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0131 226 0006

Booking lines are open until 18th December

Monday to Friday 10am – 5pm

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## IN PERSON

Tickets can be purchased on the day from the Festival venues, **subject to availability.**

### Notes:

Please note that tickets cannot be refunded or exchanged, except in the event of a cancellation. Booking fees are a cost incurred for processing the tickets and are non-refundable. 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 events at the Church Hill Theatre.

### Booking Fees

A booking fee of £1.50 per ticket is applied to all bookings, up to a maximum of £6 per transaction.

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MagicFest is an e-ticketed event, so you will need to present the QR code at the top of your confirmation email on entry. You can present this on a smartphone or tablet, or in printed form.

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### Concessions are available for:

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

### Festival Team

**Svetlana McMahon** Creative Director and Producer

**Kevin Quantum** Programming Director

**Ida Casilli** Administrator

**Scottish Festivals PR** Press Office and PR

# WELCOME TO MAGICFEST 2026

## WELCOME TO THE 17<sup>TH</sup> EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL MAGIC FESTIVAL!

Seventeen is an interesting age. You're standing on the edge of adulthood, and the world can begin to look a little less mysterious than it did when you were a child. So this year, we want to push in the opposite direction: to rediscover that sense of childhood wonder, to notice the extraordinary hiding in ordinary places, and to find magic everywhere.

Even our front cover has a little magic hidden inside it. It was inspired by Stone Roses frontman Ian Brown's unexpected cameo in *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*. I'm a huge Stone Roses fan, and after recreating the image myself in a photoshoot a few years ago, it felt like the perfect inspiration for our 17th festival.

Inside, there is plenty to discover. Professor Richard Wiseman has kindly shared part of his remarkable Houdini photographic collection with us for a free-to-view exhibition. Vincent Gambini presents a unique magic show for an audience of just one person, with only a limited number of performances available. We welcome Fringe favourites Dan Bastianelli and Tim Licata alongside exciting up-and-coming local performer Jamie Leonard, while the fantastic Ben Hart joins me onstage for *Magical Christmas*, our flagship Christmas show at the Church Hill Theatre.

We're also continuing to take magic into unexpected spaces, returning to Lauriston Castle and The Caledonian for two very different immersive experiences. And for our youngest audiences, *Harvest Moon* combines music and magic in a beautiful performance for wee ones and their carers, inspired by Gaelic songs and traditions.

Roald Dahl once wrote, "Those who don't believe in magic will never find it." So explore. Look closer. Be curious. And whatever age you are, come and **find magic everywhere.**



See you soon,  
Kevin Quantum, Programming Director

PRINCIPAL PARTNERS:



# MAGICAL CHRISTMAS

with Kevin Quantum,  
Ben Hart & Special Guests

This Christmas, **Kevin Quantum** and **Ben Hart** join forces for a special celebration of magic, bringing together remarkable sleight of hand, illusions, storytelling and original invention — with plenty of laughter, impossible moments and audience participation.

Kevin was trained by **Penn & Teller** and is a Guinness World Record holder. Ben was a **Britain's Got Talent Grand Finalist** and helped create magic for *Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning*. Between them, Kevin and Ben have performed around the world, appeared on *Britain's Got Talent* and *America's Got Talent* and consulted for theatre productions and films.

Joined by special guests, they bring Christmas wonder and extraordinary magic to Edinburgh, live on stage.

LIMITED OFFER: 4 TICKETS FOR £69

(+ £1.50/ticket booking fee)

★★★★★ "Astonishing" – Evening News

"Seductive, beautiful, funny, haunting and original. . .  
There's no-one else we'd rather watch." – Penn & Teller

## CHURCH HILL THEATRE

21–23 DEC | 2pm & 7pm

24 & 28–30 DEC | 12pm & 4pm

£17–£23 (+ £1.50/ticket booking fee)

105MIN | AGES 5+

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TWO OF BRITAIN'S MOST EXCITING MAGICIANS.  
ONE SPECTACULAR CHRISTMAS SHOW.

# THE SECRET ROOM AT LAURISTON CASTLE

DISCOVER UNSOLVED MYSTERIES WITHIN ONE  
OF EDINBURGH'S HIDDEN GEMS.

Hidden away at the end of a winding driveway, Lauriston Castle remains one of the city's most enchanting secrets — a treasure trove of timeless tapestries, rich décor and whispered tales of secret chambers, strange experiments, and the extraordinary lives of its former residents.

This Christmas, three expert magicians breathe new life into those stories through spellbinding illusion, mind-bending sleight-of-hand and a touch of mischief. Discover the castle's hidden corners as each performer reveals a chapter of its mysterious past — from noble tricksters to doomed inventors and fortune-seekers who gambled everything on a dream.

Set against the castle's breathtaking Edwardian interiors and panoramic views over the Firth of Forth, *The Secret Room* is an unforgettable journey into history, wonder, and imagination.

Featuring card magician **Lewis Barlow**, mentalist **Cameron Gibson**, sleight-of-hand artist **Tim Licata** (19 Dec only) and magician-inventor **Luke Osey** (20 Dec only).

★★★★★ "A unique and top rate experience at a gorgeous  
Scottish treasure" – Edinburgh Guide

## LAURISTON CASTLE

19, 20 DEC | 12.30pm & 2.30pm

£22 / £20 CONC / £16 CHILD (+ £1.50/ticket booking fee)

75MIN | AGES 8+

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# TRICKY RICKY

## “30 YEARS OF TRICKS & GIGGLES”

Join Tricky Ricky this Christmas as he celebrates an incredible 30 years of magical entertainment!

One of Scotland's most popular family entertainers, Ricky McLeod – better known as Tricky Ricky – returns to MagicFest with a special anniversary show featuring his favourite magical moments and much-loved puppet pals Bingo the Dog and Sonny the Bunny.

Packed with magic, laugh-out-loud comedy, groan-worthy puns and audience participation, this fast-paced show promises plenty of fun for children and the young-at-heart alike.

A four-time Scottish Children's Entertainer of the Year and a regular MagicFest sell-out, Ricky has spent three decades creating unforgettable memories for audiences of all ages. Don't miss this special anniversary celebration!

“Warm, funny and properly live” – North West End UK  
 ★★★★★ “The legendary Tricky Ricky” – Hard Rock Cafe Edinburgh

**SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE**  
 28, 29 DEC | 10.30am & 12pm  
 £12.50 / £10 CONC (+ £1.50/ticket booking fee)  
 50MIN | AGES 4+

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# MAGIC SCHOOL

## WITH GARY JAMES

The perfect Christmas gift for young sorcerers aged 7-10!

Step inside Magic School for a unique chance to learn exciting tricks, build confidence, make new friends and become a graduate of Edinburgh's most mysterious school.

Since launching in 2010, Magic School has welcomed thousands of young magicians through its doors, combining the secrets of magic with performance skills, creativity and plenty of fun.

Perfect for budding magicians, curious minds, siblings and groups of friends, it's a brilliant festive experience — and also makes a fantastic Christmas present for a young magician in your life.

And this Christmas, Headmaster Gary James is back! A hugely experienced magician, teacher and inventor, Gary has performed around the world — and famously made J.K. Rowling appear at an Edinburgh book launch.

Places are limited to just 16 children per class, so early booking is strongly recommended.

*Please note, all children must be registered for Magic School in advance. The online registration form is available on the website, in the ticket confirmation email and on request.*

**SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE (LIBRARY)**  
 29 DEC | 11.30am & 1.30pm  
 £22 (+ £1.50/ticket booking fee)  
 90MIN | AGES 7–10

# HARVEST MOON

AN IMMERSIVE MOONLIT PERFORMANCE FOR BABIES (5–18 MONTHS) AND THEIR GROWN-UPS

Harvest Moon is a gentle, sensory performance celebrating the journey of growing up — and the ever-changing bond between parent and child. Blending live traditional Gaelic song, harp and percussion with immersive design and poetic movement, the piece travels through the phases of the moon: from the wonder of babyhood, through playful toddler years and stormy adolescence, to a reflective full moon moment of release.

Inspired by Gaelic lullabies, working songs and seasonal rituals, Harvest Moon unfolds within a soft, atmospheric environment where babies sit close to the performers, creating a shared experience of closeness and wonder.

After each performance, the space transforms into a sensory playground for exploration and play.

**Creative Team**  
 Performers – Ainsley Hamill & Josie Duncan  
 Concept & Direction – Svetlana McMahon  
 Music Direction – Ainsley Hamill  
 Set & Costume Design – Jenny Booth  
 Lighting Design – Michaela Fee  
 Early Years Consultant – Skye Reynolds  
 Movement Consultant – Dawn Hartley  
 Production Manager – Michael Watt  
 Assistant Producer – Ida Casilli

**NORTH EDINBURGH ARTS**  
 19 DEC | 10.30am, 11.30am & 12.30pm  
 BABY TICKET £9 / ADULT TICKET £9  
 (+ £1.50/ticket booking fee)  
 25MIN + PLAYTIME | AGES 5–18 MONTHS



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| DATE                  | START    | DUR.            | SHOW                                            | AGE         | VENUE                                       |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 19 December  | 10.30 AM | 0:25 + playtime | HARVEST MOON                                    | 5–18 months | North Edinburgh Arts                        |
|                       | 11.30 AM | 0:25 + playtime | HARVEST MOON                                    | 5–18 months | North Edinburgh Arts                        |
|                       | 12.30 PM | 0:25 + playtime | HARVEST MOON                                    | 5–18 months | North Edinburgh Arts                        |
|                       | 12.30 PM | 1:15            | THE SECRET ROOM                                 | 8+          | Lauriston Castle                            |
|                       | 2.30 PM  | 1:15            | THE SECRET ROOM                                 | 8+          | Lauriston Castle                            |
|                       | 6.00 PM  | 1:10            | EDINBURGH MAGIC                                 | 12+         | The Caledonian Edinburgh (Versailles Suite) |
|                       | 8.30 PM  | 1:10            | EDINBURGH MAGIC                                 | 12+         | The Caledonian Edinburgh (Versailles Suite) |
|                       |          |                 |                                                 |             |                                             |
| Sunday 20 December    | 12.30 PM | 1:15            | THE SECRET ROOM                                 | 8+          | Lauriston Castle                            |
|                       | 2.30 PM  | 1:15            | THE SECRET ROOM                                 | 8+          | Lauriston Castle                            |
| Monday 21 December    | 2.00 PM  | 1:45            | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+          | Church Hill Theatre                         |
|                       | 7.00 PM  | 1:45            | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+          | Church Hill Theatre                         |
| Tuesday 22 December   | 2.00 PM  | 1:45            | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+          | Church Hill Theatre                         |
|                       | 7.00 PM  | 1:45            | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+          | Church Hill Theatre                         |
| Wednesday 23 December | 2.00 PM  | 1:45            | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+          | Church Hill Theatre                         |
|                       | 7.00 PM  | 1:45            | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+          | Church Hill Theatre                         |
| Thursday 24 December  | 12.00 PM | 1:45            | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+          | Church Hill Theatre                         |
|                       | 4.00 PM  | 1:45            | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+          | Church Hill Theatre                         |
| Sunday 27 December    | 12.00 PM | 0:30            | RICHARD WISEMAN "THE BAG"                       | 14+         | Scottish Storytelling Centre (Library)      |
|                       | 1.30 PM  | 0:55            | JAMIE LEONARD "BLINK OF AN EYE"                 | 8+          | Scottish Storytelling Centre                |
|                       | 3.15 PM  | 0:55            | TIM LICATA "ABSOLUTELY MAGIC"                   | 12+         | Scottish Storytelling Centre                |
|                       | 5.00 PM  | 0:55            | DAN BASTIANELLI "THE BOY WHO DREW DOORS"        | 12+         | Scottish Storytelling Centre                |
|                       | 7.30 PM  | 1:05            | VINCENT GAMBINI "THIS IS NOT A MAGIC SHOW"      | 14+         | Scottish Storytelling Centre                |

# VENUE INFORMATION

**Church Hill Theatre**  
33 Morningside Road, Edinburgh EH10 4DR  
[www.churchhilltheatre.co.uk](http://www.churchhilltheatre.co.uk)

**Scottish Storytelling Centre**  
43-45 High St, Edinburgh EH1 1SR  
[www.scottishstorytellingcentre.com](http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.com)

**The Caledonian Hotel**  
Princes St, Edinburgh EH1 2AB  
[www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)

**Lauriston Castle**  
2 Cramond Rd S, Edinburgh EH4 6AD  
[www.cultureedinburgh.com](http://www.cultureedinburgh.com)

**North Edinburgh Arts**  
12C Macmillan Cres, Edinburgh EH4 4AB  
[www.northedinburgharts.co.uk](http://www.northedinburgharts.co.uk)

| DATE                     | START                      | DUR.    | SHOW                                            | AGE      | VENUE                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------|
| Monday 28 December       | 10.30 AM                   | 0:50    | TRICKY RICKY "30 YEARS OF TRICKS & GIGGLES"     | 4+       | Scottish Storytelling Centre           |
|                          | 12.00 PM                   | 0:50    | TRICKY RICKY "30 YEARS OF TRICKS & GIGGLES"     | 4+       | Scottish Storytelling Centre           |
|                          | 12.00 PM                   | 1:45    | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+       | Church Hill Theatre                    |
|                          | 12.00 PM                   | 0:30    | RICHARD WISEMAN "THE BAG"                       | 14+      | Scottish Storytelling Centre (Library) |
|                          | 1.00 PM                    | 0:30    | RICHARD WISEMAN "THE BAG"                       | 14+      | Scottish Storytelling Centre (Library) |
|                          | 1.30 PM                    | 0:55    | JAMIE LEONARD "BLINK OF AN EYE"                 | 8+       | Scottish Storytelling Centre           |
|                          | 3.15 PM                    | 0:55    | TIM LICATA "ABSOLUTELY MAGIC"                   | 12+      | Scottish Storytelling Centre           |
|                          | 4.00 PM                    | 1:45    | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+       | Church Hill Theatre                    |
|                          | 5.00 PM                    | 0:55    | DAN BASTIANELLI "THE BOY WHO DREW DOORS"        | 12+      | Scottish Storytelling Centre           |
| Tuesday 29 December      | 7.30 PM                    | 1:05    | VINCENT GAMBINI "THIS IS NOT A MAGIC SHOW"      | 14+      | Scottish Storytelling Centre           |
|                          |                            |         |                                                 |          |                                        |
|                          | 10.00 AM – 5PM             | 0:15    | VINCENT GAMBINI "CLOSE-UP"                      | 16+      | Scottish Storytelling Centre (Café)    |
|                          | 10.30 AM                   | 0:50    | TRICKY RICKY "30 YEARS OF TRICKS & GIGGLES"     | 4+       | Scottish Storytelling Centre           |
|                          | 11.30 AM                   | 1:30    | MAGIC SCHOOL WITH GARY JAMES                    | 7–10     | Scottish Storytelling Centre (Library) |
|                          | 12.00 PM                   | 0:50    | TRICKY RICKY "30 YEARS OF TRICKS & GIGGLES"     | 4+       | Scottish Storytelling Centre           |
|                          | 12.00 PM                   | 1:45    | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+       | Church Hill Theatre                    |
|                          | 1.30 PM                    | 1:30    | MAGIC SCHOOL WITH GARY JAMES                    | 7–10     | Scottish Storytelling Centre (Library) |
|                          | 4.00 PM                    | 1:45    | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+       | Church Hill Theatre                    |
| Wednesday 30 December    | 12.00 PM                   | 1:45    | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+       | Church Hill Theatre                    |
|                          | 4.00 PM                    | 1:45    | MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WITH KEVIN QUANTUM & BEN HART | 5+       | Church Hill Theatre                    |
| FREE-TO-VIEW EXHIBITIONS |                            |         |                                                 |          |                                        |
| 11 DEC 2026 – 6 JAN 2027 | During venue opening hours | Drop-in | HOUDINI IN EDINBURGH PHOTO EXHIBITION           | All ages | Scottish Storytelling Centre (Court)   |
|                          | During venue opening hours | Drop-in | QUIRKOLOGY: OPTICAL ILLUSIONS                   | All ages | Scottish Storytelling Centre (Court)   |

# VINCENT GAMBINI

“THIS IS NOT  
A MAGIC SHOW”

FORGET EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT MAGIC  
AND MAGICIANS... NOW REMEMBER IT ALL AGAIN.

When *This Is Not a Magic Show* premiered in Edinburgh in 2015, it changed the rules of the game. This is a trailblazing work of theatre-magic in which Vincent Gambini questions the show itself, and all our expectations along with it.

It is both a unique performance of astonishing sleight-of-hand magic and a theatrical exploration of magic's invisible mechanics, its clichés, and what it tells us about live performance and make-believe.

Cards transform inexplicably before our eyes, silver coins appear out of nowhere, and our own perception of reality explodes into a thousand mirrors.

Through his conversational yet crafted approach, Gambini presents a show within a show. It's about magic and theatre, but mostly about ourselves, and how easily we suspend our disbelief.

★★★★★ “This thoughtful, playful and multi-layered piece will make you question how we watch and what we see.” – The Guardian

★★★★★ “An alternative low-key magic show... Quiet, deliberate and exceptionally controlled.” – Time Out

★★★★★ “Takes apart the clockwork mechanics of wonder in ingenious style.” – Fest Mag

## SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE

27, 28 DEC | 7.30pm  
£14 / £12 CONC (+ £1.50/ticket booking fee)  
65MIN | AGES 14+

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# EXPERIMENTAL SHOWS



## “THE BAG” RICHARD WISEMAN

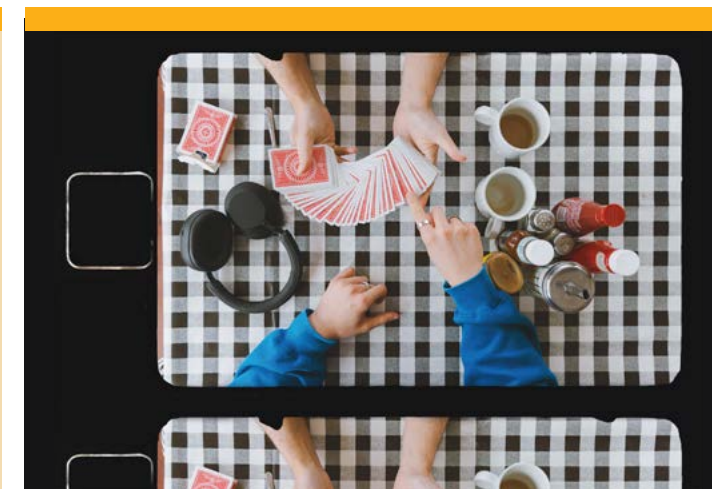
In 1967, a student attended classes in a large opaque bag. To this day, no one knows the identity of this enigmatic individual. Inspired by this strange experiment, THE BAG is a work in progress and explores this radical study. Every performance is different. How will you and your group behave? Expect interactivity, mystery, fun, psychology, magic, and a banana.

### About Richard Wiseman

Psychologist and magician **Richard Wiseman** has published more than 100 academic papers and written several bestselling psychology books — including *The Luck Factor* and *59 Seconds* — which have sold over three million copies worldwide. His YouTube videos have attracted over 800 million views, and he is among the most followed psychologists on X (formerly Twitter). Richard has also worked with David Copperfield, Penn & Teller, and Derren Brown.

### SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE (LIBRARY)

27 DEC 12pm | 28 DEC 12pm & 1pm  
£5 (+ £1.50/ticket booking fee)  
30MIN | AGES 14+



## VINCENT GAMBINI “CLOSE-UP”

Inside a café, surrounded by unsuspecting customers, you are invited to sit at a table and watch a 15-minute performance. In front of your very eyes, playing cards transform inexplicably and sugar cubes vanish without a trace. But as you listen to the performer's voice and the sounds of the café on headphones, the line between reality and fiction becomes increasingly thin: is this a real café, or a film set filled with actors?

Combining expert sleight-of-hand magic with the dreamlike nature of cinema, *Close-up* invites you to briefly reimagine everyday life as an uncanny illusion.

**Supported by Farnham Maltings' New Popular, Attenborough Centre for the Creative Arts, the University of Sussex, and Arts Council England.**

### THE CAFE, SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE

29 DEC | 10am, 10.20am, 10.40am, 11am, 11.40am, 12pm, 12.20pm, 12.40pm, 2pm, 2.20pm, 2.40pm, 3pm, 3.40pm, 4pm, 4.20pm, 4.40pm  
£20 EARLY BIRD/ £30 STANDARD (+ £1.50/ticket booking fee)  
15MIN | AGES 16+

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# TIM LICATA

## “ABSOLUTELY MAGIC”

Chicago-born magician Tim Licata brings his sold-out Fringe show **Absolutely Magic** to MagicFest, with an hour of incredible illusions, mind reading and delightful deception.

With an easy charm and playful sense of humour, Tim draws audiences into a world where nothing behaves quite as expected. Mind-bending moments unfold with the audience very much part of the action. Fast-moving and wonderfully unpredictable, **Absolutely Magic** is all about the fun of being fooled — and enjoying every second of it.

Winner of the 2025 Edinburgh Magic Circle Close-Up Competition.

“Licata consistently makes his audience laugh and gasp in almost equal measure.” – World Magic Review

★★★★★ “He knows how to work a crowd with charm and humour.” – All Edinburgh Theatre

### SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE

27, 28 DEC | 3.15pm  
£14 / £12 CONC (+ £1.50/ticket booking fee)  
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# JAMIE LEONARD

## “BLINK OF AN EYE”

Up-and-coming Edinburgh magician Jamie Leonard brings *Blink of an Eye* to MagicFest this December — a stylish, story-driven show blending comedy, sleight of hand and moments of quiet wonder.

Exploring how our perspective changes as we grow, and the things we miss when we’re not really looking, Jamie uses magic and storytelling to play with our sense of time and attention, moving between fast-paced comedy and more reflective moments.

Playful, personal and full of surprises, the show invites audiences to slow down, look a little closer and enjoy the moment before it disappears in the blink of an eye.

★★★★★ “One of the best magic shows I’ve seen, clearly on the cusp of becoming MASSIVE!” – Mix Up Theatre

★★★★★ “His sleight of hand abilities are phenomenal.” – Theatre, Art and Film Reviews

### SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE

27, 28 DEC | 1.30pm  
£14 / £12 CONC (+ £1.50/ticket booking fee)  
55MIN | AGES 8+

# DAN “THE BOY WHO DREW DOORS” BASTIANELLI

What happens when a story starts telling itself?

Through his own imagination, a boy explores impossible worlds where ordinary objects become extraordinary, drawings come to life, and anything seems possible. As the story unfolds, the line between what is real and what is imagined begins to blur.

Magician Dan Bastianelli brings this enchanting story to life through masterful magic, sleight-of-hand and theatrical storytelling, guiding audiences on a journey through childhood, wonder and the limitless possibilities of imagination.

A theatrical magic show about the worlds we create when we’re young — and what happens when, as adults, we forget how to visit them.

**Nominated for Best Cabaret & Variety Show at The List Awards 2026**

“Jaw-dropping” - The List

“Perfectly performed magic” - World Magic Review

“Fantastic storytelling” - The Brig Newspaper

“Highly skilled magician” - All Edinburgh Theatre

### SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE

27, 28 DEC | 5pm  
£14 / £12 CONC (+ £1.50/ticket booking fee)  
55MIN | AGES 12+



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# KEVIN “EDINBURGH MAGIC” QUANTUM

JUST 30 GUESTS. ONE EXTRAORDINARY ROOM.  
MAGIC HAPPENING ONLY INCHES FROM YOUR EYES.

Inside the beautiful Versailles Suite at The Caledonian Hotel, Kevin Quantum performs astonishing sleight of hand, mind reading and impossible magic at breathtakingly close range.

Objects float, money multiplies and the impossible happens while you watch every move — and still have no idea how it's done.

Warm, witty and highly interactive, Edinburgh Magic blends illusions with stories inspired by Edinburgh itself. It's an intimate experience designed to feel less like watching a show and more like being invited to a remarkable private performance.

★★★★★ “Quantum's execution of his craft is as smooth as can be. The unfathomable levitation trick is a stunning routine, sheer entertainment, proving that in an era of ‘fake news’ even the smartest can be fooled.” – The Scotsman

★★★★★ “Inexplicable, unfathomable, defying physical reality... has the select audience literally gasping and perplexed, shaking their heads, and looking around the room for mirrors, smoke, anything? But finding no clues.” – North West End

## THE CALEDONIAN EDINBURGH (VERSAILLES SUITE)

28 NOV; 4, 9, 19 DEC | 6pm & 8.30pm

1ST ROW £55 / 2ND ROW £45 / 3RD ROW £35 / 4TH ROW £30 (+ £1.50/ticket booking fee)

70MIN | AGES 12+

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# FREE-TO-VIEW EXHIBITIONS

CURATED BY PROFESSOR RICHARD WISEMAN



## HOUDINI IN EDINBURGH PHOTO EXHIBITION

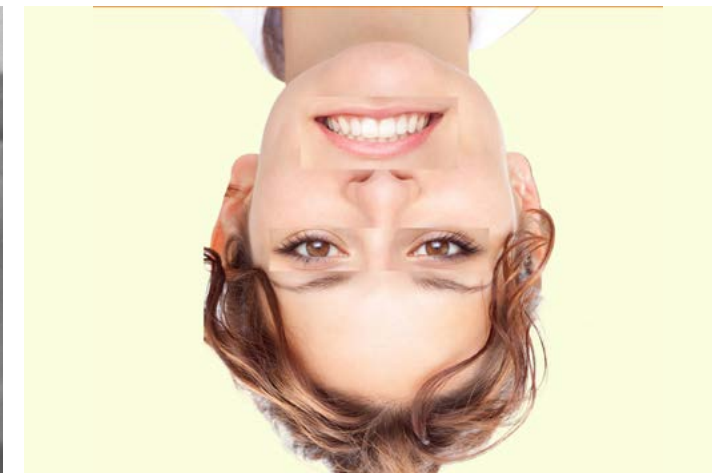
In 1920, master magician and escapologist Harry Houdini visited Edinburgh and was photographed at various landmarks across the city. For the first time, five of these rare images are on display. Can you figure out where the photographs were taken?

*Exhibition courtesy of Potter & Potter Auctions and Richard Wiseman.*

## SCOTTISH STORYTELLING CENTRE (COURT)

11 DEC 2026 – 6 JAN 2027

FREE TO VIEW | ALL AGES



## QUIRKOLGY: OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

Can you always believe your eyes? Explore an interactive exhibition of optical illusions designed to fool your eyes and baffle your brain, from Professor Richard Wiseman, psychologist, magician and creator of the hugely popular Quirkology project.

For almost two decades, Quirkology has brought psychology, illusion and curious science to millions of people around the world. See a ghost appear in a flash, a rabbit transform into a duck, and imaginary dots dance in your mind. Come along and have fun separating truth from illusion!

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