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McCallum Bagpipes & MidWest Pipe Band Association United States Silver Medal Piobaireachd Competition

Judges: Chris Apps, Dr. Jack Taylor



R.G. Hardie & Co. - Mhaf United States Gold Medal Piobaireachd Competition

Judges: Brian Donaldson, Colin MacLellan



Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply - Mhaf N.A. Gold Medal Ceol Beag Competition

Judges: *Qualifier* Ken Eller, Willie McCallum
Final Roddy MacLeod, Donald McBride



Mhaf N.A. Amateur Ceol Beag Championships

Judges: *Grade 1* Terry Lee, *Grade 2* Chris Apps, *Grade 3* Keith Paton
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Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply - Mhaf N.A. Gold Medal Drumming Championship

Judges: *Qualifier* Doug Stronach, Jake Joergensen, John Fisher
Final Duncan Millar, Hugh Cameron, John Scullion



Cameron's Drumming Studios - Mhaf N.A. Amateur Drumming Championships

Judges: Jim Sim, Stephen Creighton
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Mhaf Gold Medal and Amateur Tenor Drumming Championships

Judges: Stevie McQuillan, Michael O'Neil, Matt Bellia
Presented by Andante Percussion and Pearl Drums



Mhaf Gold Medal and Amateur Bass Drumming Championships

Judges: Mike Cole, Steven Roberts
Presented by Andante Percussion and Pearl Drums



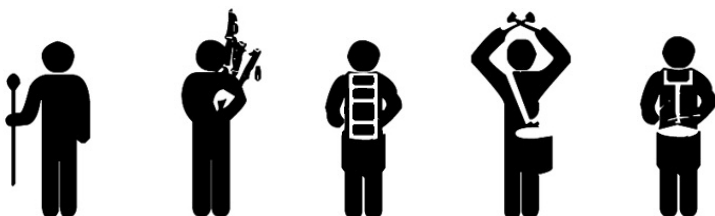
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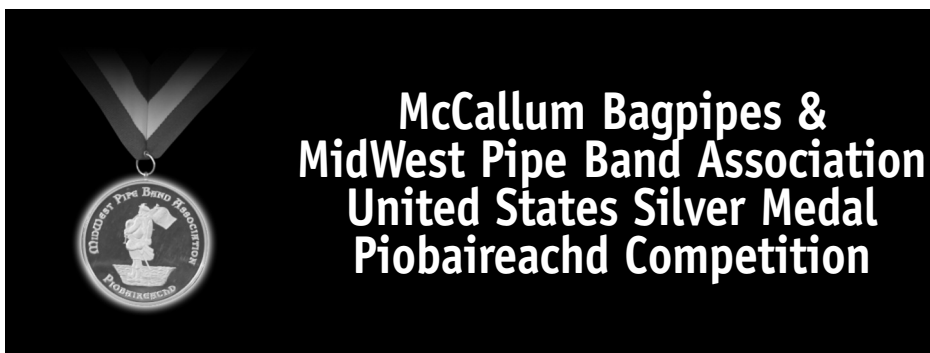
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judges

Dr. Jack Taylor

Jack Taylor, St. Andrews, Scotland, was taught piping by Bert Barron, a winner of the Braemar Gold Medal. Jack then studied medicine at Aberdeen University and during that time he learned Piobaireachd with Bob Nicol and Bob Brown. Jack won the Gold Medal in Inverness in 1973 playing the Lament for the Children. He also won the Gillies Cup in London in 1978 and the Silver Chanter in 1983. Jack has recently retired from medical practice in Aboyne and has been President of the Piobaireachd Society for 5 years. Jack is a senior judge for piobaireachd and is currently playing with the Grade 2 Buchan Pipe band.

Chris Apps

Chris has been playing pipes since the age of ten and was originally taught by James Archibald Templeton. Chris went on to great success in professional competitions throughout the United Kingdom.

Chris was honored to be asked to be Pipe Major of the prestigious Scottish Piping Society of London. During this time Chris became an associate judge with the Joint Committee for judging for both light music and Piobaireachd. Chris has now relocated to the States and is continuing to make world class reeds, conduct workshops, teach and is now a qualified judge with the MWPBA for both band and solo competition.

2014 Silver Medal winners



Left to Right: Alexander Schiele, 5th place; Andrew Donlon, 4th place; Robbie Beaton, Champion; Joseph Stewart, 3rd place; Nick Hudson, 2nd place

the silver medal competitors

1.	Andrew Lewis	Saint Paul, Minnesota
2.	Alan B. Clark	Ottawa, Ontario
3.	Teddy Krogh	Anchorage, Alaska
4.	Daniel Cole	Schenectady, New York
5.	Richard King	San Diego, California
6.	Zephan Knichel	Surrey, British Columbia
7.	Robert Gray	Iowa City, Iowa
8.	Daniel Pisowloski	Canterbury, Connecticut
9.	Andrew Bova	Glasgow, Scotland
10.	Eilidh MacDonald	Regina, Saskatchewan
11.	Josh McFarlane	Brighton, Ontario
12.	Andrew Donlon	Germantown, Maryland
13.	Dan Lyden	Timonium, Maryland
14.	Michael Kotch	Palatine, Illinois
15.	John Lee	Surrey, British Columbia
16.	Joseph Stewart	Seattle, Washington
17.	Kenneth Liechti	Austin, Texas
18.	David McNally	Independence, Missouri
19.	Richard Worley	Thomasville, North Carolina
20.	James Feeney	West Simsbury, Connecticut
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22.	Stephen MacNeil	Brethren, Michigan
23.	Dan Nevans	Glasgow, Scotland



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about the silver medal

The Thirteenth Annual McCallum Bagpipes & MidWest Pipe Band Association United States Silver Medal Piobaireachd Competition will be held January 9, 2015, at the Marriott-Country Club Plaza, in Kansas City. The contest will begin at approximately 8:00 a.m.

The McCallum & MWPBA Silver Medal (USA), 2.5 inches (6.5 cm) in diameter featuring the ancient MacCrimmon piper and "MidWest Pipe Band Association" on the obverse, and the MHAf logo on the reverse, will be awarded to the day's champion in Piobaireachd. Prize moneys include First winning USD \$500 through Fifth \$100. The Silver Medal Champion will also be awarded a set of Silver and Imitation Ivory pipes, courtesy of Kenny MacLeod and McCallum Bagpipes, with runners-up receiving McCallum McC² pipe chanters.

Open to pipers professional/open by their regional pipe band associations, the piper must submit four tunes of their own choice; Competitors will be notified of the selected tune prior to entering the final tuning-room.

The contest, unique in North America, will be held just before the 14th Annual MHAf Winter Storm Weekend, January 9 -11, and that Saturday evening's WINTER STORM 2015: The Pipes & Drums Concert, performed by the workshop faculty; the Champion will also be invited to perform with the winners of the R.G. Hardie - MHAf Gold Medal Piobaireachd Competition, the Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply - MHAf North American Gold Medal Drumming Championship, the MHAf Gold Medal Tenor Drumming Championship, the MHAf Gold Medal Bass Drumming Championship, and the Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply - MHAf North American Professional Ceol Beag Competition.

about McCallum bagpipes

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McCallum Bagpipes supports piping events worldwide and has been a stalwart sponsor of Winter Storm, and the Silver Medal event.

about midwest pipe band association

MidWest Pipe Band Association formed in 1964 with ten pipe bands; membership currently covers fifteen states, with over 50 bands and 300 solo pipers and drummers. Committed to consistency and excellence in grading standards, MWPBA fosters piping by overseeing a dozen sanctioned games in the Midwest yearly.



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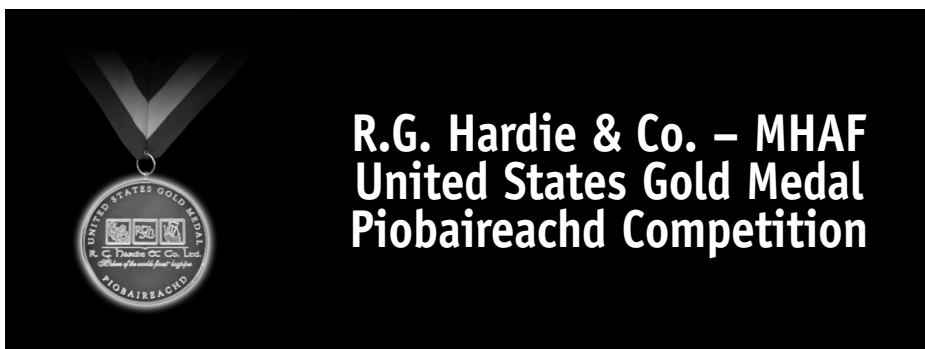
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judges

Brian Donaldson

Brian Donaldson was taught to play the pipes by his father, Pipe Major Andrew Donaldson, himself a renowned piper and teacher. As a young age Brian played with the world famous Dysart & Dundonald Pipe Band, winning all the major championships in Grade 1. In 1978, Brian enlisted in the Scots Guards and served all over the world. He passed his Pipe Majors course at the Army School of Piping in 1982.

Brian has achieved an amazing list of prizes including the Gold Medal at Oban. Brian recently was appointed as Piping Instructor at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin.

Colin MacLellan

Colin MacLellan, a professional educator, has achieved much as both a bandsman and solo piper. Starting as Pipe Major of the 1986 Grade 4 Glengarry Pipe Band, he led the band to the 1996 Grade 2 North American and US Championships; the band was promoted to Grade 1 the following year. He was appointed Pipe Major of Edinburgh's storied Lothian and Borders Police Pipe Band in 1999, serving to 2004. Colin won the Gold Medal at the Northern Meeting in 1982, consecutive MacCrimmon Silver Chanters in 1990 and 1991, and the Gold Medal at the Argyllshire Gathering in 1992.

He served as President of the Competing Pipers Association from 1999 – 2004, and is featured on Lismor Recordings' "World's Greatest Pipers" volume 11. He was a member of 2008's Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band.

the gold medal competitors

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| 1. | James Bell | Batesville, Arkansas |
| 2. | Ben McClamrock | Washington, DC |
| 3. | Andrew Hayes | Nepean, Ontario |
| 4. | Andrew Lee | Port Coquitlam, British Columbia |
| 5. | Edward McIlwaine | Vancouver, British Columbia |
| 6. | Alastair Lee | Coquitlam, British Columbia |
| 7. | Alex Gandy | Dartmouth, Nova Scotia |
| 8. | Andrew Carlisle | Ballygowan, N. Ireland |
| 9. | Derek Midgley | Tinton Falls, New Jersey |
| 10. | Glenn Brown | Glasgow, Scotland |
| 11. | Jori Chisholm | Seattle, Washington |

about the gold medal

The Twelfth Annual R.G. Hardie & Co. – MHAF United States Gold Medal Piobaireachd Competition will be held January 9, 2015, at the Marriott – Country Club Plaza, in Kansas City.

The R.G. Hardie & Co. – MHAF Gold Medal (USA), 2.5 inches (6.5 cm) in diameter of gold-plated silver featuring the MHAF logo on the obverse, will be awarded to the day's Champion in Piobaireachd. Prize moneys include First winning USD \$750, Second \$500, and Third \$250.

Competitors must be eligible to apply for the Gold Medal competitions at Oban or Inverness, or be prior winners of the McCallum Bagpipes-MWPBA Silver Medal. Competitors must submit four tunes of their own choice. Competitors will be notified of the selected tune prior to entering the final tuning-room.

The contest will be held just before the 14th Annual MHAF Winter Storm Weekend, January 9 - 11, and that Saturday evening's WINTER STORM 2015: The Pipes & Drums Concert, performed by the workshop faculty; the Champion will also be invited to perform with the winners of the McCallum Bagpipes & MWPBA US Silver Medal Piobaireachd Competition, the Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – MHAF North American Gold Medal Drumming Championship, the MHAF Gold Medal Tenor Drumming Championship, the MHAF Gold Medal Bass Drumming Championship, and the Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – MHAF North American Professional Ceol Beag Competition.

about R.G. Hardie & Co.

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2014 Gold Medal winners



Left to Right: James P. Troy, 2nd place; Jori Chisholm, Champion; Alastair Lee, 3rd place



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judges

Ken Eller (Qualifying Round)

Ken Eller, also known as "The Captain", has had a 50 year piping career... 15 times a winner of the North American Pipe Band Championships with two bands: the 78th Fraser Highlanders and the Clan MacFarlane Pipe Band. He is now retired from active competition and has expanded his teaching career with on line lessons. In 2005 he was accepted by the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (RSPBA) to their panel as an international adjudicator.

Willie McCallum (Qualifying Round)

A native of Campbeltown, Kintyre, Willie received his main tuition from his uncles Ronald and Hugh. Willie's competitive record is impressive as he has won almost every prize in piping including the Highland Society of London Gold Medals at the Northern Meeting and Argyllshire Gathering, the Glenfiddich Championship 8 times, the senior Piobaireachd at the Argyllshire Gathering 3 times, the MSR Former Winners at the Argyllshire Gathering 5 times, the MSR for Former Winners at the Northern Meeting 4 times, the Bratach Gorm 3 times, the P/M Donald MacLeod Memorial 7 times, and the Dr. Dan Reid Memorial 7 times. He is in demand as a tutor and recitalist at home and abroad and in recent years, his pupils have gained major prizes at the piping gatherings at Oban, Inverness, Skye and London.

Roddy MacLeod, MBE (Final Round)

Roddy MacLeod, MBE is the 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 Championship prizes in major competition including the Cowal Championships and the All-Ireland Championship. In 2008 he led the Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band to the final of Grade 1 at the World Pipe Band Championships after bringing together a group of the world's top solo pipers and drummers together for a short period of intensive practice. Roddy is also a Director and a Founder of Piping Live!, Glasgow's International Piping Festival.

Donald McBride (Final Round)

Donald McBride was taught originally by his father Willie McBride, and studied piobaireachd under Donald MacPherson. In the 1970s, he played in the Muirhead & Sons Pipe Band under P/M Robert G. Hardie. When he returned to Scotland in 1996 until he moved to County Donegal in 2004, Donald took piobaireachd lessons from Andrew Wright. During his competitive career Donald was a perennial prizewinner at the Argyllshire Gathering and the Northern Meeting, including winning the A Grade March there in 1982.

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the gold medal ceol beag competitors

1.	James Feeney	West Simsbury, Connecticut
2.	Dan Lyden	Timonium, Maryland
3.	Dan Nevans	Glasgow, Scotland
4.	Richard King	San Diego, California
5.	John Lee	Surrey, British Columbia
6.	Joseph Stewart	Seattle, Washington
7.	Andrew Bova	Glasgow, Scotland
8.	Andrew Donlon	Germantown, Maryland
9.	Alastair Murray	Moon Township, Pennsylvania
10.	Andrew Lewis	Saint Paul, Minnesota
11.	Richard Worley	Thomasville, North Carolian
12.	Andrew Lee	Port Coquitlam, British Columbia
13.	Zephan Knichel	Surrey, British Columbia
14.	Kenneth Liechti	Austin, Texas
15.	Alex Gandy	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
16.	Campbell Webster	Concord, New Hampshire
17.	Daniel Pisowloski	Canterbury, Connecticut
18.	James Bell	Batesville, Arkansas
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29.	Andrew Carlisle	Ballygowan, N. Ireland
30.	Robert Minnear	Atlanta, Georgia
31.	Edward McIlwaine	Vancouver, British Columbia
32.	Derek Midgley	Tinton Falls, New Jersey

about the ceol beag competition

The Ninth Annual Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – MHAF North American Professional Ceol Beag Competition will be held January 9, 2015, at the Marriott - Country Club Plaza, in Kansas City. The contest will begin at approximately 8:00 a.m.

The Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – MHAF Gold Medal (USA), 2.5 inches (6.5 cm) in diameter of gold plated silver featuring the Henderson logo on the obverse, and the MHAF logo on the reverse, will be awarded to the day's Champion. Prize moneys include First winning USD \$750, Second \$500, and Third \$250.

Pipers graded B or higher, or Open/Professional by their Pipe Band Association are eligible to compete. The Judges will choose a march, a strathspey, and a reel from four submitted by the Competitor for a qualifying round, then the six highest aggregate scorers will submit one MSRHSJ set for the Championship round. The three highest aggregate scores of this final determine prize placing.

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2014 Ceol Beag winners



Left to Right: Jori Chisholm, 2nd place; Alex Gandy, Champion; James P. Troy, 3rd place

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judges

Terry Lee (Grade 1)

Pipe Major Terry Lee is one of the most prominent and successful pipe band leaders in the world. Under his direction, the SFU Pipe Band captured the World Pipe Band Championship of 1995, 1996, 1999, 2001, 2008 and 2009, and is one of only two bands in history to win both the Medley and MSR events at the World Championships more than once (MSR five times, Medley five times). Terry is also one of only seven Pipe Majors to win the World Championship more than twice.

His ability to produce superb band performances in both the contemporary and traditional style, and to significantly enhance the musicality and technique of his players is respected worldwide. Terry serves as General Manager of the well-known Scottish supplies store, Tartantown. On September 10, 1999 P/M Terry Lee and P/S Jack Lee were each presented with Canada's Meritorious Service Medal by Governor General Romeo LeBlanc in Quebec City, Quebec.

Chris Apps (Grades 2)

Chris has been playing pipes since the age of ten and was originally taught by James Archibald Templeton. Chris went on to great success in professional competitions throughout the United Kingdom.

Chris was honored to be asked to be Pipe Major of the prestigious Scottish Piping Society of London. During this time Chris became an associate judge with the Joint Committee for judging for both light music and Piobaireachd. Chris has now relocated to the States and is continuing to make world class reeds, conduct workshops, teach and is now a qualified judge with the MWPBA for both band and solo competition.

Keith Paton (Grades 3)

Keith is a native of Kansas City and grew up playing in the Kansas City St. Andrew Pipe Band. Since moving to Seattle in 1994, Keith has been active in the Pacific Northwest piping community. From 1997 to 1999 he played with the Abbotsford Police Pipe Band, competing with the band twice in Grade 1 at the World Pipe Band Championships. Subsequently he joined the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band playing with SFU from 2000 to 2006, and then again from 2010 to 2014.

He is an active adjudicator at piping competitions throughout the U.S. Pacific Northwest and serves on the BCPA grading committee. He is an educator by profession, and he has been a private and group piping instructor for students of all ages for more than 30 years.

about the amateur championship

The Midwest Highland Arts Fund North American Amateur Ceol Beag Championships will be held January 10, 2014 at the Marriott - Country Club Plaza, in Kansas City.

The age of the Competitor in Amateur Grades 1, 2, and 3 will not be restricted. Depending upon the grade, the Competitor must submit an MSR or an MSR/HJ. Pipers placing First through Third in the three grades will win the MHAF North American Amateur Medal. Minted with the Gold Medal, the bronze medals are 2.5 inches (6.5 cm) in diameter, featuring the MHAF logo. In addition, pipers placing First through Third in the three grades will be awarded a custom made pipe bag of their choice from Lee & Sons Bagpipes.

The contests will be held just before the 13th Annual MHAF Winter Storm Weekend, January 10 - 12 and that Saturday evening's WINTER STORM 2014: The Pipes & Drums Concert, performed by the workshop faculty.

the amateur ceol beag competitors

Grade 1	1. Blaise Theriault	Halifax, Nova Scotia
	2. Austin Diepenhorst	Santee, California
	3. James Dyson	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
	4. Kyle Banta	Surrey, British Columbia
	5. Steven Mcelhanely	Sacramento, California
	6. Michael Breidenbach	Saint Paul, Minnesota
	7. Ryan Balchuck	Broomfield, Colorado
	8. Steven MacDonald	Winter Garden, Florida
	9. Bonnie Hamilton	Harbor Springs, Michigan
	10. Karen MacLean	Fall River, Nova Scotia
	11. Sean Regan	Woodstock, Virginia
	12. Tony Karcz	Northbrook, Illinois
	13. Chandler Sievewright	Hales Corners, Wisconsin
	14. Tom Hinrichsen	Batavia, Illinois
	15. Joseph Biggs	Princeton, Illinois
	16. Jack Williamson	Topeka, Kansas
	17. Sarah Minnear	Atlanta, Georgia
	18. Kaitlin Kimove	Stoney Creek, Ontario

about the McKee family

The McKee Family played a leading role in the formation of the Kansas City highland arts community in the early 1960s. Since then, the McKees have devoted their time, treasure, and talent to fostering local talent in dancing, piping, and drumming. Midwest Highland Arts Fund is grateful to the McKee family for their longstanding patronage to the Kansas City highland arts, and specifically, for their support of the amateur ceol beag championships.

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Left to Right: David Duncan, 3rd place; Campbell Webster, Champion; James Dyson, 2nd place

the amateur ceol beag competitors

Grade 3		
1.	John Urdiales	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
2.	Mike Heywood	Elgin, Illinois
3.	Patrick Higgins	Buffalo Grove, Illinois
4.	Alex Stugis	Buffalo, New York
5.	Calum MacNeil	Dearborn, Michigan
6.	Robert Chalk	San Antonio, Texas
7.	Robert Clower	Grinnell, Iowa
8.	Shawn McDonald	West Dundee, Illinois
9.	Mark Pennings	Sioux City, Iowa
10.	Jaron Park	Springfield, Illinois
11.	Lauren VanDerWal	Springfield, Illinois
12.	Meridith Richmond	Saint Paul, Minnesota
13.	Eric Qualls	Kansas City, Missouri
14.	Ian Minnear	Atlanta, Georgia

Grade 2		
1.	Emmett Bishop	Westminster, Colorado
2.	Andrew Robertson	Frankford, Ontario
3.	Pascal Reber	Fort Riley, Kansas
4.	Heather Stone	Halifax, Nova Scotia
5.	Jared Malone	Batesville, Arkansas
6.	Griffin Hall	Overland Park, Kansas
7.	Andrew Fox	Hastings, Minnesota
8.	Ryan Behnke	Hastings, Minnesota
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11.	Erik Abbott	Provo, Utah
12.	Steve Gruber	Rockaway, New Jersey
13.	Nolan Ryan	St. Charles, Illinois
14.	Robert Lies	St. Paul, Minnesota
15.	Thomas Cangelosi	Rockaway, New Jersey



Left to Right: Karen Margaret MacLean, 2nd place; David Clower, Champion; Fred Kiffer, 3rd place



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Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – Midwest Highland Arts Fund North American Gold Medal Drumming Championship

judges

John Fisher (Qualifying Round)

A former North American Drumming Champion, John was a member of the World Champion Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia Pipe Band drum corps under the leadership of Alex Duthart. John was Lead Drummer of the 78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe Band, and performed for many years as a session drummer in Los Angeles and Canada. He was Lead Drummer of 2008's Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band.

Jake Joergensen (Qualifying Round)

Jake joined the Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia Pipe Band in 2000. During his time with the band he took part in winning all of the major championships, including the Grade 1 World Pipe Band Championships in 2003 and 2005; the Drum Corps won all 5 major championships many times over, including the World Drum Corp title in 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2014 and seven Champion of Champions Drum Corps titles. In October 2014, Jake was appointed the new Leading Drummer of ScottishPower Pipe Band.

Doug Stronach (Qualifying Round)

An accredited judge and Music Board member of the Pipers and Pipe Band Society of Ontario, Doug holds the highest level certificate in drumming from the combined Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association, the Army School of Piping and Drumming, and the Institute of Piping, known collectively as the Piping and Drumming Qualifications Board. Doug currently plays with Simon Fraser University Pipe Band.

Hugh Cameron (Final Round)

Hugh has been a professional drumming instructor for over 30 years and has taught throughout North America. He has over 20 years of experience in Grade 1 pipe bands as well as having won most solo drumming titles in Ontario, including three consecutive Champion Supreme awards for Professional solo drumming. Hugh has achieved an advanced certificate in pipe band drumming from the RSPBA, and from 1974 to 1986 was a student of the late Alex Duthart, later playing with his son, Drew, in the Toronto Police Pipe Band. Hugh owns Cameron's Drumming Studio, the largest distributor of Premier pipe band drums in North America.

Duncan Millar (Final Round)

Duncan has played with the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band since 1997 and helped the band win four World Pipe Band Championship titles since then, including four Best Drum Corps titles in 1999, 2004, 2008 and 2009. The winner of many solo drumming prizes, Duncan has appeared in the final round at the World Solo Drumming Championships multiple times.

John Scullion (Final Round)

John Scullion, is one of a few to win the Triple Crown of Scottish snare drumming, is a four-time winner of the World Solo Drumming Championships, led the drummers of the Shotts and Dykehead Caladonia Pipe Band to a World Championship, has won the coveted Champion of Champions snare drumming award. A popular teacher and performer, John is a much sought-after judge of drumming competitions all over the world.

the gold medal snare competitors

1.	Joe Kiah	Trenton, Ontario
2.	Viv Stapleton	Deer Park, New York
3.	Harry Meade	Eldersburg, Maryland
4.	Eli Fugate	San Diego, California
5.	Aaron Carter	Edmonton, Alberta
6.	Jeremy Keddy	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
7.	Eric MacNeill	East Greenbush, New York
8.	Alexander Kuldell	Chantilly, Virginia
9.	Blair Brown	Portland, Oregon
10.	William Pastor	West Milford, New Jersey
11.	Bryce Parker	Henderson, Nevada
12.	Colin Hearty	Vancouver, British Columbia
13.	Duncan McPherson	Sacramento, California
14.	Michael McKenna	Dublin, Ireland
15.	Graham Brown	Henderson, Nevada
16.	Derek Cooper	Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania
17.	Chris Gardner	Winnipeg, Manitoba
18.	Cameron Bolley	Clarkston, Michigan



2014 Gold Medal Snare winners

Left to Right: Zack Miller, 6th place; Eric MacNeill, 3rd place; Michael McKenna, Champion; Derek Cooper, 2nd place; Richard Baughman, 4th place; Cameron Bolley, 5th place

about the gold medal

The Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – MHAF North American Gold Medal Drumming Championship will be held January 9, 2015 at the Marriott-Country Club Plaza in Kansas City.

The North American Gold Medal, 2.5 inches (6.5 cm) in diameter of gold-plated solid silver, featuring the MHAF logo on the obverse, and the Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply logo on the reverse, will be awarded to the Winner in Scottish snare drumming. Prize moneys include First USD \$750, Second \$500, and Third \$250. MHAF will supplement the First Prize to include up to \$1,500 USD for air travel from North America for the Champion and his/her piper to compete in the World Solo Drumming Championships in October 2015, or to travel back to Kansas City to compete at Winter Storm 2016. Andante Percussion and Pearl Drums will provide snare drums as prizes. The North American Gold Medal Champion will choose his/her prize snare drum from an array of Andante and Pearl drums.

Each Competitor, a drummer graded Open/professional or Grade One, will submit one each MSR set. The eight highest aggregate scores of the MSR qualifier will submit and perform an HJ set. The three highest aggregate scores of the MSR and H/J will determine the contest placing for prizes.

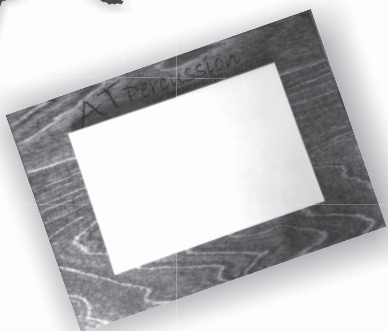
The contest will be held just before the 14th Annual MHAF Winter Storm Weekend, January 9 - 11, and that Saturday evening's WINTER STORM 2015: The Pipes & Drums Concert, performed by the workshop faculty; the Champion will also be invited to perform with the winners of the McCallum & MWPBA US Silver Medal Piobaireachd Competition, the R.G. Hardie & Co. - MHAF Gold Medal Piobaireachd Competition, the MHAF Gold Medal Tenor Drumming Championship, the MHAF Gold Medal Bass Drumming Championship, and the Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – MHAF North American Professional Ceol Beag Competition.

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judges

Stephen Creighton

Stephen Creighton is the lead drummer of the 2010 World Pipe Band Champion St. Laurence O'Toole Pipe Band. His honors include the 1989 World Junior Champion, 19 World Solo Finals, 5 Senior all Ireland Championships and 3 Ulster Senior Championships. With his corps, Stephen has won five Grade 1 all-Ireland drumming prizes and the 2006 World Grade 1 Drumming prize.

Jim Sim

Jim started drumming lessons with his Father at the age of 8. His first band was the Stock Yard Kilty Band from Chicago. His early influences in drumming were from his father and John Kirkwood Sr. from St. Catharines, Ontario. In 1975 Pipe Major Ian Swinton asked Jim to help form the new Midlothian Scottish Pipe Band. The band started in Grade 4 and placed third in their first contest. In 1985 the band was promoted to Grade 1 which finished one of the band's early goals which was to go from Grade 4 to Grade 1 in ten years using mostly players taught by Ian and Jim. Midlothian won many titles several times including the U.S. Open Championship, and the North American Championship and several placings in the top 6 at the World Championships.

the amateur snare competitors

Amateur Grade 3	1.	Maggie Bishop	Westminster, Colorado
	2.	Kenneth Decker	Columbus, Ohio
	3.	Kyle Heaney	Toronto, Ontario
	4.	Ian McDonald	West Dundee, Illinois
	5.	Tom Clower	Grinnell, Iowa
	6.	Kegan Ball	Alma, Michigan
	7.	Andrew Ryan	San Mateo, California
	8.	Cameron McCall	Stirling, Scotland
	9.	Steve Laughlin	Niagara Falls, New York
	10.	Brady Byers	Anchorage, Alaska
Amateur Grade 2	1.	Sophia McConnell	Lititz, Pennsylvania
Amateur Grade 1	1.	Fiona Senyk	New Westminster, British Columbia
	2.	Adam Tardif	Niagara Falls, Ontario
	3.	Sean Biggar	Sunnyvale, California
	4.	Michael O'Rourke	Queens, New York
	5.	Peter Buxman	Saint Paul, Minnesota
	6.	Zach Smith	Fall River, Nova Scotia
	7.	Donn Pratt	Lake Stevens, Washington
	8.	Aubree Caldwell	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

about the amateur championship

The Cameron's Drumming Studio – Midwest Highland Arts Fund North American Amateur Drumming Championships will be held January 9, 2015 at the Holiday Inn – at the Plaza, in Kansas City. The contest will be held prior the North American Gold Medal Championship.

The age of the Competitor in Amateur Grades 1, 2, and 3 will not be restricted. Depending upon the grade, the Competitor must submit a MSR and HJ, or MSR only, and be accompanied by a piper.

Drummers placing First through Third in the three grades will win the North American Amateur Medal. Minted with the Gold Medal, the bronze replica is 2.5 inches (6.5 cm) in diameter, featuring the MHAF logo on the obverse, and the Cameron logo on the reverse. Andante Percussion and Pearl Drums will provide snare drums as prizes. The Champion in each grade will choose his/her prize snare drum from an array of Andante and Pearl drums.

The contests will be held just before the 14th Annual MHAF Winter Storm Weekend, January 9 - 11 and that Saturday evening's WINTER STORM 2015: The Pipes & Drums Concert, performed by the workshop faculty.

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about MHAF



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MHAF Gold Medal & Amateur Tenor Drumming Championships

judges

Stevie McQuillan

Stevie McQuillan of Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia Pipe Band is ranked amongst the world's top pipe band drummers and is the holder of six World Bass Section and five World Drum Corps Championships, as well as over 40 major pipe band championships wins. Stevie has competed in Grade 1 since 1981.

Michael O'Neil

Mike helped Prince Charles win the Grade 2 World Pipe Band Championship in 2000, as well as Best Bass Section. He went on to help win the Grade 2 World Pipe Band Championship with Robert Malcolm Memorial Pipe Band in 2006, and currently plays with the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band. Mike was Champion of MHAF's Gold Medal Tenor Drumming contest in 2005 and 2006, and runner-up in 2007.

Matt Bellia

Matt is a two time MHAF- Winter Storm Gold Medalist, three time winner of the Agnew-Harrison Invitational, two time winner of the Maxville North American Championship, and two time winner of the United States Professional Championship. Additionally, Matt has won over 5 Professional Champion Supreme titles, awarded by the Pipers and Pipe Band Society of Ontario.

In his band career, Matt has been a member of the 78th Fraser Highlanders since 2008 and currently coordinates their Bass Section. Having taught coast-to-coast within Canada, to individual sessions across North America and Europe, Matt has partnered with various groups to aid in the improvement and development of all musicians.



Left to Right: Kyle Heaney, 2nd place; Matt Bellia, Champion; Ryan Robertson, 3rd place

the tenor competitors

Novice

- | | | |
|----|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Shanna McDonald | West Dundee, Illinois |
| 2. | Joshua Borwick | Arlington, Tennessee |
| 3. | Niamh McConnell | Lititz, Pennsylvania |
| 4. | Courtney Green | Gurnee, Illinois |

Intermediate

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|----|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Jensen McConnell | Lititz, Pennsylvania |
| 2. | Dawn Meade | Eldersburg, Maryland |
| 3. | Sydney Sievewright | Hales Corners, Wisconsin |
| 4. | Andrew Fedori | Edmonton, Alberta |
| 5. | Shannon Miller | Frankfort, Illinois |
| 6. | Brianna McDonald | West Dundee, Illinois |
| 7. | Alexandra Schmitz | Saint Paul, Minnesota |

Gold Medal

- | | | |
|----|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Jeremy Jones | Dunedin, Florida |
| 2. | Sam Johnson | Towson, Maryland |
| 3. | Owen Russell | St Paul, Minnesota |
| 4. | Ryan Robertson | Stoney Creek, Ontario |
| 5. | Colleen Salmi | Seattle, Washington |
| 6. | Catherine Wilson | Henderson, Nevada |
| 7. | Kyle Heaney | Toronto, Ontario |

about the gold & amateur championships

The Eleventh Annual MHAF Gold Medal and Amateur Tenor Drumming Championships will be held January 9, 2015, in the Seville Ballroom at the Marriott – Country Club Plaza in Kansas City. The MHAF Gold Medal, 2.5 inch (6.5 cm) diameter gold-plated on solid silver, featuring the MHAF logo, will be awarded to the day's Champion in Tenor Drumming. Open to all professionals and amateurs, the drummer must submit one March - Strathspey - Reel and one Hornpipe - Jig set, and be accompanied by a piper and a snare drummer.

Prize moneys include First winning USD \$750, Second \$500, and Third \$250. In addition, the Champion will be awarded a tenor drum supplied by Andante Percussion and Pearl Drums. The contest will be held just before the 14th Annual MHAF Winter Storm Weekend, January 9 - 11, and that Saturday evening's WINTER STORM 2015: The Pipes & Drums Concert, performed by the workshop faculty; the Champion will also be invited to perform with the winners of the McCallum & MWPBA US Silver Medal Piobaireachd Competition, the R.G. Hardie & Co. - MHAF Gold Medal Piobaireachd Competition, the Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – MHAF North American Gold Medal Drumming Championship, the MHAF Gold Medal Bass Drumming Championship, and the Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – MHAF North American Professional Ceol Beag Competition.

2014 Intermediate Tenor winners



Left to Right: *Sydney Sievewright, 2nd place; Beth Sachrison, Champion; Jensen McConnell, 3rd place*

2014 Novice Tenor winners



Left to Right: *Joshua Borwick, 3rd place; Brianna McDonald, Champion; Shanna McDonald, 2nd place*



MHAF Gold Medal and Amateur Bass Drumming Championships

judges

Mike Cole

Michael Cole began his pipe band career in 1987. In addition to bass drumming, Mike has experience as a lead drummer as well as a tenor drummer. In 1998 he won the "Best Bass" award at the World Pipe Band Championships in Grade Two. His bass sections have won five best bass awards at the North American Pipe Band Championships including Grade One in 2007, and 2011. Mike won the Midwest Highland Arts Gold Medal in the professional bass drumming competition in Kansas City in 2007 and 2013. In 2010 Mike was a guest bass drummer for Inveraray and District Pipe Band and played all of the major contests with them in Scotland that season. A professional educator, Mike instructs at workshops, seminars, and summer camps in North America and Scotland. He is the owner of Twisted Thistle, manufacturer of The Twisted Thistle bass drum mallet series. Mike currently plays the bass for The Greater Midwest Pipe Band and he is a featured artist with Premier Percussion.

Steven Roberts

Steven joined the ScottishPower Pipe Band in September 2011 and currently plays under PM Chris Armstrong and LD Barry Wilson, in these two seasons the band have enjoyed great success including a 2nd place finish at the 2012 Worlds.

Before joining ScottishPower, Steven played with Shotts & Dykehead under Jim Kilpatrick for seven years, winning the World Championship trophy in his first season as well as the Champion of Champions title as a band and drum corps. During that time, he was part of 13 drumming prizes and 5 Champion of Champions drum corps titles. Steven started off as a snare drummer with a local band in South Queensferry, Edinburgh at the age of 8. By age 15 he turned to bass drumming, joining the Grade 2 Drabuie Kirkliston Pipe Band under PM Martin Wilson and LD Bryn Butler.

about the gold & amateur championships

The Ninth Annual Midwest Highland Arts Fund Gold Medal Bass Drumming Championship will be held on January 9, 2015 at the Marriott - Country Club Plaza, in Kansas City.

The MHAF Gold Medal, 2.5 inch (6.5 cm) diameter gold-plated on solid silver, featuring the MHAF logo, will be awarded to the day's Champion in Bass Drumming. Prize moneys include First winning USD \$750, Second \$500, and Third \$250. In addition, the winner will be awarded a bass drum supplied by Andante Percussion and Pearl Drums.

Open to all professionals and amateurs, the drummer must submit one March – Strathspey - Reel and one Hornpipe - Jig set, and be accompanied by a piper and a snare drummer. The contest will be held just before the 14th annual MHAF Winter Storm Weekend, January 9 - 11, and that Saturday evening's WINTER STORM 2015: The Pipes & Drums Concert, performed by the workshop faculty; the Champion will also be invited to perform with the winners of the McCallum & MWPBA US Silver Medal Piobaireachd Competition, the R.G. Hardie & Co. – MHAF US Gold Medal Piobaireachd Competition, the Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – MHAF North American Gold Medal Competition, the MHAF Gold Tenor Drumming Championship, and the Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – MHAF North American Professional Ceol Beag Competition.

the bass competitors

Intermediate

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|----|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Doug Matthews | Toronto, Ontario |
| 2. | Bhreagh MacDonald | Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia |
| 3. | Joseph Cameron | Shawnee, Kansas |
| 4. | Jay Jolley | Omaha, Nebraska |
| 5. | Anita Forte-Scott | Schaumburg, Illinois |
| 6. | William Lang | Descanso, California |

Gold Medal

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|----|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Kyle Heaney | Toronto, Ontario |
| 2. | Emma Quinn | Dunedin, Florida |
| 3. | Ryan Robertson | Stoney Creek, Ontario |
| 4. | Richard Wilkins | Laguna Beach, California |
| 5. | Anne Campbell | Morristown, Tennessee |
| 6. | Kahlil Cappuccino | Ottawa, Ontario |
| 7. | Cyrus Zerbe | Alma, Michigan |
| 8. | Joe Hickey | Bloomington, Minnesota |
| 9. | Kelly Fey | Edmonton, Alberta |

2014 Gold Medal Bass winners



Left to Right:
Amber Bartholomeusz, 2nd place;
Steve Foley, Champion;
Ryan Robertson, 3rd place

2014 Intermediate Bass winners



Left to Right:
Stuart Baker, 3rd place;
Joseph Cameron, 2nd place;
Cyrus Zerbe, Champion

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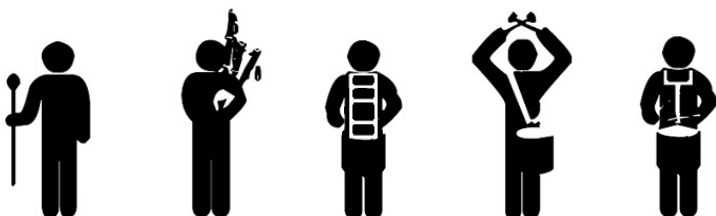
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