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# C venues announces iconic new flagship venue at Edinburgh landmark, Saint Stephen's Stockbridge

**Top Edinburgh venue Saint Stephen's Stockbridge returns in 2016 as the latest addition to the C venues stable. With must-see shows in a memorable building, C's new flagship New Town venue promises to be the most talked about venue at the 2016 Edinburgh Fringe**

## Stunning new flagship venue for 2016

One of the most iconic Georgian buildings in Edinburgh, Saint Stephen's Stockbridge is set to be a major new venue for C venues. The A-listed building, which dates back to the 1820s, has occupied a special place on the Fringe for over 27 years and has been operated by leading arts organisations such as the Traverse, Aurora Nova and Northern Stage. C venues continues this tradition of first-class work and is bringing an ambitious programme to the historic building. With a packed programme full of unforgettable shows, Saint Stephen's Stockbridge will be the perfect venue to witness the best that the Edinburgh Fringe has to offer.

## Vibrant hub at the Edinburgh Fringe

With a range of performance spaces, including a 450 capacity main theatre, C venues at Saint Stephen's will offer participants the opportunity to perform in a spectacular setting, centrally located and with the building's 50m clock tower visible from miles away. The first-class acoustics in these well-equipped spaces have made the venue a popular destination for music and theatre alike. From intimate drama and cabaret to large-scale musicals, circus and physical theatre, C venues at Saint Stephen's Stockbridge is the ideal venue for unmissable shows.

## Memorable venue, must-see shows

Hartley Kemp, artistic director of C venues, said: 'C venues is thrilled to be invited to operate this vibrant and dynamic venue. The range of performance spaces in this unique building will enable C venues to offer must-see shows in a memorable setting. This is the ideal opportunity to create a major new flagship venue at the Edinburgh Fringe, ensuring that audiences see exciting, high-quality work and to bring the Fringe back to the New Town. C venues at Saint Stephen's Stockbridge is going to be one of the most talked about venues at the 2016 Edinburgh Fringe, and for many years to come.'

## Saint Stephen's Stockbridge – a venue for the local community

The Benzies Foundation purchased Saint Stephen's Stockbridge from the Church of Scotland in 2014, to protect the building and ensure long-term community use. The Benzies Foundation said: 'The Benzies Foundation are delighted to be hosting C venues at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. We look forward to a long term relationship and we are delighted to see the New Town and Stockbridge be an exciting part of this year's Fringe.'

## Perform at this unique venue

C venues is ensuring this stunning venue continues its history of success at the Edinburgh Fringe. Audiences will witness an incredible line up of celebrated shows, exciting new plays and innovative creative performances. Participants wishing to apply to appear in this iconic venue can find further details and an application form at [www.cvenues.com](http://www.cvenues.com)

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