

Scotland on Sunday

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FILM Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy

John Le Carré's classic spy novel has already been successfully adapted for the screen, with Alec Guinness in the lead role for the 1970s TV series, but there is a lot of buzz around this new movie version. Gary Oldman leads a stellar cast, including Mark Strong, Colin Firth, John Hurt, Tom Hardy, Claran Hinds and Benedict Cumberbatch. Cinemas nationwide from 16 September.

MUSIC Björk – Biophilia

Is there a definitive version of Björk's new album? Maybe not. It's out on CD this month after its live debut at this year's Manchester International Festival, but is also available as a series of apps, allowing you to interact with the songs and create your own versions. In shops from 27 September. www.bjork.com

FESTIVAL Arches Live

Artistic experiment aplenty at the Arches' lively showcase of new work, which this year includes Hitch creator Kieran Hurley, Nic Green, Roadkill writer Stef Smith and Ramesh Meyyappan, whose Snails And Ketchup was at this year's Edinburgh Fringe. The Arches, Glasgow, 20 September to 1 October. www.thearches.co.uk

MUSIC Florence and the Machine

Florence has gone a bit Bat for Lashes on her new single, What The Water Gave Me, the first fruits of an earlier than expected but still to be titled second album. In shops from 7 November. www.florenceandthemachine.net

FILM The Adventures Of Tintin – The Secret Of The Unicorn

On the evidence of the trailer, Steven Spielberg's lavish new screen version of Hergé's boy reporter stories is faithful and respectful to the spirit of the books. Jamie Bell is Tintin, Simon Pegg and Nick Frost are Thompson and Thomson, and Andy Serkis is Captain Haddock. In cinemas from 26 October



THEATRE The Missing

This is the National Theatre of Scotland's second adaptation of an Andrew O'Hagan book, and is again directed by John Tiffany, who worked with the acclaimed writer on Be Near Me. Joe McFadden and Barbara Rafferty are among the cast in a show that retraces the final journeys of people who have gone missing. Tramway, Glasgow, 15 September to 1 October. www.nationaltheatrescotland.com

TELEVISION Holy Flying Circus

Look out for Edinburgh Fringe star Phil Nicol as Terry Gilliam in this BBC4 drama about the making of Monty Python's controversial film The Life Of Brian. Darren Boyd and Steve Punt also appear. Stephen Fry plays God. BBC4, date tbc

Twenty 20 vision

With a new season beckoning in every field from film to festivals, Review chooses the 20 highlights



Scream the house down: Primal Scream will lead Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations. Photograph: Ian Gavan/Getty

BOOKS Wigtown Book Festival

Celia Irmie, Martin Bell, Fergal Keane, Maggie O'Farrell, Elaine C Smith and Scotland on Sunday's own Stuart Kelly are among the guests at the return of this formidable little book festival set against a picturesque countryside backdrop. Wigtown, 23 September to 2 October. www.wigtownbookfestival.com

VISUAL ART Scottish National Portrait Gallery reopening

In just a few weeks we will get to see the results of the SNP's £18.6 million overhaul, which promises to return the building to its late Victorian splendour (only with a glass lift in the middle), with 17 new galleries. Opens 30 November. www.nationalgalleries.org/portraitgallery

COMEDY Stephen Merchant

As well as debuting Life's Too Short (see page 4), Stephen Merchant, co-creator of The Office, Extras and Cemetery Junction, is off on his first solo stand-up tour this month, starting in Swindon tomorrow night and stopping off in Scotland in October. SECC, Glasgow, 7 October. Playhouse, Edinburgh, 13 October. www.stephenmerchant.com

MUSIC Edinburgh's Hogmanay

Primal Scream have just been confirmed as the headlineers for Scotland's biggest New Year party, with more line-up announcements due in the coming weeks. Edinburgh city centre, 30 December to 1 January. www.edinburghshogmanay.org

THEATRE Kes

The acclaimed children's company Catherine Wheels is behind this new stage version of Barry Hines' story of a boy and his pet kestrel, memorably made into a film by Ken Loach. On tour across Scotland, 15 September until 3 November

TELEVISION Downton Abbey

Hugh Bonneville and Maggie Smith are back in Julian Fellowes' hugely popular costume drama, with events now set in the early days of World War One. ITV, September

FESTIVAL Glasgay!

A tribute to the late Edwin Morgan by his friend Liz Lochhead is the flagship show at this year's Glasgay. Also on offer are Ch Ch Changes, a look at 1970s gay life by Grant Smeaton and Martin O'Connor, a cabaret night by Fish and Game, and US comedian Margaret Cho. Various venues, Glasgow, 15 October to 12 November. www.glasgay.co.uk



FILM The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo

Yet another Hollywood remake, but a promising one. Rooney Mara will need to work hard to outdo Noomi Rapace's blistering performance as Lisbeth Salander in the original, but the trailer suggests director David Fincher will deliver something visually striking. Interestingly, it's still set in Sweden – will Daniel Craig be doing the accent? In cinemas from 26 December



FILM We Need To Talk About Kevin

Nine years after Muriel Gellar, Lynne Ramsay is back in business as a film director, with an adaptation of Lionel Shriver's book that has already been a hit with critics in Cannes. Tilda Swinton, above, stars. In cinemas from 21 October

TELEVISION Comic Strip: The Hunt For Tony Blair

It's a long time since the Comic Strip's 1980s glory days, and the brilliant satire of The Strike, but this looks like fun – Stephen Mangan is the former PM, accused of murder and on the run, Jennifer Saunders is Margaret Thatcher and Harry Enfield is Alastair Campbell. Channel 4, October

DANCE Rambert Dance Company

Rambert director Mark Baldwin premieres a new work, Seven For A Secret, Never To Be Told as the company embarks on a UK tour. Theatre Royal, Glasgow, 3-5 November. www.rambert.org.uk

THEATRE Men Should Weep

Not to be confused with last year's rapturously reviewed National Theatre production in London, this is the National Theatre of Scotland's own take on Ena Lamont Stewart's classic tale of working-class poverty. Graham McLaren directs. On tour across Scotland, 16 September until 26 November. www.nationaltheatrescotland.com