



## News Release

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### Silver screen lights up quad for movie magic under the stars

The University of Edinburgh's Old College quadrangle will be transformed into an open air cinema this August for a week-long series of film screenings.

Highlights from the varied programme include Edinburgh-based romantic comedy *One Day*, Eighties' classic *Ghostbusters* and children's favourite *Shrek*.

*Film in the Old College Quad*, which will take place from 17 to 23 August, is presented by the University in association with the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

Short films by Animation and Film and Television students from Edinburgh College of Art will also be screened each evening.

There will be themed evenings throughout the week, including a comedy night with *Whisky Galore!*, an Eighties' night with *The Breakfast Club* and a night dedicated to films directed by the Coen brothers. Their cult classics *Fargo* and *The Big Lebowski* will be screened.

There will also be free family matinees on Sunday 17 and Saturday 23 of August, showing *Shrek* and Dreamworks' *How to Train Your Dragon*.

An Edinburgh-themed evening also aims to show the city's alternative side, with Danny Boyle's infamous *Trainspotting* and 1980's dark comedy *Restless Natives*.

As well as enjoying the atmospheric surrounding of the Old College, festival-goers are encouraged to bring a picnic and watch classic film under the stars on the quad lawn.

Professor Mary Bownes, Vice Principal External Engagement at the University of Edinburgh, said: "We are thrilled to welcome the public to the Old College quad for this series of outdoor cinema screenings. We are particularly pleased to showcase new talent from our students in ECA and hope the historical setting will add to the drama."

Ken Hay, CEO of the Edinburgh International Film Festival said: "We're delighted to be working with the University of Edinburgh in hosting this season of film screenings in the iconic surroundings of the Old College quad. After the success of the outdoor screenings as part of EIFF and Film in the City in June, it's great to be back in August with even more."

*Film in the Old College Quad* is produced by Unique Events. Booking information can be found at [www.ed.ac.uk/festivals](http://www.ed.ac.uk/festivals) and more films will be announced in the coming week.

Tickets cost £5 per film (family matinees are free) and can be booked via the Edinburgh Festival Fringe website - [www.edfringe.com](http://www.edfringe.com).

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