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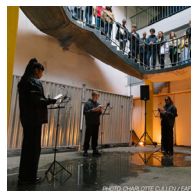
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Hahaha, you thought festival season was over, didn't you? Festival season will "never" be over! All of your weekends will be filled with fun, exciting arrays of art and music! Yep, we might be heading into autumn but there are still a few bits of festive fun to be had, not least at **Freakender**.

The three-dayer from the fine folks at El Rancho, Fuzzkill and Eyes Wide Open returns to the Old Hairdresser's in Glasgow from 6 to 8 September with a packed lineup of garage rock, post-punk, doom-wop and neo-psych. Edinburgh disco-punks Bikini Body head up a bumper Saturday bill, joined by The Skinny faves Kaputt and Saint Sappho among many, many others – weekend tickets are sold out but **day tickets for Friday, Saturday and Sunday** remain.



LUNCHTIME READINGS:  
**Prem Sahib's Alleus at Edinburgh Art Festival**

Read the reflections of our Edinburgh Art Festival Emerging Critics on this year's programme, including this piece by Celeste MacLeod-Brown on the Scottish premiere of Prem Sahib's sound work in an Edinburgh car park.

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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 good market and more on this surprisingly lush site, complete with a small stream and lake.


For those wanting to make the most of the weekend, two- and three-day ticket holders will have access to more camping options this year, with everything from BYOT (bring your own tent) to glamping in a luxury bell tent available, while day ticket holders can merely pick the day(s) which suits them best, taking advantage of Edinburgh's excellent public transport links from the city centre.

When it comes to this year's musical offerings, the team behind Connect have been practically clairvoyant, with six acts from its expertly curated lineup - Young Fathers, Jockstrap, Loyfe Carner, Olivia Dean, RAYE 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](https://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



**Day Two: Saturday 26 August**  
Fred again..., Young Fathers, Róisín Murphy