18TH & 19TH NOVEMBER
DUNDEE CITY CENTRE

Marking the finalé of the nationwide Festival of Architecture 2016, the start of Dundee’s annual Christmas festivities and a highlight of the 2016 Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design

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PROGRAMME INFO
This year we combine our Christmas Light Night events with the Festival of Architecture finalé, a key part of the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design.

Alongside the start of Dundee’s Christmas Festivities, the Festival finalé will celebrate Scotland’s architecture in a vibrant street celebration taking place throughout the city centre.

Light Nights Dundee is packed with things to see and do - the perfect place to begin your winter fun.

Friday 18th November
EAT/DRINK/SHOP
Pop-up Dundee Christmas Market
Enjoy the best of the area’s food, drink and craft producers in Dundee’s newest outdoor event space, Slessor Gardens. Including many independent businesses open until 9pm; Flame Tree Café*, Coffee and Co* and M Boutique.

Barista Buddy • Bears and Buddies Workshop • Cav & Co • Café Mojo • Cairn O’Mohr wine • Dreamland Clothing • Firefly • Gazeley’s Deli • Hamish’s Hogs • Jewellery Designers, Duncan of Jordanstone • Lovingly Made By • Lumberjack Inc • Magdalen Green Photography • The Gin Bothy • Meat House • Olly Bobbins & Friends • Planet Soap • Quirky Coo • Selection Box • The Cheesy Toast Shack • Two Little Dogs • Showcase The Street • Snowbar by The West House • The Wine Press • Wevolution

Location: Slessor Gardens
Time: 4pm–9pm

LIGHT DISPLAYS
Playable Architecture at the Old Steeple
Award winning digital designers Biome Collective illuminate the city’s oldest surviving building with a new interactive sound and light experience, commissioned for Light Nights 2016.

Come along and participate in this colourful and melodic projection.

Location: Old Steeple, Nethergate Dundee
Time: 4pm–10pm
Illumination of V&A Dundee Under Construction
Experience a unique opportunity to view the illumination of V&A Dundee under construction. A new lighting design created by 21cc will highlight the remarkable structure of Kengo Kuma’s impressive design for the UK’s first design museum outside London.
Location: View from Slessor Gardens
Time: 4pm–10pm

Colony - Sphere Sculptures
An installation of giant otherworldly spheres will take over Castle Street. These tactile sonic sculptures will entice passers-by to listen to the sounds emanating from inside - a soundscape you can hear, feel and touch.
Location: Castle Street
Time: 4pm–9pm

Celebratory Fireworks
To celebrate the start of the Christmas festivities and mark the end of the Festival of Architecture 2016, fireworks will burst into the night skies choreographed to Tchaikovsky’s the Nutcracker Suite. Set off in the city centre area, best viewing in and around the city square.
Location: Best viewing from in and around City Square area
Time: 8pm

Luminous Birds
Artist Kathy Hinde brings her musical flock of Luminous Birds to the Howff. As night falls, marvel under a canopy of animated origami birds fluttering and chirping in harmony. If you haven’t yet had a look now is the ideal opportunity.
Location: The Howff, Meadowside
Time: 4pm–9pm

Enlightened Dundee
During one week in October, Dundee Institute of Architects challenged the general public to discover and decipher five light projection puzzles all linked to construction trades. The winners will be revealed during Light Nights and their names projected onto the back of the Caird Hall.
Location: View from Slessor Gardens
Time: 7.30pm

BBC Build it Scotland
Build it Scotland invited children aged 7-14 to help build Scotland’s top landmarks in a virtual world and create an online map of Scotland. Using Minecraft and other 3d design software the creations include Scotland’s favourite buildings. See a selection in this projection onto the back of the Caird Hall.
Location: View from Slessor Gardens
Time: 7.40pm onwards

Big Screen
The Big Screen on Slessor Gardens will show the Christmas Lights switch on live, along with key event information and highlights from 2016 Festival of Architecture, a key part of the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design.
Location: Slessor Gardens
Time: 4pm–9pm

WALKS, TRAILS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

Torchlight Procession
The annual torchlight procession connects two of Dundee’s best-loved buildings, McManus Galleries to the Caird Hall. This twinkling procession includes architecturally inspired lanterns made by local people and community groups. Hand held lit torches lead the way along the route for the build-up to the Christmas light switch on, accompanied by the Boys Brigade Battalion Pipe Band and the stirring sound of drummers.
Location: Dundee High School
Time: 6.30pm

Christmas Lights Switch On
The Christmas tree lights in City Square and surrounding streets will be switched on by Santa and the Lord Provost. Why not enjoy watching the countdown from the comfort of Slessor Gardens with mulled wine and street food in hand. For the first time, live images will be beamed from the Square to the Big Screen located on Slessor Gardens.
Location: City Square area
Countdown: 6.30pm–6.45pm
Past, Present and Future Architectural Trail
A new walking trail, marking the Festival of Architecture Finale highlights some of the buildings which have played a key role in Dundee’s past, present and looking ahead to its future. Trail leaflets are available on the night.

Location: Castle Street
Time: 4pm–9pm

Themes for Buildings and Spaces
Andrew Wasylyk (the alias of Scottish writer, producer and multi-instrumentalist, Andrew Mitchell) invites the listener to explore the city through sound. Six selected architectural sites, have inspired a series of vignettes echoing the materials, everyday use and romanticised memories of a landscape considerably changed through the decades. From the celebrated to the forgotten, the melancholic to the uplifting, the ambient to the hypnotic, Wasylyk’s soundtrack asks the nostalgist in us all to consider an alternative view of Dundee, Andrew’s home city.

Visit www.northeastofnorth.com to download the tracks and architectural sites to your mobile device, don a set of headphones and journey the streets of Dundee, where the buildings and spaces sing.

Runtime: Around 45 minutes, depending on your own pace.
Available until 17.00 Sunday 20th of November

Wishing Wall
Make a wish and light a candle at the wishing wall and help us create a beautiful wall of light for Light Nights.
Location: Shore Terrace
Time: 6pm–9pm

Dundee Pavilion, designed by Kengo Kuma
Kengo Kuma’s Kibako (meaning wooden box in Japanese) inspired pavilion is composed of various tree trunks collected from Templeton Woods in Dundee. This is the first chance to see the pavilion and exhibition in its new setting on Slessor Gardens after its appearance at Festival of Architecture Cities Expo in Edinburgh this Summer. A 3D virtual reality headset will be available for visitors to view the vision of the completed Waterfront.
Location: Slessor Gardens
Time: 6pm–9pm

Horne’s Carnival
Stretching the length of the Murraygate to the Wellgate a variety of carnival rides and all the fun of the fayre for all ages to enjoy.
Location: High Street/Murraygate/Wellgate
Time: 11am–9pm

Performances

Sound of Dundee
Unique performances in the intimacy of the Underground pass (known locally as the Pend) between City Square and Castle Street. See Dundee’s newest, up and coming musicians perform in this unusual space.
Location: Underground Pass, Crichton Street
Time: From 4pm

Loadswaweminsingin
Loadswaweminsingin will harmonise with the Playable Architecture installation and its high tech sound and vision. Enjoy the sound of choral voices singing in the shadow of the churches.
Location: City Churches
Time: 7pm–7.30pm

Got Soul Choir
Scotland’s premier soul choir led by soul powerhouse Maryam Ghaffari, celebrate the festive season with their raucous uplifting harmonies that guarantee to get you tapping your feet!
Location: Caird Hall Steps, City Square
Time: 7.30pm–8pm

Showcase the Street
Showcase the Street is a local charity operating in Dundee and the surrounding areas. Performing on the night will be their Saturday Musical theatre classes with ‘We wish it could be Christmas’ and the Dundee Dance Companions perform their award-winning dance routines, just months after winning 1st and 3rd place in the Euro Disney Championships at Disneyland Paris.
Location: Overgate, beside Costa Cafe
Time: 7pm–8pm

Street Theatre
Performance students from Dundee and Angus College Performing Arts course will delight passers-by with their dramatic antics, creating some theatre for you to enjoy whilst you explore the city.
Location: Reform Street
Time: 7pm
St Paul’s Cathedral
St Paul’s Cathedral raises the curtain on an evening of traditional celebration with two Dundee school choirs. From 6.00-6.30pm pupils from Harris Academy choir and Woodwind Ensemble will entertain with a selection of Christmas carols.

Location: St Paul’s Cathedral
Time: 6pm–7.30pm

The Free Voice Singers
Enjoy some traditional Christmas songs and carols by The Free Voice Singers. This local community group will sing all of your family favourites acapella.

Location: McManus Gallery (outside on Gothic Steps)
Time: 6pm–6.30pm

Big Winter Warm Up
This mass participation aerobics workout is just what you need to warm up and ensure you enjoy the night of festivities. Led by fitness instructors from Leisure & Culture Dundee you are encouraged to bring your enthusiasm to create some fun and laughter before the fireworks. You will be joined by some well known characters and Dundee athletes.

Location: City Square Area
Time: 7pm–7.30pm

The Dundee Nativity 2016, Quotes from Christmas
Four characters step out of a church Nativity scene and tell us their story. As the tale unfolds in words and music we find ourselves drawn into a great mystery...

Location: Free-public performances during Dundee Christmas Festival, in the Steeple Church, The Nethergate... Bring the Family!
Times: Friday 18th November, 7.15pm, Saturday 19th November, 7pm Sunday 20th November, 2.30pm

EXHIBITIONS

Light Nights at McManus Galleries
Explore the Museum at night and discover Dundee’s past and present through the collections of objects and artworks. Visit Reflections on Celts, a fascinating insight into communities in Britain 2,000 years ago and current Art exhibitions - Out of the Frame: Scottish Abstraction and ‘A Sense of Place: Twentieth Century Scottish Painting, featuring work drawn from Dundee’s nationally significant fine art collection. In the Learning Studio, there’s a chance to see work created during this year’s BBC Build It Project with lots of great pop up activities for children and families to do and make.

Location: McManus Gallery
Time: 5pm–9pm (last entry to galleries is 8.45pm)
Continuing Saturday 19th November.

**FOOD AND DRINK**

*Christmas Farmers Market, 9am–4pm, City Square*

- Allan’s Chilli Products • Berit Thomson Pewterware • Inverness Fudge (trailer) • Arbroath Fisheries • Brewsters • Storm Cakes • Borland Farm • Cairn O’Mohr • Hubertus Game • John Reid & Sons • Devenick Dairy • Puddledub • Harry’s Treats • Grewar’s Farm Shop • Planet Soap • Eden Mill • Bears & Buddies Workshop • Cav & Co (trailer) • Dreamland Clothing • Crepe shack • The West House • Embroidered by Maz • Firefly • Gazeley’s Deli • Hamish’s Hogs • Lovingly made by • Lumberjack Inc • Magdalen Green Photographer • Meat House Bar & Grill • Pop Dundee • The Cheesy Toast shack

**LIGHT DISPLAYS**

*V&A Dundee construction site lighting project*

**Location:** View from Slessor Gardens

**Time:** 4–10pm

*Playable Architecture*

**Location:** Old Steeple

**Time:** 4pm–10pm

*Luminous Birds*

**Location:** Howff Cemetery

**Time:** 4pm

**EXHIBITIONS**

*Dundee Festival of Architecture – A 2016 Showcase*

**Location:** West Ward Works

**Time:** 12.00–7pm

*Dundee Nativity 2016, Quotes from Christmas*

**Location:** Nethergate

**Time:** 7pm
LIGHT NIGHTS

Over two nights in November Dundee’s oldest and newest landmarks will stage spectacular light shows

CHRISTMAS SWITCH-ON
FIREWORKS
MUSIC
LATE NIGHT SHOPPING
CARNIVAL
STREET THEATRE
TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION
FOOD & DRINK
ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBITIONS & TRAILS
SPECTACULAR LIGHT PROJECTIONS

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