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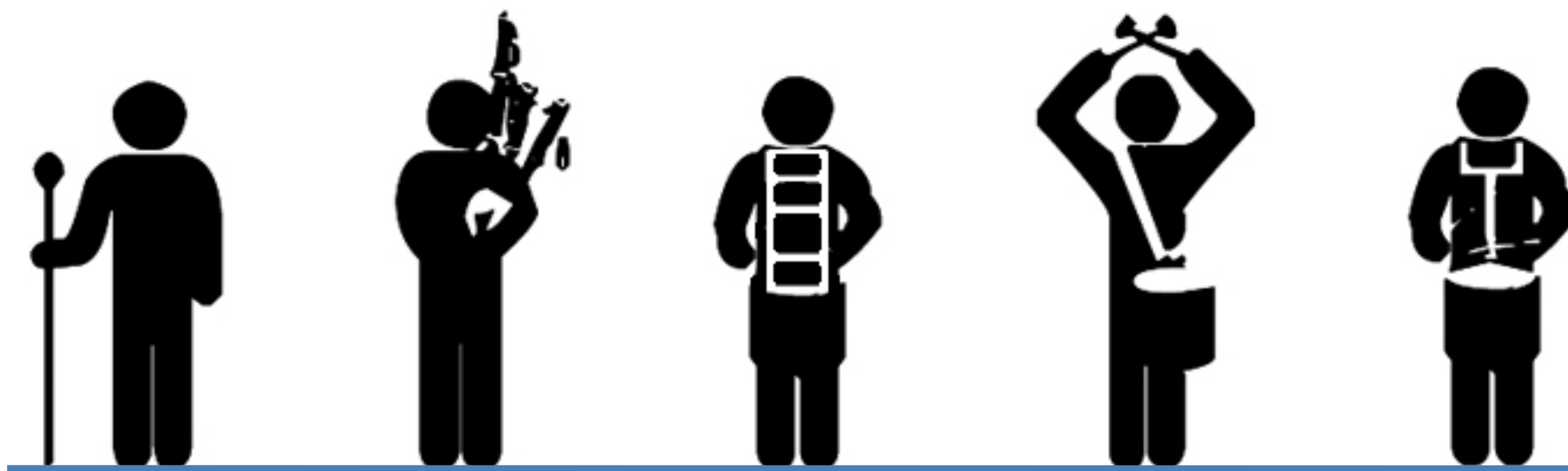
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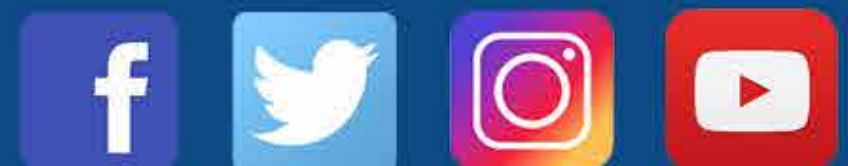
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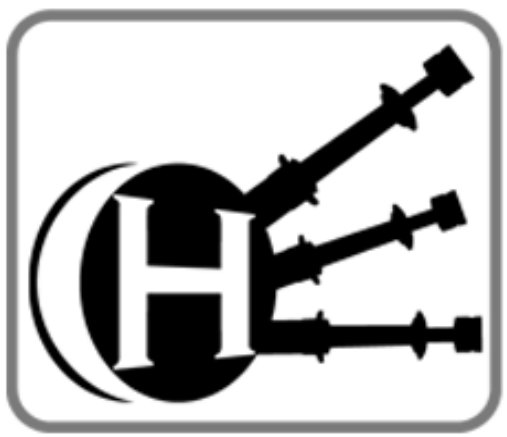


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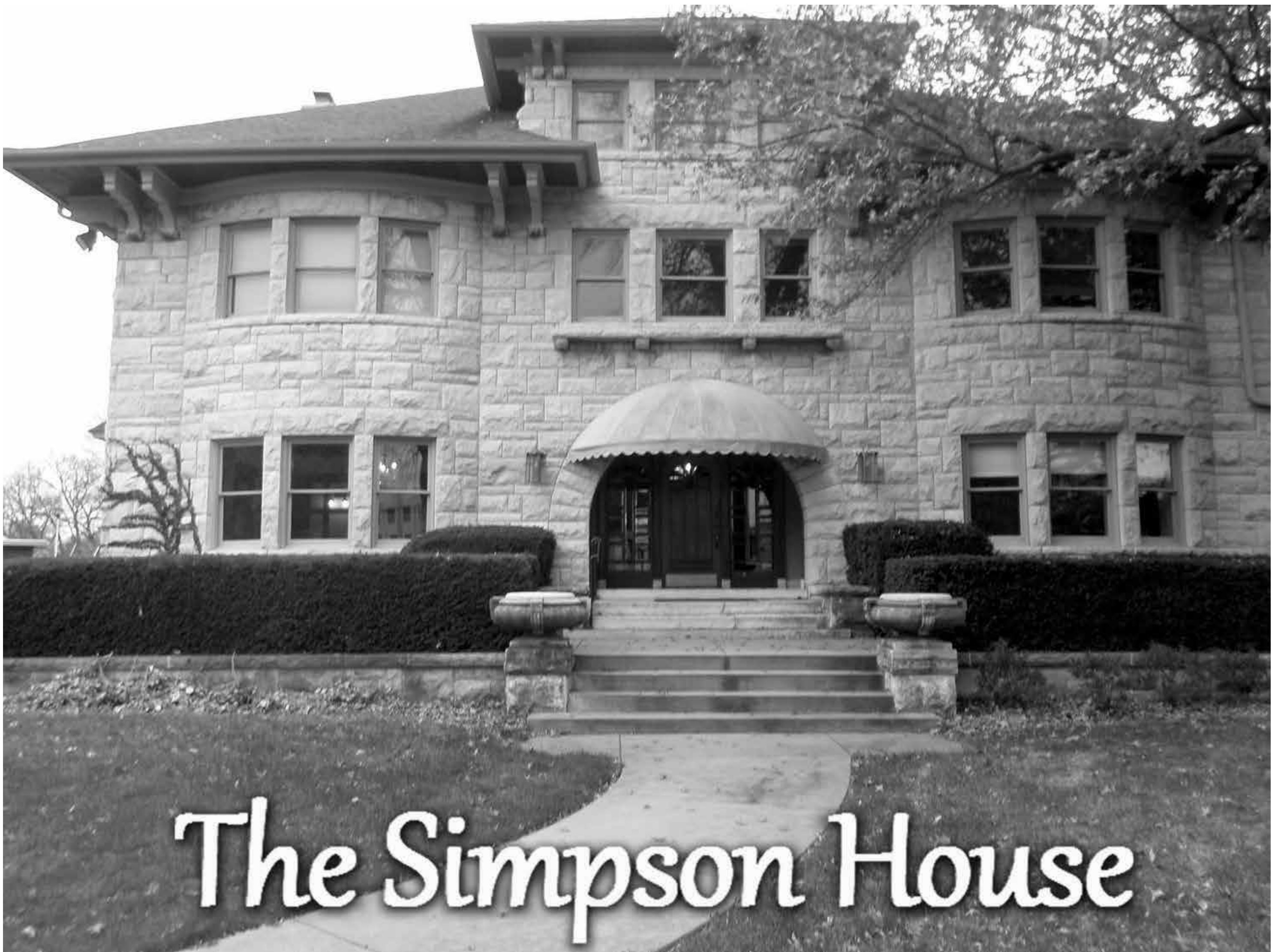
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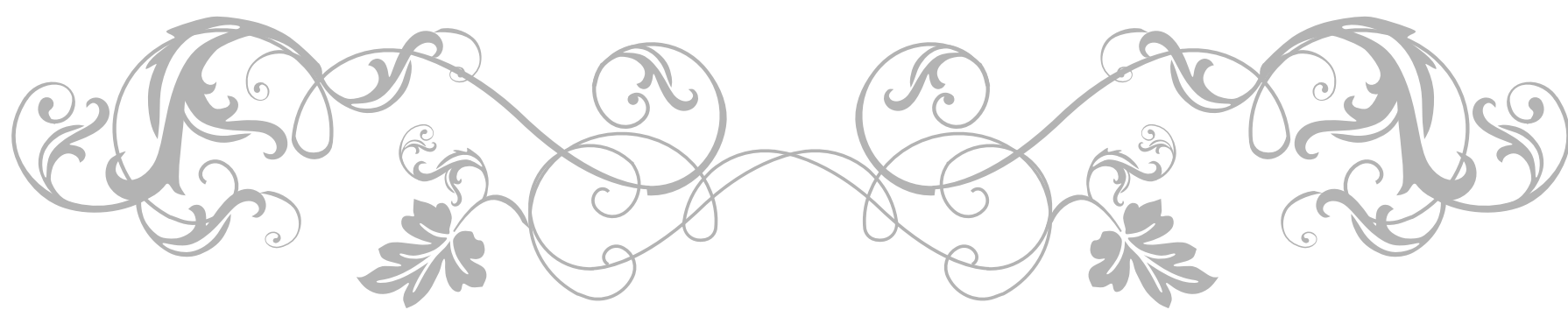
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BOB WORRALL

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.

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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 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 seven times.

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CALLUM BEAUMONT

Callum Beaumont has won almost every major soloist prize including the Glenfiddich, Clasp, and Former Winner's MSR at the Northern Meeting, all in 2023. 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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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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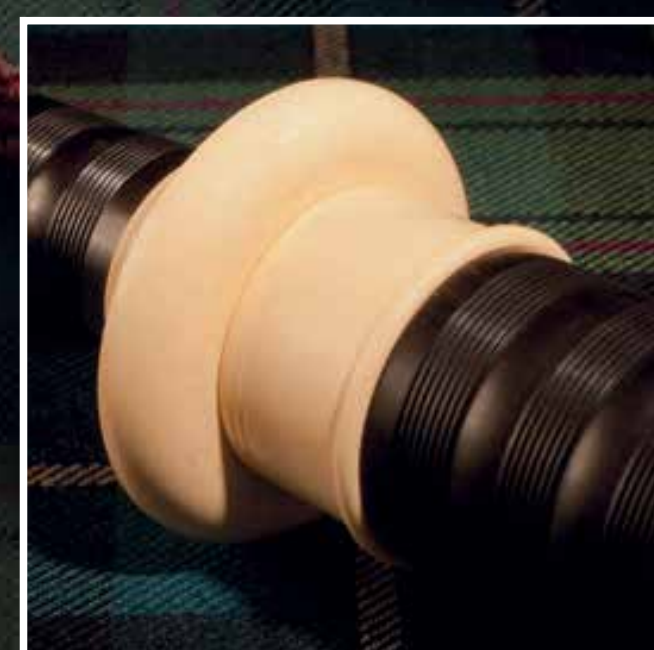
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STEVEN MCWHIRTER

Steven McWhirter is a native of Northern Ireland and now resides in Falkirk, Scotland. He has won the Adult World Solo Drumming Championships on ten occasions, including 2019. He is a full time drumming instructor with the Edinburgh Academy & Dollar Academy Pipe Bands. He is the leading drummer of the 2019 World Pipe Band Champions Inveraray and District Pipe Band.

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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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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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ANDREW DOUGLAS

Andrew is a prolific practitioner of the bagpipe, having been active at the highest level of pipe bands, solo competition, teaching, and creative endeavors for the past 20 years. He is the founder of Dojo U and of PipersDojo.com. His accomplishments include 2017 & 2019 World Champion with Inveraray and District Pipe Band, 2017 Winner of US Silver Medal for Piobaireachd, 2008-2013 Pipe Major of Grade 1 Oran Mor Pipe Band, Silver Medals at Oban and Inverness, Former Winner of B-Grade Strathspey/Reel at Oban, Accredited Bagpipe Teacher and Examiner with the Scottish Qualifications Authority, and EUSPBA Adjudicator.

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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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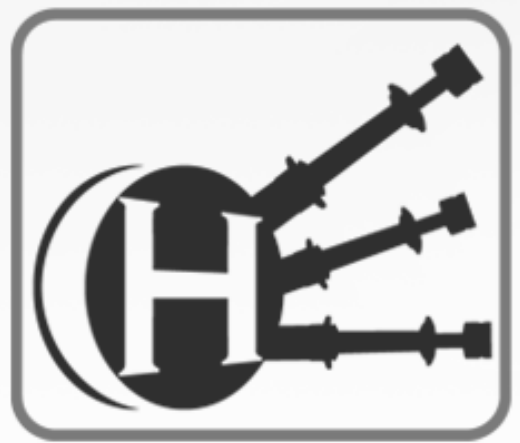
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WILLIE MCCALLUM

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 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.

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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.

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RODDY MACLEOD, MBE

Willie is a native of Campbeltown, Kintyre, where he learned. Roddy MacLeod, MBE is one of the world's most accomplished competitive solo pipers, he has won all of solo piping's most coveted awards, including the 2023 Bratach Gorm. 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 is also the Founder of Piping Live!, Glasgow's International Piping Festival.

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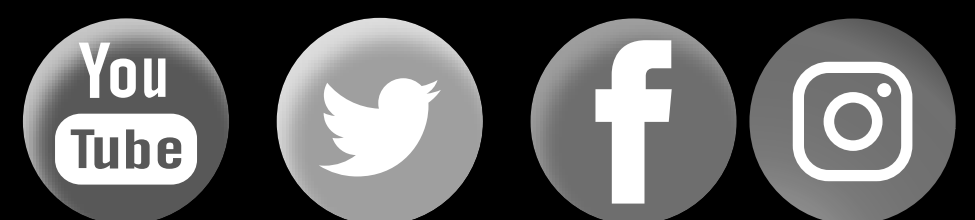
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CHRISTINA HENRY

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.

She is a certified Bass and Tenor Adjudicator with the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association. With over 20 years of competitive experience, she is highly sought after as an instructor.

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ANDREW ELLIOTT

Originally from Toronto, Andrew now lives in Houston where he teaches drumming at the Saint Thomas' Episcopal School. As a member of the Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band, Andrew has won every RSPBA major title, including 5 World Pipe Band Championships since joining the band in 2013. As a solo player, Andrew has won the American, Canadian, and North American Championships on numerous occasions as well as being a 9-time MHAF Gold Medal winner, and the only person to have ever won the Gold in both bass and tenor drumming. Andrew founded Ace Percussion and markets bass sticks, tenor sticks, and accessories globally. Andrew continually develops products and strives to deliver the highest quality bass and tenor products on the market.

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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. In Northern Ireland & Ireland Simon continues to coordinate and instruct several bass sections and solo players.

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ALEX KULDELL & KEVIN DILL

Alex Kuldell and Kevin Dill are both snare drummers in the Grade 2 MacMillan Pipe Band from Rockville, Maryland. In addition to their competitive drumming success with MacMillan, both are members of The United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. The Old Guard is the only unit of its kind in the armed forces, and is part of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment.

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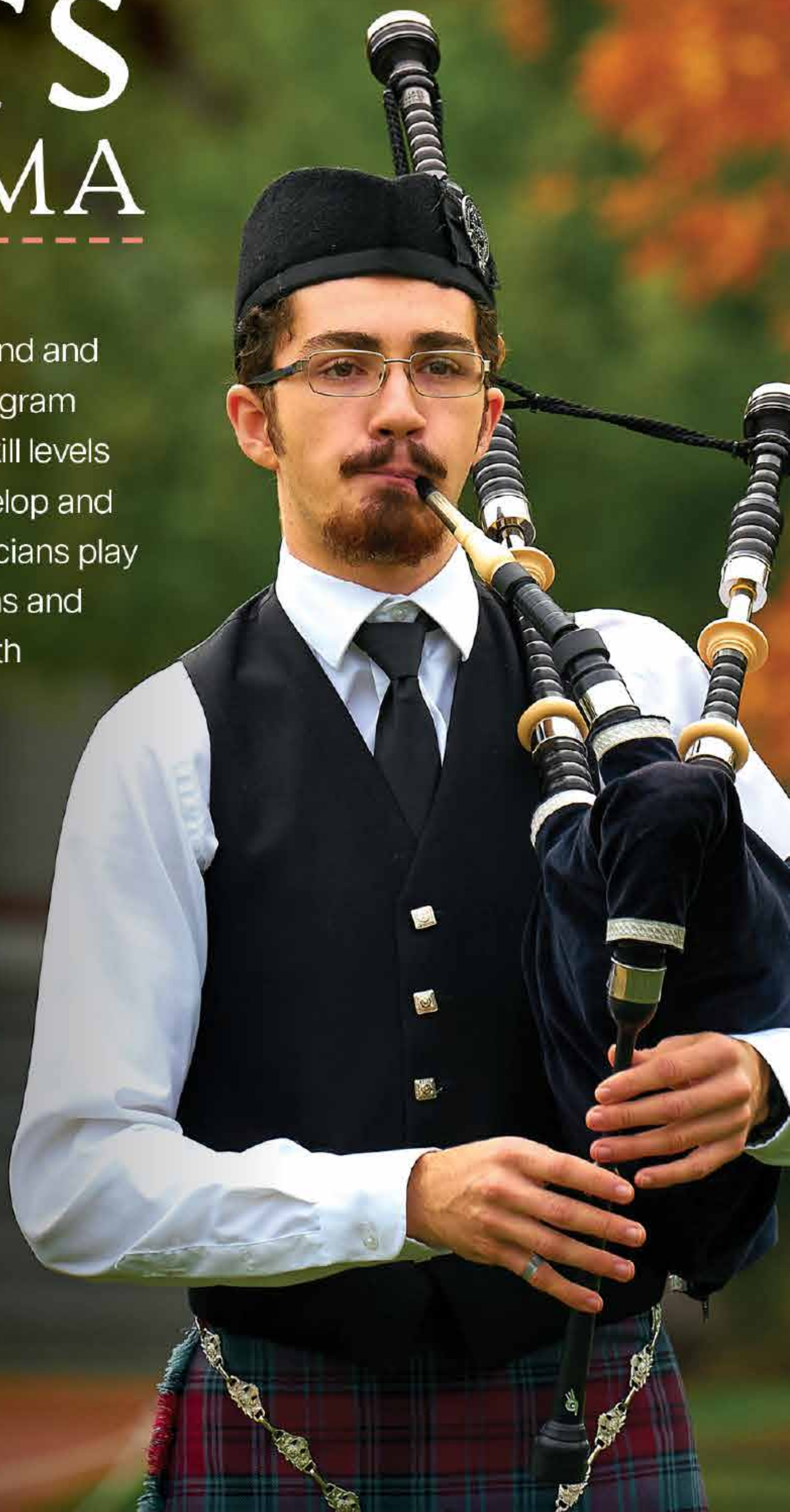
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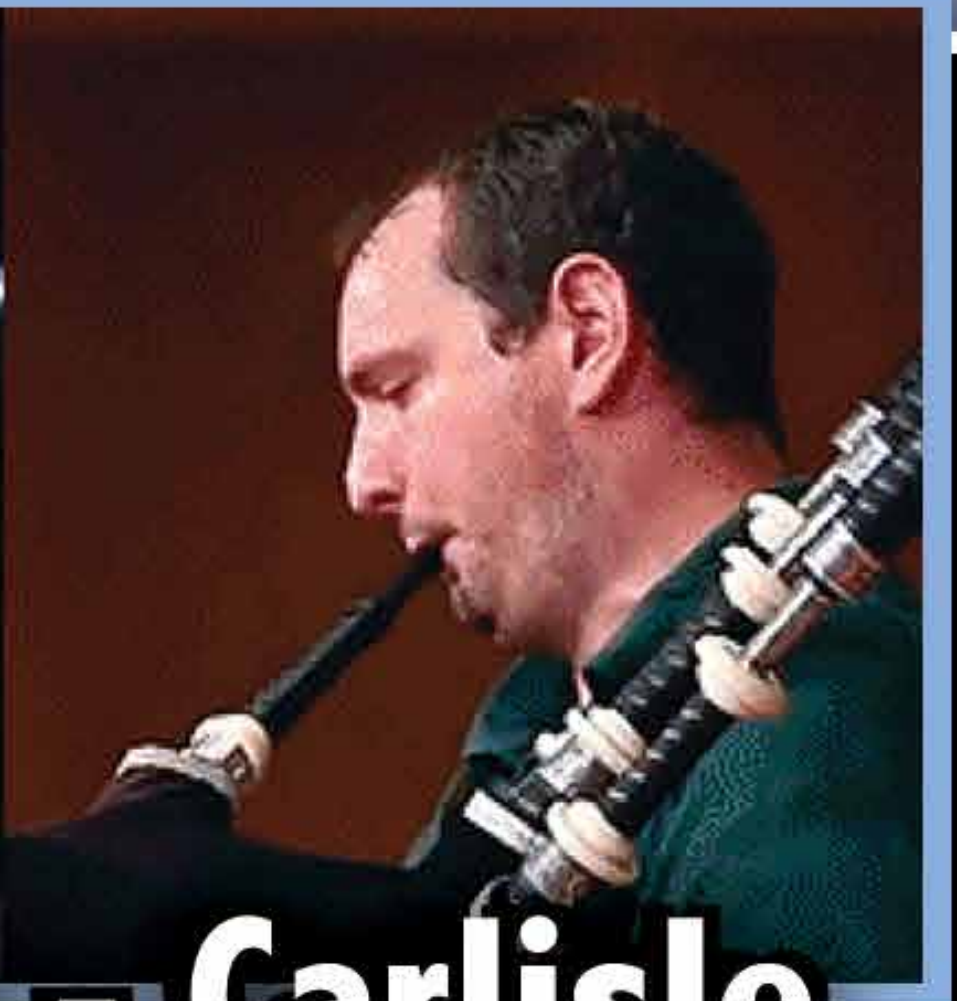
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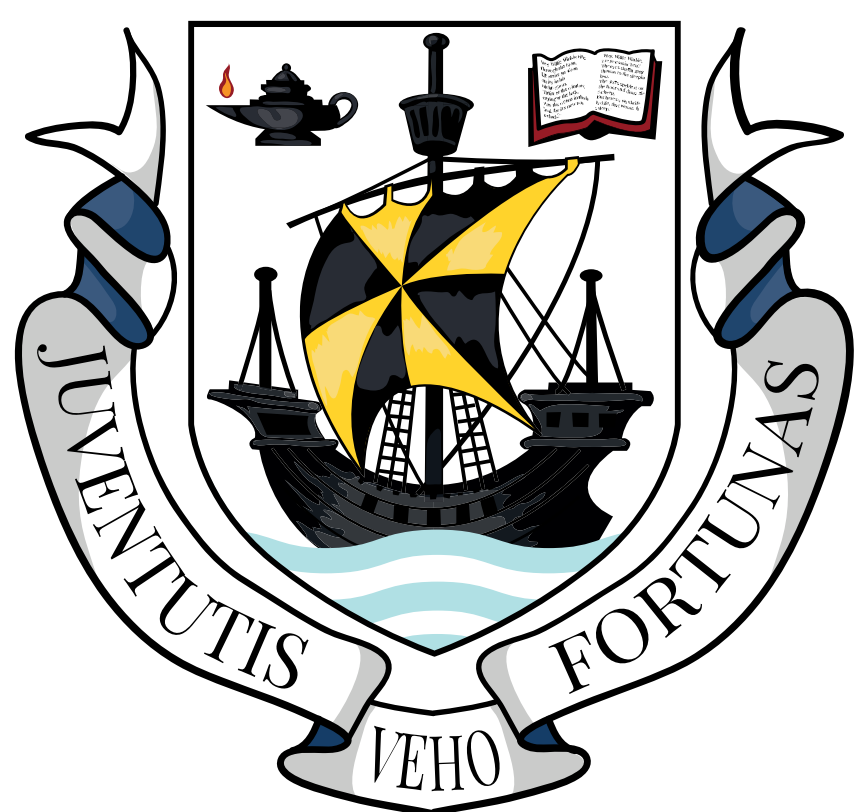
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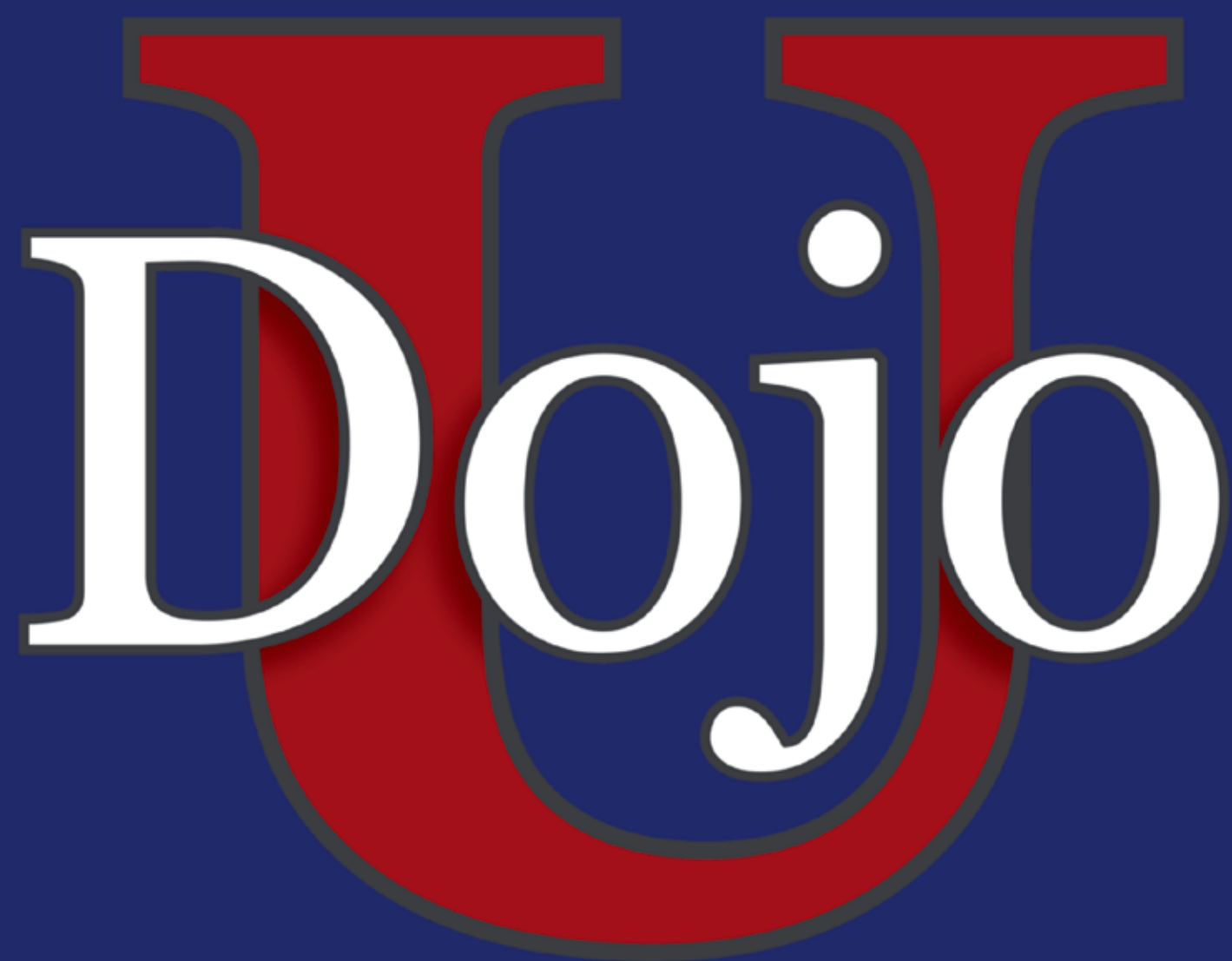
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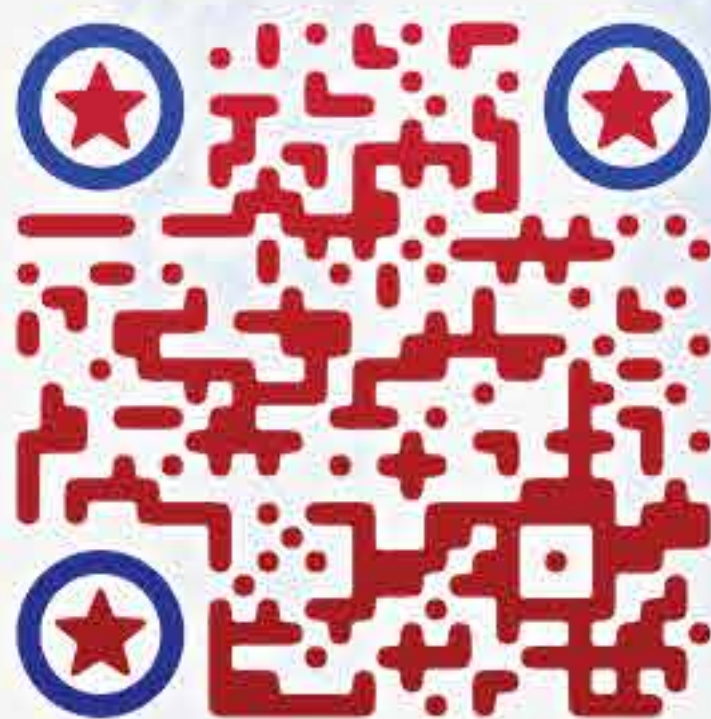
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