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Free Case of Black Friday Beers!



It's time to start thinking about your festive gift-giving, but you deserve a treat too!

We've teamed up with our Edinburgh pals at Beer52 to offer you a FREE case of new and exclusive award-winning beers from breweries around the world.

Just cover the £5.95 postage to receive your free case of eight great beers.

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Beer52 offer the ultimate immersive beer discovery experience. Their Awards case features the very best independent craft breweries across the world with eight new and exclusive beers you won't find anywhere else.

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Craft beer giant Omnipollo's Outergalactic is a smooth and super-drinkable pale ale with a vibrant hop profile and a beautifully rounded palate to ensure you keep coming.

Spain's BasqueLand have developed a global reputation for brewing exceptional dark beers and their Baltic Porter The Adventures of Mr. Maty exhibits a harmonious blend of aromas and flavours including roasted malt sweetness, dark chocolate, coffee and dark fruit undertones.

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Time to Connect!



Scotland's iconic Connect festival returned last year after a long 14-year hiatus. Relaunching in 2022 at Ingliston's Royal Highland Showgrounds near Edinburgh Airport, Connect is back for its fourth outing next weekend! Taking place over three packed days from 25 to 27 August, at this family friendly festival you'll find all manner of music, art, spoken word, discussion, comedy, wellness, a fine dining chef's table experience, food from neighbourhood markets and more on this surprisingly lush site, complete with a small stream and lake.

When it comes to this year's musical offerings, the team behind Connect have been practically daunted, with six acts from its expertly curated lineup - Young Fathers, Jockstrap, Loyle Carner, Olivia Dean, NATE and Fred again... - shortlisted for this year's Mercury Music Prize. Impressive foresight, we're sure you'll agree.

For the full Connect lineup head to connectmusicfestival.com. Below, we pick out some highlights for each day, and take a closer look at what makes Connect festival unique.

Day One: Friday 25 August

Primal Scream, Franz Ferdinand, Jockstrap

Spinning the Mercury Music Prize, Primal Scream won the first ever Mercury in 1992 for their rawness. Andrew Weatherall-produced record Screamedelica. They headline the Grand Parade on Friday night, where hits will also be provided earlier in the day from fellow Scots and Mercury Prize winners, indie-pop offshoots Franz Ferdinand (pictured), Headlining Outlets & Other Machines stage, you'll find Australian party starters and shape Browners Confidence Man, while earlier in the day eclectic award-gate pop from Jockstrap will be just the ticket. Meanwhile, over at Unknown Pleasures, Scottish producer DJ duo Siam will light up the night with their infectious brand of techno and house.

Day Two: Saturday 26 August

Fred again... Young Fathers, Robin Murphy

Following a massive breakthrough year, bagging Saturday's bill is producer and DJ Fred again... while earlier in the day Edinburgh's own Young Fathers (pictured) will show everyone exactly why they're being regarded as one of Scotland's greatest live bands. The main stage belongs to Robin Murphy, last girl into the MUNA, and local heroes Free Love will make it hard to leave the Grand Parade throughout the day, but if you do, over at Outlets & Other Machines, you'll find indie pop troupe Friendly Fire, soulful pop from Olivia Dean, and squelchy hyperpop from TAAHUM. At Unknown Pleasures, Optimo (pictured) bring their mixed-genre bag of tunes to Connect, with Eclair Fil and Today in tow.





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