

# Third and final week's winners of The Skinny-Fest Festival Awards (for festivals) – aka The Besties – announced



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The Besties is a new series of awards celebrating the best across Edinburgh's August Festivals. The Award is a partnership between The Skinny & Fest, Capital Theatres and Premier Scotland.

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The Skinny and Fest, Capital Theatres and Premier Scotland are delighted to announce the winners of the third and last round of the weekly new Festival Awards, The Besties, in the following categories:

**The Fringe Legend Award:** John Luke Roberts for John-Luke-A-Palooza! at Monkey Barrel Comedy (Edinburgh Festival Fringe)

**The Terrier Award:** Eleanor Morton for Haunted House at Monkey Barrel Comedy (Edinburgh Festival Fringe)

**The Heart Award:** Khawla Ibraheem and Piece by Piece Productions for A Knock on the Roof at Traverse Theatre (Edinburgh Festival Fringe)

**The Inclusivity Award:** Teatro La Plaza for Hamlet at The Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh (Edinburgh International Festival)

**The Accessibility Award:** Thera Trust for the Gig Buddies initiative

**The Unsung Award:** Blair Young and Carla J Easton for Since Yesterday: The Untold Story of Scotland's Girl Bands (Edinburgh International Film Festival)

The award ceremony took place on Saturday 24th August at the Festival Theatre in Edinburgh, hosted by TV presenter Laura Boyd with performances from Edinburgh-based musician Eve Simpson.

The Besties award, designed by artist Camillo Feuchter who has recently graduated from Interior & Environmental Design at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design in Dundee, uses recyclable plastics gathered at the Festival Theatre Café and leftover wood sourced locally.

Reflecting the broad and diverse coverage both magazines produce every summer and responding to the need for a pan-festivals award, The Besties span all the festival activity taking place in the city over the month of August, including the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Edinburgh International Festival, Edinburgh Art Festival, Edinburgh International Book Festival, Edinburgh International Film Festival, and others, making them one of only two awards to celebrate the full spectrum of culture in the city.

Winners of The Besties are chosen each week by the editorial teams of The Skinny and Fest, drawing on their cross-festival expertise to celebrate the best work happening anywhere in the festivals. The categories reflect the diversity of the magazines' coverage and might be different every week.