This map shows a selection of Edinburgh's music venues, bars, record shops and places of interest. First created in July 2022, it may contain inaccurate information due to the passage of time and changing circumstances. Pin-points on the map should be used as general guidance to locations.

From award-winning grassroots venues like Sneaky Pete's to the former dissection room at Summerhall and the grand surroundings of the Usher Hall, Edinburgh has an eclectic array of spaces for live music. Add in a thriving selection of bars hosting live gigs and numerous record shops, the city has something to offer all types of music fans.

While you're in Edinburgh, have a listen to the best local music via Edinburgh Music Lovers' specially curated Spotify playlist – sptfy.com/foreveredinburgh – or tune in to local online community radio station EHFM.

For more information on music and what's on in Edinburgh, visit Forever Edinburgh's Official Guide to the city at edinburgh.org or scan this QR code.

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Music Venues

The city's main music venues which host gigs by touring acts and local talent

1. **Leith Depot** | Mixed genre
   - This laid-back bar is owned by musicians and is a much-loved hub for live music.
   - 138, 140 Leith Walk, EH6 5DT

2. **Sneaky Pete’s** | Mixed genre & club nights
   - Small but hugely respected venue bringing the best new bands to Edinburgh & supporting local acts.
   - A must-visit, buzzing 7 nights a week
   - 73 Cowgate, EH1 1JW

3. **The Voodoo Rooms** | Mixed genre & covers bands
   - A multi-award-winning cocktail bar featuring The Ballroom – an intimate event space hosting an eclectic array of gigs
   - 19a W Register St, EH2 2AA

4. **The Bongo Club** | Mixed genre & club nights
   - Creative, cultural hub run by an arts charity with genre-hopping gigs and club nights
   - 66 Cowgate, EH1 1JX

5. **The Mash House** | Mixed genre & club nights
   - Just off the Cowgate, a cool & key venue in the capital hosting touring rising stars & local talent
   - 37 Guthrie St, EH1 1UQ

6. **The Jazz Bar** | Jazz, Blues, Funk & Soul
   - In this vibe basement you will find Scotland’s leading independent jazz venue with gigs year round
   - 1a Chambers St, EH1 1HR

7. **The Wee Red Bar** | Mixed genre & club nights
   - A compact student bar with live music, DJ sets and a programme of concerts
   - 74 Lauriston Pl, EH3 9DF

8. **The Caves** | Mixed genre
   - A truly unique subterranean venue formed in vaults that once housed whisky but now often stages great gigs
   - 8-10 Niddry St S, EH1 1NS

9. **The Liquid Room** | Mixed genre & club nights
   - Long-established mid-size venue for live shows, touring bands, tribute nights and dance clubs
   - 9c Victoria St, EH1 1HR

10. **Summerhall** | Mixed genre
    - A distinctive venue that was once a Dissection Room, Summerhall stages wonderfully eclectic gigs for open-minded music fans
    - 1 Summerhall, Newington, EH9 1PL

11. **La Belle Angèle** | Mixed genre & club nights
    - Oasis and Radiohead visited on their road to success, today La Belle still hosts exciting new talent along with heritage acts
    - 11 Hastie’s Close, EH1 1HJ

12. **The Queen’s Hall** | Mixed genre
    - Once a Georgian church, today it offers a unique and atmospheric place of worship for music lovers, particularly fans of classical, folk, pop and rock.
    - 85-89 Clerk St, EH8 1JG

13. **Assembly Rooms** | Mixed genre
    - A Georgian multi-purpose, unique venue that hosts a wide range of concerts and festivals
    - 54 George Street, EH2 2LR

14. **Usher Hall** | Mixed genre
    - Scotland's only 5-star concert hall hosting the full musical spectrum – classical and jazz, rock and pop, world and folk
    - Lothian Rd, EH1 2EA

15. **O2 Academy Edinburgh** | Mixed genre
    - A listed, 3000-capacity venue formerly known as the Com Exchange with frequent gigs by big name touring acts
    - 11 New Market Rd, EH14 1JU

16. **Edinburgh Playhouse** | Mixed genre
    - A former cinema & the UK’s largest all-seated theatre, Edinburgh Playhouse has staged gigs from Elton John to U2 and Bon Iver
    - 18-22 Greenside Pl, EH1 3AA

17. **Ross Bandstand** | Mixed genre
    - Like nowhere else in the world, this outdoor concert venue has Edinburgh Castle as its stunning backdrop
    - 104 Princes Street, Princes Street Gardens, EH2 2AA

18. **Royal Highland Centre** | Mixed genre
    - This sprawling site on the outskirts of the city occasionally hosts outdoor gigs & music festivals
    - Inglisston, Newbridge, EH26 BNH

19. **Leith Theatre** | Mixed genre
    - A charming, magical venue that is currently closed but gradually being brought back to life & occasionally opens for one-off events & festivals
    - 28-30 Ferry Rd, EH6 4AE

20. **Whistle Binkies** | Indie, rock & the obscure
    - Housed deep in the vaults under South Bridge, this Edinburgh music institution offers live music 7 nights a week.
    - Most gigs are small tours, with free entry
    - 4-6 South Bridge, EH1 1LU

21. **Bannermans** | Rock to thrash metal
    - Well-loved rock and whisky bar in the Old Town, with regular live music across all styles
    - 212 Cowgate, EH1 1NG

22. **Sandy Bell’s** | Scottish & Irish Traditional
    - A pioneer for the Scottish folk music scene since the 60s, Sandy Bell’s is world-famous for its nightly Scottish & Irish traditional music sessions
    - 25 Forrest Rd, EH1 2GH

23. **The Fiddler’s Arms** | Folk and acoustic
    - Located in the historic Grassmarket, this traditional Scottish pub features live music every weekend
    - 5-11 Grassmarket, EH1 2HY

24. **The Royal Oak** | Scottish folk
    - This 200-year-old pub has been at the heart of the Scottish folk music scene since the 60s
    - 1 Infirmary St, EH1 1LT

25. **Captain’s Bar** | Scottish Folk
    - Cosy, living room style bar showcasing Scottish acoustic and folk music most nights
    - 4 South College St, EH8 9AA

26. **George IV Bar** | Mixed genre
    - Just off the Royal Mile, hosting an eclectic mix of the best local live music from Thursday to Sunday
    - 54 George IV Bridge, EH1 1JG

27. **The Royal Mile Tavern** | Mixed genre
    - One of Edinburgh’s cosiest pubs with live music 7 nights a week playing traditional, Motown, classic rock and modern contemporary pop
    - 127 High St, EH1 1SG

28. **The Black Cat** | Scottish Folk
    - Whisky & local beer bar with live folk music on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday evenings
    - 168 Rose St, EH2 4BA

29. **Ensign Ewart** | Scottish Folk
    - Dating to 1860, with live traditional folk music most nights
    - 521-523 Lawnmarket, The Royal Mile EH1 2PE

30. **Stamham** | Mixed genre
    - A larger than life music hub with an impressive stage and live music every day
    - 207 Cowgate, Old Town

MUSIC PLACES OF INTEREST

Some interesting places to explore

31. **Edinburgh Castle Esplanade**
    - Each summer, Edinburgh Castle’s Esplanade is transformed into an unrivalled concert venue by global music artists who amplify the stunning backdrop
    - Castlehill, EH1 2NG

32. **St Cecilia's Concert Room and Music Museum**
    - Visit Scotland's oldest purpose-built concert hall and its museum to see a fascinating collection of musical instruments dating back to the 16th century
    - 50 Niddy St, EH1 1LG

33. **The Southern**
    - This craft beer and cocktail bar was once a rock pub and in 1991 hosted an impromptu acoustic gig by Nirvana
    - 22-26 South Clerk St, Newington, EH8 9PR

34. **Fruitmarket Gallery**
    - This contemporary art gallery has a cool warehouse space that is occasionally used for music events
    - 45 Market Street, EH1 1DF

Independent Record Shops

Edinburgh has a wide range of record stores to discover

35. **Assai Records**
    - Well-established vinyl hub with regular in-store events
    - 1 Girnaldy Street, EH3 9AT

36. **Thorne Records**
    - The new kid on Edinburgh’s record store block, already a hit
    - 125 Bruntsfield Place, EH10 4EQ

37. **FoxyBox Music**
    - Much-loved store mostly selling pre-owned records
    - 21 St Stephen Street, EH3 5AN

38. **Underground Solus/sh**
    - Wall to wall electronic and eclectic music
    - 9 Cockburn Street, EH1 1BP

39. **Elvis Shakespeare**
    - Specialists in punk, alternative, indie and dance
    - 347 Leith Walk, EH6 8SD

40. **Vinyl Villains**
    - Legendary shop full of rock, soul, punk, jazz, reggae, blues and folk
    - 5 Elm Row, EH7 4AA

41. **Paradise Palms**
    - Brilliant bar with added bonus of a small vinyl shop
    - 41 Lothian Street, EH1 1HB

42. **Avalanche Records**
    - Cult indie stacked full of vinyl, cassettes, CDs & t-shirts
    - Waverley Mall, EH1 1BQ

43. **Almond River Records**
    - Weird and wonderful selection in the Corstorphine area of the city
    - 253 St. John’s Road, EH12 7XD

44. **Greenhouse Records**
    - Hidden gem for lovers of leftfield sounds
    - 10 Barclay Terrace, EH10 4HP

45. **Good Vibes Neighbourhood Store**
    - Friendly Leith record & book store
    - 151-153 Constitution Street, EH6 7AD

46. **Bilm**
    - Purveyors of coffee, clothes & excellent records
    - 180 Marchmont Crescent, EH9 1HD

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