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Museum of Childhood

EVENTS March - December 2018



**Family Events, Family Performance,
Storytelling and Adult Creative Events**

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Museums & Galleries Edinburgh welcome you to Museum of Childhood

The Museum of Childhood has a place in the hearts of millions. The first museum in the world dedicated to the history of childhood, it displays toys and games from across the generations. The Museum also explores other aspects of growing up, from schooldays and clubs to clothing, health and holidays. The collection at the Museum of Childhood explores all aspects of British childhood from the mid-19th century to the present day. Play and entertainment are represented by toys, games, dolls, fancy dress, items relating to hobbies and pastimes, books, magazines and comics. Childcare and life at home, nursery and school also feature, along with a substantial costume collection reflecting children's fashions and lifestyles. The museum also has a photographic archive.

The brand new Gallery One features 60 rarely-seen objects relating to childhood life, learning and play following a five-month refurbishment of the ground floor. Newly displayed items include retro favourites like the Buzz Lightyear action figure from the year 2000, a Fisher-Price Chatter Telephone dating to 1979 and more! This is the first major change since then and the refurbishment sees new cases, floors and lights installed and objects displayed as the ground floor is opened into an interactive space, with dedicated zones focusing on memories of life at home, in school and at play. An area for film and a digital photo album will also be launched, focusing on how children have grown up in Edinburgh over the decades. This year to celebrate the exciting new changes in the museum, we have a full and varied programme. We look forward to seeing you.

Booking

Most events are drop-in, but for pre-booked events booking is essential. To book contact:

Online (small booking charge):
edinburghmuseums.org.uk

By phone (small booking charge):
0131 529 4142

Opening Hours:
Thursday - Monday 10am - 5pm, (Sunday
12noon - 5pm (From 1 June, Monday - Saturday
10am - 5pm and Sunday 12 noon - 5pm)

In person (no booking fee):

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For further information (non-booking
information) about any event, contact:

Margaret Findlay
Learning and Programmes Manager,
on 0131 529 3963, or email
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Performance Shows

Saturday 16 June, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3.30pm
Duration 45min

Rubik's Cube-solving Masterclass with Adam Black
£4 per person

Adam Black was the magician the Rubik's company hired to perform at their anniversary celebrations in 2017. He is one of Scotland's brightest young magic talents, an avid speed-cuber, and has recently been performing his award-winning cube magic act around the UK. This is an opportunity to learn Cube-solving techniques from Adam in a fun, hands-on, 45-minute workshop, and maybe even experience a little magic at the same time. Please bring a Rubik's cube if you have one, or £5 to buy one on the day. Ages 10+. Booking essential. To book contact the museum of Childhood reception on 0131 529 4142 or visit edinburghmuseums.org.uk.



Saturday 14 July, 10.30am - 12pm
Summer Magic Workshop with Edinburgh International Magic Festival
£4 per person

Learn, create, and perform your own magic at a whirlwind workshop this summer! Learn to perform incredible magic and make new wizard friends. From levitations to cool card tricks - come have fun and learn at the magic school at Lauriston Castle. No previous magic experience necessary! Ages 7-11. Booking essential. To book contact the museum of Childhood reception on 0131 529 4142 or visit edinburghmuseums.org.uk.



Saturday 21 July, 2pm
Frankomime's Monster
£4 per person



Professor Frankomime created life last week. This has proved a hard act to follow. Fortunately for him the dark and sinister Professor Malpractice is on his way and things might be about to get a bit too interesting... To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the gothic classic, the creators of the critically acclaimed Glass Slippers and Silver Bullets, and writer of the Edinburgh Horror Festival 2017 Sell out show The Haunted Hunt bring you a children's show full of scientific

rigor (of the "mortis" variety), songs and very small crowd scenes. Booking essential. To book contact the museum of Childhood reception on 0131 529 4142 or visit edinburghmuseums.org.uk.

Saturday 11 August, 10.30am - 11.15pm
Summer Balloon Modelling workshop
£2 per person

Do you have what it takes to turn a balloon into a crazy animal or a funky sword? Learn how to make your very own Balloon Models with super-fun hands-on workshop from Magic Ian, an accomplished Balloon Modeller and award-winning magician. Children and grownups will be shown all the ins and outs (and twists and turns!) of balloon modelling and will take home some amazing masterpieces! Ages 7+. Booking essential. To book contact the museum of Childhood reception on 0131 529 4142 or visit edinburghmuseums.org.uk.

Sat 15 September, 12.30pm, 2pm and 3.30pm
Duration 45min
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Saturday 8 December, 10.30am - 11.15pm
Christmas Balloon Modelling workshop
£2 per person

Learn how to make your very own Christmas-themed Balloon Models with super-fun hands-on workshop from Magic Ian, an accomplished Balloon Modeller and award-winning magician. Children and grownups will be shown all the ins and outs (and twists and turns!) of balloon modelling and will take home some amazing festive masterpieces! Ages 7+. Booking essential. To book contact the museum of Childhood reception on 0131 529 4142 or visit edinburghmuseums.org.uk.



Sunday 9 December, 2pm
Adventures in Nightmareland
£4 per person



Join magician Ash Pryce as he journeys to the Wonderland like NightmareLand - trapped in a haunted world of childhood terrors, he'll wow you with mind reading, side show stunts and creepy illusions with a strictly do not try this at home warning! Suitable for ages 12+. Booking essential. To book contact the museum of Childhood reception on 0131 529 4142 or visit edinburghmuseums.org.uk.



Saturday 15 December, 12pm - 12.45pm
Magic Show: Christmas Tricks
 £6 per person

Enjoy a sprinkling of actual magic in the run up to Christmas. Amazing sleight-of-hand, irresistible illusions, heart-warming comedy magic - our festive show will be sure to bring a smile to your face! Ages 6+. Booking essential. To book contact the museum of Childhood reception on 0131 529 4142 or visit edinburghmuseums.org.uk.

The Family Programme



FREE DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK.

Come along to the museum and join our drop-in family sessions, running the last Saturday of each month (except December) with artist Norlyne Rosewarne. Each session is devised to take inspiration from our unique collections and where you will get the chance to make something very special. Sessions are free and drop in, so there is no need to book, just come along! This programme is generously sponsored by the Friends of the City Art Centre and Museums.

Saturday 28 April, 10.30am - 12.30pm
 or 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Bag Some Fun in The Sun

Explore the many trains, dolls and teddies at the Museum of Childhood. Make your own bag of fun with bright fabric decorated with lots of nice things, taking inspiration from our toys in the museum. Bring your favourite toy to carry home.

Saturday 26 May, 10.30am - 12.30pm
 or 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Time to Grow

Taking inspiration from the variety of past and present clothing at the Museum of Childhood, make your own growing wall hanging that will mark how tall you are in the years ahead.

Saturday 30 June, 10.30am - 12.30pm
 or 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Teddy and Doll Train Journeys

With many trains and the cutest of teddies and dolls at the Museum of Childhood, bring your teddy and make your own train and passenger boxes for all to enjoy the journey in bright and colourful textures or make your own train with your name on it. Choo Choo!



Saturday 28 July, 10.30am - 12.30pm
 or 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Talking Funny Puppets

The Museum of Childhood is full of stories. Make your own little hand puppets inspired by characters in the museum to make your own adorable friends to play with.

Saturday 25 August, 10.30am - 12.30pm
 or 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Colourful Kite Holder

Make the coolest picture kite and decorate with inspiration from the historic samplers in the Museum of Childhood. Bring some copies of photos along to add to the design.

Saturday 29 September, 10.30am - 12.30pm
 or 1.30pm - 3.30pm
A Home for Teddies and Trains

Inspired by all the old toys in the Museum of Childhood. Bring along a toy and make your very own basket using a variety of textures and pictures to keep your toys in one safe place so no one gets lost.



Saturday 27 October, 10.30am - 12.30pm
 or 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Scary Masks

With many faces at the Museum of Childhood, make your own masks depicting your own favourite character with scary add-ons, using a variety of materials to have a spooky Halloween. Whooooaar.

Saturday 24 November, 10.30am - 12.30pm
 or 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Enchanted Hand Wreath

Make the most of your little hands to express your creativity and imagination and make a beautiful little wreath to hang for Christmas. Decorate your special wreath with some cheeky teddies inspired by the teddy collection in the museum or some photo's you may like to bring along and stick on.

Saturday 22 December, 10.30am - 12.30pm
 or 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Reflection of Home

Museum of Childhood is packed with lovely doll's houses. Taking inspiration from the houses, you will get the chance to make your own little model house, reflecting your 'special' place. You can add Christmas sparkle and garden features.

Gallery Tours

Join one of our excellent guides on a spotlight tour of our exhibitions. There is no need to book for groups fewer than 10 people. Please meet at reception.

Fridays at 3pm / Saturdays at 3pm

Events to Accompany 'Growing up with Books'



Family Art Sessions

FREE DROP IN, NO NEED TO BOOK.

Saturday 9 June, 10.30am - 12.30pm
or 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Rubber-Stamped Mini-Books

With artist Katie Forrester, illustrate your own story using rubber stamps and letters! Experiment with rolling ink, print and layout to make a small hand-made book to take home with you. Using simple shapes and patterns, you can invent a story inspired by the Growing Up with Books exhibition!

Saturday 23 June, 10.30am - 12.30pm
or 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Magical Story Books

Join local artist Lauren McLaughlin and create your very own concertina book using folded paper and collage materials inspired by our



exhibition, Growing up with Books. Feel free to bring your favourite books for inspiration!

Friday 6 July, 1pm - 4pm

Your Favourite Book Character

Bring your favourite book to the museum and Broons and Oor Wullie artist Stephen White will draw you a special portrait of your favourite character.

Saturday 7 July, 10.30am - 12.30pm
or 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Bookmark Beasts

Come along and make beautiful bookmarks from cardboard and wool to create fantastical beasts and creatures to live in the pages of your books. Decorate your bookmarks with wool tails or fire-breath! With artist Katie Forrester.

Saturday 22 September, 1pm - 4pm

Peter Pan

Artist Stephen White was creator of Peter Pan the Graphic Novel, Join Stephen in the museum to watch him draw some characters and if you are very lucky he will personalise and sign one of his drawings for you.

Saturday 22 September, 10.30am - 12.30pm
or 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Marvellous Puppets

Bring your favourite characters to life with artist Lauren McLaughlin. Using a range of recycled materials, you can create and take home your very own puppet inspired by our Growing up with Books Exhibition.

Saturday 13 October, 10.30am - 12.30pm
or 1.30pm - 3.30pm

The Spooky Enchanted Forest

Inspired by all the traditional spooky stories about ghosts and ghouls, join artist Melanie Ross in the Museum to create your own terrifying ghosts and monsters that live in the forest, by using, felt, paper and card to show your journey exploring and investigating the spooky woods.

Saturday 3 November, 10.30am - 12.30pm
or 1.30pm - 3.30pm

The Biggest Explosion

Inspired by all the stories of Bonfire Night, join artist Melanie Ross in the Museum to experiment with different textures and mixed media to create beautiful bonfire and firework pictures telling us the story of Guy Fawkes.

Family Storytelling Sessions

FREE DROP IN, NO NEED TO BOOK.

Sunday 10 June, 1pm - 3pm
and 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Enchanting Tales

Inspired by the Growing with Books exhibition, join storyteller Alice Fernbank to hear some enchanting stories inspired by the traditional tales we read and loved as children.

Sunday 19 August, 1pm - 3pm
and 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Puppets and Prose

Inspired by the Growing with Books exhibition, join storyteller Julie Bannatyne to hear some enchanting children's prose brought to life with puppetry and props.

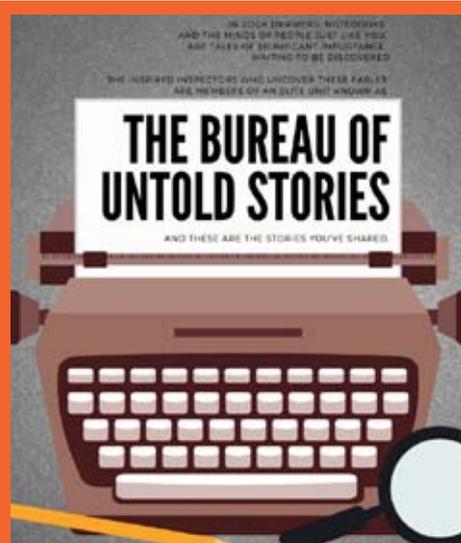


Saturday 8 September, 1pm - 3pm
and 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Magical Victorian Fairy Tales

Join storyteller Nicola Wright to hear some enchanting stories and discover tales relating to Catherine Sinclair. An Edinburgh born writer of children's fiction. Nicola will also share some Victorian fairy tales and stories linked to all our favourite childhood games, toys.

Saturday 1 December, 1pm - 3pm
and 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Musical Stories

To celebrate Book Week Scotland, join storyteller Daniel Allison to hear some captivating tales brought to life with music and inspired by the traditional tales we all know and loved as children.



Family Performance

FREE DROP IN, NO NEED TO BOOK.

We are delighted to have Brymore Productions in the Museum.

Sunday 12 August,
1pm and 3pm



The Bureau of Untold Stories

In sock drawers, notebooks, and the minds of people just like you, are tales of significant importance, waiting for discovery. The inspired inspectors who uncover these fables are members of an elite unit known as the Bureau of Untold Stories, and these are the stories you've shared. Unravel the hidden stories of the audience with our inspectors as they utilise live sound effects, improvisation and their unconventional storytelling skills to immerse you into the excitement of an old radio mystery.

"To entertain both children and parents with such brilliant improvisation is no mean feat - what a talented duo!" - Audience Review

Edinburgh International Storytelling Festival



BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Saturday 20 October, 1.30pm - 4.30pm
(stories throughout the afternoon)

Once Upon a Book

Scottish Storytelling Centre & Museum of Childhood

Old books come back to life as storytellers guide you through the world of children literature in a vibrant afternoon of stories for all ages. Inspired by the exhibition "Growing up with Books", the event will feature an array of Scottish storytellers. With sessions for different age ranges, with accompanying adults. Free Event but booking is essential. More information will be available in July on www.tracscotland.org and on edinburghmuseums.org.uk. Tickets bookable from September on tracscotland.org.



For Adults

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Fridays 28 September, 19 October,
9 and 30 November 2018, 2pm - 4pm

Growing up with Books - and writing your own!

£80 for 4 sessions

Join our friendly new writing group for adults led by award-winning author Regi Claire. Develop your writing skills within the unique surroundings of the Museum of Childhood and enjoy access to our temporary exhibition. Everyone welcome, from beginners to already published authors. Please note this is a 4 week course and payment is in full at booking.



Adult Creative Workshops

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Saturday 18 August, 10.30am - 3.30pm
Tunnel Books: Illusions and Stories
£30

Create your very own tunnel book and capture the stories that sparked your childhood imagination in a 3d optical illusion art piece. Transform old books or create your very own corrugated tunnel book sculpture encapsulating layered worlds and stories to peer into and escape with. This workshop aims to explore your experiences and memories of childhood stories and the lasting and unique way in which these experiences can stay with us into adulthood. Tunnel books date from the mid-18th Century and were inspired by theatrical stage sets. They were often created

to capture definitive events in history and kept as narratives of cultural happenings. With artist Rachael Forbes. Please bring along your favourite childhood books.

Saturday 1 September, 10.30am - 3.30pm
Stitching Stories
£30

Explore the potential of applique and hand embroidery to create your very own stitched narrative inspired by your childhood memories of characters, places and worlds discovered in stories. Imbue your stitching with personal meanings and create a nostalgic collage of fabrics, paper, embroidery and found objects to create your unique narrative. This workshop aims to explore your personal experiences and memories of childhood stories and the lasting and unique way in which these experiences can stay with us into adulthood. With artist Rachael Forbes. Please bring along your favourite childhood books, and any personal items or memories you would like to stitch into your work.



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