



## Willkommen, Bienvenue, Welcome!

So put down your knitting, your book or your broom, and come to the cabaret... and welcome back to BearScotFest '23!

This year we're enjoying all the indulgences of burlesque cabaret. Adore your feathers, sock suspenders, mesh and leather, it's time to enjoy the decadence, so rouge your knees and roll your stockings down!

We are here to help over the weekend, so if you need anything or just want to talk to a friendly face, please just ask! Our volunteers will be at every venue and are easily identifiable with our red t-shirts.

We also have a strict No Bullying policy, check out our code of conduct on our website! BSF isn't Folsom, so act appropriately.

Why not download the full program, along with handy maps, links and all the contact details on our website [bearscots.org.uk](http://bearscots.org.uk).

We hope you have a fantastic weekend and don't forget next year BearScotFest takes place on 3rd-6th October 2024!

love always,

Murray  
Bearscots President

## DRINKS OFFERS

Have a drink on us! Full weekend tickets come with a free drink voucher for any drink at **The Regent**.

Show your dogtag to get 10% off drinks at both **The Street** and **Planet Bar** over the weekend.

\*Join **CC Blooms Mile High Club** at [ccblooms.co.uk/members](http://ccblooms.co.uk/members) for drink discounts using the card on your Apple or Android Wallet.

# WHAT'S ON...

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

**Speakeasy Social at The Regent Bar**  
8pm-midnight

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

**Willkommen, Bienvenue, Welcome Party at Leith Arches**  
9pm-1am

**Registration Desk at Leith Arches**  
9pm-midnight

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

**Registration Desk at CC Blooms**  
1-7.30pm

**Bear Market at CC Blooms** 1-7pm

**Bear Sauna** midday-7pm  
Steamworks Sauna is open 24 hours from 11am Friday - 10pm Sunday. Your dog tag discounts a locker to £14. This is the time we suggest you get your furry asses down there and get to know all the new arrivals!

**Cum to the Cabaret at CC Blooms**  
8pm-3am

Right this way your table's waiting... Live your Bob Fosse or Weimar Republic fantasies... roll your stockings down & rouge your knees! Drinks promos all night\* Downstairs, The LAB opens at 10pm where you can dance and get sweaty to DJ CactusHead from London's BeefMince.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

**Brunch at CC Blooms** 11.30am-1pm

**Registration Desk at CC's**  
midday-2pm

**Bear Market at CC's** 11.30am-3pm  
Last chance to shop with W6F, Bear Belts, Mythical Moods & Bobo Bear.

**The Caves** 9pm-3am  
KILTS OAN - TAPS AFF! Come and play with the sexy bears in our extended cavern of caves as the legendary DJs Corky & Mishka keep you partying 'til 3am. Don't forget to pick up a pie for the walk home!

**Bear Sauna** 3am-9am  
Not sleepy? Steamworks Sauna is open 24 hours from 11am Friday - 10pm Sunday. Your event dog tag will give you a discount on a locker for £14.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

**Life Is A Cabaret at Ghillie Dhu**  
midday-5pm

From midday: Brunch will be served in the Great Hall

From 1pm: A glamorous afternoon hosted by the legendary Bella & the Bear, and featuring...

- ★ Filthy but beautiful comedian Morgan Rees
- ★ Bearded drag songstress Gingzilla
- ★ The Outragous Cabaret Bears!
- ★ The fabulous DJ DrewBear
- ★ Our Charity Raffle in aid of LGBT Youth Scotland
- ★ and you get to vote for **Mr BearScots!**

**Goodbye Drinks at The Regent**  
7pm-midnight

Doors open at 6pm, and entry for full weekend ticket holders to down Real Ales and say your sad goodbyes to your new chums back at The Regent until midnight. And for those who haven't partied enough, CC Blooms is open till 3am.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

(separate tickets required)

### Hidden City Tour - Mary Kings Close 2.45-4pm

Leaving CC Blooms at 13.45pm to slowly walk up to the high street, or meet us there at 14.45. We will all gather in the courtyard at the side of the building to start the tour in one group.

### Board Games Afternoon - Ancient Robot Games 2.30-4.30pm

Leaving CCs at 2pm to catch the tram to the event or meet us there at 14.30, we have private use of the games café all afternoon (ticket includes return tram ticket & a hot or cold drink).

### Wet Fur Pool Party - Glenogle Baths 3-5.30pm

Catch the coach at CCs at 3pm sharp. Pool Party at the stunning Victorian Glenogle Baths. We get in the water at 3.30pm. Don't forget your trunks & towel!

### Art & Afternoon Tea at The Portrait Gallery 3-5pm

2pm if you want to explore the gallery, tea starts at 3pm. Enjoy a tasty Afternoon Tea with the bears in the private dining room of the beautiful Portrait Gallery.

### Walking Tour & Libation - New Town 2.30-4.30pm

Hosted by our local walking guide Odran. Enjoy a tour of the very heart of our beautiful city. Meet in front of the Johnny Walker Experience at the west end of Princes St, and from there explore the beautiful New Town and stunning Waters of Leith as it flows through Dean Village. This is Edinburgh - there will be hills & steps!

### Dance Choreography Workshop - CC Blooms 3-5pm

The amazing Babs Darling will get our dancing bears ready to entertain you... You will learn and perform our very own cabaret act, and then show off all your new skills on the Sunday at the Ghillie Dhu.

# BEARSCOTFEST

THANKS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS...

**THE CREATIVES** Ian Corcoran – our amazing (and very patient) graphic designer who's been styling us for 14 years, and photographer Jenni Sarafilovic, who made all our sexy cabaret bears look so incredible!

**THE CABARET BEARS** Björn, Bruce, Hakel, JJ, James, Mackenzie, Matt, and Pawel

**THE TALENT** Gingzilla, Bella & the Bear; Morgan Rees; Babs Darling, and our gorgeous DJs – Mishka, Corky, CactusHead & DrewBear.

**THE LOCAL BUSINESSES** The team at The Caves; Tyla and the team at Ghillie Dhu; Nico at Leith Arches; all the guys at the Portrait Gallery; Rebecca and the team at Mary Kings Close; Chris & the team at Glenogle Baths.

**THE GAY BUSINESSES** Colin & Alan and all the team at The Regent; Mitch & the team at CC Blooms; Andrew at MoodyBear; Roberto at Bobo Bear; Ben & Doug at WöF; Kristian & Paul at Bear Belts.corky

**THE CONDOM POLICE** Oliver & the SX Volunteers; the Roam Volunteers, The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence – Dùn Èideann Convent

**THE AMAZING COMMITTEE & VOLUNTEERS...** Ticket Master Achim, Treasurer Graham, Sexy Secretary Adam, and our Glasgow Event superstars Rob & Gordon; and our volunteers, Neil, Peter, Stuart, Odran, Gary Main, Hakel, Pawel, Joe, Céleste, Tommy, and KJ, our new photographer...

...WITHOUT WHOM THE EVENT WOULD NOT HAPPEN!

## WHERE ARE THE BEARS?

Edinburgh is an easy, walkable city (if a bit hilly) and all our venues are in the city centre. The best way to get about is on foot. If you get really lost you can call the BearScots Events team on (or send them rude messages!)...

Murray 07971 403 397; Adam 07496 406 073; Graham 07754 047 539

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| <b>1 The Regent</b> 2 Montrose Tce, EH7 5DL           | <b>7 Ancient Robot Games</b> 23 Leith Walk, EH6 8LN                         |
| <b>2 Leith Arches</b> 6 Manderston St, EH6 8LY        | <b>8 Glenogle Baths</b> Glenogle Rd, EH3 5JB                                |
| <b>3 CC Blooms</b> 23 Greenside Pl, EH1 3AA           | <b>9 Portrait Gallery</b> 1 Queen St, EH2 1JD                               |
| <b>4 The Caves</b> 8 Niddry St S, EH1 1NS             | <b>10 Ghillie Dhu</b> 2 Rutland Pl, EH1 2AD                                 |
| <b>5 Steamworks Sauna</b> 5 Broughton Market, EH3 6NU | <b>11 Walking tour start</b> outside Johnny Walker, 145 Princes St, EH2 4BL |
| <b>6 Mary Kings Close</b> 2 Warriston's Cl, EH1 1PG   | <b>12 The Street</b> 2b Picardy Pl, EH1 3JT                                 |
|   | <b>13 Planet Bar</b> 6 Baxter's Pl, EH1 3AF                                 |

## OUR AMAZING CHARITY PRIZE DRAW

...IT'S OUR BIGGEST EVER!

Tickets on sale across the weekend and the great prizes include...

- ★ Ticket for Bearly Athens, worth £250
- ★ Pair of Reykjavik Bears Party Passes, worth £180
- ★ MoodyBear voucher, worth £100, courtesy of Andrew
- ★ Dinner for 2 and wine courtesy of Bacchus, Glasgow
- ★ Pair of weekend tickets for the Great British Bear Bash courtesy of Steve & ManBears, worth £90
- ★ Pair of weekend tickets for Bear Féile in Dublin courtesy of Tom & Dublin Bears, worth £90
- ★ Pair of tickets for Camera Obscura courtesy of Tony, worth £42
- ★ Gift voucher from Luke and Jack, worth £25 each
- ★ Bespoke kiln-formed glass from Simon Alderson Glass, courtesy of Mark
- ★ Bear gifts from WöF
- ★ T-shirts from Bobo Bear
- ★ Gifts from Bear Belts
- ★ Russ 'Fraser Bear' soft plush bear courtesy of Brett
- ★ Litre of real Canadian maple syrup from Adam
- ★ Bottle of gin, bottle of sherry, selection of wines and case of craft beer, all from Neil
- ★ 2 bottles of gin, and 2 of whisky from KJ
- ★ Bottles from The Regent & CC Blooms
- ★ Bottle of Laphroaig Select Single Malt courtesy of Neil & Rod
- ★ 2 separate bottles of whisky courtesy of Ben
- ★ ... and loads more!

This year, we're raising money in aid of **LGBT Youth Scotland**, which focuses on helping the lives of the young gay people of Scotland ... so please, give generously! Their vision is that Scotland is the best place to grow up for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex young people.

