

**EDINBURGH
INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL**

Herbie Hancock, Princess Nokia, Kae Tempest, Squarepusher and Ezra Furman announced for Edinburgh International Festival 2022

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Squarepusher / Taraf De Caliu

A yellow poster for the Edinburgh International Festival 2022. The top left features the festival's logo, a stylized 'E' and 'F' with the text 'EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL'. To the right is the hashtag '#EDINTFEST'. The center lists the artists: ARAB STRAP | AROOJ AFTAB, THE CINEMATIC ORCHESTRA, EZRA FURMAN | IBEYI, HERBIE HANCOCK | JEFF MILLS, KAE TEMPEST | LUCY DACUS, NITWORKS | PRINCESS NOKIA, SONS OF KEMET | SQUAREPUSHER, and TARAF DE CALIU. The bottom left shows the dates '5-28 AUGUST' and the website 'BOOK NOW | EIF.CO.UK'. The bottom right includes logos for 'EDINBURGH THE CITY OF JOINTLY OWNED COMPANIES' and 'ALBA CIBRATAKAL'. A vertical credit 'Creative: Neil Scott/BBG4' is on the right edge. A vertical strip of colorful geometric patterns runs along the right side of the poster.

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From the **5 to 28 August** 2022, the **Edinburgh International Festival** celebrates its 75th anniversary, and 75 years of bringing the world's most exciting artists to the Scottish capital. From pioneers of jazz and electronic dance to blockbuster hip-hop and indie rock stars, the 2022 line-up celebrates the diversity of artists from Scotland and around the world. Audiences will experience **14 performances** featuring an array of international performers across **7 countries**, from Scotland to Pakistan and Romania to Cuba. This year marks a return to the historic **Leith Theatre** for the first time since 2019, alongside a special one-off performance at the **Edinburgh Playhouse**.

Legendary jazz pianist and 14-time Grammy Award winner **Herbie Hancock** returns to Scotland for the first time in over 17 years for a special one-off performance at the Edinburgh Playhouse. His genre-transcending set of jazz, rock and funk fusion, accompanied by an ensemble of new generation artists, showcases his rich back catalogue from a six-decade long career.

Cultural icon **Princess Nokia** makes her Scottish debut following a triumphant double album release in 2020 with *Everything Sucks* and *Everything is Beautiful*. Her live shows have garnered a reputation as a place for exhilarating fun, where women are invited to the front of the stage and no apologies are made for the party. Her latest single *No Effort*, promises a "new era, new music, same me".

Heralded for her brazen lyricism that promotes individuality and identity, American singer-songwriter **Ezra Furman** performs tracks from her latest, more soulful release *Point Me Toward The Real*. Member of all-girl supergroup boygenius, indie rock singer-songwriter **Lucy Dacus** makes her International Festival debut with tracks from her 2021 studio album *Home Video*.

Mercury Prize shortlisted artist **Kae Tempest** returns to Leith Theatre for the first time since their debut in 2019, with a set fuelled by resilience and acceptance following the release of their fourth album *The Line Is A Curve* in April. Saxophonist Shabaka Hutchings, who appeared in the 2021 Festival with *The Comet is Coming*, returns to Edinburgh with Mercury Prize nominees **Sons of Kemet**.

French-Cuban duo Naomi and Lisa-Kaindé Diaz of **Ibeyi** craft a fusion of R&B and art pop deeply rooted in the traditions of Cuba, performing tracks from their upcoming third studio album *Spell 31*. The programme also includes 2022 double Grammy Award nominee **Arooj Aftab**, a rising star who combines traditional Sufi poetry with genre blending musical soundscapes.

After sell-out shows at the Royal Albert Hall and Sydney Opera House, **The Cinematic Orchestra** announce their first live performance of 2022 at the iconic Leith Theatre. Scottish indie rock duo **Arab Strap** make their International Festival debut with intimate, confessional songs from their first release in sixteen years *As Days Get Dark*.

Veteran multi-instrumentalist and genre-bending electronic producer **Squarepusher** (Tom Jenkinson) performs a special live show on the 25th anniversary year of pioneering dance album *Hard Normal Daddy*. His set includes the first Scottish performance of tracks from glitchy, colourful and abrasive 2020 release *Be Up A Hello*. Fellow electronic musician and composer, known in the techno world as "The Wizard," **Jeff Mills** makes his International Festival debut with his latest project *Tomorrow Comes The Harvest*, showcasing a musical career which has crossed artistic boundaries from sci-fi inspired techno to classical collaboration.

Traditional music returns to the International Festival with performances in Leith Theatre. Romanian folk supergroup **Taraf De Caliu** opens the Leith Theatre series with their authentic folk jams, led by violinist Gheorghe “Caliu” Anghel and other members of the veritable Taraf de Haïdouks. The explosive **Niteworks** close out the International Festival Leith Theatre series with their unique fusion of traditional and electronic sound.

General booking opens on Friday 8 April. A full line-up and information on individual concerts can be found at www.eif.co.uk/music

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About Edinburgh International Festival

Every August, the International Festival brings world-class music, opera, dance and theatre performances to Edinburgh.

Created in 1947, the festival inspired post-war audiences through international cultural collaboration. This year the International Festival celebrates 75 years of bringing world cultures together and will take place from 5-28 August 2022.

Year-round the Edinburgh International Festival connects with local communities through education projects, access programmes, and initiatives that introduce new audiences to live performance.

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