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THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND ANNOUNCES BRODIE ILLUMINATED 2024: A CELEBRATION OF PLAYFULNESS

- **The theme for 2024 is a ‘celebration of playfulness’, inviting visitors to embrace their playful side**
- **Brodie Illuminated will feature a beautiful light trail that leads visitors through the castle grounds, featuring colourful illuminations and sensory light displays**
- **Brodie Illuminated will take place from Friday 1 November – Sunday 24 November; tickets are £8 for children and £12 for adults, available on Brodie Castle’s Eventbrite**

Brodie Castle is set to welcome visitors to its annual Brodie Illuminated event from 1 November – 24 November, with visitors invited to explore this year’s theme of playfulness through creative light installations designed to highlight fun and imagination.

This year’s theme celebrates the fifth anniversary of the Playful Garden opening to the public. The joyful space, which is incredibly popular with visitors of all ages, has inspired this year’s event with the whimsical characters featured within the Playful Garden brought to life through colourful projections on the castle’s walls for what promises to be a captivating evening.

Blending Brodie’s historic charm with ‘light’ art, the team has worked closely with independent lighting designer, Malcolm Innes, to create a new designated trail around the castle grounds. Visitors will enjoy and experience a charming after dark journey through the Playful Garden, shrubbery and woodland. Sensory lights will be featured throughout the trail, inviting both adults and children to tap into their playful side as they interact with each light display, alongside a host of other family-friendly activities.

In addition to the light show, Brodie Illuminated 2024 will include a special competition. Participants are invited to submit photographs of their playful memories at Brodie Castle and Estate. Entries are encouraged to show playful, fun, and cherished memories exploring the grounds and castle. Winning entries will be displayed on the castle walls during the event, allowing the community to showcase their artistic talents. Entries should be submitted to competitions@nts.org.uk. T&Cs apply*

Pamela Hill, Brodie Castle and Estate Operations Manager, said: “We wanted to create an atmosphere that encourages everyone to embrace their playful side and interact with Brodie’s grounds and estate in new ways. The light trail is a fantastic opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy the autumn evenings with a relaxing walk around our beautiful grounds. We are grateful to our members and supporters who make events like this possible. Thanks to their generosity, we can host Brodie Illuminated again this year with

the hope that all our guests create wonderful memories while visiting.

“We’re excited to include the new element of the competition this year to add creativity and connection with our local community, so our visitors can contribute to the event in a fun and playful way. We can’t wait to see our visitors’ playful memories and display them during the event.”

Brodie Illuminated takes place from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Thursday through to Sunday, 1 November – 24 November. Hot drinks, refreshments, and Brodie’s Burger Booth will be available throughout the event to serve hot food. Tickets are £8 for children and £12 for adults and fees apply. They are available at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brodie-illuminated-2024-tickets-1026795371597?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

Events like the Brodie Illuminated support the National Trust for Scotland’s vision to care for, protect and share Scotland’s natural and cultural heritage and contributes to its engagement objectives to provide access and enjoyment for everyone. Further information about Brodie Castle and Estate is available on the National Trust for Scotland website: <https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/brodie-castle>.

Editors Notes

To enter the competition, send a photo of your playful memories at Brodie Castle to competitions@nts.org.uk. T&Cs apply*

Terms & Conditions: <https://www.nts.org.uk/terms-conditions/playful-memories-terms-conditions>

Images*: <https://www.flickr.com/gp/133918740@N04/51fYCR1Cm9>

**Please note that these images display previous light displays, and this year’s event will display different images.*

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