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Music innovator Brian Eno added to lecture series' roll of honour

One of contemporary music's most influential artists – Brian Eno – is the latest cultural figure to take part in a prestigious lecture series.

The celebrated musician and producer will deliver the annual Andrew Carnegie Lecture at the University of Edinburgh's George Square Lecture Theatre on 10 May.

Eno began his career in the early 1970s as a founding member of Roxy Music. After going solo, he released a series of solo electronic and ambient albums as well as producing a number of high profile artists.

A restless innovator, he has also created numerous visual, digital and aural artworks with exhibitions throughout Europe, USA, Japan and Australia.

New album *The Ship* – Eno's first since 2012's Grammy-nominated *LUX* – will be released on 29 April and will coincide with a series of installations of the same name.

As well as his public lecture, the renowned artist will also take part in a number of workshops and seminars with students and staff from Edinburgh College of Art, which is part of the University of Edinburgh.

Brian Eno said: "I benefited enormously from five years at Art School – in fact I can't quite imagine how my life might have turned out without it, for, although much of my career has been in music I feel that most of what I learnt about being a composer I learnt there. I would like to continue to be involved in this unique educational project with all its unpredictable outcomes and I'm grateful for the chance to do so here in Edinburgh."

Professor Chris Breward, Principal of Edinburgh College of Art, said: "We are very excited to be hosting Brian Eno, an inspirational figure for staff and students with strong Art School connections. His interests galvanise current work at ECA and in the broader University across Music, Art, Design, Cultural Theory and Digital Worlds, and we are delighted that his lecture will be open to the wider public in Edinburgh and beyond".

The lecture series is part of a ten-year initiative funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York to promote international discourse in the arts.

The Brian Eno Andrew Carnegie Lecture will take place on Tuesday, 10 May from 7.30pm at the University of Edinburgh's George Square Lecture Theatre. Tickets are free and available to book from 10am, Monday 4 April at www.brianeno.eventbrite.co.uk

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