

competition program

RG Hardie & Co. and MHAF United States Gold Medal Piobaireachd Championship

McCallum Bagpipes & MWPBA United States Silver Medal Piobaireachd Championship MHAF North American Amateur Piobaireachd Championships

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MHAF North American Silver Medal Ceol Beag Championship

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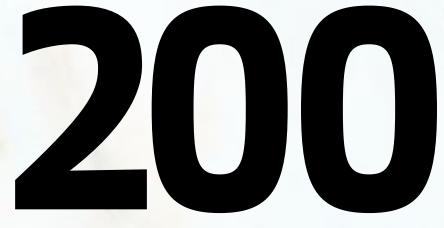
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BOB WORRALL

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. He was also the 1977 winner of the March and Strathspey/Reel events in Inverness. He was a pupil of Bill Millar, Willie Connell and the late John Wilson.

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ABOUT THE GOLD MEDAL

The Nineteenth Annual R.G. Hardie & Co. – Midwest Highland Arts Fund United States Gold Medal Piobaireachd Championship will be held January 12, 2024, at the Marriott – Country Club Plaza, in Kansas City.

The R.G. Hardie & Co. – Midwest Highland Arts Fund 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. R.G. Hardie & Co. will also present prizes to the runners-up. 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.

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The aggregate winner of the United States Gold Medal Piobaireachd Championship and the United States Gold Medal Ceol Beag Championship will be awarded up to \$1,500 USD for travel to Scotland to participate in professional solo events, or to travel back to Kansas City to compete at Winter Storm 2025. In the event of a tie, the United States Gold Medal Piobaireachd Championship will govern.

ABOUT R.G. HARDIE & CO.

R. G. Hardie & Co. are manufacturers and suppliers of Highland Bagpipes, Piping Accessories, and Pipe Band Highland wear. R. G. Hardie was formed in 1950, since 1972 incorporating Peter Henderson, Ltd. (established 1868); over 100 years have been dedicated to making the finest highland bagpipes in the world.

In 2015 R.G. Hardie & Co. and Gaelic Themes merged to become trading divisions of St. Kilda Holdings Ltd. The company now employs 50 people selling bagpipes and highland wear around the world.

Since 2005 R.G. Hardie & Co. has sponsored Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band and during this period, the band has seen more success on the competitive circuit than ever before in its history. The band assists R.G. Hardie in developing products for the pipe band market and almost half the pipe corps play bagpipes crafted by the company.

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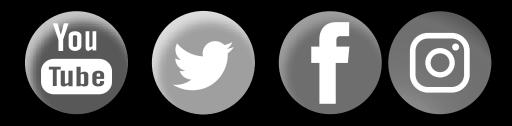
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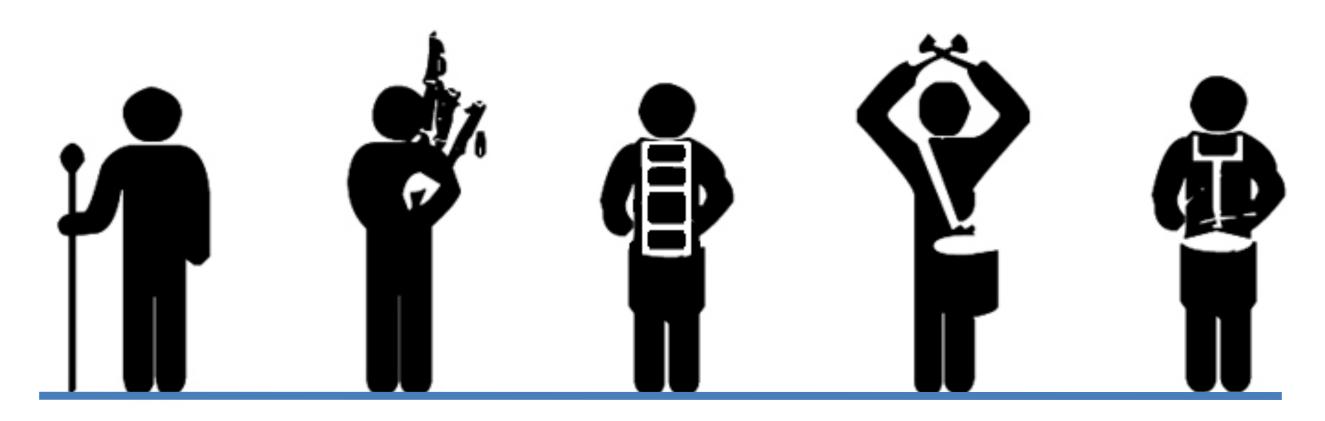
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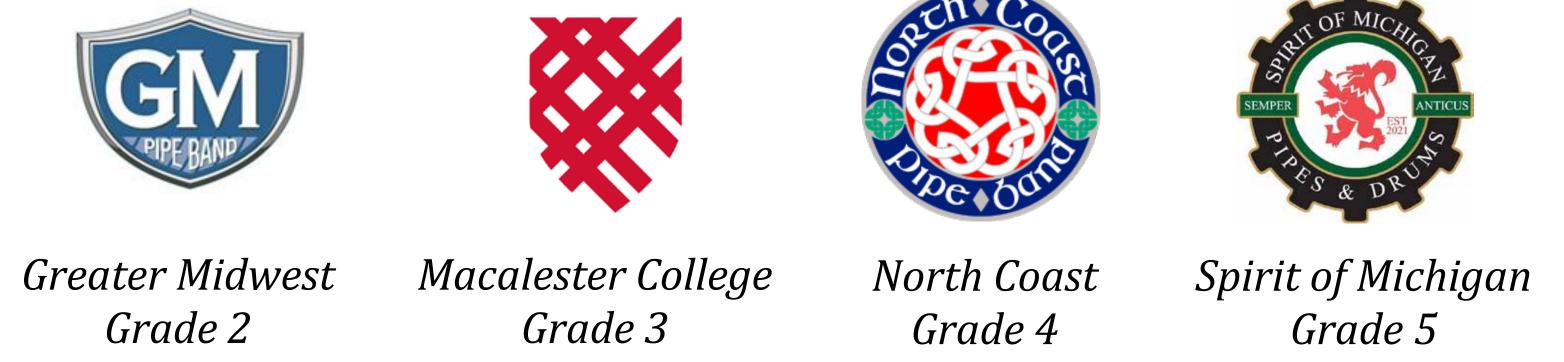
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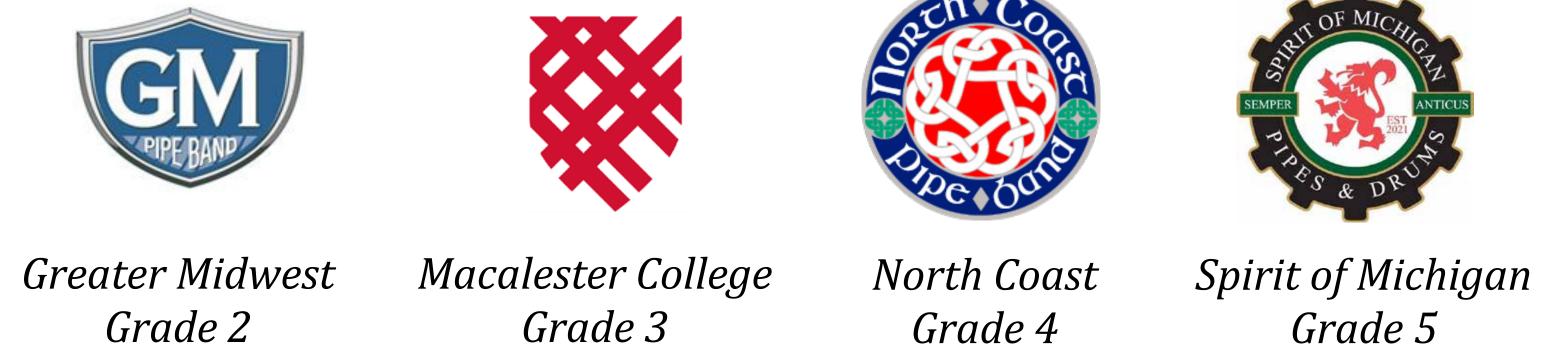
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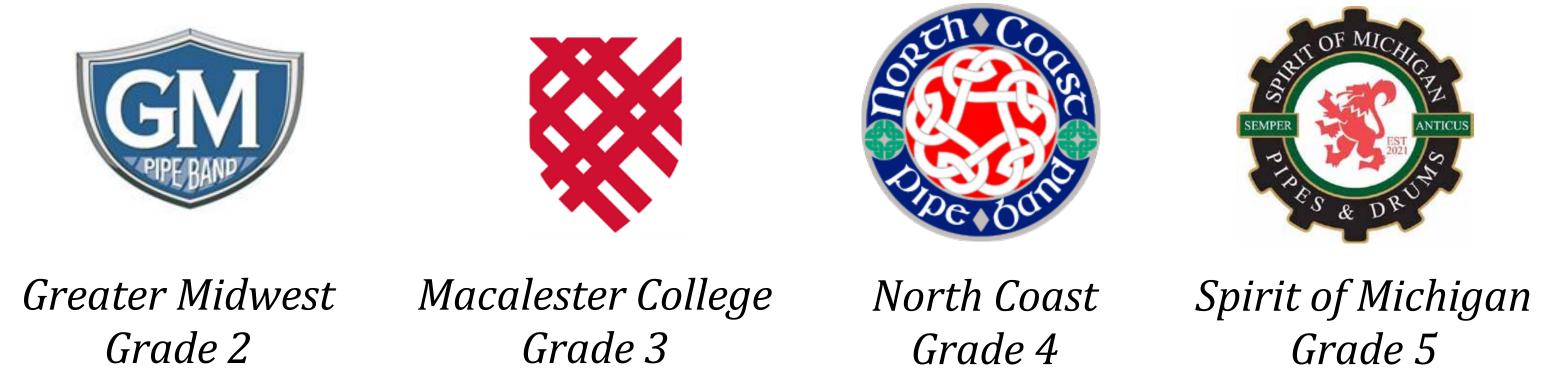


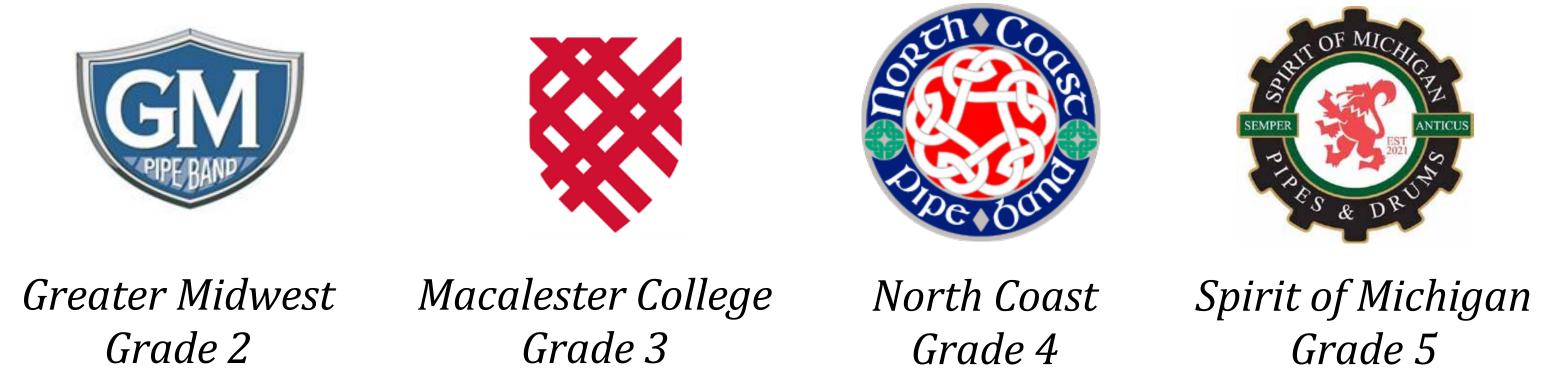
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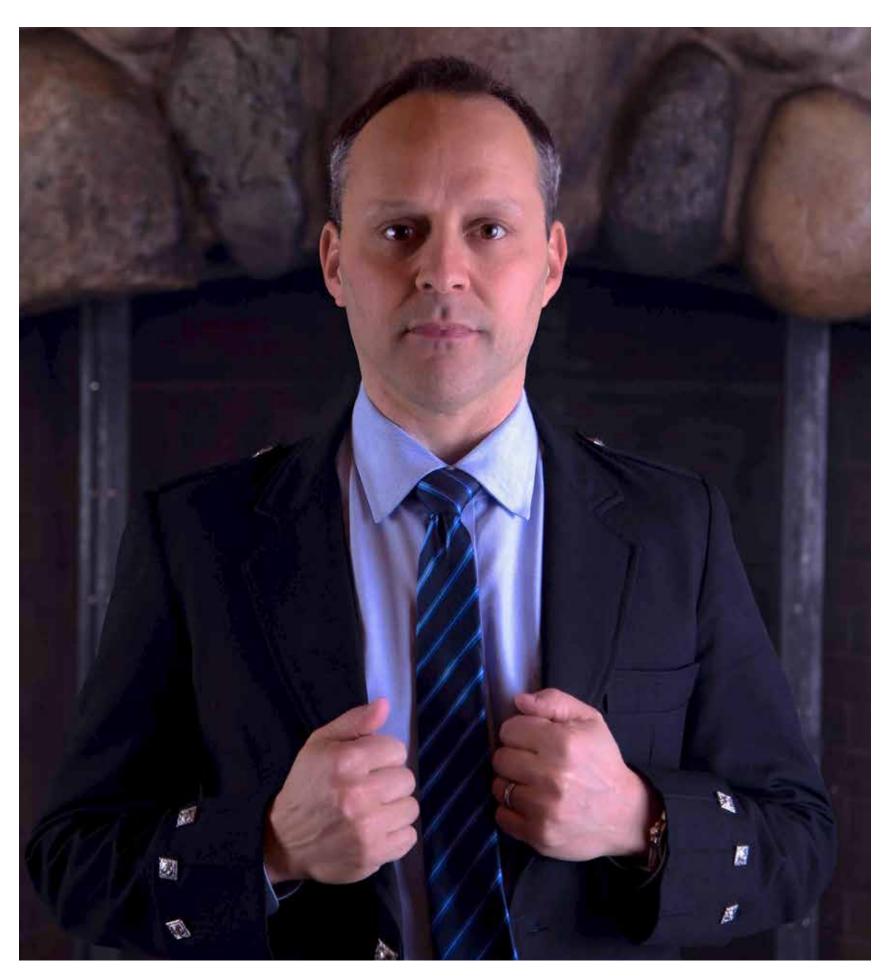




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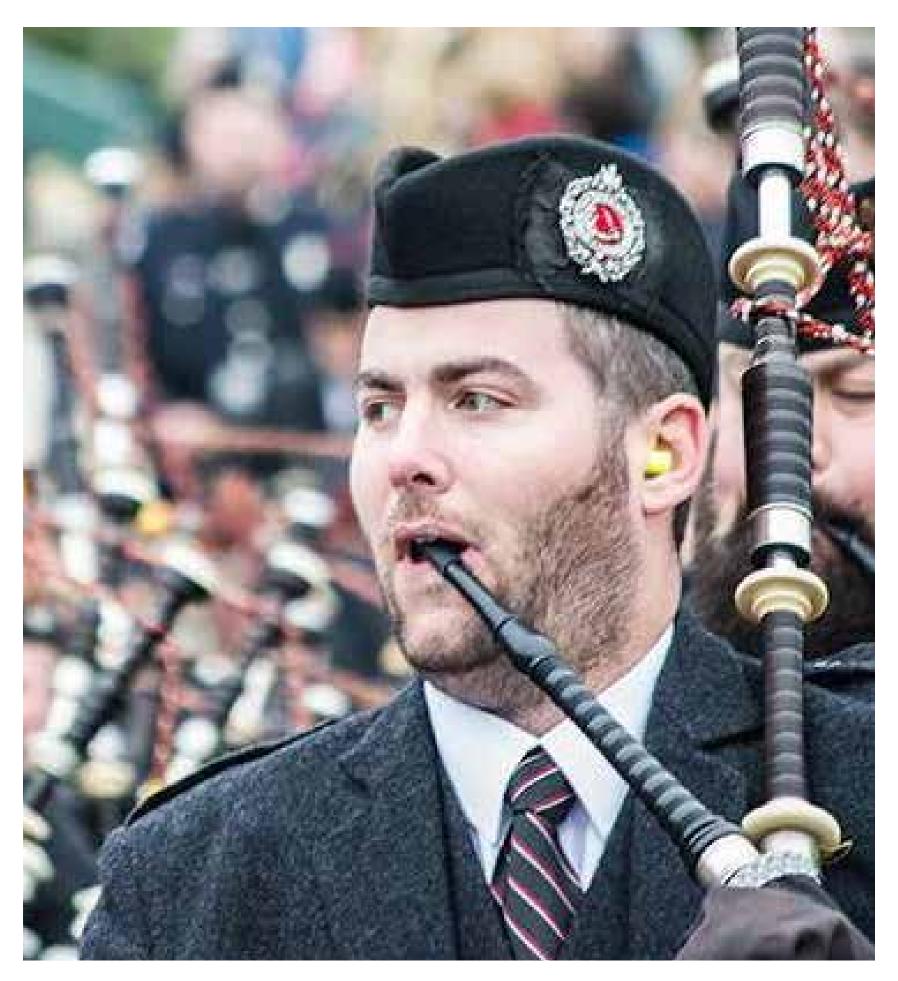
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JORI CHISHOLM

Jori Chisholm is a piper, teacher, and inventor from Seattle. Jori is a successful solo competitor winning prizes including the MHAF Gold Medal for Piobaireachd four times and many top awards around the world at the Argyllshire Gathering, Northern Meeting, Cowal Highland Gathering, Royal Braemar Gathering, and other competitions. Jori was a member of the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band for 19 years. Jori founded his pioneering website BagpipeLessons.com in 1999 and leads the BagpipeLessons.com Inner Circle, a comprehensive program offering access to an extensive lesson library, online group classes, and a supportive community for pipers of all levels. Jori is the inventor of several award-winning, bestselling, and patented products used by pipers worldwide, including the Tone Protector, InTune Mic, Bagpipe Gauge, Piper's Ultimate Reed Poker, and Piper's Advantage™ Bagpipe Phone Mount.

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FRED MORRISON

Fred Morrison has carved an international reputation with a highly improvisational style, combining the Gaelic piping tradition 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 uillean 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 seven times. Joseph Stewart
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ABOUT THE SILVER MEDAL

The Twentieth Annual McCallum Bagpipes & MidWest Pipe Band Association United States Silver Medal Piobaireachd Championship will be held January 12, 2024, 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 \$750 through Fifth \$100. The Silver Medal Champion will also be 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. 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. ORDER OF PLAY
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McCallum Bagpipes has grown in a short period of time into one of the world's leading bagpipe makers. Started in 1998 with 3 people, it now employs over 25. McCallum's state of the art facility produces over forty sets of bagpipes every week, along with pipe chanters, practice chanters, and smallpipes.

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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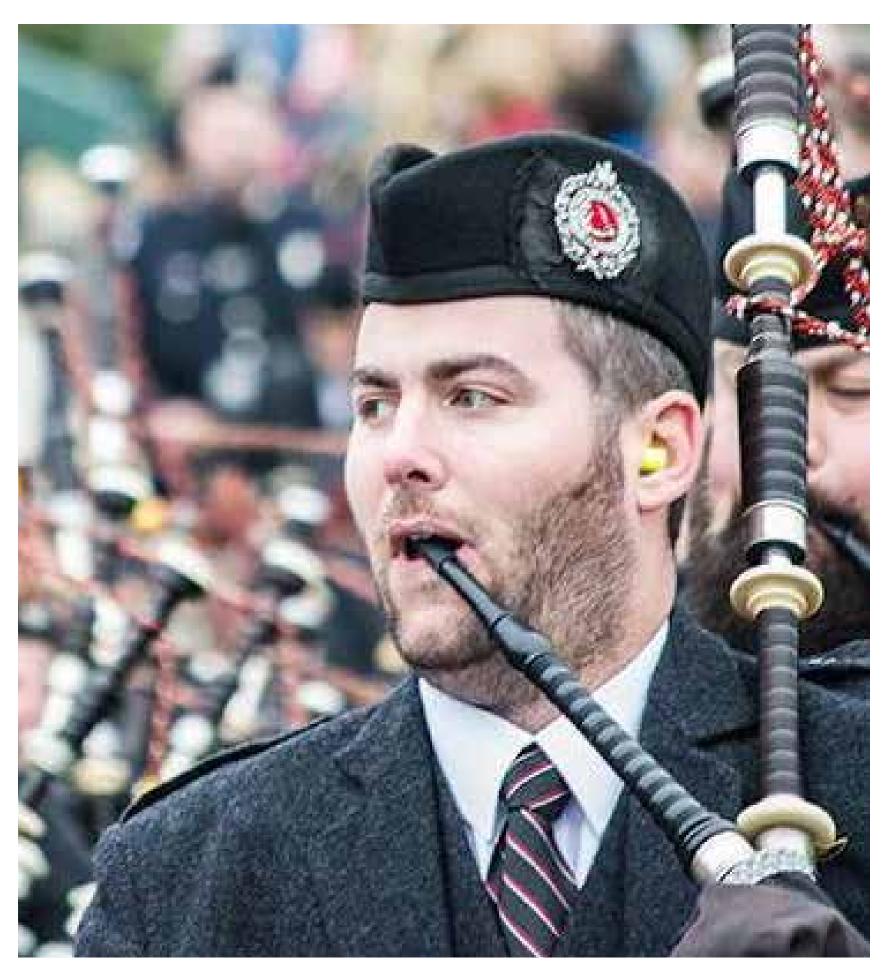
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- 1. Matthew Davis
- 2. Evan Jamieson
- 3. James Piccione
- 4. Noah Schnee
- 5. Tyler Johnson
- 6. Brandon Ward
- 7. Grace Barnes
- 8. John Hughes
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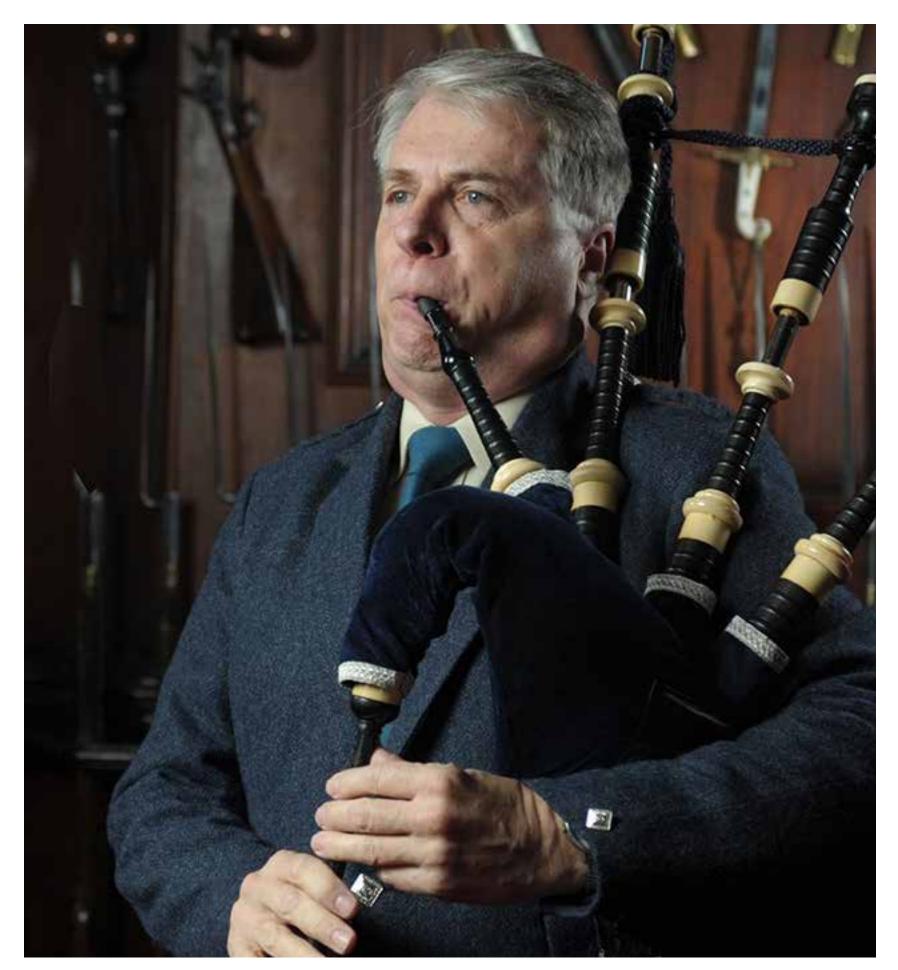
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JACK LEE

In the Pipe Band world: Jack is the Pipe Sergeant and cofounder 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. As a Teacher: Jack's dedicates many hours per week to private instruction at home and online around the world via Skype. Several of Jack's students have gone on to win major solo prizes in Scotland.

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.

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JUDGES (GRADE 3):



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- 1. Hilliard Drew Galloway
- 2. Andra Stoller
- 3. Eddie Selden
- 4. Melanie Brown
- 5. Heather Dunn
- 6. Courtney Schnee
- 7. Alexander Kinkade
- 8. Logan Gorsuch
- 9. Michael Swan
- 10. Olivia Boydstun
- 11. Alex Pavlovic

MATT MACISAAC

With a performative career spanning over 20 years, Matt has captivated audiences worldwide with his mesmerizing performances and unique improvisational style which blends traditional competitive piping with Cape Breton, Scottish, and Irish influences, creating a fusion full of drive and excitement.

Matt served in the Royal Canadian Air Force for 9 years before returning to performance and competition, recording an album with Juno-nominated Beólach and winning the Alasdair Gillies Memorial Recital Challenge in 2022. He is currently teaching full time at St. Andrew's College as the Director of Piping & Drumming and as Pipe Major of their grade 2 pipe band. Joseph Gallagher
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WILLIE MCCALLUM

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He has won almost every prize available including the 2023 Capt. John A. MacLellan Trophy, 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 nine 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. Joseph Gallagher
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ORDER OF PLAY COMPETITORS (GRADE1):

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- 4. Thompson McConnell
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- 9. Eric Ouellette
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- 11. Joe Biggs
- 12. Derek Midgley

STUART LIDDELL

Stuart Liddell has won almost every major solo piping prize possible, including the Gold Medal, Bratach Gorm, Donald MacDonald Quaich, Silver Star, Senior Piobaireachd, Clasp, and Glenfiddich Piping Championship. In 2017, Stuart became only the 2nd piper in history to have won both The Clasp at the Northern Meeting and take a Grade 1 band to victory as Pipe Major at the World Pipe Band Championships. He is the current Springbank Invitational champion.

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MATT MACISAAC

With a performative career spanning over 20 years, Matt has captivated audiences worldwide with his mesmerizing performances and unique improvisational style which blends traditional competitive piping with Cape Breton, Scottish, and Irish influences, creating a fusion full of drive and excitement.

Matt served in the Royal Canadian Air Force for 9 years before returning to performance and competition, recording an album with Juno-nominated Beólach and winning the Alasdair Gillies Memorial Recital Challenge in 2022. He is currently teaching full time at St. Andrew's College as the Director of Piping & Drumming and as Pipe Major of their grade 2 pipe band.

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The Sixteenth Annual Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – Midwest Highland Arts Fund North American Professional Ceol Beag Championship will be held January 12, 2024, at the Marriott – Country Club Plaza, in Kansas City. The contest will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m.

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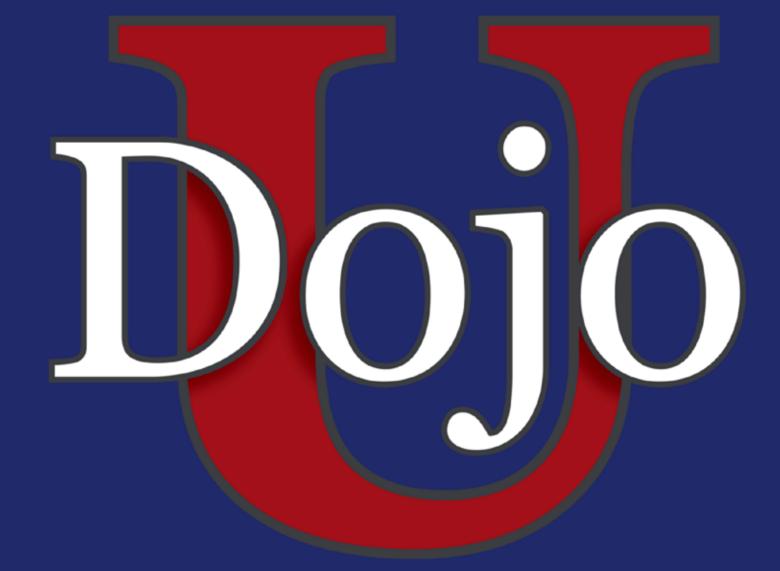
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JUDGES (GRADE 2):



ORDER OF PLAY COMPETITORS (GRADE 2):

- 1. Allison Jackson
- 2. Michael Saxer
- 3. Brandon Ward
- 4. John Bertino
- 5. Kim Greeley
- 6. Agustin Arguelles
- 7. Matthew Davis
- 8. Mihir Zambre
- 9. Bryan Crable
- 10. Ian Minnear
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JACK LEE

In the Pipe Band world: Jack is the Pipe Sergeant and cofounder 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. As a Teacher: Jack's dedicates many hours per week to private instruction at home and online around the world via Skype. Several of Jack's students have gone on to win major solo prizes in Scotland.

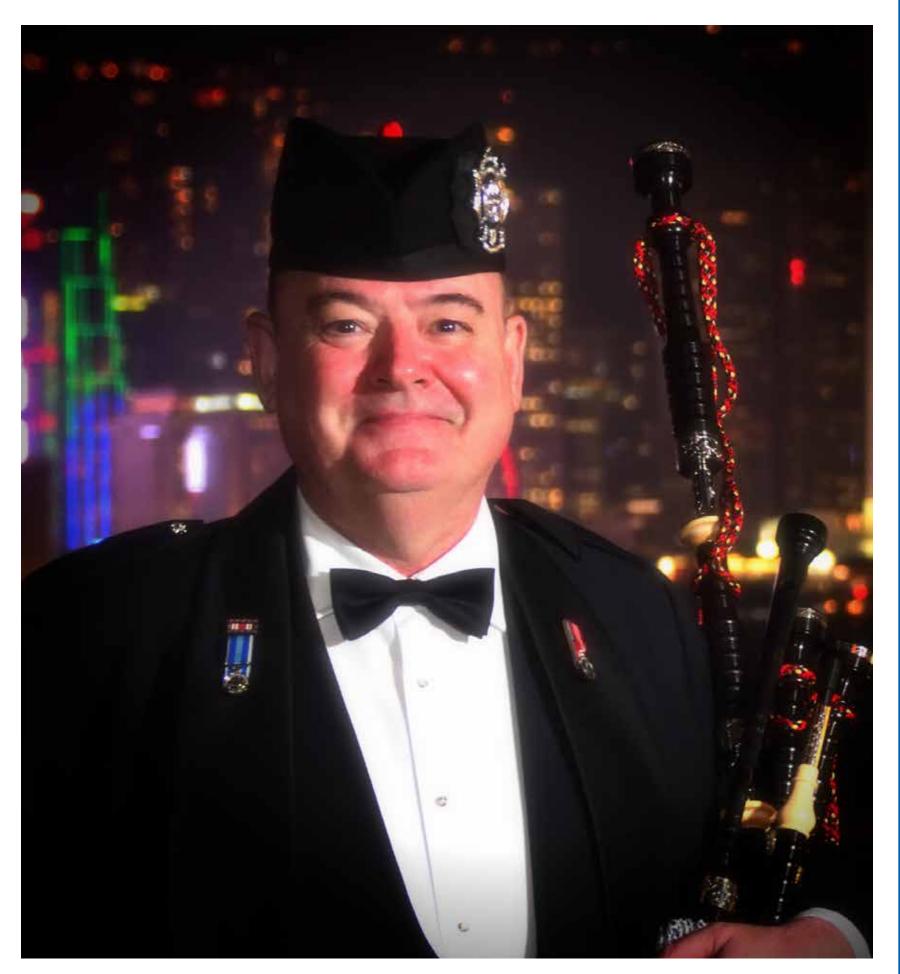
On a personal level: Jack, and his brother Terry, were both awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Governor General of Canada in 1999 and honorary doctorate degrees from Simon Fraser University. Jack and his sons (Andrew, Colin, and John) operate their family business making bagpipes, pipe bags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

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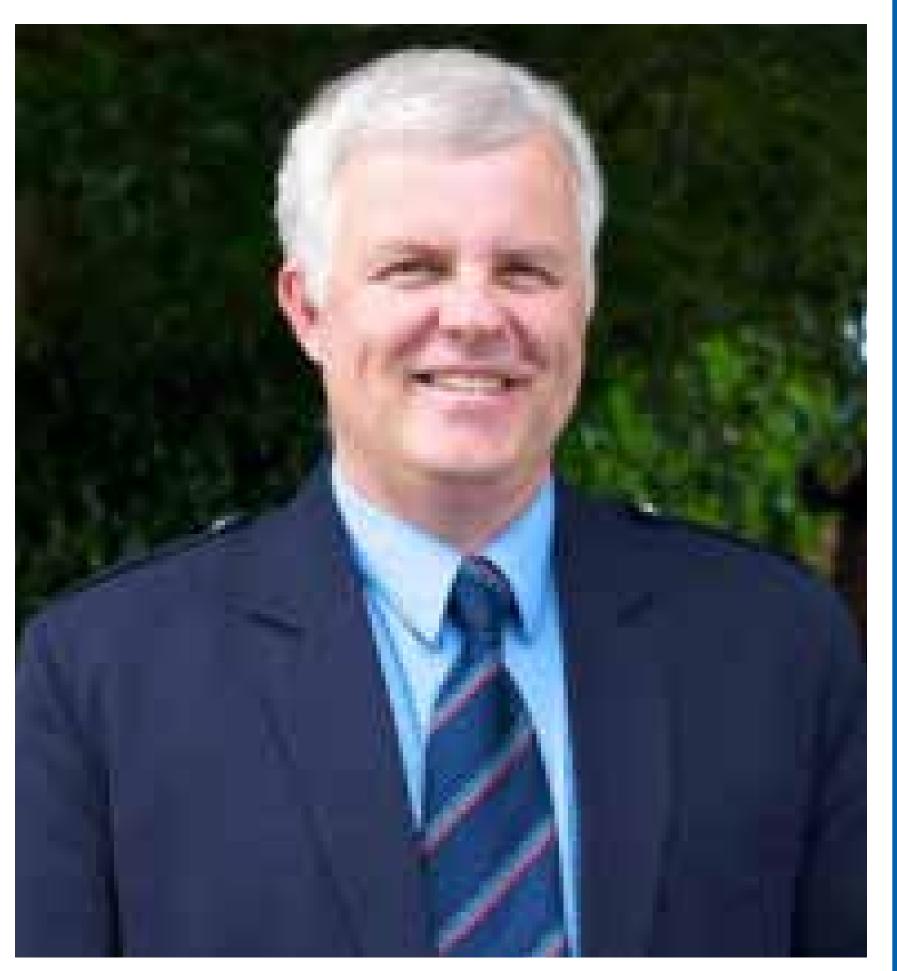
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BOB WORRALL

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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. He was also the 1977 winner of the March and Strathspey/Reel events in Inverness. He was a pupil of Bill Millar, Willie Connell and the late John Wilson. 12. Olivia Boydstun
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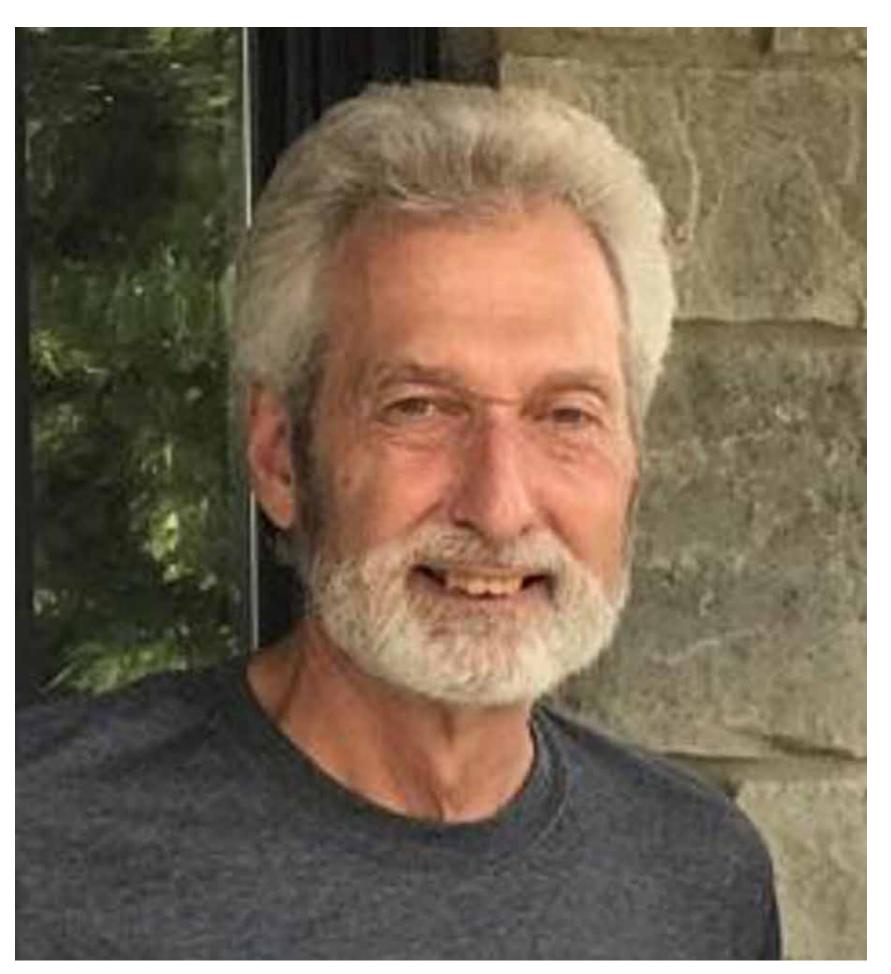
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JUDGES:



ORDER OF PLAY COMPETITORS:

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- 2. Sebastian Arguelles
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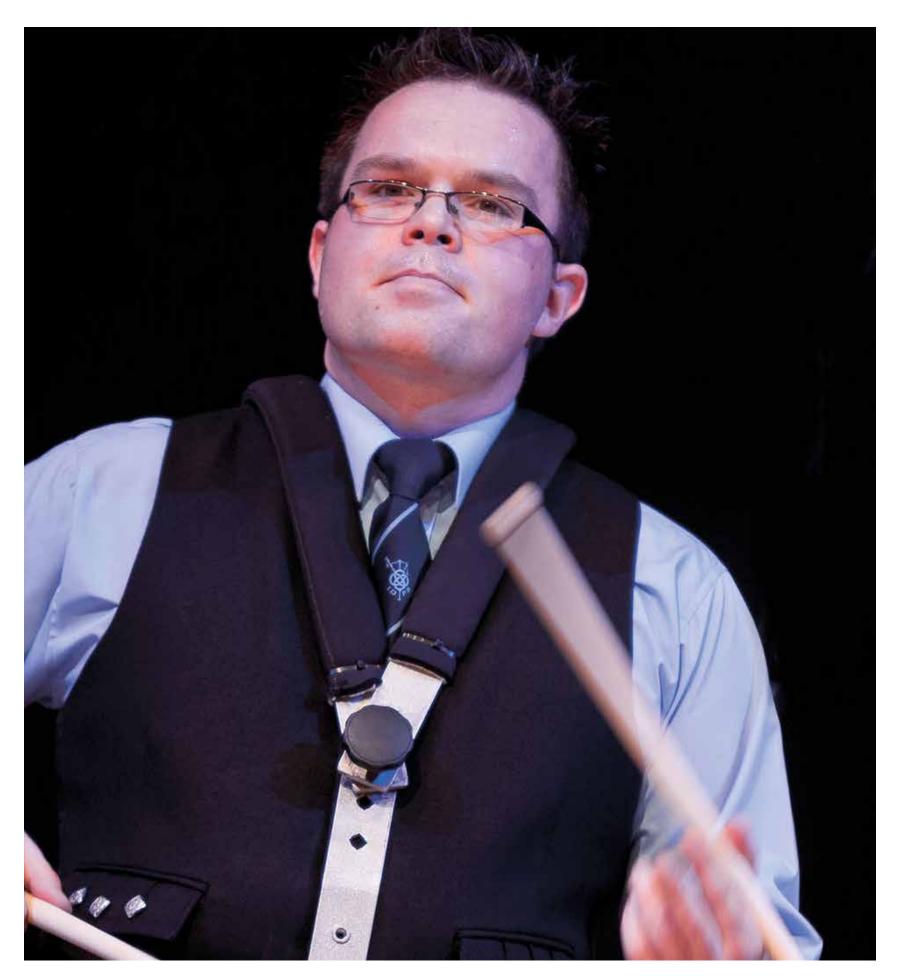
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ABOUT THE GOLD MEDAL DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – Midwest Highland Arts Fund North American Gold Medal Drumming Championship will be held January 12, 2024 at the Marriott – Country Club Plaza in Kansas City.

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The contest will be held just before the 21st Annual MHAF Winter Storm Weekend, January 11 – 14, and that Saturday evening's WINTER STORM 2024: The Pipes & Drums Concert, performed by the workshop faculty.

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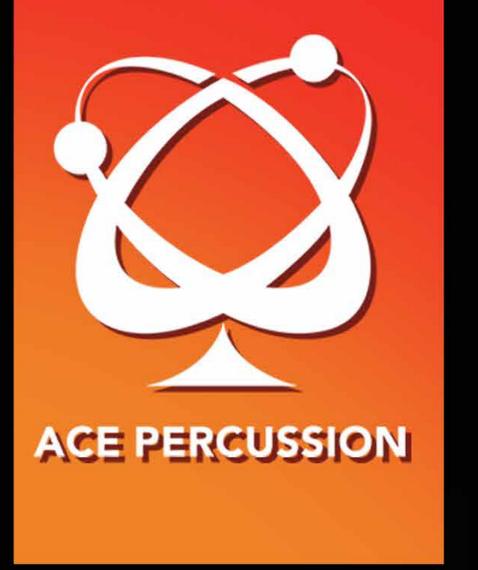
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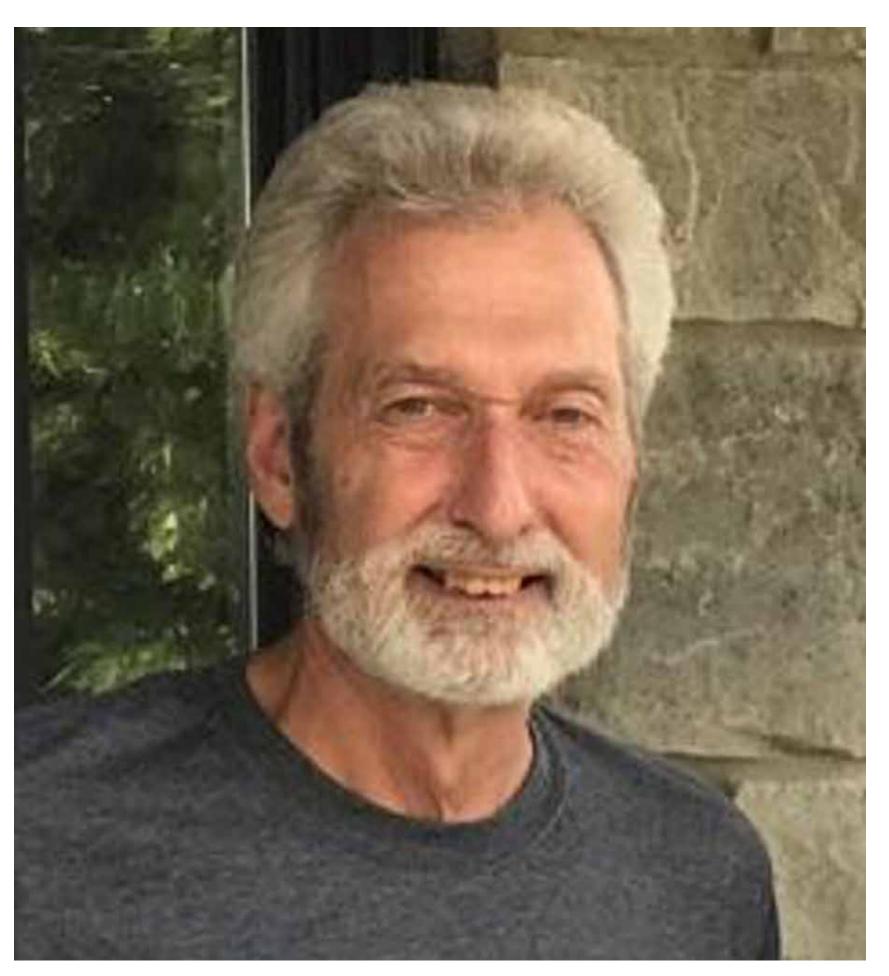
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Custom Drum Sound Inc. NORTH AMERICAN AMATEUR Snare Drumming Championships

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JUDGES:



ORDER OF PLAY COMPETITORS (GRADE1):

- 1. Alexandrea Bieschke
- 2. Rita DeNobriga
- 3. Brian Provencher
- 4. Mike Postma
- 5. Antonio Amram
- 6. Raymond Marshall
- 7. Michael O'Rourke
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COMPETITORS (GRADE 2):

- 1. Jessica Frye
- 2. Henry Bautz
- 3. Eric Légère
- 4. Jonathan Giles

COMPETITORS (GRADE 3):

- 1. Allie DeLonay
- 2. Kyle Womelduff
- 3. Kevin Dill
- 4. Chris Hugie
- 5. Elisha Jimenez
- 6. Tate Mauzy
- 7. Andrew Postma
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J. REID MAXWELL (GRADES 1, 2 & 3)

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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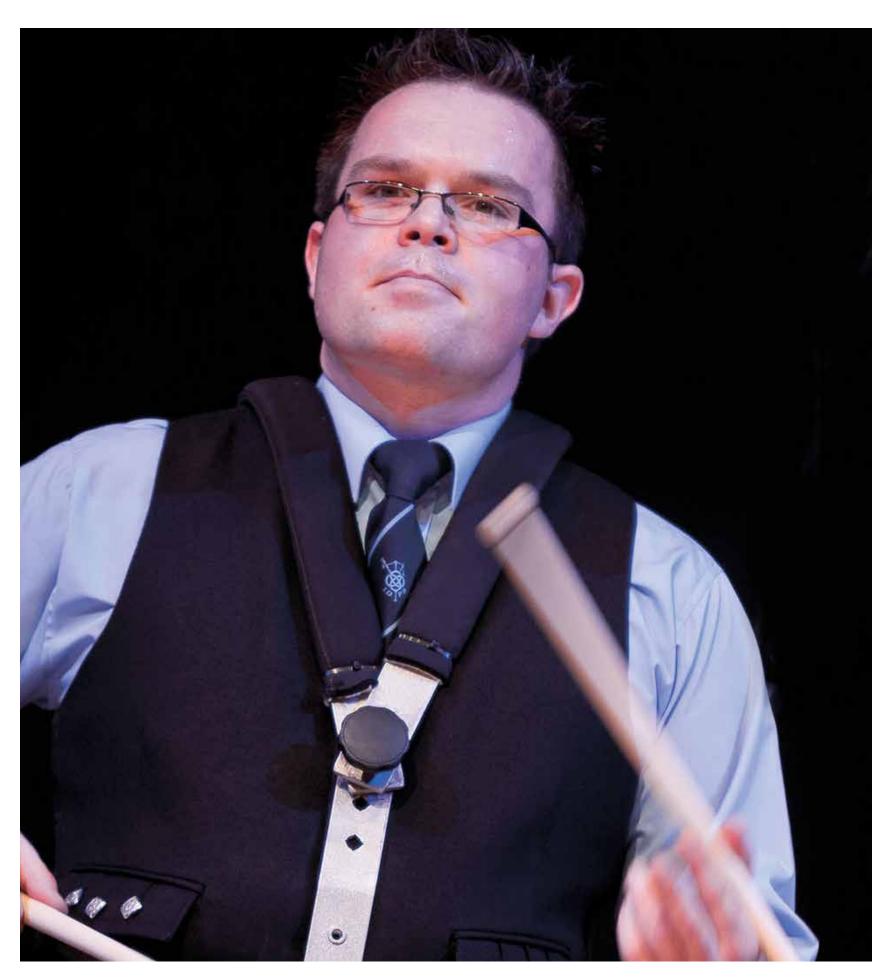
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ABOUT THE AMATEUR SNARE DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Custom Drum Sound, Inc. North American Amateur Drumming Championships will be held January 11, 2024 at the Marriott – Country Club 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. All Competitors must submit a MSR, and be accompanied by a piper.

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- 1. Whitney Glenn
- 2. Danielle Cooper
- 3. Seton Helwig
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- 3. Maddison Sprague
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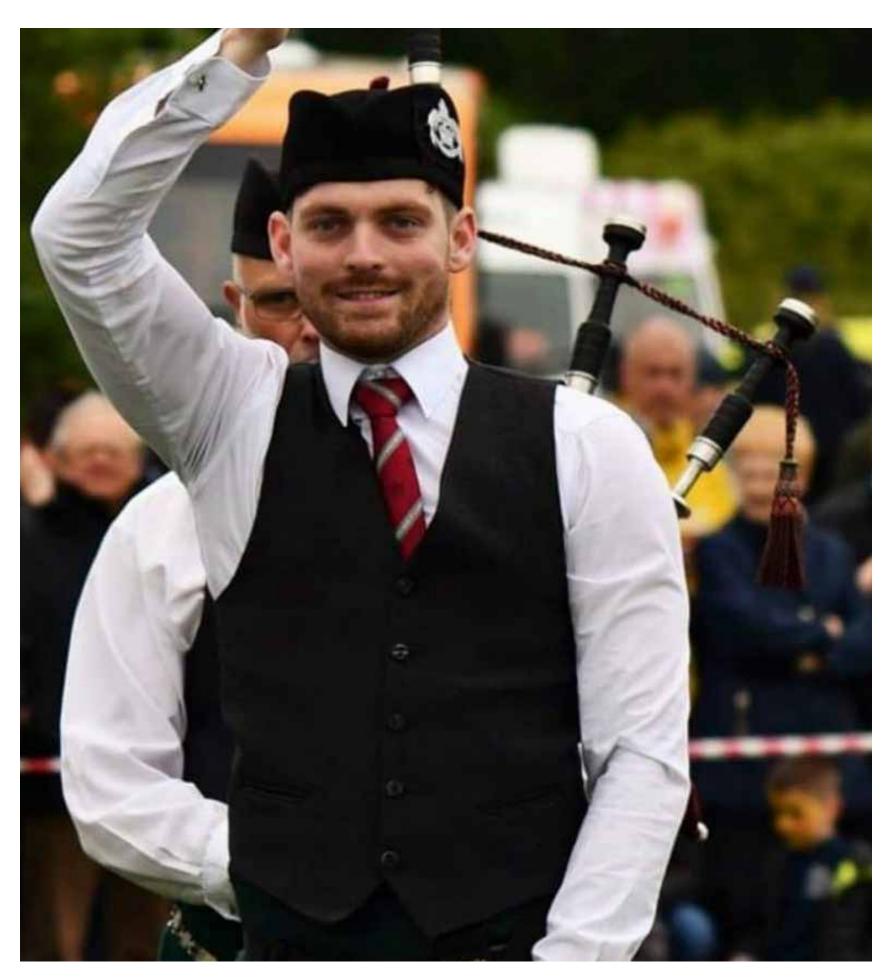
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ABOUT THE GOLD MEDAL AND AMATEUR BASS DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

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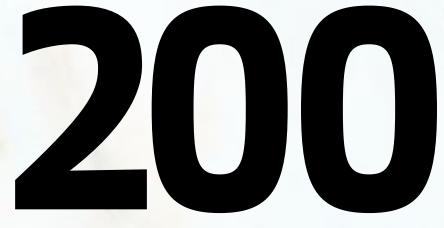
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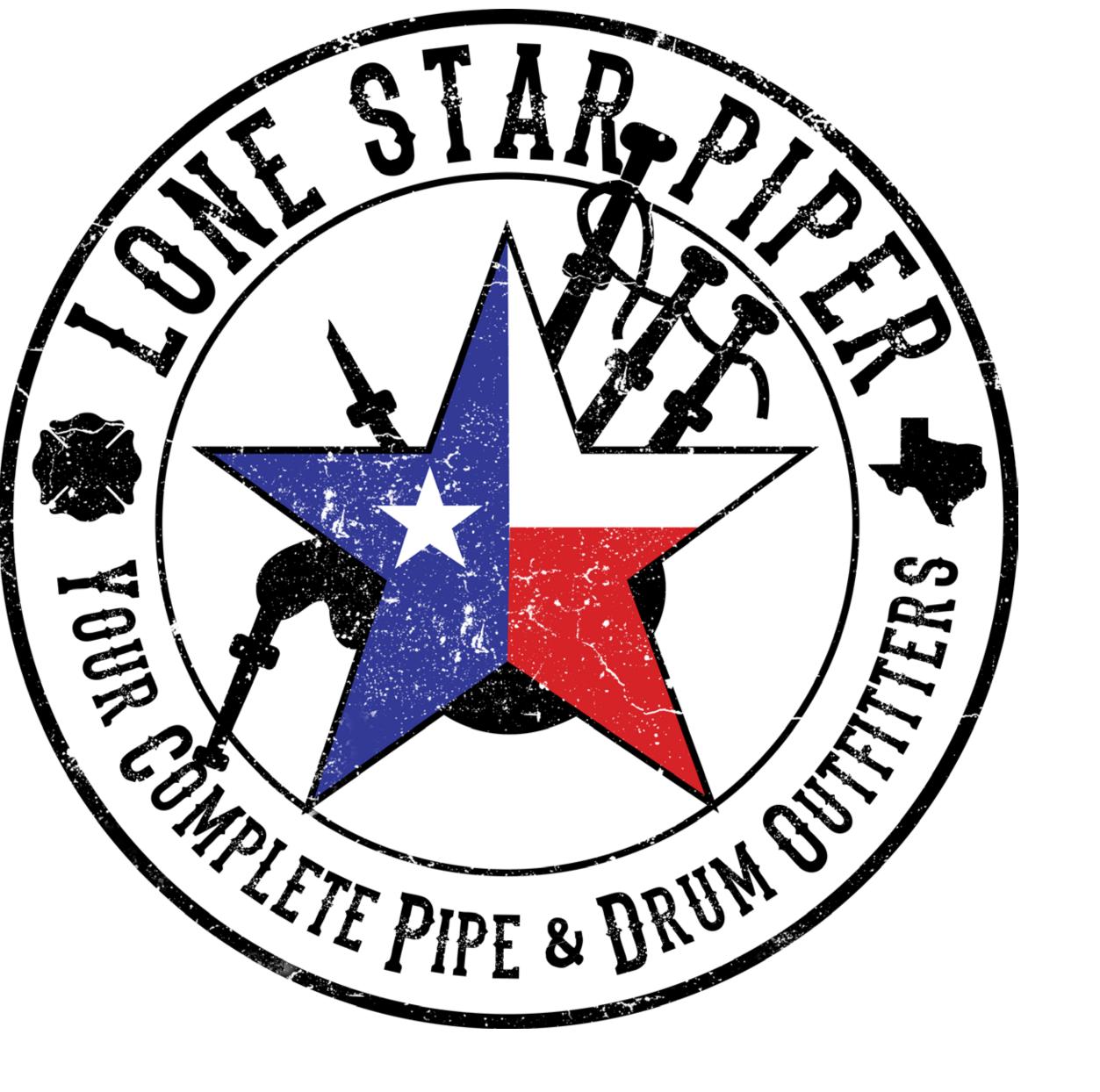


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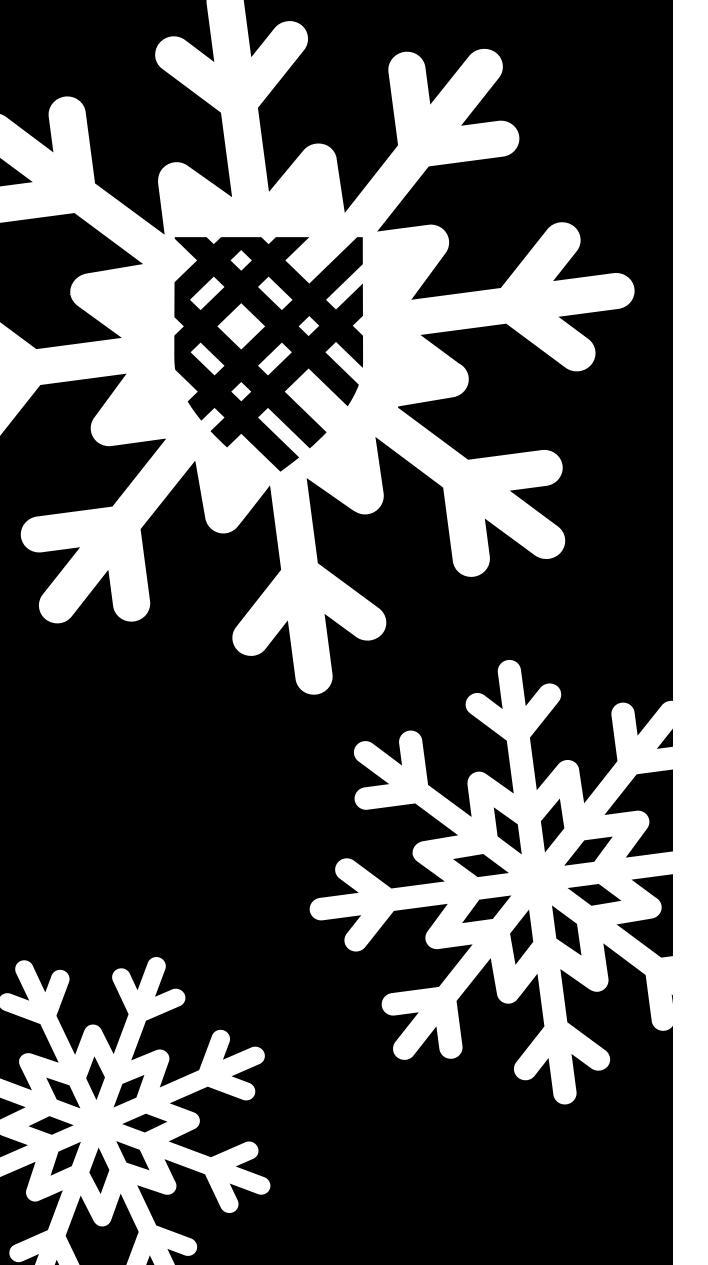


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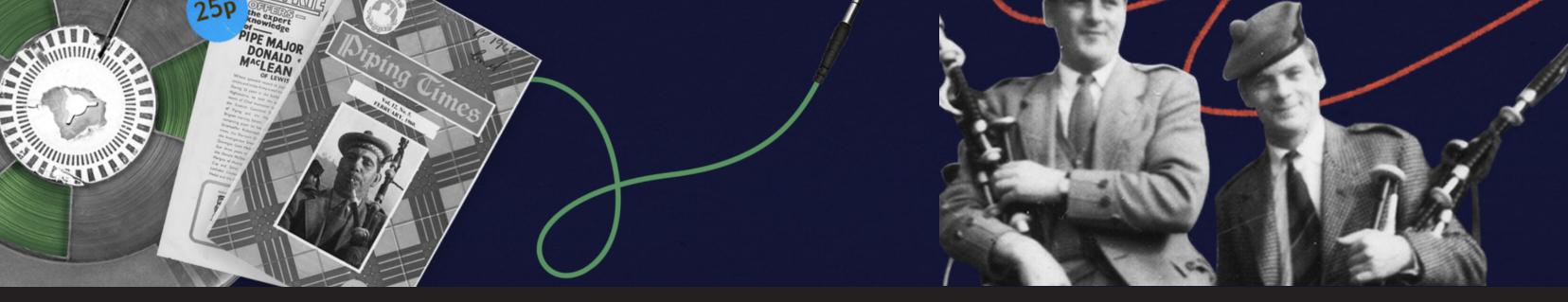
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