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### **PHOTO CALL**

**4.15PM, TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2015  
BOX OFFICE ENTRANCE, USHER HALL  
LOTHIAN ROAD, EDINBURGH EH1 2EA**

### **Writer and historian William Dalrymple accepts honorary degree**

Acclaimed writer and historian William Dalrymple will receive an Honorary Degree from the University of Edinburgh tomorrow (Tuesday, 30 June).

Edinburgh-born Mr Dalrymple, who is also an art historian and curator, as well as a prominent broadcaster and critic, will receive a Doctor of Letters at a ceremony in the city's Usher Hall.

Mr Dalrymple wrote the highly praised bestseller *In Xanadu* when he was twenty-two. His subsequent work *City of Djinn*s won the Thomas Cook Travel Book Award and the Sunday Times Young British Writer of the Year Award.

A co-founder of the Jaipur Literature Festival, Mr Dalrymple has also been awarded the French Prix D'Astrolabe for *The Age of Kali*, the Wolfson Prize for History for *White Mughals* and the Duff Cooper Memorial Prize for *The Last Mughal*.

*There will be a chance to take photographs of Mr Dalrymple after the ceremony – approximately 4.15pm. Photographers should go to the box office entrance of the Usher Hall.*

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