

## **ONLINE RELEASE OF TICKETS FOR *BANK OF SCOTLAND FIREWORKS CONCERT***

Light the virtual blue touch paper - tickets for the ***Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert***, the spectacular finale to the **Edinburgh International Festival** are going on sale online.

An allocation of one of the summer's hottest tickets will be released for sale via the Edinburgh International Festival website [www.eif.co.uk/bankofscotlandfireworksconcert](http://www.eif.co.uk/bankofscotlandfireworksconcert) from **11.00am** on **Monday 21 July**.

The ***Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert*** takes place in **Princes Street Gardens** on **Sunday 31 August at 9.00pm** and sees a fantastic evening of central European folk dance music performed live by the **Scottish Chamber Orchestra** to a breathtaking **choreographed firework display** against the backdrop of Edinburgh's historic castle.

This year's ***Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert*** display, created by international fireworks artists **Wilf Scott** and **Keith Webb** of **Pyrovision**, includes more than **100,000 fireworks**, four tonnes of explosives, and hundreds of firing sequences including the famous waterfall cascading from Edinburgh Castle.

Acclaimed firebrand Romanian conductor **Nicolae Moldoveanu** leads the **Scottish Chamber Orchestra** in an exuberant programme of music for **Hungarian Dances** by **Dvořák** and **Slavonic Dances** by **Brahms**.

Each customer can buy **up to four Princes Street Gardens tickets** via [www.eif.co.uk/bankofscotlandfireworksconcert](http://www.eif.co.uk/bankofscotlandfireworksconcert) on Monday 21 July from 11.00am. Tickets cost **£10** each.

The first allocation of tickets for the ***Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert*** were snapped up in a postal ballot which closed in May.

The final allocation of tickets goes on sale on Sunday 24 August at 10.00am only from the counter at The Hub, Castlehill, Edinburgh, EH1 2NE. These are limited to four per customer.

Festival fans in Scotland and across the world can keep up to date on all the latest news about the ***Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert*** at [www.eif.co.uk/bankofscotlandfireworksconcert](http://www.eif.co.uk/bankofscotlandfireworksconcert)

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Notes to Editors:

The **Bank of Scotland Fireworks Concert** last year attracted an audience of over **250,000 people** viewing from vantage points across the capital and is the biggest annual event of its kind in Europe.

**Bank of Scotland** has sponsored the Fireworks Concert since 1995 and their support extends to the **Bank of Scotland Family Viewing Area** at Inverleith Park. This free and unticketed area provides an ideal viewing area away from the crowds in Princes Street and is particularly suitable for families with younger children. The facilities at Inverleith Park include a large screen with a live link to the orchestra in the Ross Bandstand. Those without tickets can also enjoy the concert from Princes Street, which is closed to traffic for the evening.

Edinburgh International Festival 2008

### **BANK OF SCOTLAND FIREWORKS CONCERT**

Scottish Chamber Orchestra

Nicolae Moldoveanu

Conductor

Dvořák

*Slavonic Dances (Excerpts)*

Brahms

*Hungarian Dances (Excerpts)*

Sunday 31 August 9pm

Princes Street Gardens

Tickets £25 (Ross Theatre - seated) £10 (Princes Street Gardens)

Sponsored by **Bank of Scotland**

For further information on the concert, members of the public should contact Hub Tickets on Tel: + 44 (0)131 473 2000 or visit [www.eif.co.uk/bankofscotlandfireworksconcert](http://www.eif.co.uk/bankofscotlandfireworksconcert)

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