

**Eden  
Court**  
HIGHLANDS

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## ABOUT EDEN COURT

We're proud to be Scotland's largest combined arts organisation. We present and make work with, by and for the people of the Highlands and Islands and those who visit us.

We have three connected buildings on the banks of the River Ness that collectively span three centuries. We first opened in 1976 and then closed in 2004 for a £25m extension and refurbishment.

When we re-opened in 2008 we became one of approximately 50 post-war buildings in Scotland given Category A listed status by Historic Environment Scotland.

At our home in Inverness we have two beautiful theatres: The Empire – 869 seats, The One Touch – 275 seats, two multi-purpose studios, two cinemas and three art galleries. We also have lots of permanent public art, inside and outside our building. We don't just present and make work inside our building.

We do it outside (in the Summer we put-up big stretch tent with a bar and a stage inside) and we do it across the Highlands in communities, in schools and across our incredibly beautiful natural environment.

We're really proud to be for, and of, the Highlands. The Highland spirit runs through our organisation in many ways from the local produce we use in our restaurant, our Gaelic and Traditional Arts programme on our stages, but perhaps most importantly; through our welcome.

Everything we do will come from a place somewhere between our commercial head and our charitable heart. That's because we have to balance our finances with artistic risk and our charitable purposes. We rely on donations and grants from individuals, trusts and businesses who believe in us and share our values.

In addition to the spaces where we showcase art we also have a shop, bars and a restaurant. We're open every day from 09:30 until late.



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SWAN LAKE

## Live Performance

Our Live Performance team programme work that involves one or more person on a stage, or in a space, with an audience.

We are interested in hearing from artists and companies who create and make work on all scales. We present everything from intimate contemporary dance through to large-scale musical theatre. We are particularly interested in presenting work funded by Creative Scotland.

We are proud to be a home for our national companies: Scottish Ballet, Scottish Opera and National Theatre of Scotland, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra.



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## Film

We have two beautiful, modern cinemas. We're proudly independent from any of the well-known cinema chains. Our independence allows us to programme a diverse programme of new releases and new works from emerging film makers. We try hard to present film that talks to diverse communities of people.

We're supportive of Scottish filmmakers as well as showing world-cinema, independent film, documentaries and retrospective screenings.

Our annual Inverness Film Festival has a loyal and growing audience that packs in over 50 titles in a five-day period. Taking place every November it's a highlight in our annual calendar.



FLOW FESTIVAL  
Sep 2019



ELLIOT'S STORIES –  
AGA SPALDING  
May 2019



ALAN JAMES MCLEOD  
Jul 2019

## Visual Art

We have four gallery spaces. We work with artists to present a varied programme of exhibitions showcasing the work of both established artists and those who are emerging.

Our OneTouch Gallery is currently hosting exhibitions from the FLOW photography festival.

Our Stalls Gallery is where established artists from across Scotland and the world can exhibit and sell their work.

The Second Floor Gallery will be a creative space where Highland artists, young and older, established and emerging, can exhibit and sell their work.

Our Blink Gallery is our space dedicated to the local community and the creative work they produce.



## Engagement

Amongst many folk Eden Court is most well-known for its far reaching and life-changing programme for children, young people and the community. For many decades we have delivered an extensive programme of performing arts experiences at Eden Court and across the Highlands.

We run over 50 classes a week at our building because we believe everyone has the potential to be creative. Our classes range from 'Just Sing!' to 'Let's Paint with Acrylics', and are delivered by a wonderful team of Highland and Moray based freelancers.

We support and run Youth Theatres in Caithness, Fortrose, Lochaber, Inverness and at Eden Court.

We deliver large-scale outdoor events on behalf of the Highland Council, we're always at the Belladrum Festival and we make a Festive show for the under-5's each December.

The team is full of artists who make their own work alongside their work with Eden Court. We're passionate about continued professional development because we recognise that our unique geographical location can make seeing work, and learning from others, challenging.