

# EDINBURGH'S HOGMANAY 19

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**SAMA Award-winner VanIves joins the line-up for Edinburgh's Hogmanay's Street Party.**



**Tickets on sale**

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Catching people's eyes from the moment they quirkily launched themselves onto the scene in 2018 in a TEDx appearance rather than a gig, the VanIves are going places. Winners of Best Newcomer at the Scottish Alternative Music Awards last month, they have now been announced as opening the High Street Stage at Edinburgh's Hogmanay 19.

Childhood friends Roan Ballantyne and Stuart Ramage grew up in Dumfries and Galloway. They've each dabbled with various types of music throughout their lives

and VanIves is the culmination of those many experiments across genres. The songs are written in a unique manner, by sampling family VHS tapes and building soundscapes and songs around the memories attached to those moments. Sonically, they've created a seamless analogue and digital blend, glued together with impassioned soaring vocals, routed in hip-hop influenced production. The music is a cathartic nod to the past and a springboard to a bright future.

**Stuart Ramage from VanIves said:** "It's an incredible honour to perform at the iconic Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party. It's one of those bucket list moments for us. This will be the biggest audience we've ever played to...we can't think of a better way to start 2020."

The **Street Party** is known for its brilliantly eclectic music line-up, featuring the best Scottish and UK talent to keep the party going all night long!

The new **High Street stage** features an all Scottish line up. After VanIves opening, Scottish indie rock heroes **Idlewild**, now cultural icons, play a set of greatest hits and new material before the high energy of **The Snuts** - with their great live performances and massive indie tunes, word about the West Lothian foursome is spreading like wildfire. After midnight get ready for the Edinburgh-based six-piece Celtic fusion band **Shooglenifty** with sounds ranging from electronica to alt rock.

Elsewhere at the Street Party the **legendary Marc Almond headlines the Waverley Stage** this year. The hugely popular singer-songwriter will perform a selection of his greatest hits with his band. Opening for Marc is a young singer-songwriter from Fort William, **Keir Gibson** whose excellent debut single *Eyes Wide* is creating waves already. We're also delighted to welcome **The Ninth Wave**, frontrunners of Glasgow's indie/glam movement, with triumphant sets at Isle of Wight, Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival, Jocktoberfest, HebCelt and King Tut's New Year's Revolution. After Marc Almond takes us up to The Bells, Edinburgh's good-time ska godfathers **PorkPie** take the stage after midnight to keep the party going

**The Johnnie Walker Stage** plays host to Hogmanay regular **The Great Calverto**, opening for Radio 1 DJ and presenter of *Love Island: The Morning After*, Glasgow born **Arielle Free** - followed by the return of the **Mac Twins** after last year's triumphant set no one wanted to end, taking us through The Bells and into 2020.

Marking the **27<sup>th</sup> edition of the world's best New Year Party**, the three-day festival combines much loved Scottish traditions with the very best contemporary artists and acts from across the world in Edinburgh, the home of Hogmanay. **BE TOGETHER!** is this year's invitation issued to residents and visitors, to friends old and new by Edinburgh's Hogmanay organisers to a year which explores Scotland and Edinburgh's relationship with itself and the rest of the world as the international spotlight shines on its capital.

Edinburgh's Hogmanay **headline act, Academy Award, Grammy and Golden Globe-winning artist, DJ and producer, Mark Ronson** is set not only to become the first ever DJ to headline Hogmanay in the gardens but will also **create a new soundtrack to accompany the world famous Midnight Moment**

**fireworks** as they explode spectacularly from Edinburgh Castle and welcome 2020 in banging style!

Be there!

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**Accreditation is now open at**

<https://www.edinburghshogmanay.com/information/press>

### **About VanIves**

Childhood friends Stuart Ramage (Singer, Songwriter, guitarist) and Roan Ballantine (Producer, pianist, DJ and songwriter) make up the multi-genre-bending duo of VanIves. Hailing from south-west Scotland their sound originates from the dancefloor, layering catchy hooks and immersive imagery which is self-effacingly making this duo Scotland's most exciting export.

The duo hit the music scene this year with supports for notable artists such as SG Lewis, Tokio Myers and Be Charlotte whilst also celebrating their debut single by opening Glasgows TEDxTalk at the Armadillo and garnering airtime from BBC introducing and BBC Scotland.

They first met as ten year olds lobbying to have a skate park built in Galloway. The songs are written in a unique manner, by sampling family VHS tapes and building soundscapes and songs around the memories attached to those moments. The music is a cathartic nod to the past and a springboard to a bright future. Sonically they've managed to create a seamless analogue and digital blend, glued together with impassioned soaring vocals, routed in hip-hop influenced production.

When they were seventeen years old they helped build sound systems and held bass music nights in forests. The culture of bass heavy dance music has influenced and inspired their creative direction.

Roan is a self taught producer and Suzuki pianist. He is also a DJ who cut his teeth playing sets in the woods in Dumfries and Galloway, releasing dance music under various alias' currently a design student at world famous Glasgow School of Art.

Stuart is a multi instrumentalist ,virtuoso guitarist specialising in songwriting with open tunings. He recently graduated from University of West of Scotland with an honours degree in Commercial Music. He has toured the world as a session musician as well as writing and producing music for other artists. Made a name for himself at songwriting camps in Nashville.

Their second EP 'The Waves and I Would Wonder' is now available on Vinyl, released via Berlin label Vielen Dank Records.

## **ABOUT EDINBURGH'S HOGMANAY**

[IMAGES from last year's 3 day festival HERE](#)

**Edinburgh's Hogmanay is the UK's (if not the world's) leading New Year Festival lasting 3 days in Scotland's stunning capital city drawing an estimated 150,000 people from Scotland and around the world.**

Edinburgh's Hogmanay continues its charity partnership with **Edinburgh's One City Trust**.

Underbelly will deliver an ambitious Edinburgh's Hogmanay, working with an internationally renowned creative team, on behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council, Edinburgh's Hogmanay is supported by City of Edinburgh Council, Scottish Government through the Edinburgh Festival's Expo Fund, and EventScotland International Events Programme, all working together to create a world leading New Year in Scotland.

### **About Underbelly**

Underbelly is a UK based live entertainment company. Their events and festivals division operates one of the largest operations at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, selling over 460,000 tickets for over 200 shows, in 22 venues over 25 days in 2018. 2018 was the sixth year Underbelly produced Edinburgh's Christmas for City of Edinburgh Council which saw 771,074 tickets sold to visitors from more than 40 countries, and the second year of producing Edinburgh's Hogmanay also on behalf of City of Edinburgh Council, which welcomed 160,000 over 3 days.

2019 marks the eleventh year of Underbelly Festival on the Southbank - one of the biggest multi-arts offerings in London and London's original pop-up festival, with over 140 shows programmed over 6 months on the South Bank.

Underbelly also produces Christmas in Leicester Square, Underbelly Festival in Hong Kong, West End Live in Trafalgar Square for Westminster City Council and the Society of London Theatre.

In 2018 Underbelly sold over 1.5 million tickets to their various events.

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