



**MEDIA INFORMATION**  
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**Edinburgh International Festival 2009 – Facts & Figures**

- This year's Edinburgh International Festival takes place from 14 August to 6 September 2009
- The Festival currently employs 31 permanent staff, augmented by almost 200 temporary staff during the Festival period
- The Festival has run continuously since 1947
- There will be 180 performances and events at Edinburgh International Festival 2009
- Music  
51 concerts (excluding performances of opera in concert)
- Theatre  
11 theatre productions totalling 55 performances
- Dance  
4 dance productions totalling 14 performances
- Opera  
6 performances of opera in concert.  
4 staged productions totalling 11 performances
- Visual arts  
11 works by 9 artists
- Insights  
32 public events:  
1 Sharing the Festival performance  
12 Enlightenment discussions and talks  
9 Behind the Scenes  
10 Conversations with Artists
- In addition to all the above there will be 4 education events

- At Edinburgh International Festival 2009 there will be three world premieres: *New Work* (Michael Clark Company), *Petrushka* (Scottish Ballet) and *The Last Witch* (Traverse Theatre Company)
- There is also the world premiere of a new work from Scottish-based composer Nigel Osborne, *Tiree*. Inspired by the Ringing Stone of Tiree, this work has been commissioned for the Arditti Quartet by the Edinburgh International Festival and will be performed by them on Monday 31 August at The Queen's Hall
- In addition there is the world premiere of a newby Italian composer Giorgio Battistelli. *Fair is foul, foul is fair* has been commissioned by the Edinburgh International Festival for the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and been made possible by Donald MacDonald. It will be performed on Wednesday 26 August at the Usher Hall, with the SCO conducted by Garry Walker
- Six new commissions will be shown as part of Edinburgh International Festival 2009's visual art exhibition *The Enlightenments*
- Among the artists and companies making their Edinburgh International Festival debuts this year are: Bach Collegium Japan, Masaaki Suzuki, Handspring Puppet Company, William Kentridge, FestspielOrchester Göttingen, Doris Dörrie, Christian Spuck, Ian Spink, Ong Keng Sen, Frank Woodley, Singapore Chinese Orchestra, TheatreWorks, Rona Munro, Brian Friel, Giorgio Battistelli, Lewis Psalm Singers, Joyce DiDonato, Tonhalle-Orchester Zürich, Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, Baiba Skride, Michael Marra, Tacita Dean, Greg Creek, Joshua Mosley, Lee Mingwei, Gabrielle de Vietri, Nathan Coley, Joseph Kosuth, Susan Norrie, Juan Cruz, Andreas Staier, Hopkinson Smith, and the Emerson String Quartet
- More than 2200 performers will take part in Edinburgh International Festival 2009.
- There will be one dog taking part (in *Faust*)
- Artists will travel to Edinburgh International Festival 2009 from countries including Singapore, Australia, Germany, Spain, France, Belgium, Romania, Italy, USA, Japan, Switzerland and New Zealand, as well as across England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland
- Scottish companies and artists in Edinburgh International Festival 2009 include: Scottish Ballet, Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Chorus, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, Concerto Caledonia, Dunedin Consort, Hebrides Ensemble, Scottish Ensemble, Tenebrae, Lewis Psalm Singers, Traverse Theatre Company, Royal Society of Edinburgh, Michael Clark, Lisa Milne, Nathan Coley, Donald Runnicles, Alyth McCormack, Rabiya Choudhry, Jimmy Yuill, Edinburgh Royal Choral Union, Edinburgh Festival Chorus, Kathryn Howden, Hannah Donaldson, Andy Clark, Ryan Fletcher, Vicki Liddelle, Neil McKinven
- Starting prices of £6, £8 and £10 with 50% discounts for children and students mean that the Edinburgh International Festival has some of the most accessible ticket prices in the country.

- A fleet of fourteen Renault Espaces, one Renault Trafics, three Renault Kangoos, two Renault Lagunas, one Renault Koleos and two Renault Masters will ferry artists to and from theatres throughout Edinburgh International Festival 2009.
- The Edinburgh International Festival fills more than 8000 bed nights in hotels with artists alone.
- There are 12 professors taking part in *The Enlightenment* series of discussions and talks
- There are 12 puppeteers taking part in Edinburgh International Festival 2009 (In *Peter and Wendy* and *Il ritorno d'Ulisse in patria*)
- Four tonnes of fireworks and more than 100,000 individual fireworks will be used at the *Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert* on Sunday 6 September 2009. Last year the *Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert* attracted an audience of over 250,000 people viewing from vantage points across the capital and is the biggest annual event of its kind in Europe.

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