

soundfestival

22 – 31 OCTOBER 2026



Family-friendly events

#soundfest26
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Sat 17 Oct – Sun 1 Nov 10am–4.30pm

Where Listening Begins

Aberdeen Science Centre

Learn about the science behind our ears and how we listen in an educational and interactive exhibition. Included in entrance ticket to Science Centre.

soundwalk: Cainnt nan Eun / The Language of the Birds Duncan MacLeod (sound artist)

Thu 22 Oct 2–3.15pm

Mill of Benholm, Johnshaven £5

Sat 24 Oct 1.30–2.45pm

Forvie Visitor Centre, Collieston £5

Combining field recordings, Gaelic song, oral histories and music, this geolocate soundwalk explores relationships between birds, language and place. Includes a talk by Shona MacLennan from RSPB Scotland. For ages 8+.

Fri 23 Oct 11am–12pm

Family soundwalk: Explore Union Terrace Gardens

FREE

Union Terrace Gardens, Aberdeen

Step into the sounds of the city on a fun and interactive soundwalk! We'll wander, listen closely, and turn everyday sounds into musical inspiration.

To register to take part:

tinyurl.com/familysoundwalk

Sat 24 Oct 10.30–11.15am

Family Promenade Concert: Lydenskab Ensemble

FREE

Aberdeen Maritime Museum

Our popular family-friendly promenade concert for all ages will take you on a relaxed and informal journey of musical discovery around Aberdeen Maritime Museum.



Sun 25 October 10am–3.30pm

Community Day with Duncan MacLeod: The Metalization of a Dream

FREE

Cowdray Hall, Aberdeen

Open to all ages, instruments and abilities.
Under 12s from 12:30pm
Concert at 3–3.30pm

Find out what it's like to be involved in creating a work with a composer! Join **Duncan MacLeod** in building, rehearsing and performing his musical collage *The Metalization of a Dream*, influenced by the collages of Scottish artist Eduardo Paolozzi.

To register to take part in the day:

tinyurl.com/soundcommunityday