

## APPENDIX 1

### 2022 PORTFOLIO – WHERE WE’VE BEEN

It should be noted that some of the events below are delivered directly by Aberdeen City Council or are in receipt of public sector funding, either from the council or other arts, culture, sport and tourism bodies, or indeed a combination. Others are run on a mostly or purely commercial basis, most notably private conferences.

**Table 1 – Key events from 2022**

Month	Event	Event Owner	Description	Venue	Portfolio Level
January	Hogmanay	Aberdeen City Council	Street party with live music, bars and a small fireworks display.	School Hill	Local
January February March	Dame Zandra Rhodes: 50 Years of Fabulous	Fashion and Textile Museum, London in partnership with Aberdeen Art Gallery	Major exhibition celebrating the career of British fashion and design legend Dame Zandra Rhodes.  56,000 visitors attended.	Aberdeen Art Gallery	National
February	Spectra	Aberdeen City Council Cultural Policy and Partner Team and City Events Team in partnership with Curated Place	Scotland’s festival of light with major installations in venues and outdoors across the city centre.	Aberdeen Art Gallery Music Hall Castlegate Marischal College	Regional
February	Granite Noir	Aberdeen Performing Arts in partnership with Aberdeen City Library Service, Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Archives, and Belmont Filmhouse	One of Scotland’s leading book festivals with authors attending from at least 7 countries and 5 continents each year. UK-wide visitors attend live in-person events, with live streams watched digitally around the world (e.g. over 24,000 in 70 countries in 2020). Also features commissioned exhibitions from local archives and photographers.	Music Hall Lemon Tree His Majesty’s Theatre Cowdray Hall Belmont Filmhouse St Nicholas Kirk Central Library	National

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March	Jazz Festival	Jazz Scotland	Award-winning live music festival focused on jazz & blues.	Lemon Tree Cowdray Hall Blue Lamp Bon Accord Baths and more	National
March May June	TechFest	University of Aberdeen	Major 5-day science festival with STEM education outreach programme of events for children and young people through schools, colleges and universities. Public events, education programme and schools activity weekends are split across the months.	University of Aberdeen and educational sites across the city and region	Regional
March	Comic Con North Scotland	Monopoly Events	2-day convention focused on comics, television and film.	P&J Live	Regional
April May June July	Aberdeen Artists Society – Open	Aberdeen Artists Society in partnership with Aberdeen Art Gallery	Significant open exhibition celebrating fine and applied art, with submission from the north east, Scotland and the wider UK. Ran until July attracting 33,000 visitors.	Aberdeen Art Gallery	Regional
May	Grampian Pride	Grampian Pride with logistics by Aberdeen City Council	Parade and Pride Village with live acts, bars, etc.	Union St Queens Links	Regional
May	Rise-Up	Aberdeen Performing Arts in partnership with We Are Here Scotland	Weekend of performances, workshops, talks and events celebrating and showcasing Black and People of Colour creatives in Scotland.	Lemon Tree Music Hall	Regional
June	Highland Games	Aberdeen Highland Games with logistics by Aberdeen City Council Events Team	Pipe Bands, Highland Dancing and Games competitions with stalls and local food.	Hazlehead Park	Local
June	NuArt	Aberdeen Inspired	Festival of local and international street art.	Citywide and Cowdray Hall	Regional

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June	Armed Forces Day Parade	Aberdeen City Council Events Team	Parade and Civic Occasion.	Union Street Castlegate Town House	Local
June	Light the Blue	Aberdeen Performing Arts	Festival for young people by young people. Gigs, theatre, film and workshops across the city centre.	Lemon Tree MH Big Sky Studio Bon Accord Roof Garden Belmont Street	Local
July September October	Galloway Hoard	National Museum of Scotland in partnership with Aberdeen Archives, Art Gallery and Museums	Important touring exhibition from National Museums Scotland in the farthest north host venue, featuring new research only seen in Aberdeen.  Ran July to October attracting over 57,000 visitors.	Aberdeen Art Gallery	Regional
July September October	The Book of Deer	Aberdeen Art Gallery in partnership with The Book of Deer Project and University of Cambridge	Exhibition resulting from a major regional partnership exploring the history of Deer Abbey and the Book of Deer. Cambridge University allowed the Book to be displayed in Scotland for the first time in 900 years.	Aberdeen Art Gallery	Regional
August	Aberdeen Mela – One World Day	Aberdeen Multicultural Centre	Festival of multiculturalism and diverse communities featuring food, song, dance and family events.	Westburn Park Lemon Tree	Local
August	Cricket World Cup L2	International Cricket Council and SportAberdeen	United Arab Emirates vs United States of America.	Mannofield Park	International
August	Bon Accord Bounce	Bon Accord Centre with logistics support from Aberdeen City Council Events Team	Family event with range of large and small scale inflatables.	Upper Kirkgate Marischal Square	Local

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September	Tour of Britain and GetAbout Cycling Festival	Sweetspot, Aberdeen City Council Events Team, Aberdeenshire Council via Live Life Aberdeenshire	Opening stage of national cycle race. Locally originated Festival of Cycling for high level regional cycle clubs, plus family events. Active education programme for schools.	Union Street Belmont Quarter Beach Esplanade and route north through Bridge of Don	National
September	Wonderland Festival	Aberdeen Performing Arts on behalf of Culture Aberdeen	City centre arts and performance festival featuring 22 new commissions from artists from or with meaningful connections to the city.	Marischal College Quadrangle Numerous city centre streets Bon Accord Roof Garden His Majesty's Theatre	Regional
September	True North	Aberdeen Performing Arts	4-day music festival with grassroots to international artists.	Music Hall Lemon Tree Wonder Hoose Local music venues	Regional
September	Aberdeen Art Festival	GM Events	3-day art exhibition and market featuring artists from the region and beyond	Lemon Tree	Regional
October	World Clydesdale Show	Equestrian Surfaces Ltd	A UK-first for this US based celebration of Clydesdale Horses over 4 days.	P&J Live	International
October	Dance Live	Citymoves Dance Agency	4-day citywide celebration of live dance.	Anatomy Rooms Marischal College Schoolhill Studio Cowdray Hall Music Hall Lemon Tree Bon Accord Centre	Regional

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October	International Comedy Festival	Aberdeen Inspired and host venues	11-days of comedy in venues large and small across the city, featuring local to internationally acclaimed comedians.	Aberdeen Arts Centre Tivoli Theatre Music Hall Lemon Tree Large range of bars, cafes and hotels	Regional
October	Dance Proms	Beach Ballroom with Premier Productions	4-day dance event with 17 dance schools and 350 children and young people, plus production teams of 50 people and 1200 audience members.	Beach Ballroom	Regional
October	World Mixed Curling Championships	World Curling Federation	7-day international event.	Curl Aberdeen Arena	International
November	Tea Green Makers Fair	Tea Green Events	2-day fair of local and regional makers.	Aberdeen Art Gallery	Local
November	Aberdeen City Fireworks	Aberdeen City Council Events Team	Annual fireworks display.	Queens Links	Local
November	Sound Festival	Sound Festival	5-day festival of new music and composition featuring classical, jazz, electroacoustic and sound art.	Anatomy Rooms Cowdray Hall Lemon Tree Blue Lamp University of Aberdeen Queen's Cross Church	Regional
November	WayWORD Festival	University of Aberdeen	6-day cross-arts festival led by students and young people and with a focus on writing from emerging writers to award-winning and internationally recognised authors.	University of Aberdeen, Main Campus	Regional
November December January	Jerwood Art Fund Makers Open 21	Developed in partnership with Aberdeen Art Gallery and the Jerwood Gallery (London)	The final venue for this 3-venue exhibition (London, Newlyn, Aberdeen) featuring specially commissioned artists and makers in their early careers. Runs until March 23.	Aberdeen Art Gallery	Regional

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November	Christmas Lights, Parade and Nativity Scene	Aberdeen City Council Events Team	Switch-on, opening event and celebratory parade with family focus and civic elements.	Castlegate Union Street	Local
November December	Winter Village	Codona's Pleasure Fairs Ltd and Aberdeen City Council Events Team	5-week long seasonal attraction with local makers market, including food and drink, ice rink, bars, eateries, and fairground attractions.	Broad Street Upper Kirkgate Marischal College Quadrangle	Regional
December	Battle of the Brits	Battle of the Brits Ltd	2-day tennis exhibition tournament with Andy Murray, Jack Draper and more.	P&J Live	National

## Regular Programming

In addition to the specific events outlined, regular creative performance programmes at venues citywide contribute immensely to the economic and creative life of the city. While not strictly 'events' the positive outcomes for live performance programmes are broadly the same. For example, His Majesty's Theatre regularly hosts award-winning national and international touring productions which include significant economic uplift for the city, for example Book of Mormon in 2022 attracted 24,000 visitors over a 3-week period. The annual pantomime at His Majesty's Theatre may not be part of the events programme specifically but attracted over 55,000 people in a 5-week period, making it a major driver for city centre business over the festive period. Similarly, single day performances of internationally renowned acts and productions at P&J Live regularly fill its 10,000 seated capacity main arena providing huge economic benefit to the area.

City venues also host regular and recurring conferences, with P&J Live at the vanguard, building its reputation as a premier venue for highly-prized regular international conferencing.