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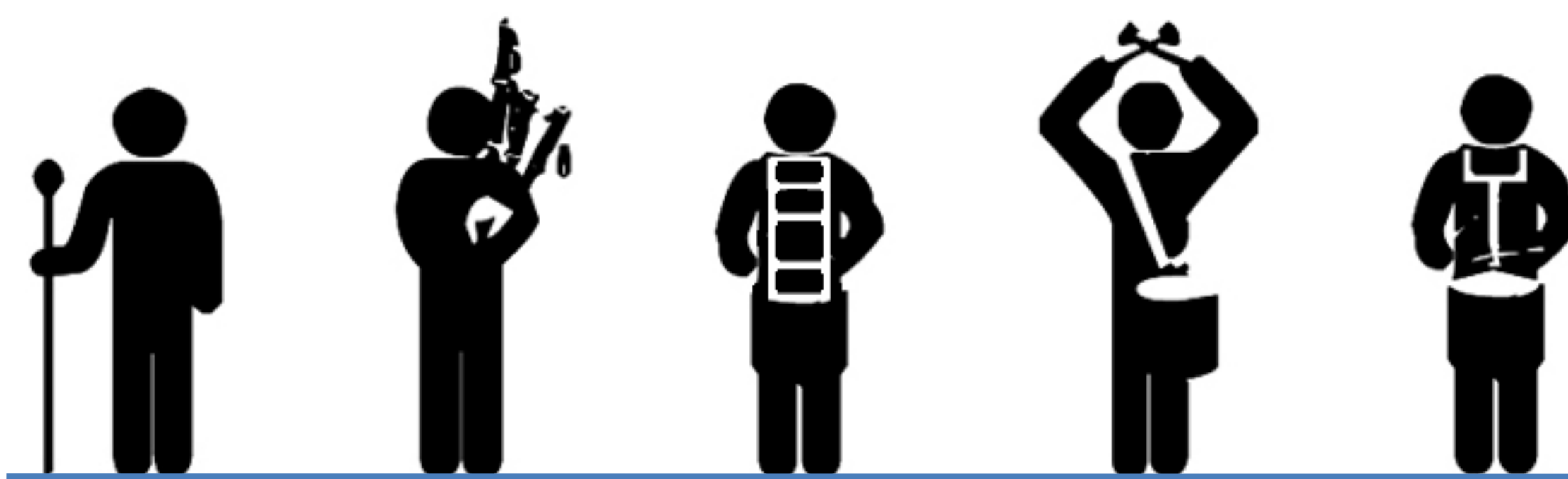
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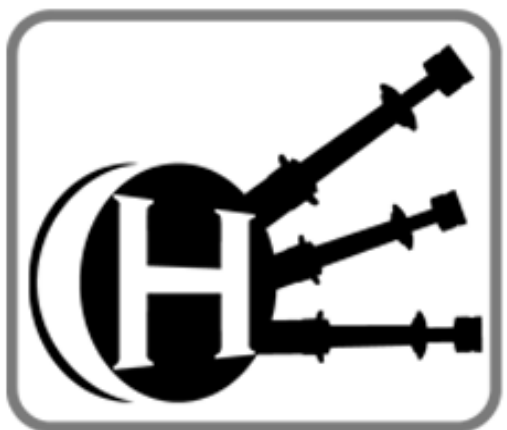


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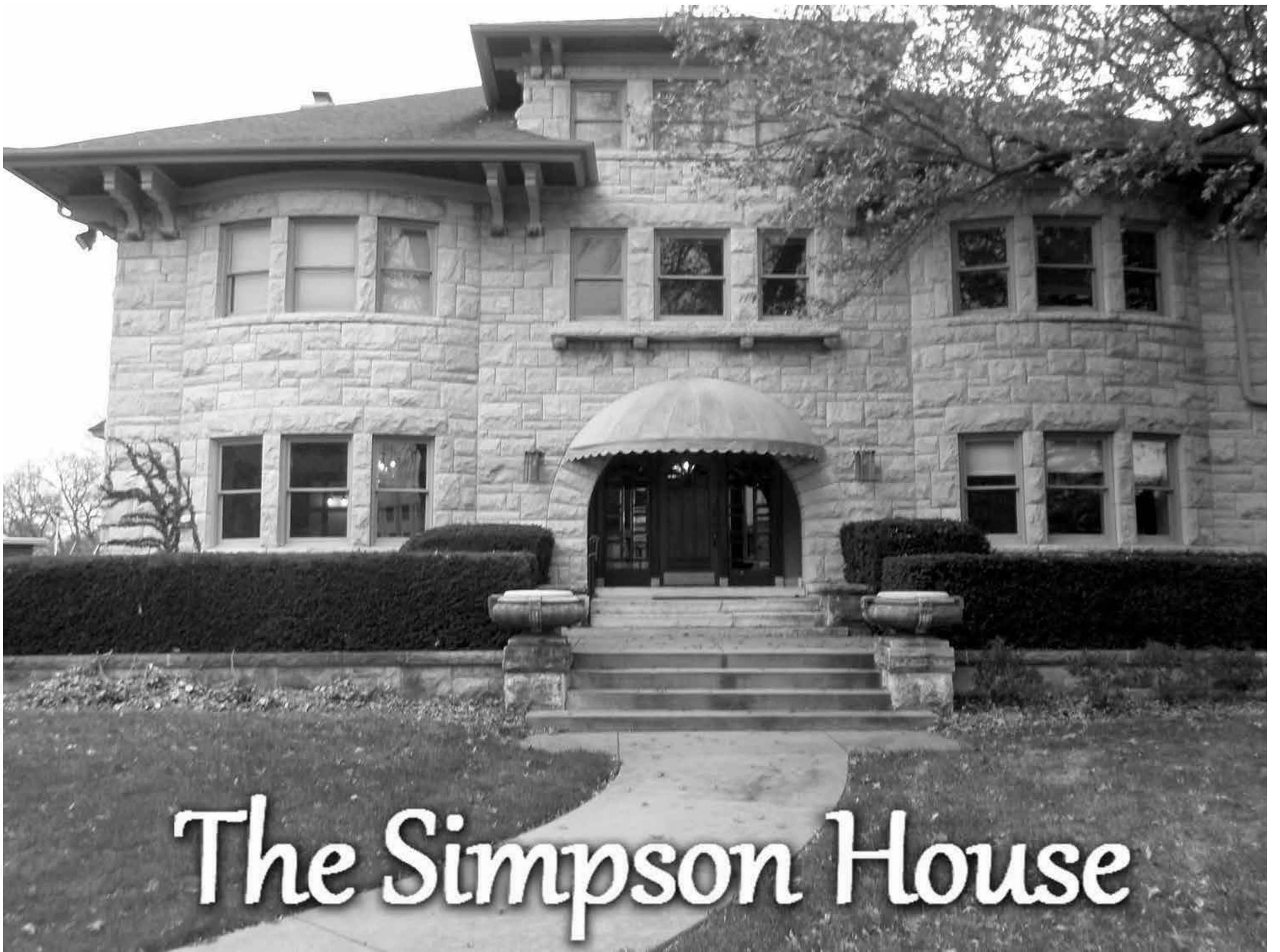
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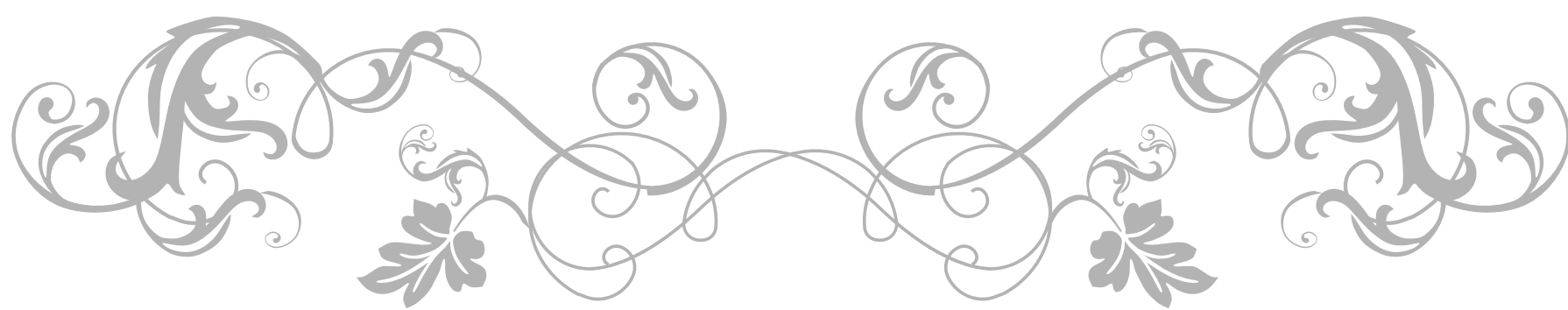
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Former Pipe Major of one of Canada's great bands, Clan MacFarlane, Ken led the band to eight North American Championships. After almost twenty years with the Clan, Ken became an influential member of Ontario's 78th Fraser Highlanders, and recently concluded his ten year tenure with that championship band.

An internationally acclaimed teacher and judge, Ken co-founded the Ohio School for the Scottish Arts in 1978, and in the 80's was a principal in the pipe manufacturing firm, Dunbar-Eller of St. Catherines.

Recently retired from a 30+ year teaching career, Ken lives in Fonthill, Ontario.

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### BOB WORRALL

Bob Worrall is one of North America's leading teachers, adjudicators and performers. Bob is a respected composer, having published three successful collections of bagpipe music. He is featured on three solo piping recordings and was a member of the folk group "Scantily Plaid".

After a piping career with a number of Ontario's leading pipe bands, including the City of Toronto Pipe Band and the General Motors Pipe Band, Bob retired from competitive piping in 1983. His solo accomplishments were extensive, both in North America and Scotland. He won the North American Professional Championship an unprecedented 7 times and the Ontario Professional Championship Supreme title for 12 of his 13 years in the professional class.

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## ALASTAIR LEE

Alastair has been playing the bagpipes for almost his entire life, and is a current member of the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band. He recently placed 4th at the 2022 Gold Medal events in Inverness, and has won both A grade light music events at the Argyllshire Gathering. Alastair earned the Midwest Highland Arts Fund President's Trophy in 2020 by winning both the RG Hardie & Co. United States Gold Medal Championship, and the Henderson's Pipe and Drum Supply North American Professional Ceol Beag Championship.

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## **RODDY MACLEOD, MBE**

Roddy MacLeod, MBE is the former Principal of The National Piping Centre. One of the world's most accomplished competitive solo pipers, he has won all of solo piping's most coveted awards, many of them several times over. He was Pipe Major of the Grade 1 ScottishPower Pipe Band from 1995 - 2005 during which time he led them to over forty-five Grade 1 major championship prizes. In 2008 he led the Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band to the final of Grade 1 at the World Pipe Band Championships. Roddy helped start Piping Live!, Glasgow's International Piping Festival.

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## CALLUM BEAUMONT

Callum Beaumont has won almost every major soloist prize and recently became the youngest piper in history to win the Clasp, most recently in 2019. He has also earned both Highland Society of London Gold Medals, and was the champion piper at the 2019 London events. Callum lives in Linlithgow, West Lothian and is a piping instructor at Dollar Academy. In addition to his solo piping success, Callum has won the World Pipe Band Championships with Inveraray & District Pipe Band, Simon Fraser University Pipe Band, and Shotts & Dykehead Pipe Band.

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## DOLLAR ACADEMY PIPE BAND

Led by Pipe Major Matt Wilson, Dollar Academy Pipe Band is the current Juvenile World Pipe Band Champions. Featuring over 160 students within the organization, and with six World Championship titles in the prior decade, they are one of the premier piping and drumming academies in the world.



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## CRAIG MUIRHEAD

Craig has been playing for over twenty years, including membership with ScottishPower Pipe Band and Inveraray & District Pipe Band. Craig is a successful multi-instrumentalist, prolific composer, and is well-known for his popular arrangements of traditional Scottish music.

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## MATT MACISAAC

Matt is the Director of Piping and Drumming at St. Andrew's College in Aurora, Ontario and currently serves as Pipe Major of the Grade 2 St. Andrew's College Association Pipe Band. Matt has won the RG Hardie & Co. United States Gold Medal Championship, the Argyllshire Gathering Silver Medal, and the Canadian Gold Medal.

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## STEPHEN CREIGHTON

Stephen Creighton is the lead drummer of the current World, UK, and British drumming champions St Laurence O'Toole pipe band from Dublin, Ireland.

Solo honors include 1989 World Junior Champion, 26 World Solo Finals, 5 Senior all Ireland drumming Championships and 3 Ulster Senior Championships. With his corps, Stephen has won 13 Grade 1 all Ireland drumming prizes and was crowned the 2006, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019 World Grade 1 Drumming prize winners.

Currently Stephen has 20 major titles including Europe, Scottish, and British titles. On a local level his drum corps has 13 grade 1 All Ireland drumming titles. Stephen is married to Amanda and has four children; Stephen Junior, Keith, Glen and Hannah.

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## JAKE JØRGENSEN

Originally from Denmark, Jake started learning the drums at the age of 11 with the Copenhagen Caledonia Pipe Band. In November 2000, Jake moved to Scotland to join the drum corps of the Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia Pipe Band, then led by Jim Kilpatrick MBE. During his time with Shotts he took part in winning all of the major championships, including the Grade 1 World Pipe Band Championships in 2003 & 2005. During the same time, the Shotts drum corps won all 5 major championship titles several times over, including the World Drum Corps Title in 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2014, and also seven Champion of Champions Drum Corps titles.

After 12 years with Shotts and 2 years leading the Grade 1 Lothian & Borders Police drum corps, Jake took on the Leading Drummer position with Grade 1 ScottishPower Pipe Band in October 2014. Jake led the ScottishPower Drum Corps to their first Championship drumming win at the 2019 Scottish Championships. Jake is a regular prize winner at the World Solo Drumming Championships.

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## J. REID MAXWELL

J. Reid Maxwell is certainly one of today's most decorated drummers. When the SFU Pipe Band captured the Worlds in 1995, Reid became the first person in history to lead the drum corps of two different bands to be named World Pipe Band Champions (his other victory being in 1987 with Toronto's 78th Fraser Highlanders, also the 1987 World Drum Corps Champions). And all this was preceded by two World Pipe Band Championships and four World Drum Corps Championships as a member of Scotland's Dysart & Dundonald Pipe Band.

With the band's capture of the 2008 and 2009 World Pipe Band Championship and World Drum Corps Championships, Reid obtained his 18th World Championship title, an amazing feat by any standard. Reid's ability to produce exceptional drum corps and his dedication to the instruction of young drummers is held in high regard worldwide. In 2015, Reid was awarded the BC Community Achievement Award for services to pipe band drumming in British Columbia.

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## CHRISTINA HENRY

Christina joined the Manchester Pipe Band in the late 90's as a tenor drummer, and in the fall of 2001 became the bass drummer for the Grade 2 Oran Mor Pipe Band.

Christina continued with Oran Mor on bass up through Grade 2 and into the 2011 Grade 1 World Pipe Band Championship finals.

In 2013, Christina joined the 78th Fraser Highlanders as a tenor drummer and became one of very few players in the world to compete in the Grade 1 World Pipe Band Championship finals as both a bass and tenor drummer. As member of the 78th Frasers, Christina was part of three Grade 1 North American Championship victories and four finishes in the top 12 at the World Pipe Band Championships. Currently, Christina is the bass drummer of the Grade 1 City of Dunedin Pipe Band out of Dunedin, FL. As a solo competitor, Christina is an active professional bass and tenor competitor, having won the North American championships as a bass drummer.

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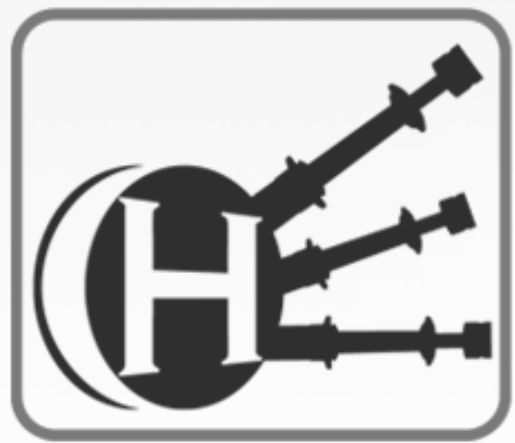
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## SIMON HODGETT

Simon Hodgett hails from Blackskull, Northern Ireland. He began playing the snare drum at age 10, being tutored for numerous years by ex-Field Marshal Montgomery drummer Keith Gourley. During that same timeframe Simon was introduced to a pair of tenor sticks by pure chance, and it's been a passion and obsession for him ever since.

In 2013 Simon joined St. Laurence O'Toole Pipe Band, this after a two year stint with the Northern Ireland band Seven Towers Pipe Band. Prior to Seven Towers, Simon played snare, tenor, and eventually bass drum for Banbridge Pipe Band.

"I'm very lucky to have been offered the opportunity to play under my drumming idols John Dunne and Stephen Creighton," states Simon. With their excellent leadership he's enjoyed successes in over 20 RSPBA & IPBA Major titles including four World Drumming Champion titles, and three Champion of Champion Grade 1 Drumming titles.

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## JACK LEE

In the Pipe Band world: Jack is the Pipe Sergeant and co-founder of the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band. The band has won six World Championships. It has also been an extremely consistent prizewinner at the World Championships during the past 30 years, having won either 1st or 2nd on fifteen occasions. Their youth band (Robert Malcolm Memorial) has won the World Juvenile Championships on four occasions.

On a personal level: Jack, and his brother Terry, were both awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Governor General of Canada in 1999 and honorary doctorate degrees from Simon Fraser University. Jack and his sons (Andrew, Colin, and John) operate their family business making bagpipes, pipe bags and chanter reeds. In addition, Jack has made over 7,000 tunes from his own recording archives available on their website – [Bagpipemusic.com](http://Bagpipemusic.com).

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## ZEPHAN KNICHEL

Zephan has been playing the bagpipes since 1999 and is a current member of the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band. A regular prize winner on the competition circuit, Zephan is a former winner of the McCallum Bagpipes & MWPBA Silver Medal.

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## **WILLIE MCCALLUM**

Willie is a native of Campbeltown, Kintyre, where he learned piping from his uncles Ronald and Hugh. Willie also came under the guidance of P/M Ronald McCallum MBE, his father's cousin.

He has won almost every prize available including both Gold Medals, Former Winners MSR at Oban five times and Inverness four times, the Senior Piobaireachd at Oban three times, Silver Chanter three times, Bratach Gorm four times and the Glenfiddich Championship eight times.

Willie runs his own piping business, Willie McCallum Piping, which has a broad range of activities including performing, teaching, as well as selling bagpipes and acting as a consultant to McCallum Bagpipes.

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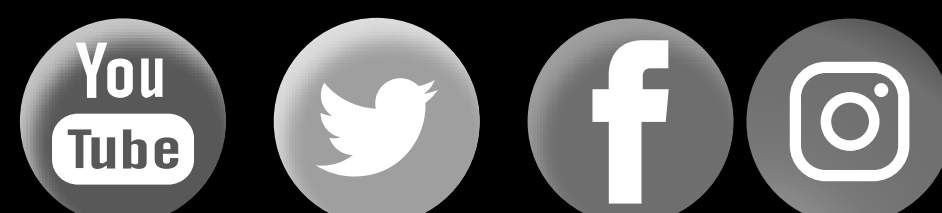
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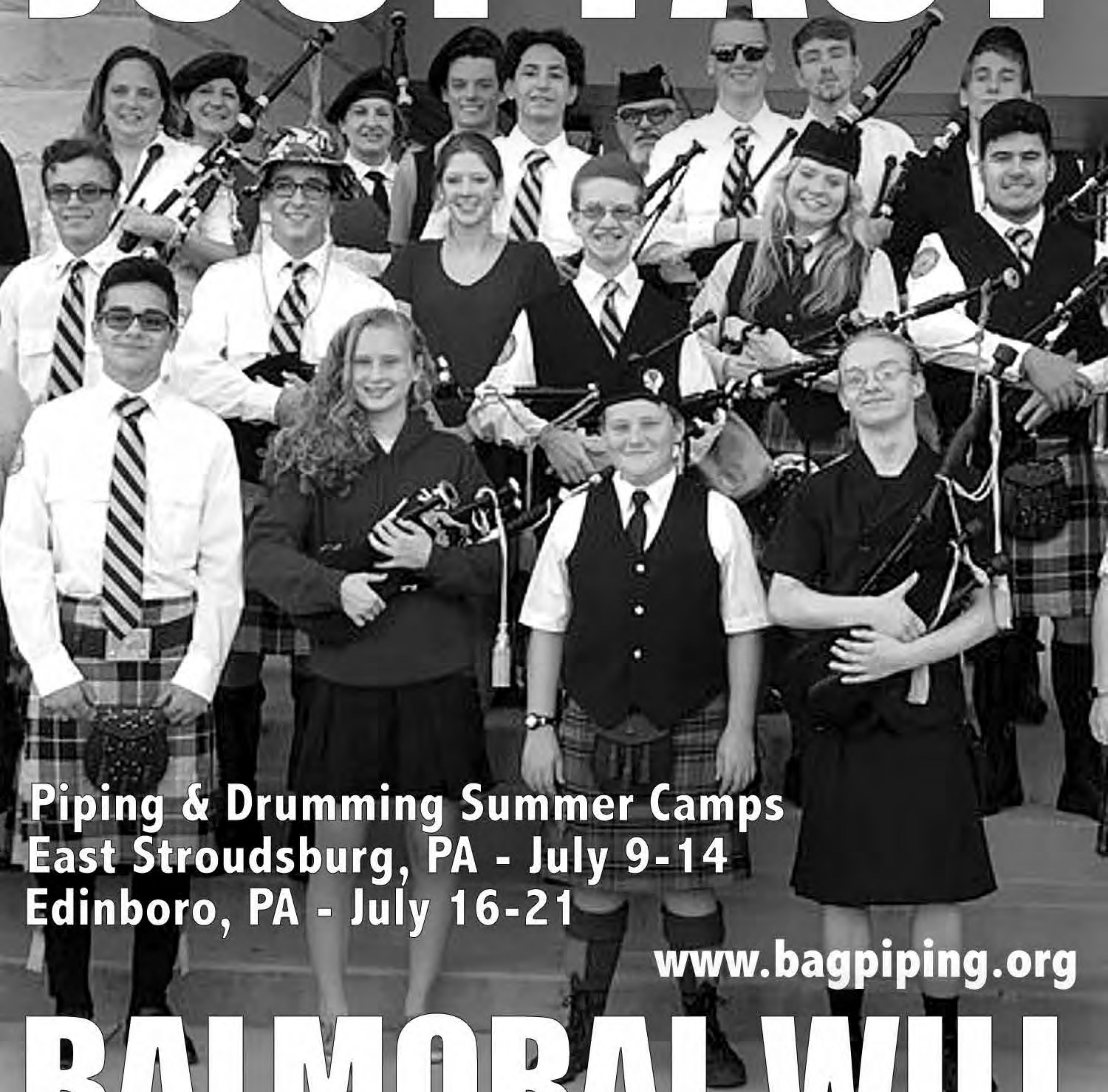
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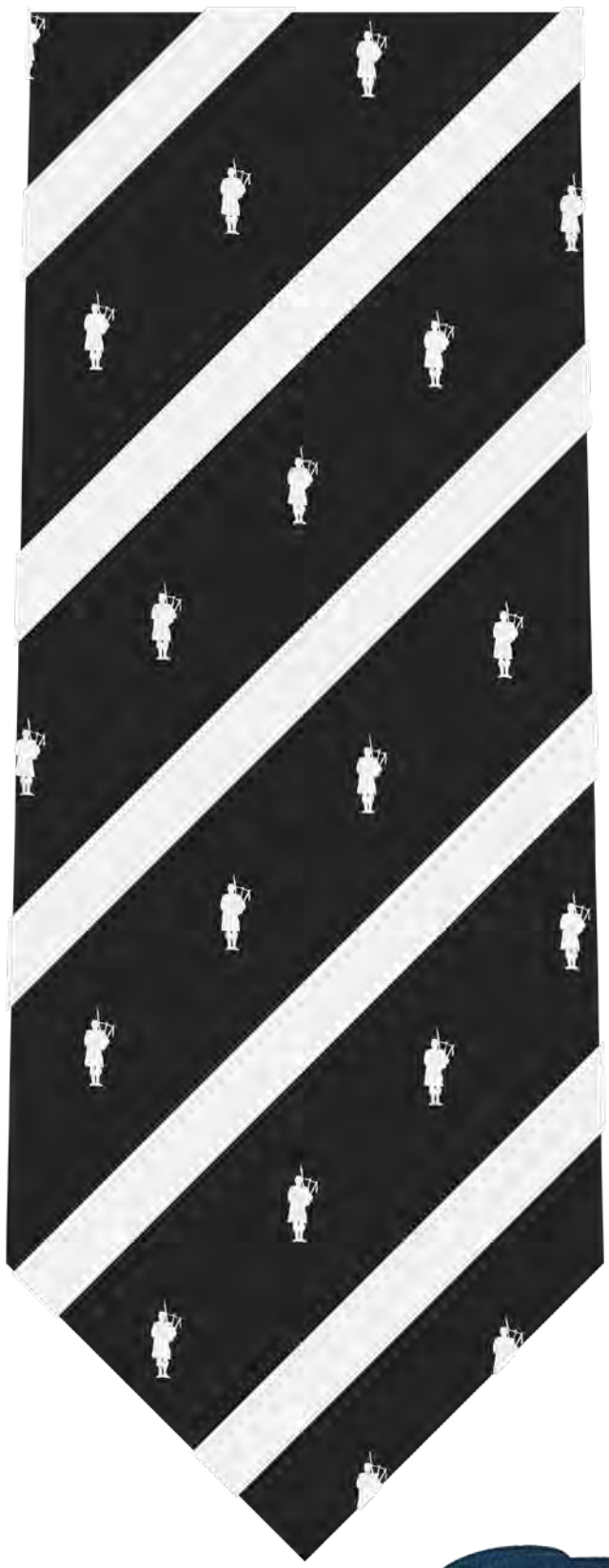
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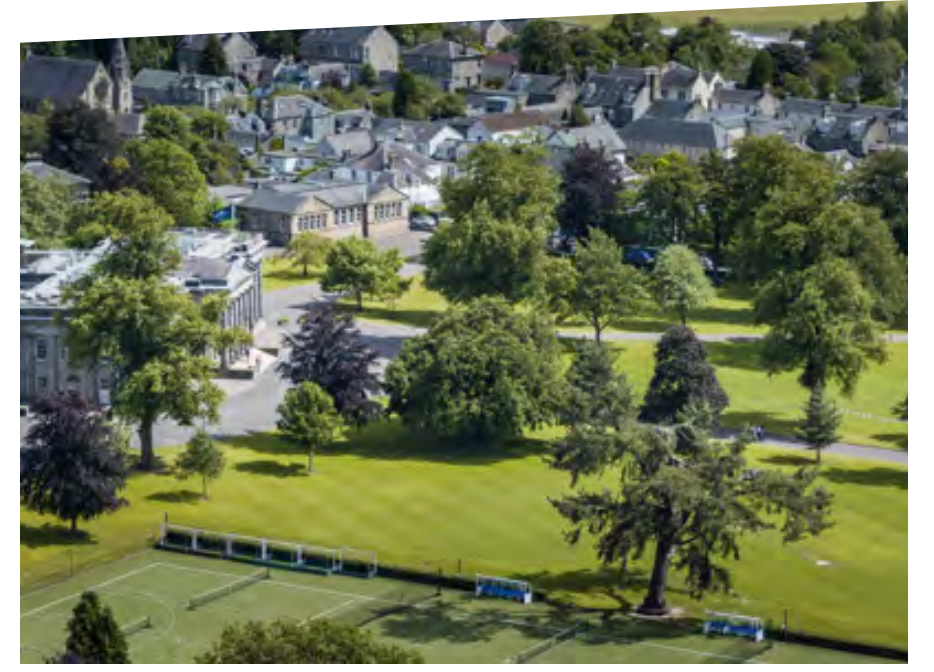
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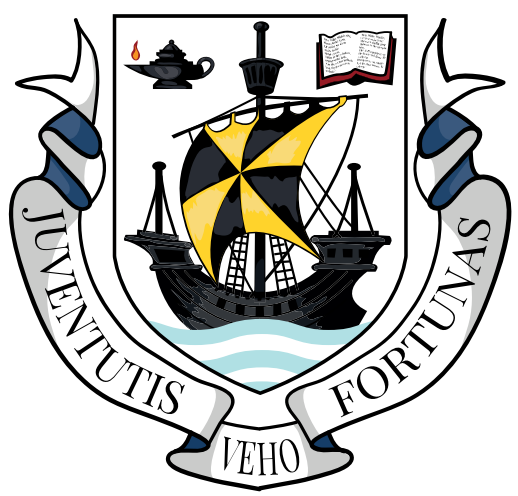


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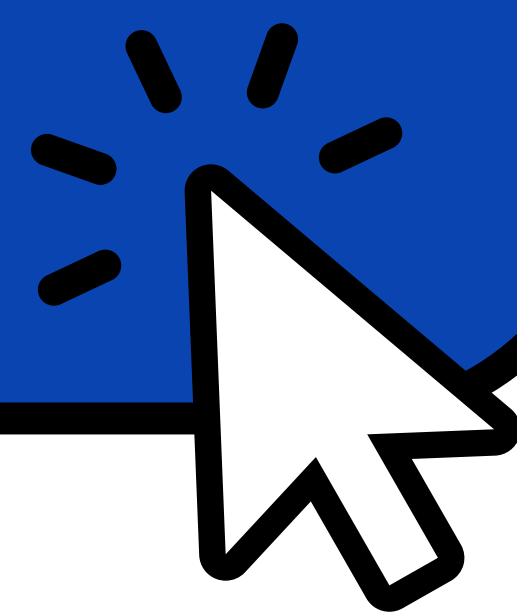
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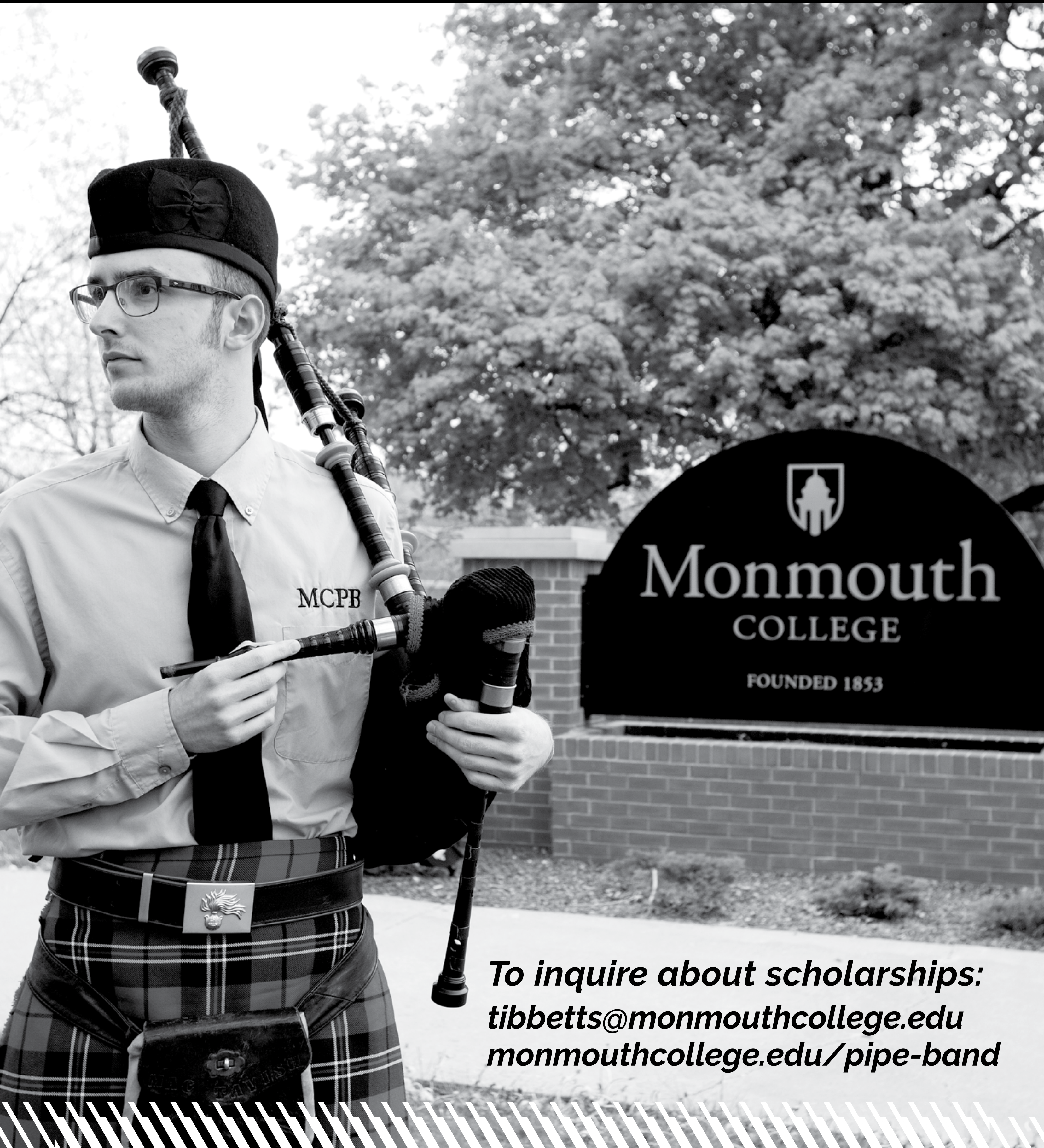
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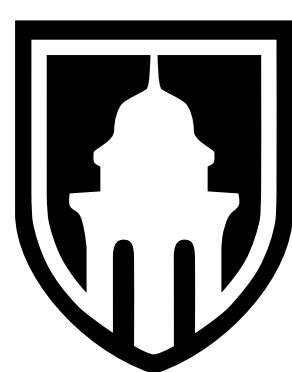
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