

# HOWTO BOOK!

# **ONLINE**

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# **IN PERSON**

The Fringe Box Office, 180 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1QS

Monday to Friday 10.30am - 5.30pm

Additionally during festival weekends (1, 2 and 8 July) 10.30am - 5.30pm

Summerhall Box Office will be open Friday 30 June – Sunday 2 July, 9am – 9pm Tickets will also be available from the Festival venues 30 minutes prior to the start, subject to availability. Please note, tickets for Magic School (p. 14) are NOT available on the day.

#### **Booking Fees**

All advertised prices include booking fees.

#### **Ticket Collection**

Tickets can be posted to you (a £1 surcharge applies) or they can be collected in advance from The Fringe Box Office or at your venue from 30 min prior to the start time of the event.

#### Concessions are available for:

- Full-time Students
- Senior citizens (65 and over)
- Under 16s (unless a child ticket is available)
- Disabled citizens and companions

If you require access for a wheelchair user, please inform the Box Office at time of booking.

#### **Group Discounts**

Group discounts are available for groups over ten people. Please phone 0131 226 0006 for more information.

#### **Festival Team**

Kevin Quantum Artistic Director
Svetlana McMahon Managing Director
Daniel Alderson Production Manager
Gary Anderson (Lanyard Media) PR Manager
Alison Reid Stage Manager & Production Assistant
Charline Roth Volunteer Co-ordinator & Admin Assistant

Notes: 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 Festival Theatre)

# WELGOME TO MAGICFEST 2017

Impossible versions of reality are now readily available to users of Augmented Reality (AR) technology. These illusions, once possible only with the use of magic, are now commonplace. But despite technological jumps, the popularity of the art of magic is, remarkably, also growing.

Special-effects in 'real' magic are created by the physical and mental ingenuity of a performer by manipulating the real world to create moments of wonder - live. Being inches away from the performance enhances the experience and makes it lush. And a bit scary. Especially if you're afraid of the dark...

Can a magic show happen in complete darkness? I didn't think so, fortunately I've been proven wrong by Chilean performer Juan

Esteban Varela. "From the Dark" is our first ever show for sighted and non-sighted audiences. For one day only, his UK premiere.

The 8th MagicFest presents the biggest and most diverse MagicFest line-up to date. Edinburgh's intriguing historical venues provide inspiration for internationally acclaimed performers to create amazing moments. There's nothing like MagicFest anywhere else in the world and we're proud and lucky to present it here, live and for real, in Edinburgh.

Let your imagination fly at MagicFest 2017.

Kevin Quantum
Artistic Director

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at the Festival Theatre

Enter a space where the rules of gravity are bent and broken...

The best illusion and circus acts from around the world assemble to perform a visually stunning and breath-taking flight of fancy, many making their Scottish debuts, at the Magic Festival's flagship show.

Floating, suspended in space, soaring and shooting through the air... we present a real version of our single most popular dream flight - in a one-off show, never to be repeated.



Get 20% off for MagicFair when you purchase Gala tickets.

More info at: magicfest.co.uk



#### **KEVIN QUANTUM (UK)**

The Magician-Scientist Hybrid invites celebrated illusionists from around the world to Edinburgh, each with a specific take on our dream of flight. Guinness World Record Breaker and recently awarded 'high commendation' at the Adelaide Fringe, Kevin Quantum

explores the exotic space where science and magic meet, hosting the show and presenting the results of his research into magical levitation. His findings are brought to life

on stage as he invites you to let your imagination fly.



#### MARKO KARVO (FINLAND)

World Magic Champion Marko Karvo and his assistant Vanessa have excited millions of viewers around the world with their exotic birds. A beautiful mix of wonder and magical elegance....poetry in motion! There are bird acts and then there is Marko Karvo.



#### **CUBIC ACT (FRANCE)**

These mysterious masterminds and their floating box will leave you bemused and astonished as they distort reality and defy gravity. 'Cubic Act' was recently featured on hit ITV show, 'Penn & Teller: Fool Us'. The act left Penn & Teller astounded, with Penn saying; "I think it's the best big illusion stage act we've ever seen." Presented by Bertox, Maxime Delforges and Léopoldine.



#### LES CHAPEUX BLANCS (FRANCE)

A unique visual act of «black art magic» that tells the marvellous tale of two strange characters. A duality of illusions... A true moment of magic in a world where earthly rules don't apply, made only in black and white. Presented by Claude Brun and Jérôme Helfenstein.



### AARON CROW (BELGIUM)

With his fusion of magic, suspense, risky stunts and mystery, Aaron is able to capture the crowd's attention without uttering a single word. His unmatched power and eloquent silence has long since become his onstage trademark, always leaving his audience at the edge of their seats and longing for more.



## BERTOX (FRANCE)

A beautiful fusion of Magic and Juggling in the form of an Optical Illusion with rings. A skilful and transfixing suspension in space accomplished visually with sheer skill and ingenuity.



#### ALAN HUDSON (UK)

A cheeky mix of comedy, magic and mindreading with his trademark coloured balloons. Alan Hudson recently finished a Christmas residency at the London Magic Circle and appeared on ITV's the Next Great Magician. "We loved your act" - Penn & Teller.



at Summerhall

Get 20% off for the Gala Show when you purchase MagicFair tickets.

More info at: magicfest.co.uk

For three days Summerhall will be the centre of the world of magic with 100s of magic shows - close up and personal from over 20 international and Scottish illusionists. This is a magic theme park experience where the rides are live shows, in nine theatre and performance spaces that seat from 10 to 120. You're always only a few feet away from the action, allowing magicians to use some of the more extreme techniques of misdirection and audience control.

In a 4-hour session, you can see up to seven 20-minute live shows by magicians from all over the world. You can plan your trip in advance but also enjoy the spontaneity of your choices on the day."

In addition to the live shows, get close to some of the most remarkable creatures on the planet with "Brilliant Beasts", get lost in our Ribbon Maze, explore our pop up Magic Shop, visit Street Food Vendors and explore the maze-like Summerhall with our Quests.

Each session is themed so that you can decide what you want to do. Come with the kids at the Family Mornings (10am-2pm). Come to our Afternoon Alchemy (2-6pm) to take part in our workshops and learn while at the same time being inspired by the best live shows. Or party at our Lates (7.30-11.30pm) as things take a slightly darker twist...

Illusion, comedy, sleight-of-hand, misdirection, mind-reading and the wonderful feeling you get when you see something impossible with your own eyes, over and over again. Top up your wonder and let your imagination fly at MagicFair - the best close-up magic experience on the planet.

#### Important booking information

A Session Pass gets you into Summerhall to explore as many events as you like in four hours - they are a mixture of live shows and drop-in events. When you buy your Session Pass you can pre-book 3 live shows (VIP pass holders can pre-book 6). Additional live shows can be attended on a first-come-firstserve basis on the day. Drop-in events don't need to be pre-booked and can be enjoyed throughout the day. Please note, when attending MagicFair, children must be accompanied by an adult.



For Afternoon Alchemy and Lates. we have a limited number of VIP tickets available. These entitle you to the following:

- Exclusive VIP ticket-holders-only live show with legendary magician R Paul Wilson
- Option to pre-book up to 6 live shows in advance (instead of 3)
- Reserved seating and 'speedy boarding' into the theatres
- VIP goody bag worth over £30 with special magic gifts, a signed poster and MagicFest T-shirt

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# Family Mornings

Under 5s go free to Family Mornings with six different live shows from the hilariously amazing to the seriously silly. In addition to live shows, drop-in events take place in every crook and cranny around the site. Audience participation is a must, and you'll be an active participant in all shows! Full session timetable is available at magicfest.co.uk

SUMMERHALL | SAT 1 JULY & SUN 2 JULY | 10AM - 2PM | £14/£12 CONC/£8 CHILD/UNDER 5S GO FREE | ALL AGES



## MORGAN & WEST

Witness a mountain of mysterious magic, a hatful of hyper-reality, and a truck full of tricks. Morgan & West present a show for all the family, where magic and silliness abound!



## TRICKY RICKY

Tricky Ricky will amuse and amaze you with his fast-paced, nutty comedy and magic routines. His brand of magic packs a punch and will leave you with a smile.



## GARY DUNN

He's back - and this time he's BANANAS! This year Gary has brought his crazy monkey companion with him for EVEN more laughter and magic!



## MINI MAGIC SCHOOL

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?



A fast-paced performer with blow-your-mind magic who will have the whole audience laughing - no matter what age you are!



#### **BILLY REID** WATCH CLOSELY (7+)

Twice a finalist in The Magic Circle's prestigious "Close-up Magician of the Year" competition. You'll marvel, laugh and enjoy the impossible magic of Billy Reid.



## RIBBON MAZE

Get lost in a space the size of your back garden. 20km of ribbon is suspended above your head, creating a sensory deprivation area where your perception of space and distance warp.



## OPEN-AIR COURTYARD

Be wowed with spontaneous close-up magic performances. uncover Summerhall with our Magic Quest, enjoy tasty street food from on-site vendors and browse our very own Magic Shop.



## BRILLIANT BEASTS

Lizards, Spiders, Snakes... Meet them all, eye-totentacle, at MagicFair. Sometimes the facts about real animals are more amazing than fiction.



## **CRAFTS AREA**

A wand-crafting area for young wizards with lots of creative energy! Make your own props and accessories to create your perfect magic character (Not available at MagicFair Lates).

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Alchemy boasts multiple live shows and drop-in events with an option to learn magic at lessons and workshops. Warm up your hands and learn a skill that will give you at least a new party trick, if not a lifetime of interest in magic. Whether you are a big kid or a childish grownup, we have something for you. Full session timetable is available at magicfest.co.uk

SUMMERHALL SAT 1 JULY & SUN 2 JULY 2PM - 6PM \$16.50/\$15 CONC/\$10 CHILD/\$50 VIP AGES 7+



# **BILLY REID**

A magic workshop with a fully-fledged sleight-of-hand Jedi master and twice a finalist in The Magic Circle's prestigious "Close-up Magician of the Year" competition.



Afternoon Alchemy

## WITH GARY JAMES (7-12)

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? A 20-minute taster of the world famous 'Magic School'.



## **ELLIOT BIBBY**

Shoes - check. Dance moves - check. Hair - check. Outfit - check. Party trick - ummmm. Learn a trick that you can instantly pick up and one that takes a bit of practice, and be 'party-ready'.



## DAYTIME DELIGHTS

Witness a mountain of mysterious magic, a hatful of hyper-reality, and a truck full of tricks. Morgan & West present a show for all the family, where magic and silliness abound!



#### ALAN HUDSON **MAGIC AND FUNNY BITS**

From ITV's 'The Next Great Magician' and 'Penn & Teller: Fool Us' Comedy, magic and blow-vour-brains wonder. "Funny and baffling. My kind of magic" Paul Daniels.



## DAVE ALNWICK

What Dave does is genuinely mind-blowing. His devastating combination of friendly, contagious enthusiasm under sublime control with brilliant mind-reading plus genius sleight-of-hand stunts must be seen to be believed.



## ADAM BLACK

The boy who can solve a Rubik's Cube in 10.2 seconds! Adam is just 16 years old, a graduate of Magic School and one of the brightest young Scotland today.



## **VINCENT GAMBINI**

Gambini plays expertly with our understandings of magic and the illusion of theatre itself. How can objects vanish without a trace? And how can a show happen simultaneously in the past, the present, and the future? of magic.



## MICHAEL NETO

Scottish Close-up Magic Champion, Michael Neto (aka Alfred) transforms the close-up table into a laboratory bench where unreal table-top experiments rule out the hypothesis of science and confirm the theory



## NOEL OUALTER

21st century close-up magic with iPads and iPhones. Analogue sleight of hand manipulates a digital world from the three-time Magic Circle Originality Award Winner and TV consultant.



## DROP-IN EVENTS

In addition to live shows. enjoy the Ribbon Maze, spontaneous close-up magic performances, Magic Quest around Summerhall, street-food vendors, Magic Shop and Brilliant Beasts. See p7 for more info.



#### R PAUL WILSON THE DEAN'S OFFICE (for VIP ticket

intimate VIP experience.

holders only) Paul is one of the world's finest sleight of hand experts, a film director and star of BBC's 'The Real Hustle'. Join him in the Dean's Office for an



Come at sundown and party with wily wizards as they perform epic exploits until the wee witching hours... On one hand, see sublime and sophisticated sleight-of-hand, comedy magic and illusion but on the other, choose bizarre magic and scary mind-reading. Embrace adventure and let your imagination fly. Full session timetable is available at magicfest.co.uk

SUMMERHALL | FRI 30 JUNE & SAT 1 JULY | 7.30PM - 11.30PM | £16.50/£15 CONC/£50 VIP | AGES 16+



Join time-travelling magic duo Morgan & West for an evening full of jaw-dropping, brain-bursting. gasp-eliciting feats of magic. Wear a hat -Morgan & West will blow your mind!



From ITV's 'The Next Great Magician' and 'Penn & Teller: Fool Us'. Comedy, magic and blow-vour-brains wonder. "Funny and baffling. My kind of magic" - Paul Daniels.



## DAVE ALNWICK

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Elliot returns to the Magic Fair again this His devastating combination year with the 'Wheel Of Magic' giving YOU the enthusiasm under sublime opportunity to control the show, the performer and what tricks he does!



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David Stone is a French, world-renown, revered, uber-skilful magician who likes misdirection, wacky comedy and lemons. A ridiculous mix of the most sublime sleight-of-hand you're likely to see and



## NOEL QUALTER TECH TRICKS

21st century close-up magic with iPads and iPhones. Analogue sleight of hand manipulates a digital world from the three-time Magic Circle Originality Award Winner and TV consultant.



## **LUKE EATON** TWENTY MINUTES

Luke Eaton is a maniac... He is also a renowned magician who has developed a unique style of bizarre, stomach churning magic that will have you squirming in your seat or jumping out of it.



### **BILLY REID** OPEN TABLE (DROP-IN)

His 20-year journey from impressionable young boy to a fully-fledaed sleiaht of hand Jedi master is evident when you experience the astonishing magic he performs.



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### THE DEAN'S OFFICE (for VIP ticket

holders only) Paul is one of the world's finest sleight of hand experts, a film director and star of BBC's 'The Real Dean's Office for an intimate VIP experience.



Hustle'. Join him in the

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# At a glance...

| DATE            | START   | DUR.   | SHOW  | AGE                               | VENUE   |
|-----------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| FRIDAY 30 JUNE  | 7.30 PM   | 4:00   | Magicfair Lates   | 16+                               | around Summerhall   |
| SATURDAY 1 JULY | 10.00 AM  | 4:00   | Magicfair: Family Mornings  | All ages                          | around Summerhall   |
|                 | 10.00 AM  | ALL DAY  | Magicfest Pro   | PG                                | around Summerhall   |
|                 | 2.00 PM   | 4:00   | Magicfair: Afternoon Alchemy  | 7+                                | around Summerhall   |
|                 | 2.00 PM   | 1:00   | R Paul Wilson: Scams And Fantasies  | 14+                               | Summerhall - Dean's Office  |
|                 | 6.15 PM   | 1:00   | Morgan & West: Return Of The<br>Time-Travelling Magicians   | 7+                                | Summerhall - Dissection Theatre   |
|                 | 6.15 PM   | 0:50   | Luke Eaton: The Horrible Magic Show   | 14+                               | Summerhall - Anatomy Theatre  |
|                 | 6.20 PM   | 0:50   | David Stone: Frexit   | 12+                               | Summerhall - Red Theatre  |
|                 | 6.20 PM   | 1:00   | Dave Alnwick: Cult Of Dave  | 12+                               | Summerhall - Cairn Theatre  |
|                 | 7.30 PM   | 4:00   | Magicfair: Lates  | 16+                               | around Summerhall   |
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| SUNDAY 2 JULY   | 10.00 AM  | 4:00   | Magicfair: Family Mornings  | All ages                          | around Summerhall   |
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| SUNDAY 2 JULY   | 10.00 AM<br>1.00 PM   | 4:00<br>1:15   | Magicfair: Family Mornings  Juan Esteban Varela: From The Dark  | All ages                          | around Summerhall Assembly Roxy   |
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| MONDAY 3 JULY,<br>TUESDAY 4 JULY &<br>WEDNESDAY 5 JULY | 10.00 AM | 2:30 | Magic School 5-Day Course        | 7-10. | Quaker Meeting House |
|  | 1.30 PM  | 2:30 | Magic School One-Off Workshop    | 7-10. | Quaker Meeting House |
|  | 5.30 PM  | 1:15 | Secret Room @Lauriston Castle    | 10+   | Lauriston Castle     |
|  | 5.30 PM  | 1:15 | Secret Room @The Writers' Museum | 10+   | The Writers' Museum  |
|  | 7.30 PM  | 1:15 | Secret Room @Lauriston Castle    | 10+   | Lauriston Castle     |
|  | 7.30 PM  | 1:15 | Secret Room @The Writers' Museum | 10+   | The Writers' Museum  |
| THURSDAY 6 JULY  | 10.00 AM | 2:30 | Magic School 5-Day Course        | 7-10. | Quaker Meeting House |
|  | 1.30 PM  | 2:30 | Magic School One-Off Workshop    | 7-10. | Quaker Meeting House |
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|  | 5.30 PM  | 1:15 | Secret Room @The Writers' Museum | 10+   | The Writers' Museum  |
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| FRIDAY 7 JULY  | 10.00 AM | 2:30 | Magic School 5-Day Course        | 7-10. | Quaker Meeting House |
|  | 1.30 PM  | 2:30 | Magic School One-Off Workshop    | 7-10. | Quaker Meeting House |
|  | 5.30 PM  | 1:15 | Secret Room @Riddle's Court      | 10+   | Riddle's Court       |
|  | 7.30 PM  | 1:15 | Secret Room @Riddle's Court      | 10+   | Riddle's Court       |
| SATURDAY 8 JULY  | 2.30 PM  | 2:30 | Magicfest Gala: Levitations      | 5+    | Festival Theatre     |
|  | 7.30 PM  | 2:30 | Magicfest Gala: Levitations      | 5+    | Festival Theatre     |

Explore untold mysteries in the Secret Room, where performances are intricately linked to a magician's interpretation of the colourful history of some of Edinburgh's hidden historical buildings. Magicians dig deep into their exciting, intriguing and often dark histories, and unearth the little mysteries and unknown secrets. These are then illustrated with magic, illusion and of course sleight of hand.

A sell-out in 2013 - 2016 at Lauriston Castle, the event has expanded to include two new venues: The Writers' Museum and Riddle's Court. Each venue houses three of Scotland's finest magicians, as they animate each building's enthralling past with stories, performances and illusions.

In the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017, The Secret Room will celebrate Edinburgh's unique historic environment and impressive cultural heritage in a very innovative and exciting way.

Enjoy a magical tour of hidden historical buildings with a sprinkling of magic.





## THE SECRET ROOM AT LAURISTON CASTLE

Imagine... secret passages, alchemy, clandestine laboratories and a game of cards that resulted in a loss of your money, reputation and home. All of this becomes a reality at the secluded Lauriston Castle.

A hidden castle on the outskirts of Edinburgh with beautiful grounds (home to the Edinburgh-Kyoto Friendship Garden) and spectacular views of Cramond Island and the River Forth. The perfect site for illusion and intrigue.

What mysteries does this wonderful castle conceal?

Featuring John Henry Blackwood, Jody Greig and Ian Kendall.

LAURISTON CASTLE MON 3 JULY - THURS 6 JULY 5.30PM & 7.30PM £18/£16 CONC/£12 CHILD 75MIN AGES 10+

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The final resting place of the work and artefacts of Scotland's most creative writers: Robert Burns, Walter Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson. And most recently, temporary home to JK Rowling's hand drawn edition of Harry Potter.

Nestled at the bottom of a withdrawn Close, just off the top of the Royal Mile, discover a trove of imagination, ingenuity and magic. What inspired these remarkable authors? Unlock the doors of the Writers' Museum using magic and illusion.

Featuring Euan Callison, Chris Cook and Renz - The Poet of the Impossible.

THE WRITERS' MUSEUM MON 3 JULY - THURS 6 JULY 5.30PM & 7.30PM £18/£16 CONC/£12 CHILD 75MIN | AGES 10+

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# THE SECRET ROOM

Enter under an archway and you will discover the historical gem that is Riddle's Court. This unique building is an A-listed 16th century merchant's house set in a courtyard behind the Royal Mile, adorned with decorative features and period architecture.

Riddle's Court has a distinguished history, playing host to a royal banquet in 1598 and becoming the residence of David Hume in 1751. Now after a major restoration, the building is bristling with stories of historical events and colourful characters.

This magical adventure will give you a rare glimpse into Edinburgh's grand and enlightened past through a magician's eyes. Featuring Paul Distefano, Paul Nardini, Billy Reid.

RIDDLE'S COURT THURS 6 JULY - FRI 7 JULY 5.30PM & 7.30PM £18/£16 CONC/£12 CHILD 75MIN | AGES 10+

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# **MAGIC SCHOOL**

A unique opportunity to learn to perform exciting magic. make new wizard friends and become a graduate of the most mysterious school in the world - Magic School.

Magic School was created in 2010 to teach magic and performance skills to children. Our Headmaster Gary James is famous for making JK Rowling appear at a book launch event in Edinburgh and is in demand around the globe as a teacher, performer and inventor of magic.

Magic School is now in its 8th year with 1000s of graduates from all over the world. Many are now adults and we are proud they are using the skills they learned to make friends, impress colleagues and bring wonder and joy to the next generation.

Magic School was a complete sell out last year with our largest attendance ever. There is a maximum of 25 children in each class so book early to avoid disappointment.

ONE-OFF MAGIC SCHOOL WORKSHOP | 1.30PM | £18 5-DAY MAGIC SCHOOL | 10AM | £90

QUAKER MEETING HOUSE | MON 3 JULY - FRI 7 JULY | 2HR 30MIN AGES 7-10



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



# **MORGAN & WEST RETURN OF THE TIME-TRAVELLING MAGICIANS**

Great Scott! Time-travelling magicians Morgan & West are celebrating their 10th anniversary as a duo of deception and want you to be there!

No future is left unseen and no timeline left unaltered as these temporal tricksters gather all their best tricks for a show brimming over with baffling magic, unparalleled precognitive powers, and a totally genuine ability to travel through time!

\*\*\* 'hugely talented' - Daily Mirror

\*\* tcharming and engaging' - The Stage

- Scottish Sunday Express

As seen on 'The Next Great Magician' (ITV) and 'Penn & Teller: Fool Us' (ITV).

SUMMERHALL, DISSECTION ROOM | SAT 1 JULY & SUN 2 JULY | 

# JUAN ESTEBAN VARELA

The only magic show in the world conceived for people unable to see, as well as for sighted people, where everyone can be part of a unique and amazing experience.

Traditional magic tricks include a grandiose effects. A magician promises that a dove will disappear in front of your eyes before you blink. But how to pull off the trick of disappearance if your audience cannot see? This is the question that occupied Juan Esteban Varela (Chile) who, after ten years of research, created the only illusionist performance in the world that takes place in absolute darkness.

Unlike the majority of performances that rely upon visual stimulation, "From the Dark" invites the audience to witness the feeling of astonishment and to experience magic without using one's eyesight. Designed for the visually impaired, who have always been prevented from witnessing magic, but also for the audience ready to renounce the sense of vision for an hour, this performance offers an experience that activates intellect, imagination, and emotions.

Thanks for creating this show. For the first time I understood the meaning of a disappearance."

Infanta Margarita (blind from birth) The younger sister of Juan Carlos I King of Spain

ASSEMBLY ROXY | SUN 2 JULY | 1PM, 3.30PM, 6PM, 8.30PM £16/£14 CONC | 75MIN | AGES 11+





# **DAVID STONE FREXIT**

David Stone is a crazy French magician specialising in comedy magic and misdirection. His magic is a mix of elegance and craziness...

He will make bottles of champagne appear out of nowhere, multiply dozens of packets of cigarettes while desperately trying to guit smoking, produce glasses full of liquid from his sleeve and vanish a borrowed ring that will reappear in a very unexpected place!

Award-winning magician, highly respected and revered in the magic community. Get ready to be entertained and completely fooled by this very funny performer!

SUMMERHALL, RED THEATRE | SAT 1 JULY & SUN 2 JULY 6.20PM | £12/£10 CONC/£8 CHILD | 50MIN | AGES 12+



## R PAUL WILSON **SCAMS AND FANTASIES**

Sixty minutes of suspense, mystery and surprise. R. Paul Wilson is an author, filmmaker, magician and the foremost expert on the art of deception. In this show, the former star of BBC's 'The Real Hustle' shares his most cherished secrets and miracles to reveal a hidden world of magic, mind reading and manipulation.

A celebration of conjuring and con games for anyone who values that feeling of wonder, regardless of their age or occupation. As George Bernard Shaw observed: "You don't stop playing because you get old. You get old because you stop playing." Come. Play. Bring money.

SUMMERHALL, DEAN'S OFFICE SAT 1 JULY @4.30PM & SUN 2 JULY @7.30PM £20/£18 CONC | 60MIN | AGES 14+



## **DAVE ALNWICK CULT OF DAVE**

Mind Wizard, Cult Leader, Dave.

Can you be brainwashed in sixty minutes? Cult magician Dave Alnwick suggests you come and find out. Following two national tours and his 6th year of full houses at the Edinburgh Fringe, Dave Alnwick is excited to bring his supremely popular Cult of Dave show to MagicFest 2017.

What Dave does is genuinely mind-blowing and Cult of Dave is Dave Alnwick at his very best: a devastating combination of friendly, contagious enthusiasm under sublime control with brilliant mind-reading plus genius sleight-of-hand stunts. His show really must be seen to be believed.

\*\*\* 'Ginger Ninja Wizard' - Three Weeks 'Completely F\*\*\*ing Awesome' - The Skinny 'Genuinely impressive illusions' - FringeGuru

SUMMERHALL, CAIRN THEATRE | SAT 1 JULY & SUN 2 JULY | 6.20PM | £12/£10 CONC/£8 CHILD | 60MIN | AGES 12+



# **LUKE EATON** THE HORRIBLE MAGIC SHOW

Luke Eaton is a maniac... He is also a renowned magician and a popular fixture on the comedy & variety circuit. With a career spanning 10 years, Luke has developed a unique style of bizarre, stomach churning magic that will have you squirming in your seat or jumping out of it.

Take a tour of the dark side with the Horrible Magic Show. Join your host Luke Eaton for a show that promises to be bizarre, disgusting and totally insane!

\*\*\*\* 'Pure liquid wonderment!...' - The Skinny

SUMMERHALL, ANATOMY THEATRE | SAT 1 JULY & SUN 2 JULY | 6.15PM \ \£12/\£10 CONC \ 50MIN \ AGES 14+



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# MAGICFEST PRO

A day of lectures and live performances at MagicFair with some of the most skilful and creative magicians on the planet.

The event is for magicians and people interested in magic who want to learn, be inspired and meet potential collaborators.

As well as lectures from magicians you'll receive a day pass to MagicFair giving you access to all of the live shows throughout the day.

David Stone, R Paul Wilson, Noel Qualter, Morgan & West, Dave Alnwick and Billy Reid - each performing and explaining their magic and the motivations behind their remarkable actions.

SUMMERHALL | SAT 1 JULY | 10AM - 11.30PM | £50



# MAGICFEST CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Wrap yourself in magic this winter and come to the MagicFest Christmas Show. A heart-warming mix of magic and variety with a dusting of comedy.

This show will offer an alternative festive experience with captivating magical performances.

From cutting-edge illusions and mind-reading to mesmerising sleight-of-hand magic and edge-of-your-seat levitations, this show is not to be missed!

Full line-up announced when tickets go on sale on Mon 10 July.





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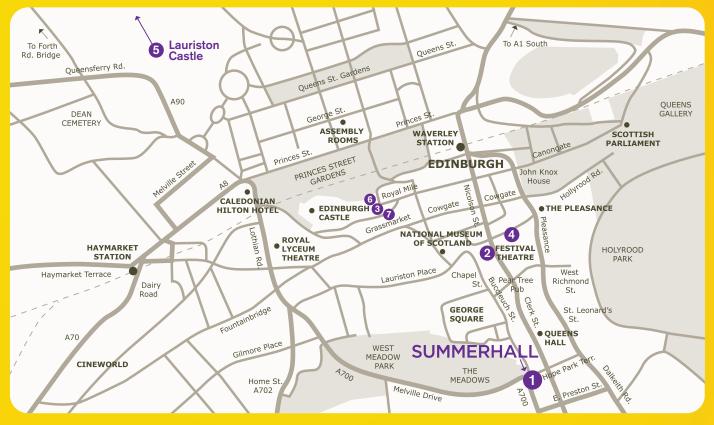


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