



Letter hurry up

The **postal ballot** for Princes Street Gardens tickets to the spectacular ***Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert***, the unmissable finale of **Edinburgh International Festival 2009**, **closes on Monday 25 May**.

This year's ***Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert*** takes place in **Princes Street Gardens** on **Sunday 6 September** at **9.00pm**. The event promises a rousing night of some of **Handel's** most popular works – including his *Music for the Royal Fireworks* - performed live by the **Scottish Chamber Orchestra** and a stunning **choreographed fireworks display** launched against the unique backdrop of Edinburgh's world-famous castle.

Up to six tickets for Princes Street Gardens can be purchased by each customer to enjoy the concert together with friends and family, along with thousands of other people from Edinburgh and visitors to the city enjoying the special atmosphere of the gardens on fireworks concert night.

For postal ballots to be considered they must be received through the post or hand delivered to the box office at The Hub by 5pm on Monday 25 May.

For those who miss out on the postal ballot there are two more opportunities to buy Princes Street Gardens tickets for the ***Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert***. An allocation will be released for sale online at 11am on Monday 27 July, and the final allocation goes on sale from the counter at The Hub at 10am on Sunday 30 August.

More details of the fantastic finale to the Edinburgh International Festival are available at www.eif.co.uk/bankofscotlandfireworksconcert

Ends

Notes to Editors

Postal Ballot, limited to six Princes Street Gardens tickets per customer. Tickets cost £10 each. Please send separate payment and application with SAE to Ticket Office, The Hub, Castlehill, Edinburgh, EH1 2NE. Postal Ballots must arrive by post, or may be hand-delivered to the counter at Hub tickets before 5pm on Monday 25 May

Edinburgh International Festival 2009
BANK OF SCOTLAND FIREWORKS CONCERT

Scottish Chamber Orchestra
Matthew Halls Conductor

Scottish Chamber Orchestra Chorus

Handel *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba, Solomon*
 Zadok the Priest
 Music for the Royal Fireworks (excerpts)
 Hallelujah Chorus, Messiah

Sunday 6 September 9pm
Princes Street Gardens
Sponsored by Bank of Scotland

For further information on the concert, members of the public should contact Hub Tickets on Tel: 0131 473 2000 or visit www.eif.co.uk/bankofscotlandfireworksconcert

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