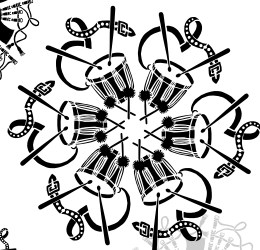
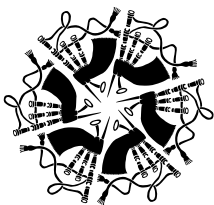


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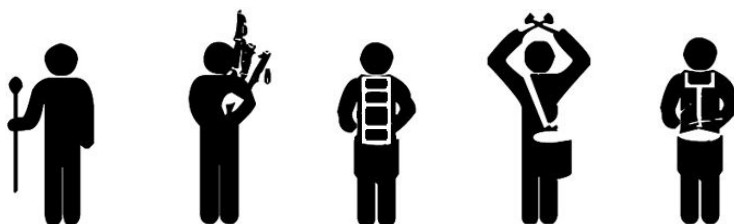
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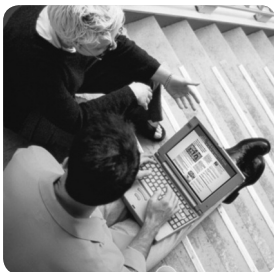
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An internationally acclaimed teacher and judge, Ken co-founded the Ohio School for the Scottish Arts in 1978, and in the 80's was a principal in the pipe manufacturing firm, Dunbar-Eller of St. Catharines.

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



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Kansas City Highland Dancers

Kansas City Highland Dancers return to the Winter Storm stage. All of the dancers have achieved the Premier competitive level within Highland dancing; most have danced 10 years or more. They have competed successfully all over the United States, Canada, and Scotland. The dancers are: Savannah Meiklejohn, Jeanna McNally, Isabelle Parisi, Kristen Powell and Fiona Sampson.

David McNally began his piping career in Kansas City over 25 years ago, and has been a consistent prizewinner in the United States, Canada and Scotland. In addition to piping for highland dancers in the local area, David is an associate piping judge for the Midwest Pipe Band Association and Pipe Sergeant of the Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes & Drums.



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gold medal pipers

Callum Beaumont

Callum Beaumont has won almost every major soloist prize and recently became the youngest piper in history to win the Clasp. He has also earned both Highland Society of London Gold Medals, and was the champion piper at the 2014 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 Simon Fraser University Pipe Band and Shotts & Dykehead Pipe Band.



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.



Roddy MacLeod, MBE

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, including the 2014 Glenfiddich piobaireachd. 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. Roddy is also a Director and a Founder of Piping Live!, Glasgow's International Piping Festival.



gold medal pipers

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.

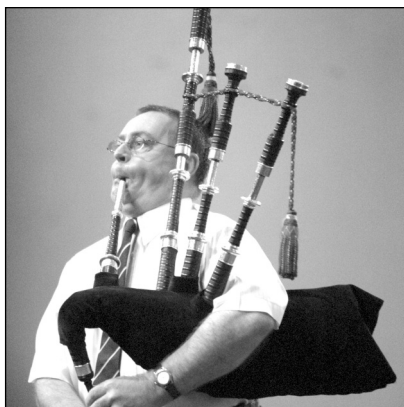


He served as President of the Competing Pipers Association from 1999 – 2004, and is featured on Lismor Recordings' "World's Greatest Pipers" volume 11. He was a member of 2008's Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band.

Willie McCallum

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 3 times, the Bratach Gorm 3 times, the P/M Donald MacLeod Memorial 7 times, and the Dr Dan Reid Memorial 7 times.



Fred Morrison

Fred Morrison has carved an international reputation with a powerfully exuberant, highly improvisational style, combining the Gaelic piping tradition of the Uists with contemporary and eclectic influences. One of the few pipers achieving success in both the competitive piping and folk music scenes, Fred is a master of the Highland pipes and the bellows-blown Lowland or Border pipes, as well as playing Irish uilleann pipes and low whistle. His prowess on the Great Highland Bagpipe gained him honors in the exacting Scottish competition piping circuit, including the Gold Medals at Oban and Inverness, while he has taken the prestigious Macallan trophy at Brittany's Lorient Celtic Festival no fewer than seven times.



gold medal pipers

Richard Parkes, MBE

Richard has been Pipe Major of 10-time World Champion Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band since 1981, making history by leading FMM to become the most successful pipe band ever to come from Northern Ireland. Richard was honored with an MBE from Her Majesty The Queen in 2004 for recognition of his services to pipe band music in Northern Ireland. Although Richard has always put the band first, he also managed to win 7 All Ireland Senior Solo Championships, eight Northern Ireland Piper of the Year titles, nine Ulster Senior Championships, as well as winning the Strachan in London, the Jig in Inverness and a number of other prizes at major solo competitions.



Terry Tully

An award-winning piper in his own right, Terry is best known at the Pipe Major of the St. Laurence O'Toole Pipe Band. With Terry at the helm, in 2008, the band won the Scottish and British Championships, and was runner-up in the European and Cowal Championships and placed 5th overall at the World Championships, winning the Champion of Champions in Grade 1. In 2010, the band's 100th year, the band won the World, European and All-Ireland Championships.

Terry has authored several widely-acclaimed books of traditional Irish Music arranged for the Highland bagpipe, and his name has become virtually synonymous with traditional Irish Music in the world of bagpipes.



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Kahlil Cappuccino

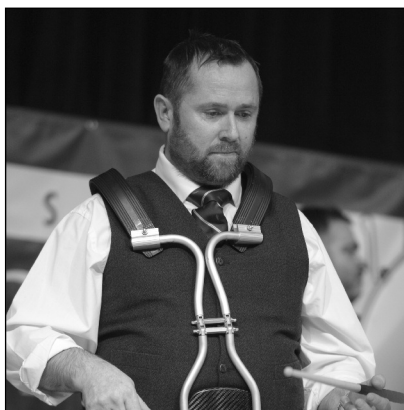
Kahlil Cappuccino resides in Ottawa, Canada and is the bass drummer for the 78th Highlanders Halifax Citadel Pipe Band. In 2008 Kahlil was a member of the Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band.

Kahlil won the Gold Medal for bass drumming at Winter Storm in 2008 and 2015, and was the Grade 2 best bass at the 2004 World Pipe Band Championships.



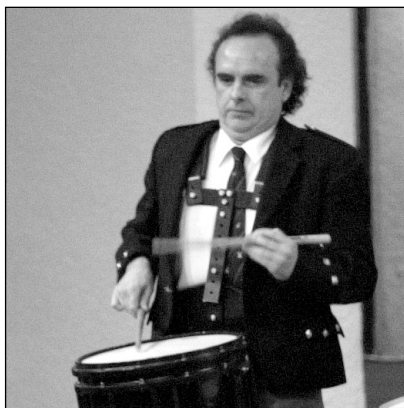
Stephen Creighton

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 most recently the 2015 World Grade 1 Drumming prize.



John Fisher

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. With over 30 years experience as a performer and educator, John has gained an international reputation as a master of technique. He was Lead Drummer of 2008's Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band.

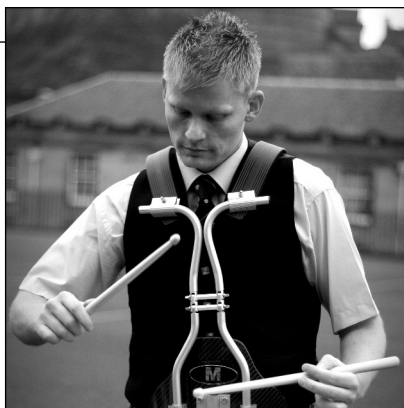


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Jake Joergensen

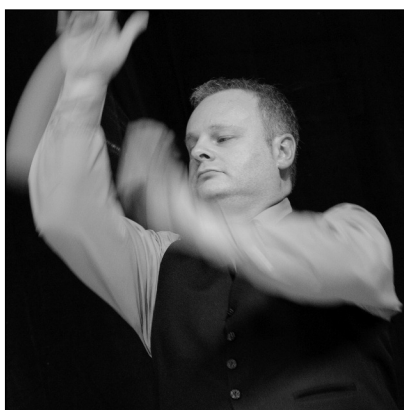
Jake joined the Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia Pipe Band in 2000. During his time with the band he took part in winning all of the major championships, including the Grade 1 World Pipe Band Championships in 2003 and 2005; the Drum Corps won all 5 major championships many times over, including the World 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.



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 six World Drum Corps Championships, as well as over 40 major pipe band championships wins. The Boghall drum corps won the MSR, medley, and overall drumming at the 2012 World Pipe Band Championship.



Duncan Millar

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.





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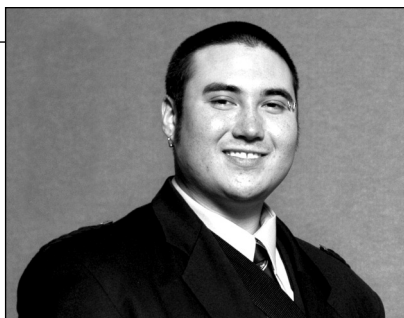
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Michael O'Neil

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 MHA's Gold Medal Tenor Drumming contest in 2005 and 2006, and runner-up in 2007.



Jason Paguio

At 25 years old, Jason Paguio is five time and current World Champion (2004 Juvenile; 2007, 2010, 2013, 2014 Adult), and two times U.S. Champion (2009 and 2010). In 2007, Paguio made international history by becoming the first non-UK drum major to win the World Championships title. He is drum major for six time World Champions, Simon Fraser University Pipe Band.



Johnny Rowe

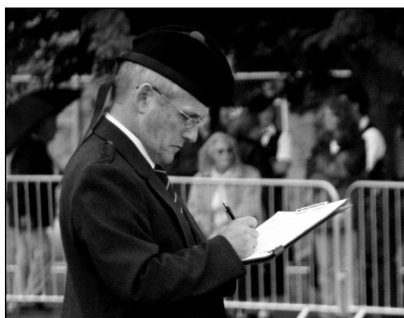
After successful development as a snare drummer on the Maritime Canadian solo circuit, Johnny Rowe joined the Grade 2 Halifax Police Pipe Band in 1990, and began his bass drumming career. The band won the North American Championship, including Best Bass Section honors.

Johnny joined the 78th Fraser Highlanders in Toronto in 2004, and in 2007 helped win Best Drum Corps and Best Bass Section at the World Pipe Band Championships. He is the current PPBSO Champion Supreme in professional bass drumming.



Paul Turner

In 1977 Paul was a founding member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pipe Band and served as lead drummer. In 1989, he won the World Solo Drumming Championship in Glasgow. Paul was lead drummer of the Victoria Police Pipe Band, 1998 World Pipe Band Champions. Paul returned as Lead Drummer of the Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale Of Atholl Pipe Band in September 2005, and retired after the 2010 season.





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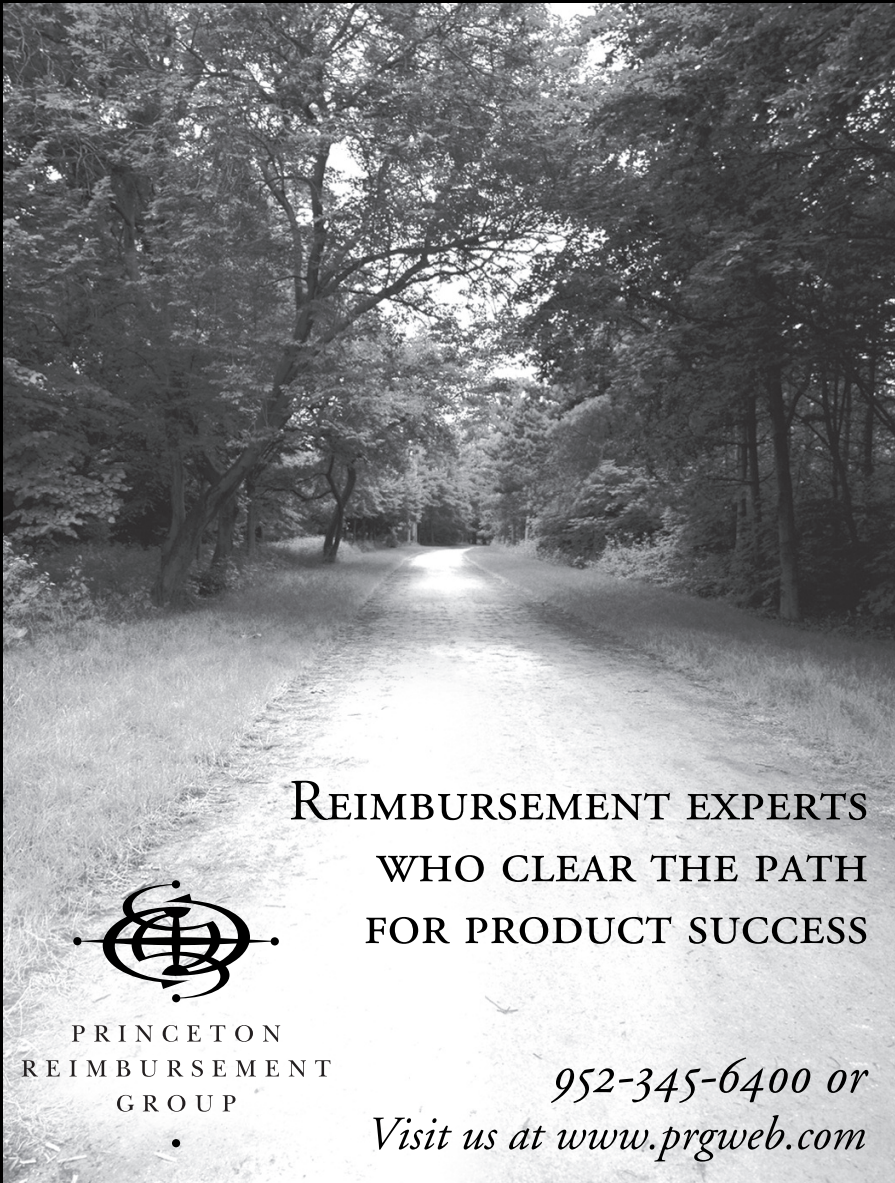


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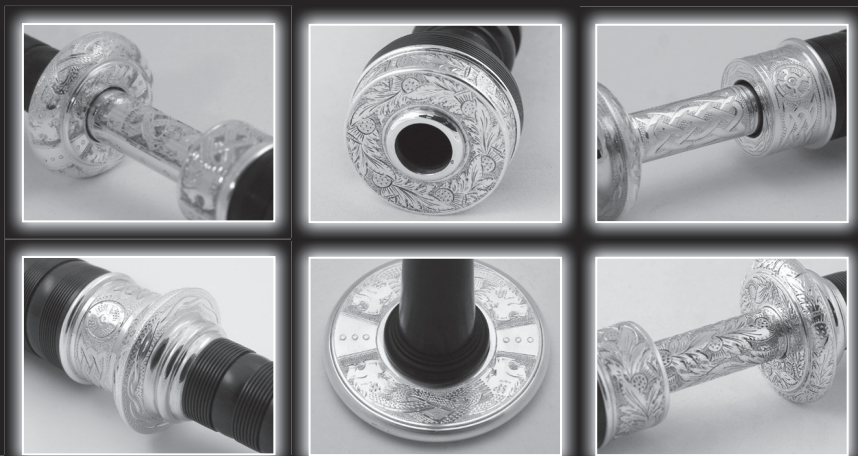
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U.S. Silver Medal Piobaireachd Competition

The Fourteenth Annual McCallum & MidWest Pipe Band Association United States Silver Medal Piobaireachd Competition was held January 15, 2016. Over twenty-five competitors entered this premier event, unique in North America. 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, was awarded to the day's champion in Piobaireachd. Prize moneys included First winning USD \$500 through Fifth \$100. The Silver Medal Champion was also awarded a set of Duncan MacRae Bagpipes (developed by Stuart Liddell and McCallum Bagpipes), courtesy of Kenny MacLeod and McCallum Bagpipes with runners-up receiving McCallum McC² pipe chanters. The judges were Gold Medallists Callum Beaumont and Brian Donaldson of Scotland.

U.S. Gold Medal Piobaireachd Competition

The Thirteenth Annual R.G. Hardie & Co. – MHAF United States Gold Medal Piobaireachd Competition was held January 15, 2016. Pipers from the United States, Canada, and N. Ireland entered this event. The R.G. Hardie & Co. – MHAF Gold Medal (USA), 2.5 inches (6.5 cm) in diameter of gold-plated silver featuring the R.G. Hardie logo on the obverse, and the MHAF logo on the reverse, was awarded to the day's Champion in Piobaireachd. Prize moneys included First winning USD \$750, Second \$500, and Third \$250. The judges were award-winning pipers and Gold Medallists Colin MacLellan and Roddy MacLeod, MBE of Scotland.

Gold Medal Ceol Beag Championship

The Tenth Annual Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – MHAF North American Professional Ceol Beag Competition was held January 15, 2016. Over thirty-five pipers from the United States, Canada, N. Ireland, and Scotland entered this event. The Henderson – MHAF Gold Medal (USA), 2.5 inches (6.5 cm) in diameter of gold-plated silver featuring the Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply logo on the obverse, and the MHAF logo on the reverse, was awarded to the day's Champion. Prize moneys included First winning USD \$750, Second \$500, and Third \$250. Judges for the qualifying round were Ken Eller (Canada); Willie McCallum (Scotland); and Richard Parkes, MBE (N. Ireland). Judges for the final round were Fred Morrison (Scotland), and Terry Tully (Ireland).

North American Amateur Piping Championships

The third annual MHAF North American Amateur Piping Championships were held January 15, 2016. Over forty pipers from the United States and Canada entered this event. Pipers placing First through Third in the three grades won 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. Lee & Sons Bagpipes provided custom pipe bags as prizes. The judges were award winning pipers Callum Beaumont (Scotland) and Terry Lee (Canada).

North American Gold Medal Drumming Championship

The annual Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – MHAF North American Gold Medal Drumming Championship, presented by Andante Percussion, Pearl Drums, and Premier Percussion, was held January 15, 2016. Drummers from the United States, Canada and Scotland entered this event. The generous contest prizes have been unmatched by any such contest in the World. 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, was awarded to the Winner in Scottish snare drumming. Prize moneys included 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 2016, or to return to compete at Winter Storm 2017. Andante Percussion, Pearl Drums, and Premier Percussion provided snare drums as prizes. The judges for the qualifying round were award-winning drummers Hugh Cameron (Canada), Stephen Creighton (Ireland), Jim Sim (United States). Judges for the final round were Duncan Millar and Doug Stronach of Canada, and Paul Turner (Scotland).

2016 competitions

North American Amateur Drumming Championships

The annual Cameron Drumming Studios – MHAF North American Amateur Drumming Championships were held January 15, 2016 at the Holiday Inn – at the Plaza, in Kansas City. Over twenty-five drummers from the United States, Canada and N. Ireland entered this event. Drummers placing First through Third in the three grades won 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, Pearl Drums, and Premier Percussion provided snare drums as prizes. The judges were award winning drummers John Fisher (Canada), and Jake Joergensen (Scotland).

Gold Medal & Amateur Tenor Drumming Championships

MHAF held the Annual Gold Medal and Amateur Tenor Drumming Championships on January 15, 2016, at the Marriott – Country Club Plaza, in Kansas City. The Gold Medallion, 2.5 inches in diameter of gold-plated silver, featuring the MHAF logo, was awarded to the Champion in tenor drumming. Prize moneys included First winning \$750, Second \$500, and Third \$250 USD. Andante Percussion, Pearl Drums, and Premier Percussion provided tenor drums as prizes. The Novice and Intermediate Amateur Champions placing first, second, and third in each amateur grade won the Amateur Tenor Drum Medal, a bronze replica of the Gold Medal. Judges were award-winning drummers Stevie McQuillan (Scotland), and Michael O'Neil (United States).

Gold Medal & Amateur Bass Drumming Championships

The Tenth Annual MHAF Gold Medal and Amateur Bass Drumming Championships were held on January 15, 2016 at the Marriott - Country Club Plaza, in Kansas City. The MHAF Gold Medal, 2.5 inch (6.5 cm) diameter gold-plated solid silver, featuring the MHAF logo, was awarded to the day's Champion in Bass Drumming. Prize moneys included First winning USD \$750, Second \$500, and Third \$250. Andante Percussion, Pearl Drums, and Premier Percussion provided bass drums as prizes. The Amateur drummers placing first, second, and third in the amateur championship won the Amateur Bass Drum Medal, a replica of the Gold. The judges were award-winning drummers Kahlil Cappuccino and Johnny Rowe of Canada.

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