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Leithur Julian Wagstaff is a composer and guitarist. His musical about John Paul Jones, the "Father of the American Navy", will be performed tonight and tomorrow at the Queen's Hall.

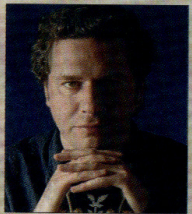
Date of birth: July 13, 1970

If you had a time machine and could relive one concert that you have attended in Edinburgh, which would it be and why?
 Big Audio Dynamite at the Assembly Rooms in 1988 remains unrivalled.

What is your favourite Edinburgh theatre?

The Traverse. It has one of the best bars in the city (and some of the most innovative programming).

If you could choose any act to headline Edinburgh's Hogmanay, who would it be and why?
 Marillion. They are one of the most underrated bands in Britain, or the world for that matter.



Name three regular haunts in the Capital that you could not live without?
 The Blind Poet pub, Café Kitsch and the Himalaya Tandoori restaurant.

Separated at birth: Edinburgh and ... ?
 Ljubljana.

Who or what in Edin-

burgh inspires you?
 The view from Salisbury Crags. There is something about the sense of space and time as you look out.

Do you think the city is a friendly place to live?
 Incredibly friendly, but then I've lived here all my life and have many friends and family in the city.

Car, bike or bus - how do you get around town?
 Bike and bus. I sold my car for fifty notes when I became a student again at the age of 31 and have never looked back.

Come August do you love the Festival or loathe it?
 Two groups of people love the Festival because it brings them work: musicians and taxi drivers. Being a member of the

former group, I could not subscribe to any negative opinion of the Festival.

If you couldn't be in Edinburgh, where else would you rather be?
 Berlin, the eastern part.

Princes Street or George Street?
 Princes Street. It's got the National Galleries, the Gardens, the view of the castle, Waterstone's, Next and River Island. What more could a boy ask for?

If we elected our Lord Provost, who would you like in the position?
 Ron Brown MP, if only he were still with us.

What's the biggest change you've seen in the city?
 I am constantly staggered by the transformation that

Leith has undergone since the 1970s.

When away from home what do you most miss about Edinburgh and why?
 The view from my living room window. It's not dissimilar to the one from the Crags.

Could you recommend a restaurant?
 The Himalaya Tandoori restaurant in Bruntsfield or Café Kitsch in Leith.

Name one attraction no visitor should miss.
 The fireworks concert that closes the Festival.

Sell Edinburgh to a stranger in no more than ten words.
 Edinburgh is a mad god's dream, as Hugh MacDiarmid said.