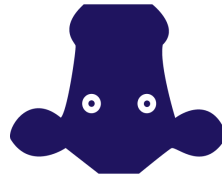


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“The quintessential fringe venue” Financial Times

“An atmospheric wonder” The Guardian

“A vertical Glastonbury” The Telegraph

FAMILY FUN ON THE FRINGE

This August, the Underbelly venue brings the fun and thrills of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe to children, teenagers, mums, dads and grans. Even the venues bring out a sense of adventure – come investigate the forgotten bank vaults which make up the Underbelly on Cowgate, the haunted caves of the Baby Belly, or make your way to Bristo Square to see the E4 UdderBELLY, an enormous, purple, upside-down inflatable cow. Venture inside and you'll find shows especially for kids and plenty of entertainment for the whole family to enjoy together.

Especially for kids

Teddy bears don't get out much, so bring yours along to **Stepping on the Cracks**. When you come to this new play by Random Angel Arts (who presented the welly-flingingly funny show '*Whose Shoes?*' last year) you'll get a free balloon as well. Plus comedy for primary school age children with **Sketchy!** by Scottish company Practical Magic. There's plenty of gags for kids & adults alike in **The Big Filling: This Time it's Pie-sonal**. Get ready for some sleuthing in this pie-shop meets hard-boiled detective thriller, complete with slapstick comedy & live jazz. Enjoy the fastest & most entertaining history lesson ever in **A History of Scotland (in 60 minutes or less)**. And award-winning theatre company Tucked In Productions bring **JackaJack**, a tale of a puppy who must save the world, based on a short story by Martin Amis.

High-energy shows for all the family

Come to the Underbelly for shows to thrill anyone aged 10 and above. Gasp at the slapstick insanity of Japanese comedy duo **Gamarjobat**, and if you really want a jaw-dropping experience, get down to The Black Tent at Ocean Terminal for **Fuerzabruta**. Not only will you see the **world's largest touring venue**, you'll experience the only show with an **overhead swimming pool** – definitely one for 'what I did during the holidays'. There's high-speed finger-plucking, foot-stomping and fiddling in the Woody Guthrie-inspired **Woody Sez**, and for budding Luke Skywalkers there's **One Man Star Wars Trilogy**. Onstage acrobatics, break-dancing, beat-boxing and awe-inspiring circus feats are set to astound audiences at E4 UdderBELLY with the arrival of mind blowing Aussies, **Tom Tom Club**. Percussionist Ben Walsh creates drumkits out of just about anything, DJ Dizz1 plays master scratcher to beat-boxing champion Tom Thum while four of Australia's famous Flying Fruit Fly Circus flip, fly and slam up the stage to the beats.

Non-boring theatre for teenagers

Entice teens from darkened bedrooms and their Myspace page with theatre that will truly engage. **The Container** (set in a real freight container) brings audiences face to face with the reality of people smuggling. From Australia, **Juvie** is a play about the causes and consequences of youth offending. There's laughs with a serious message about the rise of the BNP in **Chav! It's a Musical, Innit**. Any fledgling Goths will enjoy **Vivienne's Grout's Adventures in Another Metropolis** (based on a poem by **Tim Burton**) and anyone familiar with a Bunsen burner will appreciate the scientific lunacy of **Longwave**. Plus you can see set texts refreshed and reinvented in **Filter's 12th Night** (set in a recording studio), and the visually stunning performance, **Escaping Hamlet**.

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Listings info for above shows:

Stepping on the Cracks 2 – 12 Aug 11am Underbelly

Sketchy! 15 Aug 10:35am Underbelly

The Big Filling: This Time it's Pie-sonal 2-26 Aug 10:45am Underbelly

A History of Scotland (in 60 minutes or less) 2-26 Aug 10:50am Baby Belly

Jackajack 13 – 26 Aug 10:50am Underbelly

Gamarjobat 2 – 26 Aug 5:05PM, Cow Barn

Fuerzabruta, times & dates vary, The Black Tent, Ocean Terminal, Leith

Woody Sez 2 -26 Aug 1.35pm, Cow Barn

One Man Star Wars Trilogy 2 – 26 Aug, 8:25pm Cow Barn

Tom Tom Club 2 -27 Aug 4pm E4 UdderBELLY

The Container 3 – 26 Aug, 3pm & 7pm, Container in George Square

Juvie 2- 26 Aug 1.45pm Baby Belly

Chav! It's a Musical, Innit 2 – 26 Aug 11pm Underbelly

Vivienne Grout's Adventures in Another Metropolis 13 – 26 Aug 10:45pm Underbelly

Longwave 19 – 26 Aug 11am Cow Barn

Filter's 12th Night 20 – 26 Aug 10:35am Baby Belly

Escaping Hamlet 3- 26 Aug 3:15pm Cow Barn

Box office: 0870 745 3083 or www.underbelly.co.uk

Smirnoff Underbelly, Venue 61, Cowgate, Edinburgh

Smirnoff Baby Belly, Venue 88, Niddry Street, Edinburgh

E4 UdderBELLY, Venue 300 Bristo Square, Edinburgh

Cow Barn, Venue 201, Bristo Square, Edinburgh

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General Information

Underbelly is now very much at the forefront of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Underbelly in Edinburgh embraces a series of venues that retain their site-specific, intimate and unique atmosphere, taken from their original base in the old Bank of Scotland vaults on Cowgate. They've also developed their touring venue, E4 Udderbelly, in the shape of a giant upside down purple cow. Having started as a single venue for five shows, this year the programme covers 148 shows across 16 performance spaces. In the last four years it has played host to two numerous award winners. Including family shows such as the spooky Echo Chamber in 2003 and swashbuckling The Ignatius Trail from En Masse Theatre who were back to back winners of Fringe First Awards. We've also hosted the double Sunday Times Playwright of the Year winner (Al Smith for Enola and Radio), winner of the Perrier Award (Will Adamsdale for Jackson's Way 2004), Perrier Newcomer Award (Gary Le Strange 2003), Perrier Newcomer nominee (Joanna Neary 2004), 4 Fringe First Award winners (2003 and 2004), the winner of the Writers Guild Award (Dan Tetsell 2005), the winner of the Malcolm Hardee Award (Reggie Watts 2005) and bands such as Keane, The Thrills, Athlete and Nizlopi who are all now at the top of the British music scene.