Shishkina (Gusli soloist)
Pori Dance Company
Saiga Ballet
University of the Philippines Concert Chorus
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