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## THE EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO (Updated)

### THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

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**USPA NEWS** - Each year's Tattoo is very much a 'global gathering' - showcasing the talents of musicians and performers from every corner of the globe.

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The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is an experience like no other. Taking place on the esplanade of Edinburgh's iconic Castle, expect an unforgettable evening of music, ceremony, theatre and dance. From its early days, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo has been an international favourite. Performers from over 48 countries have taken part in the Tattoo, and around 30 per cent of the 220,000 audience each year are from overseas. In addition to this, the Tattoo has been televised in more than 40 countries. An annual television audience of 100 million watches the coverage worldwide. The international flavour of the Tattoo has been deliberately developed as a key element in its capacity to entertain a huge, cosmopolitan audience. The Tattoo's unique ability to bring together thousands of people for this annual celebration of music and entertainment continues and the public's appetite for pomp and ceremony shows no sign of diminishing.

In 2017 The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo embraces a colourful theme, Splash of Tartan, playing host to a stunning array of performers from all points of the compass.

Splash of Tartan  
(Program)

In a Royal Navy lead year, we set sail with the Massed Bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines as we celebrate the history, heritage and colour of Scotland's global family both near and far.

The famed Massed Pipes & Drums will once again create their iconic sound on the esplanade, delivering some of the most iconic scenes of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

India's premier military band, the Indian Naval Band, will showcase the vibrant culture of their nation's Western seaports.

The Fanfare Band of the 9th French Marine Infantry Brigade will offer a traditional military ensemble, bringing their own Breton influences to the proceedings.

Bringing to life the story of the Viking invasion and settlement on Shetland, Hjaltibonhoga will once again bring their fiddle music to the castle ramparts.

Performing a piece written by composer Findlay MacDonald especially for this year's theme, the Tattoo Dance Company; made up of the very best highland dancers from across the globe; will perform on the esplanade.

The Japanese Ground Self Defence Force Central Band will bring their nations traditional as well as contemporary music to the evening's proceedings, while acting as the first representatives for their country at the Tattoo.

The Band of The Royal Regiment of Scotland will tell the story of the Jacobites through the breathtaking piece 'Ambush in the Glen'.

Turning the esplanade in to an Aircraft Carrier, The Queen's Colour Squadron with the Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment shall showcase their exceptional musicianship and precision drills.

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