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**'BOMBAY BICYCLE CLUB' CONFIRMED TO SUPPORT PRIMAL SCREAM AT  
EDINBURGH'S HOGMANAY CONCERT IN THE GARDENS**

Organisers of **Edinburgh's Hogmanay 2011/12** are delighted to announce today that London indie and folk band **Bombay Bicycle Club** are confirmed to support Primal Scream at the **Concert in the Gardens**, the music and fireworks spectacular, seen as one of the greatest celebrations of New Year in the world.

Fresh from a European Tour **Bombay Bicycle Club** comprises of Jack Steadman (lead vocals, guitar), Jamie MacColl (guitar), Ed Nash (bass) and Suren de Saram (drums). In a little over three years, the band will have released three LPs – an extraordinary and increasingly rare feat in the 21<sup>st</sup> century music industry. From the teenage indie kicks of their debut; to the sparse, timeless folk of last summer's top ten album, *Flaws* (nominated for an Ivor Novello Award); the quartet open a new and beguiling chapter with, *A Different Kind of Fix*, one that cements their place at the very forefront of British bands in 2011.

Bombay Bicycle Club will be supporting Primal Scream who will be performing their seminal 1991 album *Screamadelica* in its entirety, for the last time as part of its 20th anniversary year.

Jack Steadman, lead vocalist for Bombay Bicycle Club said "We're very excited to experience a Scottish new year. Looking forward to playing the gig (sober) and then partying the night away...if we mess up it's cos we're krunk"

**Pete Irvine**, Director of Edinburgh's Hogmanay, said: "Bombay Bicycle Club are one of 2011's hot bands. Putting them with Primal Scream, two of the big festival acts of the year, seems like a dream ticket. Together with the artists for the Street Party, that we are announcing very soon, we think we've got the strongest line-up for Edinburgh's Hogmanay that we've ever had."

**Councillor Steve Cardownie**, Festival and Events Champion, City of Edinburgh Council said: 'Edinburgh's Hogmanay is revered all over the world and with Bombay Bicycle Club confirmed to support Primal Scream for this year, there really will be no better place to bring in the New Year. Get your tickets now to make sure you don't miss out!'

Tickets to bring in the bells with **Primal Scream** and **Bombay Bicycle Club** at **Concert in the Gardens** are on sale now. Tickets for the enclosure have already SOLD OUT however Gardens tickets are still available.

For the first time Edinburgh's Hogmanay have teamed up with **Citylink Buses** to offer late night buses to destinations outside Edinburgh after the Hogmanay celebrations. Revellers will be able to travel home from the world famous Street Party to a range of destinations in Glasgow, Fife including Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy and St Andrews, Dundee, Perth and Kinross. Tickets cost £30 and can be booked on-line at [www.citilink.co.uk](http://www.citilink.co.uk) or by calling 0871 266 3333. Passengers wishing to travel on these services are required to pre-book their ticket to guarantee a seat.

Nicola Campbell, Marketing Manager for Scottish Citylink, said: "Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party is one of the highlights of the year and Citylink are delighted to help support such a world famous event. Travelling by coach is the most economical, hassle free way to get home from the Street Party and we are encouraging people to book up as early as possible to ensure their travel plans are taken care of and they can concentrate on having a good time."

Tickets for the city's world famous **Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party** featuring a feast of headline artists, live music stages, giant screens and the spectacular Midnight Fireworks are now on-sale with the final line up being announced shortly. Tickets for the music and fireworks spectacular **Concert in the Gardens** and traditional outdoor ceilidh event **The Keilidh** are also on-sale. Enquiries are already flooding in from people across Scotland, the UK and overseas keen to get their hands on one of the hottest New Year tickets in the world. Revellers are advised to plan early for this year's festivities to avoid disappointment.

The Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party and Concert in the Gardens form part of the **Edinburgh's Hogmanay** festival programme which runs from **Friday 30 December 2011** until **Sunday 1 January 2012**. This year's festival also includes the iconic **Midnight Fireworks**, the **Torchlight Procession** and **The Loony Dook** and promises to end the year

in style with a heady mix of music, theatre and dance throughout the city centre, both indoors and out and all set against the magnificent backdrop of Edinburgh Castle.

Revellers can obtain tickets for the **Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party, Concert in the Gardens** and **The Keilidh**, purchase a torch for the **Torchlight Procession** or register for **The Loony Dook**, which are all part of the city's **Edinburgh Sparkles** winter celebrations, in one of three ways:

- Online at [www.edinburghshogmanay.com](http://www.edinburghshogmanay.com)
- by calling the Edinburgh's Hogmanay Box Office on **0844 573 8455**
- or in person at The Fringe Office, 180 High Street; Tickets Scotland, 127 Rose Street & 237 Argyle Street, Glasgow or Ripping Records, 91 South Bridge, Edinburgh.

For more visitor information on Edinburgh over the winter visit [www.edinburghsparkles.com](http://www.edinburghsparkles.com)

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**Notes to Editors:**

**1. On-Sale Details:**

Tickets for Concert in the Gardens, Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party and The Keilidh are available on a first come first served basis in the following ways:

**Online:** [www.edinburghshogmanay.com](http://www.edinburghshogmanay.com)

**By phone:** Edinburgh's Hogmanay Box Office: 0844 573 8455

Tickets can also be purchased through associated ticket agents as follows:

The Fringe Office, 180 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1QS

Phone: 0844 573 8455

Opening Hours: 10am - 6pm Monday - Saturday

Tickets Scotland, 127 Rose Street, Edinburgh EH2 3DT

Phone: +44 131 220 3234

Opening hours: 9am-6pm (until 8pm Thursdays). 11am-6pm Sundays

Ripping Records, 91 South Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1HN

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Opening hours: 9am-6pm (12.30pm-5.30pm Saturdays)

**2. Ticket Prices:**

**Concert in the Gardens:** Enclosure - £40.00 + booking fee **SOLD OUT**

Gardens - £35.00 + booking fee

n.b Tickets to Concert in the Gardens also grant access to the Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party.

**Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party:** £15.00 administration + booking fee

n.b. Entry to Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party on 31 December is strictly by ticket only. There are no restrictions on the quantity of tickets which can be purchased. Travel Trade & Accommodation Providers can reserved tickets by emailing: [groups@edinburghshogmanay.com](mailto:groups@edinburghshogmanay.com)

**The Keilidh:** £35.00 + booking fee

n.b Tickets to The Keilidh grants access to the Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party. Subject to booking fee.

**3. About Bombay Bicycle Club:** **Bombay Bicycle Club** are a London indie and folk band who have had a packed year which has included a European tour, a US tour, and a busy festival season. They have recently completed a short UK tour which included a sell-out show at London's Brixton Academy and are due to head to South America in November. Their debut album *I Had The Blues But I Shook Them Loose* peaked at number 46 in the UK charts and achieved Gold status. The follow up, *Flaws*, was released in 2009 and went in at number 8 selling over 60,000 albums in UK. Their current album *A Different Kind of Fix* was released in August 2011. It entered the charts at number 6 and remains in the charts for (6 weeks) now at number 50.

**4. About Primal Scream:** **Primal Scream** are a Scottish alternative rock band originally formed in 1982 in Glasgow by Bobby Gillespie (vocals) and Jim Beattie. The current lineup consists of Gillespie, Andrew Innes (guitar), Martin Duffy (keyboards), Gary "Mani" Mounfield (bass), and Darrin Mooney (drums). The band performed throughout 1982-1984, but their career did not take off until Gillespie left his position as drummer of The Jesus and Mary Chain. The band were a key part of the mid-1980s indie pop scene, but eventually moved away from their more jangly sound, taking on more psychedelic and then garage rock influences, before incorporating a dance music element to their sound. Their seminal 1991 album *Screamadelica* broke the band into the mainstream and is considered a dance/rock masterpiece. The band continue to tour and record to this day and 2011 is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Screamadelica*. Ian Wade of the BBC considers the band to be the 'best live act in Britain'.

**5. About Concert in the Gardens:** The Concert in the Gardens was a total sell-out in 2010/11 and is hosted in West Princes Street Gardens. The stage will go live at 9.00pm. Taking place on 31 December, the Concert will continue past 'the bells' until 1.00am on 1 January 2012. Concert in the Gardens has played host to many internationally acclaimed acts over the years including Biffy Clyro, Madness, Groove Armada, Kasabian (special guest Noel Gallagher), Scissor Sisters, KT Tunstall, Blondie and Calvin Harris, At midnight, crowds at the main stage and throughout the arena will be treated to a spectacular fireworks display against the iconic backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, heralding the arrival of 2012. For tickets and more information: [www.edinburghshogmanay.com](http://www.edinburghshogmanay.com)

**6. About Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party:** Described as the original and best New Year's Party, Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party annually attracts tens of thousands of residents and visitors from around the globe. Taking place on 31 December along Princes Street in the centre of Scotland's capital, party-goers come together to sing, dance, hug, kiss and celebrate the New Year. Featuring a selection of stages brimming with live music and entertainment, the iconic Midnight Fireworks display, singing and dancing all set against the magnificent backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, Edinburgh's Hogmanay Street Party really is *the* place to be to see in the New Year in true Scots style. This year features live music stages, DJ stages, giant screens and a spectacular midnight moment. For tickets and more information: [www.edinburghshogmanay.com](http://www.edinburghshogmanay.com)

**7. About the open air ceilidh 'The Keilidh':** The open air ceilidh was a total sell-out in 2010/11 and offers revellers a chance to birl through the bells and enjoy a traditional Scottish Hogmanay experience. Dance the night away on the outdoor ceilidh dance-floor against the spectacular backdrop of the Edinburgh old town and enjoy rousing live performances from the pick of Scottish traditional music. For tickets and more information: [www.edinburghshogmanay.com](http://www.edinburghshogmanay.com)

**8. About the Edinburgh's Hogmanay Festival:** Edinburgh's Hogmanay Festival runs from 30 December 2011 until 1 January 2012. Full programme details of events and activities across the festival will be announced early November. Now in its nineteen year. For more information and to register for updates visit: [www.edinburghshogmanay.com](http://www.edinburghshogmanay.com)

**9. About Citylink Buses:** The buses will leave from Morrison Street from 1.20am, and travel to Harthill Services, Baillieston – Road End, Glasgow – Buchanan Bus Station, Dunfermline Bus Station,

Kinross Park and Ride, Perth Broxden Park & Ride, Dundee Bus Station, Kirkcaldy Bus Station, Glenrothes Bus Station, St Andrews Bus Station.

#### **How to Book**

To book tickets, simply log on to the Citylink website at [www.citylink.co.uk](http://www.citylink.co.uk) and enter your travel information in to the Journey Planner. Alternatively, you can call our contact centre on 0871 266 3333. Services are available to book online using "Edinburgh, Morrison Street before Grove Street" as the destination. Passengers wishing to travel with these special services from Citylink are required to pre-book their journey to guarantee them a seat.

**10. About Edinburgh Sparkles:** Edinburgh Sparkles promotes the city as 'the best place in the UK to enjoy Christmas and New Year', due to Edinburgh's magical setting, host of festive things to enjoy and an unparalleled atmosphere. For more information visit [www.edinburghsparkles.com](http://www.edinburghsparkles.com)

**11. About our funders and sponsors:** Edinburgh's Hogmanay 2011/12 is funded by the City of Edinburgh Council. Supported by EventScotland, Scotland's Winter Festivals, The Scottish Government's Edinburgh Festivals EXPO Fund. Sponsored by G4S, Arnold Clark Car & Van Rental, Haggis Adventures. Media sponsors The Scotsman, Radio Forth.

**12.** Edinburgh's Hogmanay is created and produced for the City of Edinburgh Council by Unique Events.