

LADYFEST EDINBURGH

4TH TO 31ST MAY 2008

*Celebrating Women in
Arts, Culture & Society*



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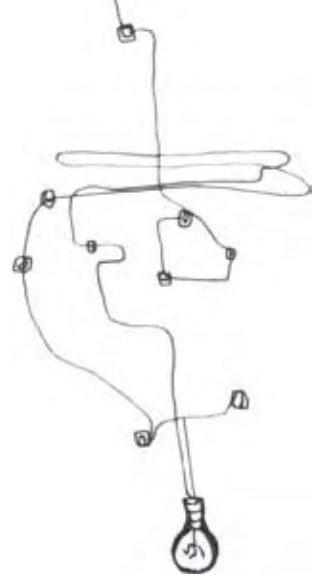
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LADYFEST EDINBURGH

Ladyfest is a community based, non profit festival primarily organised by women to celebrate and encourage the artistic, organisational and political work and talents of women.

Ladyfest Edinburgh will be the first Fest held in Edinburgh, building on the heritage of over 100 Ladyfests around the world since 2000.

Ladyfest has its roots in the DIY punk ethic, feminist campaigns and Riot Grrrl, an early 1990s underground punk movement. One of Ladyfest's aims is to be an environmentally friendly space and one that challenges all forms of oppression and stereotyping.



The aim of Ladyfest Edinburgh is to create a space to showcase women's voices in music, art, comedy, photography, film, debate, written and spoken word, which are too often sidelined or drowned out by a male-dominated arts scene. The events are mainly focused on encouraging the talent of women and girls, but are open to everyone.

Ladyfest Edinburgh is being coordinated by a group of volunteers working with individuals and established groups across the city to organise a wide range of events and workshops under the Ladyfest umbrella. You can find details of how to get involved on our website or by emailing info@ladyfestedinburgh.com

Any profits generated by the events will be donated to the pioneering Edinburgh-based campaign to end violence against women, Zero Tolerance.





LAUNCH EVENTS

PM TEA

PM Tea was born out of the imagination of Robyn Hambrook and Feet Theatre. The concept puts a contemporary, feminist face on the idea of the 1950's domestic goddess, and adds more than an eggcup of humour to the traditional 'performance' of high tea. Musical entertainment and tea dancing will sandwich a discussion hosted by Edinburgh Feminist Network on our changing views of feminism with references to our history through storytelling and future activism. To aid discussion we will be curating a photographic exhibition on the day with collected photographs of participants' mothers, grandmothers, daughters etc.

Saturday 3rd May. Out of The Blue Cafe, Dalmeny Street. 1 pm - 4 pm
Tickets in advance from Out of the Blue (0131) 555 7101 Limited places

LAUNCH PARTY

Live performances from Sellotape, Edinburgh's answer to X-Ray Spec, with support from Blud Slugs and Scottish bluegrass singer Jake Cogan. Live performance from Yasmin Bushby and The PM Tea trio. DJing will be Sandradio, who runs Glasgow's only strictly ladies only night 'bang!Bang!' playing a wonderfully eclectic mix of music.

Sunday 4th May. The Ark, Waterloo Place. 8 pm - 1 am
Cost £5

MUSIC AND DANCE



MISS THE OCCUPIER / VENDORS/ THE KARA SEA

A host of Glaswegian delights with post-punk heroes Miss The Occupier, Vendors' rocking girl harmonies and the swirling, sensitive electro of singer-songwriter The Kara Sea.

Friday 9th May. Henry's Cellar Bar, Morrison Street. 7pm - 10pm
Cost: £4

CLARELYNN ROSE

Light, lively & lovely -- nourish your soul and open your heart with the fine fingerstyle guitar playing of this lady who plays straight from the heart. Solo guitar, instrumental.

Friday 9th May. The Forest Cafe, Bristo Place. 7 pm
Cost: Free

SACRED SONGS

Baroque lute and voice. Join Clarelynn in singing sacred songs in Latin, French and more. Bring your own seating for this informal event.

Sunday 11th May. Seton Collegiate, Seton Sand. 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Cost Free

RAY RUMOURS / LINDSEY COCKWELL PLUS GUESTS

Multi instrumental and incredibly sincere lo-fi bedroom pop by Ray Rumours with support from loop sampling singer-songwriter Lyndsey Cockwell and guest.

Friday 16th May. The Forest Cafe (upstairs hall), Bristo Place. 8pm - 11pm
Cost: Free (BYOB All ages welcome)

EMILY SCOTT / BLUE FLINT AND OTHERS

An afternoon of acoustic folk music from Edinburgh's finest in the intimate settings of Leith's favorite record store.

Sunday 18th May. Elvis Shakespear Bookshop, Leith Walk. 1.00 pm - 5:00 pm
Cost: Free

KATIE STEWART / EMILY SCOTT PLUS GUESTS

A night of sublime acoustic solos with dreamy Katie Stewart and country tinged folk of Emily Scott plus guests.

Wed 21st May. The Southern Bar, South Clerk St. 8 pm - 11pm
Cost: Free



MUSIC AND DANCE CONT....

KATEGOES / COME ON GANG / SAINT JUDE'S INFIRMARY (ACOUSTIC SET)

Indiepop comes to Ladyfest through the always intriguing and exciting Brummie group KateGoes, backed up by Edinburgh's new poppy post-punk starlets Come On Gang. Saint Jude's Infirmary play an acoustic set of songs of sad eyed remorse sung by throats cried hoarse.

Fri 23rd May. Henry's Cellar Bar, Morrison St. 7 pm - 10 pm
Cost: £4

MORE T VICAR

A queer drag tea dance with ballroom dancing. We'll initiate you in the steps. Cake and punch provided. The perfect warm up for Eurovision 2008.

Saturday 24th May. The Drill Hall, Out of the Blue, Dalmeny St. 2pm-6pm
Cost: Free



QUEER MUTINY

QueerMutiny is a DIY collective dedicated to creating an alternative to Edinburgh's commercial gay scene. This month QueerMutiny meets ladyfest and brings you an evening of local female musicians, along with the usual free food, chaos and DJs.

Saturday 24th May. The Forest Cafe (upstairs), Bristo Place. 9 pm
Cost: Free

HOCKEYFRILLA / KIRSTEN NORRIE / SMACKMUSIC7 / MILLS AND BOON

Noise merchants Hockyfrilla (Rhian/ckdh, long time Giant Tanker in the 'burgh & spaz noise with the boyz Dora Doll, founder member of noise gurus Decaer Pinga) are joined by Kirsten Norrie whose work is based on the Scots tradition of lining out and Mouth Music, Smack Music 7 who'll be churning out glamtronics, heavy tape manipulations and loop hell and Mills and Boon supplying noise, mayhem and the sound of purgatory. Not a night for the faint hearted.

Monday 26th May. Henry's Cellar Bar, Morrison St. 8 pm
Cost: £4

LANGHOLM FOLK / JAKE COGAN / THE BEGGAR GIRLS / VIARA IVANOVA AND RODRIGO GARCIA BERMEJO

The Beggar Girls play French, English, East European folk with haunting melodies. Jake Cogan songs are raw and powerful and at others times witty and humorous. She is quietly becoming one of Folk Music's most exciting new voices. Langholm Folk're honest and wholehearted traditional folk singers that make your heart smile. Viara Ivanova's strong vocals and passionate performance keeps you wanting more!

Thursday 29th May. Bannermans, The Cowgate. 9pm
Cost: £4

LADYFEST AT THE REID

A prestigious event exploring the relationship between music and dance. Includes the top b-girls ('breakdancers') in the U.K., electroacoustic composition, contemporary classical music, and dance, 'wii' technology, Flamenco dancing and more.

Friday 30th May. The Reid Hall, Bristo Square
Installation 7 pm. Concert 8 pm - 9 pm. After party 10 pm at Teviot Union (tbc)
Cost: Free

LADYFEST EDINBURGH CLOSING PARTY

THE DULOCS / THE FNORDS / FUTURISTIC RETRO CHAMPIONS / FOOL FOR A PRETTY FACE / DOLLY MIXTURE

A hell of a party to close the month of May 2008 that was Ladyfest Edinburgh. Featuring a range of music, from the scuzzy girl/boy trade off rock of Fool For A Pretty Face to the uber fun indiepop of Futuristic Retro Champions, the riot grrl channeling post punk of The Fnords and The Dulocs infectious and often hilarious brand of new wave indie. All this will be held together by a super awesome DJ set by Glasgow's Dolly Mixture.

Saturday 31st May. Henry's Cellar Bar, Morrison St. 8 pm - 3 am
Cost: £5



WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS

BIRTHING WORKSHOP

Explore some of the common misconceptions about pregnancy and childbirth. An interactive session for women either pregnant or planning a baby.

Monday 5th May. Birth Resource Centre, St Peter's Place. 2.30 pm - 4 pm
Cost: Donation

THE PIGMENT FREEDOM WORKSHOP

Freestyle workshop for under 12s. Feel inspired by music and get creative with guidance from Portugese artist Sarah Anahory.

Tuesday 6th & Thursday 8th May. North Edinburgh Arts Centre, Pennywell Court. 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm
Cost: Free

INTRODUCTION TO COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

Learn ways to stay connected even in pressured situations, offering compassion and empathy to yourself and others. We'll explore the "language of the heart," Nonviolent Communication (NVC), and how it can bring compassion to yourself and others. With Clarelynn Rose

Saturday 10th May. Venue TBC. 1.30 pm - 4.30pm
Suggested donations £5-£10

I MAKE MILK - WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER?

A workshop on breastfeeding, with a "how to fight the baby milk formula companies" discussion, an analysis of why breastfeeding doesn't make a profit for the system and some practical ideas. Followed by some guerrilla stickering!

Sunday 11th May. Venue TBC. 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm
Cost: Free

LADY EVE BALFOUR

Margaret Raven discusses the life of Lady Eve Balfour an English farmer, educator, organic farming pioneer, and a founding figure in the organic movement. She was one of the first women to study agriculture at an English university, and in 1946, she co-founded and became the first president of the Soil Association.

Monday 12th May. Inverleith House, Edinburgh Botanic Gardens. Time tbc
Cost: Free

FAITH IN FEMINISM WORKSHOP

Women of different faiths come together to reflect on how their religion and feminism influence one another. Hosted by the Edinburgh Feminist Network

Wednesday 14th May. Venue tbc. 7pm
Cost: Free

AN EVENING ABOUT WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN

A film, talk, Afghan Schools Trust information stall, Afghanistan crafts and free Green Tea! We'll be showing a film about Malalai Joya, one of the most popular Members of Parliament in Afghanistan who often takes a stand against the warlords who feature strongly in the country's new assembly. This will be followed by a discussion.

Sunday 18th May. Forest Cafe, Bristo Place. 7 pm
Cost: Free

ANTI PORN SEMINAR

Zero Tolerance and Scottish Women's Aid jointly host a seminar in which they will present a feminist analysis of pornography and of the increasingly "pornified" culture in which we live. Through a presentation and discussion they will provide a critical analysis of the sexist and racist images that are so harmful to children, women, and men. Limited numbers

Date & Time TBC. Scottish Womens aid Training room.
Cost: Free (Tickets in Advance from Zero Tolerance 0131 624 8955)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING WORKSHOP

This workshop will look at the issue of people trafficking - a modern day trade in human beings that is growing in Scotland and around the world. It aims to leave the audience more informed about trafficking while allowing them to discuss the complex issues surrounding it. Hosted by Amnesty International.

Saturday 24th May. Friends Meeting house, Victoria Terrace. 12 pm - 2 pm
Cost: Free

GET RACY!

Come and join our hot n' spicy evening, with sizzling discussions on race, culture and sub-cultures. Includes dramatisation, poetry with Fadeke Kokumo Rocks, delicious home made curry, music and dance from around the world!

Sunday 25th May. The Pavillion Cafe, The Meadows. 5 pm - 9.30 pm
Cost: £5 (inc curry)

REFLECTIONS ON LADYFEST

Edinburgh Feminist Network are hosting an open meeting for all women interested in building on the energy and community generated by Ladyfest Edinburgh. The sky is the limit!

Wednesday 28th May. Harlequin Cafe, 30 Buccleuch Street. 7pm
Cost: Free

ARTS & CREATIVITY WORKSHOP

Learn to connect with your creative self with compassion, clarifying and expressing what's important to you. Bring photos, musical instruments or just yourself. Limited to 14 places. With Clarelynn Rose.

Saturday 31st May. Penicuik Arts Centre, Penicuik. 1 pm - 5 pm
Suggested donations £10 - £25



FILM



THELMA AND LOUISE

A screening of the classic film about strong women sticking together in the face of adversity. Hosted by Edinburgh Feminist Network.

Sunday 18th May. The Brass Monkey, Drummond Street. 6 pm
Cost: Free

DOUBLE BILL 'AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE' AND 'THE DAY I BECAME A WOMAN'

Screen Banditas present :

"An Angel At My Table" - Jane Campion's biography of Janet Frame, the New Zealand poet and author. A quiet, repressed child Frame spent eight years in a mental institution after wrongly being diagnosed as a schizophrenic;

"The Day I Became a Woman" - a trilogy depicting the lives of three generations of Iranian women living in Kish Island, Iran. Their stories combine in this lyrical film about freedom and oppression.

Sunday 25th May, The Cameo Cinema, Drummond Street. 12 noon
Cost: £5

LADYFEST SHORTS

Screen Banditas present an evening of short films by emerging female directors.

Tuesday 27th May, The Cameo Cinema, Drummond Street.
Cost: tbc

AVANT GARDE FILM NIGHT

Screen Banditas present an evening of film & music. Featuring works by American director Maya Deren and Scottish filmmaker and poet Margaret Tait.

Sunday 1st June, Leith Co-Operative ACE Cinema, 17 West Montgomery Place. 12 noon
Cost: Free



ARTS AND LITERATURE

WOMENS EARTH ART SPACE

Women need space in our modern world to take time to connect with the earth and each other in a setting that draws on our ancient instincts connecting through basic activities of fire building, walking, and slow cooking/eating. Our group works with women from all walks of life and aims to create a space for true liberation of ideas away from modern society. This project is ongoing through-out the month. See the ladyfest website for regular updates.

Saturday 4th may - Saturday 31st May. Pencuik
Cost: Free

YEAH! BLOODY LOVE TO.

An exhibition of new works by artists Mary Trodden and Karen Constance.

Opening: Monday 5th May. 9pm
Exhibition: Saturday 3rd may - Saturday 31st May. The Southern bar, South Clerk St
Cost: Free

POETRY

An afternoon of poetry with Margaret Raven.

Sunday 11th May. Christchurch, Morningside Road
Cost: Free

LADYFEST BOOKGROUP

The focus of this group will be the novel "The heart is a Lonely Hunter" by Carson McCullers plus a discussion entitled 'How do you treat your books?'

Tuesday 13th May. The Waverly, St Mary's St, 8 pm
Cost: Free

POETRY AND LITERATURE

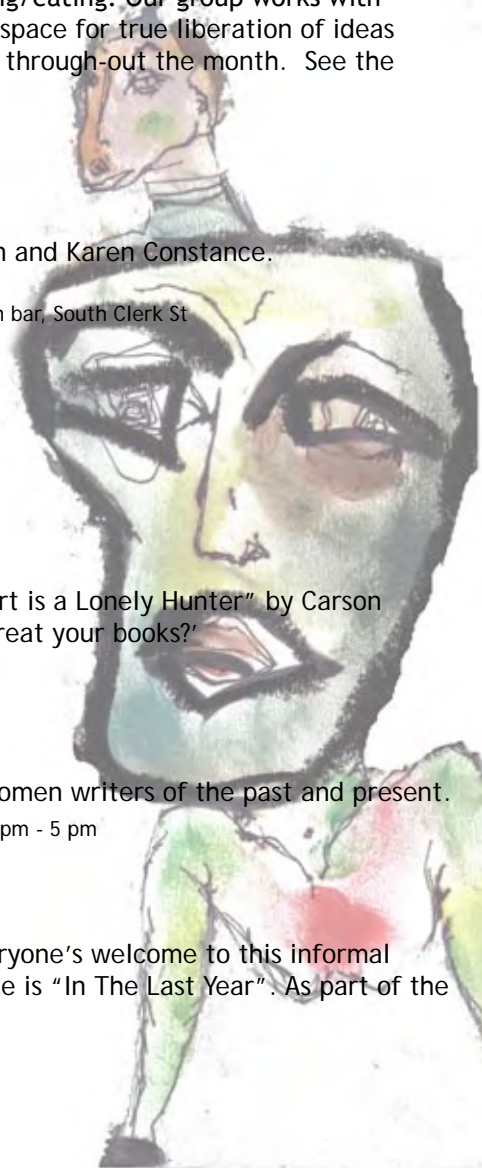
An afternoon of readings drawing links between women writers of the past and present.

Saturday 17th May. Elvis Shakespeare Bookstore, Leith Walk, 2 pm - 5 pm
Cost: Free

DIY STORIES

Ladyfest Edinburgh is all about telling stories. Everyone's welcome to this informal storytelling group, being your own tales, the theme is "In The Last Year". As part of the session we'll be making a pamphlet.

Tuesday 20th May. The Waverly, St Mary's St, 8 pm
Cost: Free





COMEDY

WICKED WENCHES

When did you last see an all-female bill at a comedy club? Exactly. Women have been getting laughs since the days of music hall, but somehow they're still seen as a "novelty" act. With Wicked Wenches The Stand Comedy Club brings together the pick of new and established XX chromosome comedians for an evening that's fun, frenetic and female. Laugh along with resident compere Susan Calman, resident grouch A.L.Kennedy, Susan Morrison and Carol Tobin. Expect the unexpected, expect the expected, expect a great night out - and remember, it's women-only on stage, everyone is welcome to watch.

Wednesday 7th May. The Stand Comedy Club, York Place, 7pm
Cost £6

HOOSE AND HAME

When is a home not a house?

In a society which is pricing people off the property ladder and most people have a little piece of Sweden in some corner of their property; have we become lost in our quest for a home of our own? I've moved house twelve times in seven years. If you ask me where I'm from I'll tell you a story. If I'm tired, I might say 'Here'.

This witty, absurd and occasionally poignant solo goes beyond Helen Cuinn's own exploration of Scottish identity and the search for belonging, sweeping her audience along with questions of parentage, borders and where one buys one's furniture. Designed to get your toes tapping, your hackles rising and your internal compass spinning, no matter where you're from.

Cuinn is an emerging performer and writer. Hoose and Hame was originally shown at Tramway as part of Into the New festival for the RSAMD and is currently touring venues across the Central Belt.

Thursday 15th and Friday 16th May, Media Education Studios, 183 Dalry Road 7.30pm (45 mins)
£6 or £4 concession, available on 07812 716 714

SUBMISSIONS WANTED

Ladyfest Edinburgh will be producing a book documenting this years festival. We welcome submissions from everyone; speakers, performers, writers, artists, musician, anyone attending events. Any works or writing inspired by or about Ladyfest. Email info@ladyfestedinburgh.com for details.





ABOUT ZERO TOLERANCE

The Zero Tolerance Charitable Trust is a small, independent national charity which campaigns for the prevention of male violence against women and children.

We aim to;

- Raise awareness about the nature and prevalence of male violence against women and children.
- Target campaigns and educational activities at the wider public, not just perpetrators or victims of abuse.
- Make the links between violence against women and wider equality and human rights agendas.
- Challenge the attitudes, values and institutions that perpetuate male violence against women and children.
- Represent the interests, views and experiences of all women and children.

We have developed a pioneering education programme, called the 'Respect' initiative, which equips boys and girls to develop healthy relationships, free of violence. This programme runs in hundreds of schools across Scotland. With new funding we could develop new projects to complement 'Respect' such as a Youth Ambassadors scheme. We are grateful for the support of Ladyfest Edinburgh and for all donations, however small.

CHANGE IS POSSIBLE. MAKE IT HAPPEN.



ZERO TOLERANCE
of violence against women

For more information about The Zero Tolerance Charitable Trust
please visit our website:
www.zerotolerance.org.uk; or call 0131 624 8955.

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Please check the ladyfest website for up to date information on all the events in this programme.