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Taste of Edinburgh festivals in Dundee

DUNDEE AUDIENCES will not have to go far for one of the famous Edinburgh festivals this year, it was revealed yesterday.

As part of Edinburgh International Festival's new scheme Sharing The Festival, the city will host Experimentum Mundi in September—a musical performance directed by composer Giorgio Battistelli which incorporates the nine trades of Dundee.

The show, at The Space on September 8, sees workmen transform into musicians using their tools as instruments.

Teenagers can spend the final week of their holidays getting creative with film-making, music and drama at the Caird Hall.

The festival's outreach youth project The Extraordinary In The Ordinary will run from Monday, August 3, until Friday, August 7.

The young people's film and audio work will be shown in the foyer of The Space before Experimentum Mundi and in Edinburgh's Traverse Theatre, where the show runs for a week before coming to Dundee.

This emerged last night at a meeting of organisation Festivals Edinburgh and representatives from some of its 12 festivals at Dundee Contemporary Arts.

The festivals, including the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Edinburgh Military Tattoo and Edinburgh Film, Jazz and Book Festivals, have long been popular with both audiences and performers and from across Tayside and Fife.

Local names hitting the bills this year include poet Don Paterson and band Havana Swing, and creative writers from across Dundee will also be on show.

Festivals Edinburgh director Faith Liddell spoke of the importance of keeping in touch with local audiences.

She said, "We know how enthusiastic Dundonians and people from across Tayside and Fife are about all the Edinburgh festivals and everything they have to offer.

"This year there is such a colourful selection of unique shows and events and we are keen to let as many people as possible experience and enjoy them."

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