



Image: Niall Moorjani, the performer, telling the story of the Green Knight. They are wearing a colourful top and a dark skirt and a bright green scarf.

## The Green Knight (But It's Gay)

8pm-9pm

Scottish Storytelling Centre

This guide is designed for visitors who may find new experiences stressful. It contains notes and images to help prepare for your visit.



This is the Scottish Storytelling Centre. This is the venue for the show.

Image: the exterior of a grey and beige building. Steps lead up to a glass door.

The show takes place in the Library which is one floor up from the main entrance. There is lift access if needed.

When you enter the Scottish Storytelling Centre (SSC), you will see a bookshop and café. To the left of the café space is where you will wait to go into the show.

A member of staff will make an announcement when the doors are open for the show and will scan your tickets.



Image: chairs laid out for the performance and blackout curtains on the wall where the performance will take place

This is the Library space where you will be sitting to watch the performance. They have removed the bookcases and put in chairs for you to sit on and put in some extra lights to light the performance space. Seating is unallocated so you

may sit wherever you wish. If you require a specific seat please speak to a member of staff.



Image: Niall's headshot. They have dark brown hair and a short beard. They are wearing an earring, a necklace and a light pink t shirt. They are looking straight at the camera and smiling.

This is the actor who will be telling the story of The Green Knight (But It's Gay). Their name is Niall. They will be standing and walking back and forth in front of the seats in the performance space for the whole show. They play all of the characters in the show and sometimes wear different hats or costumes when they do this. They will occasionally speak to audience members in the front row. You do not have to sit in the front row if you do not want to and you do not have to interact with Niall if you don't want to. While Niall is performing, Tom (see below) will play a guitar with music that matches the mood of the story.



Image: Tom's headshot. They have light brown hair and a beard. They are wearing a grey hat, hoodie and rain jacket. They are looking straight at the camera and smiling.

### More information about the performance

The performance will last 1 hour

There is no break in the middle

You may leave and come back at any time during the performance

The show has both comedic and serious moments and does depict some difficult issues.

- Some of the characters that Niall plays say unkind things to Gawain, the main character, and pressure him to behave in more stereotypically masculine ways.
- There is a moment when Gawain remembers that when he was a child his father stopped him from seeing his childhood best friend, a boy called B with whom Gawain is in love.
- There is a moment where a character called the Green Knight has his head chopped off. There is no gore and the head of the Green Knight looks like this cushion with googly eyes:



Image: The Green Knight. Niall, the performer, is holding a green pillow in front of their head. Niall's head cannot be seen behind the pillow. The pillow has two googly eyes on it to turn it into a face.

### What will happen during the show

The lights will stay the same from when you enter the room to when you leave.

The actor will come on stage and begin the show, accompanied by live guitar music.

They will ask one audience member in the front row to hold onto a green pillow and to throw it when instructed later in the play. If the audience member doesn't want to do this, that is okay and the actor will reassure them and ask another audience member.

The show is a storytelling show but some moments are acted out, like in a theatre show.

Niall will stand onstage and walk around the stage and tell the story and act out some moments from the story. They sometimes wear different hats or costume for this.

Niall will say thank you and take a bow at the end with Tom, the musician.

That will be the end of the show.

If you are attending a captioned performance, then the captioner will be sat in the audience and will use an electronic captioning device or their laptop to display captions on a device that the audience can read.