

# Rock icons and pop stars take to the stage at Edinburgh's Usher Hall this Autumn

- The biggest names in Rock & Pop set to perform in Edinburgh's 5-star concert hall this Autumn including Biffy Clyro, Tom Odell and Jack White.
- Legends of popular music including Joan Armatrading and The Osmonds bring classic hits to the Usher Hall
- Tickets on sale at [www.usherhall.co.uk](http://www.usherhall.co.uk)



(From top-left clockwise: Jack White, Biffy Clyro, Caro Emerald, Tom Odell)

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**Some of the biggest names in rock and pop music, from 60s legends to today's chart-toppers, are coming to Edinburgh's Usher Hall this Autumn.**

The Usher Hall is the Scottish capital's go-to concert venue, and the Autumn gig season sees it continue its legacy of hosting the best the music industry has to offer.

**Scottish rockers Biffy Clyro** are set to perform a very special, sold-out acoustic set as part of the iconic MTV Unplugged Series. Although their live shows are best known for their

electrifying and explosive energy, the Kilmarnock trio have often demonstrated that their songs possess an added poignancy when stripped back to their essence.

From the other side of the pond, **American rock legend Jack White** makes a triumphant return to the Usher Hall in October. The former-White Stripes frontman will bring songs from his critically acclaimed new album *Boarding House Reach* alongside some classics from his inimitable back catalogue.

As the very first UK female singer/songwriter to gain international success **Joan Armatrading** has spent the last 45 years touring and recording. 2018 brings Joan into her 46th year in music and only the second time that she will be performing a tour completely solo. She'll host an evening of brand new music and much-loved gems from across her career on 25 September.

English Singer-songwriter **Tom Odell** will also bring his unique brand of folk-inflected pop to the stage, as will Swedish sister duo **First Aid Kit** in support of their new record *Ruins* on their biggest UK tour to date. Their sold-out set will be supported by another group of sisters with a penchant for gorgeous vocal harmonies and a folk aesthetic, **The Staves**.

**Caro Emerald** is an original pop star with the look of a Hollywood icon of yesteryear and a voice that oozes warmth and vitality. She graces the stage on 13 Oct, while November sees the eagerly anticipated comeback of **Christine and the Queens**. Christine's critically acclaimed debut album *Chaleur Humaine* was a tremendous success; selling 1.3 million units across the world and becoming the biggest selling debut album in the UK in 2016.

Considered one of the greatest guitarists of his generation, legendary guitarist and singer-songwriter **Robert Cray** returns to the UK in Autumn 2018 following the success of his most recent album – the Blues Music Awards nominated 'Robert Cray & Hi Rhythm'.

60s icons **The Osmonds** have sold over 100 million records worldwide. Performing songs from a career spanning over 6 decades, join Merrill & Jay Osmond for a Rockin' Christmas show that will get you out of your seats!

The Usher Hall is also set to hold storming performances from some of the finest tribute acts around today. These include, **The Musical Box – A Genesis Extravaganza**, Ben Portsmouth as Elvis in **The King is Back**, **Queen Extravaganza**, the greatest hits of ABBA in **Björn Again**, **The Australian Pink Floyd** and the **Bootleg Beatles**.

### Listings information

#### **Biffy Clyro – MTV Unplugged (SOLD OUT)**

Friday 21 September, 7:00pm

£61.50, £50.50 and £39.50 - includes booking fee

#### **Joan Armatrading**

Tuesday 25 September, 7:30pm

Tickets £35.75 - includes booking fee

**The Musical Box – A Genesis Extravaganza**

Sunday 7 October, 8pm

£52.80, £39.60, £27.50 and £16.50 - includes booking fee

**Caro Emerald**

Saturday 13 October, 7:00pm

£54.45, £41.25 and £27.50 - includes booking fee

**Tom Odell**

Thursday 18 October, 7:00pm

£27.50 - includes booking fee

**The Robert Cray Band**

Saturday 20 October, 7:00pm

£32.45 - £43.45

**Jack White (SOLD OUT)**

Sunday 21 October, 7:00pm

£55, £46.75 and £44 - includes booking fee

**First Aid Kit – The Rebel Heart Tour (SOLD OUT)**

Friday 26 October, 7:00pm

Tickets £31.35 - includes booking fee

**Queen Extravaganza UK Tour 2018**

Tuesday 30 October, 8:00pm

£51.15 and £31.35 - includes booking fee

**The King is Back (Ben Portsmouth is Elvis)**

Saturday 17 November, 8:00pm

£32.45, £29.70 and £26.40 - includes booking fee

**Björn Again**

Wednesday 21 November, 7:00pm

Standard Tickets: £38.50 and £27.50 - includes booking fee

**Christine and the Queens**

Saturday 24 November, 7:00pm

£49.50, £41.25 - includes booking fee

**Bowling for Soup**

Tuesday 27 November, 7:00pm

£27.50 includes booking fee

**The Australian Pink Floyd**

Sunday 2 December, 7:00pm

Tickets £43.45 and £32.45

**The Osmonds Rockin' Christmas**

Friday 7 December, 7:00pm

£35.20 in advance - includes booking fee

£44 on the door - includes booking fee

**Bootleg Beatles**

Saturday 15 December, 7:00pm

Full Price £32.45 / £28.05 - includes booking fee

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Tickets available at:

[www.usherhall.co.uk](http://www.usherhall.co.uk)

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**\*\*Please note a £1.50 transaction fee applies on the overall booking when purchasing tickets online or over the phone (non-refundable)\*\***

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### **USHER HALL**

The Usher Hall is Scotland's only five-star concert hall hosting a range of concerts from rock, pop, classical, jazz, world and folk music. The venue has hosted concerts and events since it opened way back in 1914! A beautiful Edwardian building with a modern twist, which is well loved by performers and audiences all over the world due to its magnificent acoustics.

It is said that Andrew Usher sparked the idea of a 'concert hall for Edinburgh' whilst chatting away over the counter of his jewellers in Rose Street. His 'desire and intention' was that this Hall 'should become and remain a centre and attraction to musical artistes and performers and to the citizens of Edinburgh and others who may desire to hear good music...'

On 23 June 1896 it was formally announced that Andrew Usher had gifted £100,000 to The City of Edinburgh. The purpose of the money was to provide a City Hall, to be used for concerts, recitals, or other entertainments or performances of a musical nature, and for civic functions, or such other performances as the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council saw fit. Above all it was to be about the music. Edinburgh was very much lacking a hall for such musical and civic purposes, as stated in the Scotsman the following day; 'The necessity for a great hall in Edinburgh under city management has been pressed upon the attention of the public for many years.' Sadly Andrew Usher died before his dream was realised.

### **Today**

Today, **the much-praised acoustics make it one of the best concert halls in Europe with many of the world's finest musicians performing here.** The Usher



Hall is the city's key venue for visiting national and international orchestras and has been the main venue for the Edinburgh International Festival since 1947, hosting legendary artists such as composers Benjamin Britten and Dmitri Shostakovich, contralto singer Kathleen Ferrier and cellist Jacqueline Du Pre to name but a few.

The venue is a centre of excellence embracing the widest range of music and events, including rock, pop, jazz, world and blues. It is Edinburgh's go-to venue for today's mid-large scale rock and pop acts, with the likes of Queens of the Stone Age, The National, Radiohead's Thom Yorke, George Ezra and Echo & the Bunnymen having performed on its stage in the last year. Usher Hall also hosts a broad spectrum of comedy, talks, school concerts, conferences, sponsorship events, ceremonies, lectures and recording sessions.