

CELEBRATE OUR THIRTIETH  
**BELTANE**  
**FIRE FESTIVAL**

~ a Beltane Fire Society Production ~



SUNDOWN, SUNDAY 30th APRIL 2017

[www.beltane.org](http://www.beltane.org)

CALTON HILL, EDINBURGH

Gates open 8pm

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Entry by Waterloo Place

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No glass bottles permitted

Tickets from Tickets Scotland, £8 + booking fee in advance, £10 on the night

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# Celebrate the coming of Summer on Calton Hill

Our thirtieth reimagining of the ancient Celtic festival of Beltane will mark the changing seasons with a wild mix of drums, fire and physical theatre...

As darkness falls and the fire torches are lit, our drums will thunder and the May Queen will awaken.

Across the night She will lead her court around the hill and through a great arch of fire, into the underworld.

Encountering strange creatures and the elements, She will turn the wheel toward Summer.

Her counterpart the Green Man will be stripped of his Winter guise, killed and reborn.

And when the journey is complete, together they will light the traditional Beltane bonfire.

Please respect all our performers and volunteers, keep the hill tidy and be ready to leave by the event end at 1am.



As well as the procession, there will be performances throughout the night at Bower, the Acropolis, the stage, and right across the hill.

# Throughout the night, look out for:



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**The May Queen and Green Man** - Beltane's core characters • **The Whites** - companions of the May Queen - and their Processional Drummers • **The Reds** - embodiments of chaos - and their Beastie Drummers • **Air, earth, water and fire** (as birds, foxes, peculiar pirates and epic fire dancers) • **A multi-headed beast**, and its masked masters resisting change • **Cloaked torchbearers, fire puppeteers, echoes of the Green Man's past, mysterious aether drummers**, and many others...

There will be performances across the hill throughout the night, but approximate procession timings are:

- 8.00pm** Gates open
- 9.20pm** Neid Fire lit, May Queen appears on Acropolis
- 9.30pm** Procession begins
- 9.45pm** Procession arrives at Fire Arch
- 10.00pm** Procession arrives at Air Point
- 10.20pm** Procession arrives at Earth Point
- 10.35pm** Procession arrives at Water Point
- 10.50pm** Procession arrives at Fire Point, Reds charge
- 11.10pm** Reds and Beasties perform at Red slope
- 11.20pm** Procession arrives at stage
- 11.45pm** Bonfire is lit and performances continue at stage
- 12.15am** Reds and Whites dance at Bower
- 1.00am** Event ends, drummers lead the way off Calton Hill

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Beltane Fire Society is a charity and a community of volunteers. For detail on how to get involved, or to donate to support our festivals, visit: [www.beltane.org](http://www.beltane.org)

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