



## Neneh Cherry, Jarvis Cocker, Anna Calvi, Kate Tempest and more announced for 2019 Edinburgh International Festival

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**2-26 August 2019** – [eif.co.uk](http://eif.co.uk)

*Edinburgh, 27 March:* Neneh Cherry, Jarvis Cocker, Anna Calvi and Kate Tempest form part of a musical line-up showcasing some of today's most influential and original voices at **Edinburgh International Festival**, taking place from **2-26 August 2019**.

Alongside performances from the worlds of theatre, dance, opera and classical music in Scotland's capital, the International Festival will return to **Leith Theatre** – re-emerging as a vital venue for Edinburgh's contemporary music scene. In 2018's the International Festival's *Light on the Shore with Edinburgh Gin Seaside* brought to life Leith Theatre in a season which celebrated Scotland's most influential contemporary musicians and drew thousands of people to the newly re-opened venue. The entire 2019 contemporary music programme is supported by Edinburgh Gin.

Artists playing at Leith Theatre as part of the International Festival include: Pulp frontman and solo artist Jarvis Cocker bringing his new project **JARV IS** (22 August); Swedish rebel icon of trip hop **Neneh Cherry** with her latest album *Broken Politics*, produced by Four Tet (10 August); **Anna Calvi**, returning to the International Festival for the first time since 2015, following the release of her third studio album *Hunter* (11 August); poet, rapper, novelist and playwright **Kate Tempest** (9 August); and Danish indie rock group **Efterklang**, returning from a six-year hiatus performing unreleased songs as well as songs from their back catalogue, joined on stage by musicians from Denmark, Norway, Belgium and Lithuania (23 August).

Others include the New Jersey singer-songwriter **Sharon Van Etten** playing her new album *Remind Me Tomorrow* (21 August); folk-rock band **This is the Kit** led by Paris-based British musician Kate Stables (13 August); the legendary Scottish alt-rock band **Teenage Fanclub** playing songs from their three-decade catalogue, as well as premiering

new material (16 August); New Zealand-born multi-instrumentalist **Connan Mockasin** bringing his unique blend of psychedelic pop, backed by his full touring band (20 August); and Irish indie-folk band **Villagers** (15 August) .

Three additional concerts at Edinburgh's Usher Hall and Royal Lyceum Theatre fuse roots music and folk traditions from across the world as part of **You Are Here** – *You Are Here* is an invitation to travel the globe with artists who offer us a fresh perspective on the world and ask big questions about the future of our communities, both local and international. American gospel travels back to its African roots as Malian duo **Amadou & Mariam** are paired with gospel music legends **Blind Boys of Alabama** (7 August); Edinburgh-based **Shooglenifty** brings its unique fusion of Scottish traditional music with Rajasthani band **Dhun Dhora** and Galician trio **Tanxugueiras** (9 August); and Lebanese folk pioneer and Arabic music innovator **Marcel Khalife** is joined by his son **Rami Khalife** and percussionist **Aymeric Westrich** to perform songs from Marcel Khalife's decades-long catalogue, as well as new compositions fusing classical, electronic and dance music by Rami Khalife (11 August).

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

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The full contemporary music series is presented in association with **Edinburgh Gin**.

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The Edinburgh International Festival welcomes back Leith Theatre Sound Partner **The Warehouse** and Lighting Partner **Black Light** following the success of *Light on the Shore* and welcomes new sponsor **Aggreko** who will be bringing power to Leith Theatre.

*You Are Here* has been made possible through the PLACE Programme, a partnership between the Scottish Government – through Creative Scotland – the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Festivals.

### **About Edinburgh International Festival**

Edinburgh International Festival is an unparalleled, city-wide, celebration of the performing arts for three weeks each August in Scotland's capital. Created in 1947 to celebrate the human spirit and bring people together through art, the International Festival remains dedicated to creative excellence and as a point of annual cultural exchange for a global audience exceeding 400,000 per year.

Committed to virtuosity and innovation, the International Festival presents some of the finest performers and ensembles from the worlds of dance, opera, music and theatre. It also connects with local artists and communities through a range of programmes year-round. The current Festival is curated by Festival Director Fergus Linehan and takes place from 2-26 August 2019.

### **About Edinburgh Gin**

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