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competition program

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

**McCallum Bagpipes & MWPBA
United States Silver Medal
Piobaireachd Championship**

**The Tone Protector and MHAF
North American Amateur
Piobaireachd Championships**

Presented by The Tone Protector by BagpipeLessons.com

**Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply and MHAF
North American Gold Medal
Ceol Beag Competition**

**Dojo University and MHAF
North American Silver Medal
Ceol Beag Championship**

Presented by Roddy MacLeod Bagpipes

**Tartantown and MHAF
North American Amateur
Ceol Beag Championships**

Presented by Lee & Sons Bagpipes

**Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply and MHAF
North American Gold Medal
Snare Drumming Championship**

Presented by Andante Drums and Percussion

**Custom Drum Sound Inc. and MHAF
North American Amateur
Snare Drumming Championships**

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**Rhythm Monster and MHAF
Gold Medal & Amateur
Tenor Drumming Championship**

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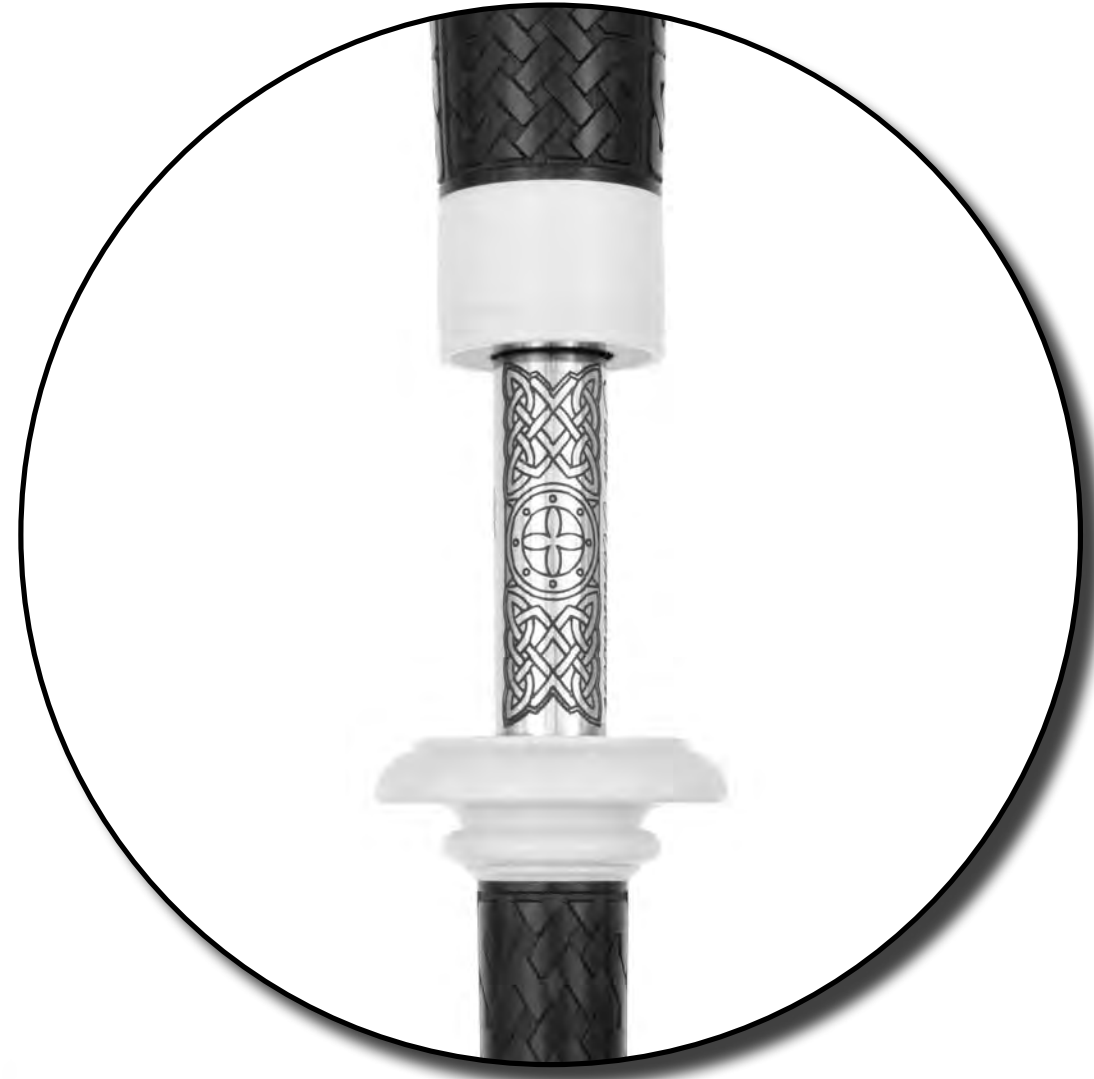
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ABOUT THE GOLD MEDAL

The Twentieth Annual R.G. Hardie & Co. – Midwest Highland Arts Fund United States Gold Medal Piobaireachd Championship will be held January 17, 2025, 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) diameter of gold-plated metal 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.

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 2026. 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.

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UNITED STATES SILVER MEDAL
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**Piobaireachd
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ABOUT THE SILVER MEDAL

The Twenty-First Annual McCallum Bagpipes & MidWest Pipe Band Association United States Silver Medal Piobaireachd Championship will be held January 17, 2025, 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) 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. Top five finishers receive Willie McCallum Kintyre practice 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.

ABOUT MCCALLUM BAGPIPES

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JUDGES (GRADE 1):



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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JUDGES (GRADE 2):



MICHAEL GREY

Michael Grey has four times won the North American Championship, the overall title at the Vancouver Indoor Meet twice, the Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal and that venue's March, Strathspey & Reel and Former Winners' MSR on the same day. In 1989 he won the aggregate championship at the Cowal Highland Gathering. He has seventeen times won the professional Ontario Championship Supreme awards for both classical (pibroch) and light music. In 1995 he won the Toronto Piper's Society Knock-Out final. In 2003 he again won this testing event for the third year in succession.

Michael was founding member of the 1987 World Pipe Band Champion 78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe Band, Pipe Major of Peel Regional Police Pipe Band from 1995 to 1999, the Pipe Sergeant of Toronto Police Pipe Band from 2007 to 2013 and a member of the legendary Glasgow Police Pipe Band from November 2013 to August 2018. In September 2023 he was appointed Pipe Major of the 78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe Band, one of five grade one bands in North America.

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4. Matthew Launer
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JUDGES:



MICHAEL GREY

Michael Grey has four times won the North American Championship, the overall title at the Vancouver Indoor Meet twice, the Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal and that venue's March, Strathspey & Reel and Former Winners' MSR on the same day. In 1989 he won the aggregate championship at the Cowal Highland Gathering. He has seventeen times won the professional Ontario Championship Supreme awards for both classical (pibroch) and light music. In 1995 he won the Toronto Piper's Society Knock-Out final. In 2003 he again won this testing event for the third year in succession.

Michael was founding member of the 1987 World Pipe Band Champion 78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe Band, Pipe Major of Peel Regional Police Pipe Band from 1995 to 1999, the Pipe Sergeant of Toronto Police Pipe Band from 2007 to 2013 and a member of the legendary Glasgow Police Pipe Band from November 2013 to August 2018. In September 2023 he was appointed Pipe Major of the 78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe Band, one of five grade one bands in North America.

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9. Andrew Donlon
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JUDGES:



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 "Scantly 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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The Seventeenth Annual Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – Midwest Highland Arts Fund North American Gold Medal Ceol Beag Championship will be held January 17, 2025, at the Marriott – Country Club Plaza, in Kansas City. The contest will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m.

The Henderson's Pipe & Drum Supply – Midwest Highland Arts Fund Gold Medal (USA), 2.5 inches (6.5 cm) diameter gold plated metal 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. The event is open to pipers eligible to compete for the A Grade or Premier Grade medal competitions at Oban or Inverness. The Judges will choose a march, a strathspey, and a reel from five submitted by the Competitor, with the three highest scores determining prize placing.

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 air travel from North America to Scotland to participate in professional solo events, or to travel back to Kansas City to compete at Winter Storm 2026. In the event of a tie, the United States Gold Medal Piobaireachd Championship will govern.

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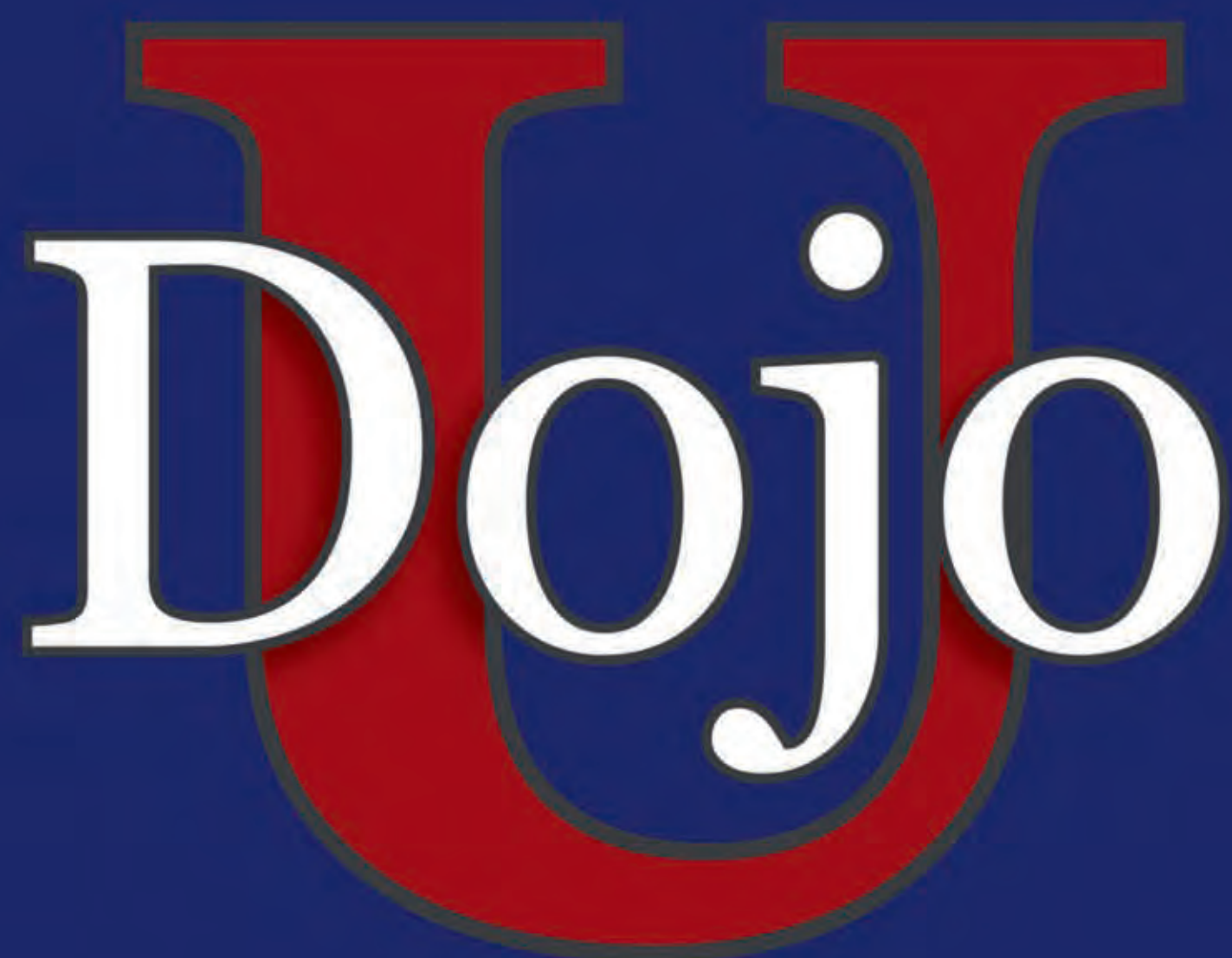
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The Third Annual North American Silver Medal Ceol Beag Championship will be held January 17, 2025, at the Marriott – Country Club Plaza, in Kansas City. The contest will begin at 8:00 a.m.

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JUDGES (GRADE 2):



DONALD MACPHEE

Donald MacPhee is an American that moved to Scotland in 1997. A reed maker for over 20 years. Donald has achieved the pinnacle of success at both the solo and pipe band scene. A Gold Medalist at the Northern Meetings in 2005 and an accumulation of pipe band championships over the course of the past 16 years numbering in 33 major pipe band championship wins including 6 World Pipe Band Championships, 8 Champion of Champion titles and 2 Grand Slams.

Donald holds a Graduate and Senior Teacher's Certificate with the Institute of Piping. He has his Advanced and Teacher's Certificate with the RSPBA. A fully qualified RSPBA Adjudicator and a solo adjudicator on the CPA list of Active Competitive Adjudicators. Donald is also a PDQB Assessor for the RSPBA.

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6. Michael Braunsky
7. Andrew Seevers
8. Christopher Baum
9. Alexander Kinkade
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JUDGE (GRADE 3):



RODDY MACDONALD

Originally from Inverness, Scotland, Roddy MacDonald now resides in Japan and is a professional Piper. Recently retired, Roddy was the longest serving Pipe Major for the Queensland Police Service Pipe Band (Australia).

One of the most renowned bagpipe music composers of the modern era, his compositions have been played by Simon Fraser University, Inveraray & District, Shotts & Dykehead, Field Marshal Montgomery, Vale of Atholl, Boghall & Bathgate, and Scottish Power. Roddy is an Approved Light Music Judge on the Solo Piping Judges Association panel.

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JUDGES:



JIM SIM (GRADES 2 & 3)

Jim Sim started drumming lessons with his Father at the age of 8. His first band was the Stock Yard Kilty Band from Chicago. In 1975 along with Pipe Major Ian Swinton the new Midlothian Scottish Pipe Band was formed. The band started in Grade 4. The band with Jim as the Leading Drummer went on to win many titles. 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.

Jim retired from active playing after the 2009 season to devote more time to teaching and judging. Jim has taught many young players who have gone on to win many contests of their own as well as many of the bands in North America. Jim has also had the honor of playing with The Chieftains, and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He is currently a Full Adjudicator, President of the MidWest Pipe Band Assoc., and on the board of ANAPBA.

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ABOUT THE AMATEUR SNARE DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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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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BASS DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Seventeenth Annual MassedHead – Midwest Highland Arts Fund Gold Medal and Amateur Bass Drumming Championship will be held on January 16 - 17, 2025 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. All Competitors must submit a MSR, 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. The Champion in each grade will choose his/her prize snare drum from an array of Andante drums.

The MHAF Gold Medal, 2.5 inch (6.5 cm) diameter gold-plated metal, 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. 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.

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**GOLD MEDAL
COMPETITORS:**

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2. Tangerine Hill
3. Terry Cadiente
4. Stephen Foley
5. Alexander Kuldell
6. Lindsay MacGregor
7. Eric Légère
8. Allison North
9. Ben Elkins

**AMATEUR
COMPETITORS:**

1. Sean Stewart
2. Evan Duckett
3. Joanne Sherry
4. Marie Rude
5. Mary Thrasher
6. Lauren Lane
7. John Bertino
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10. Isla Ross

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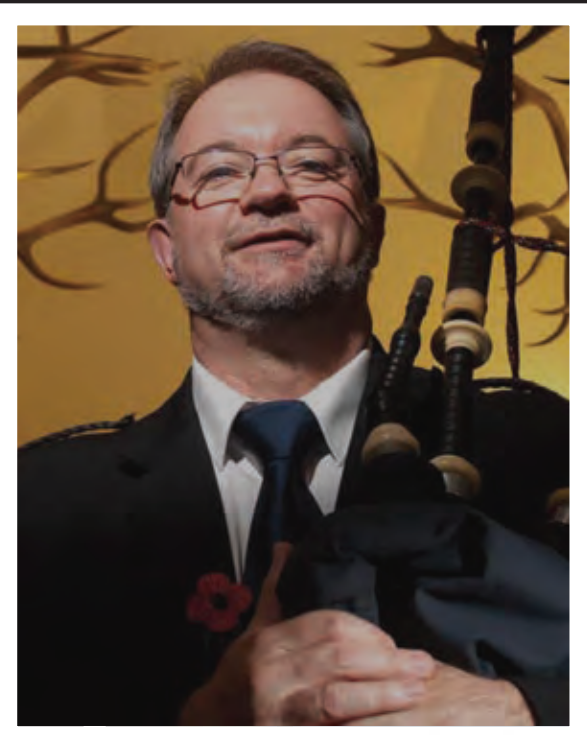
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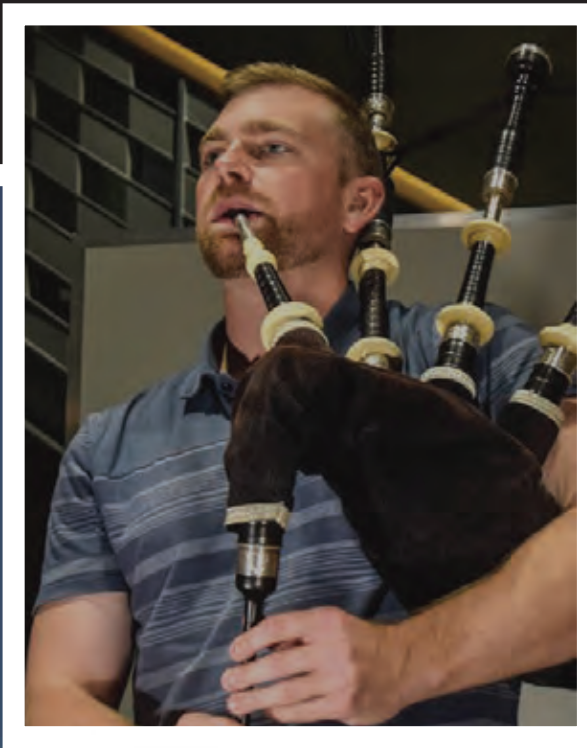
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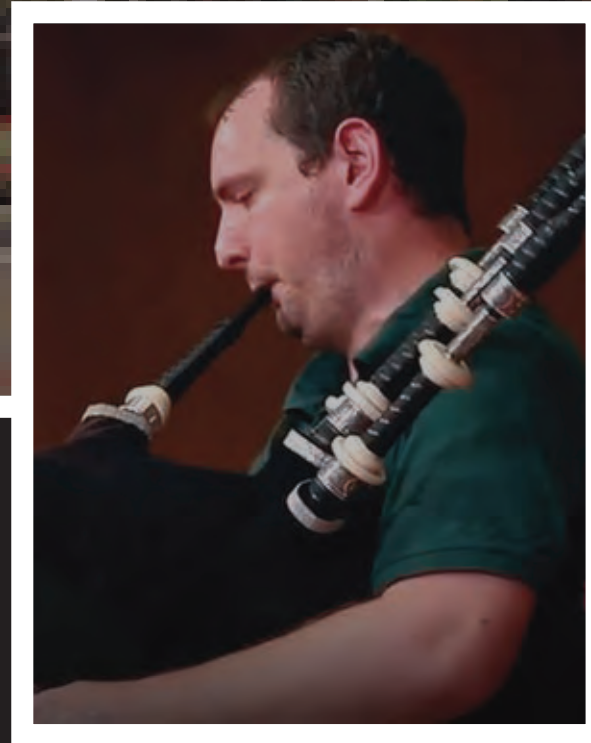
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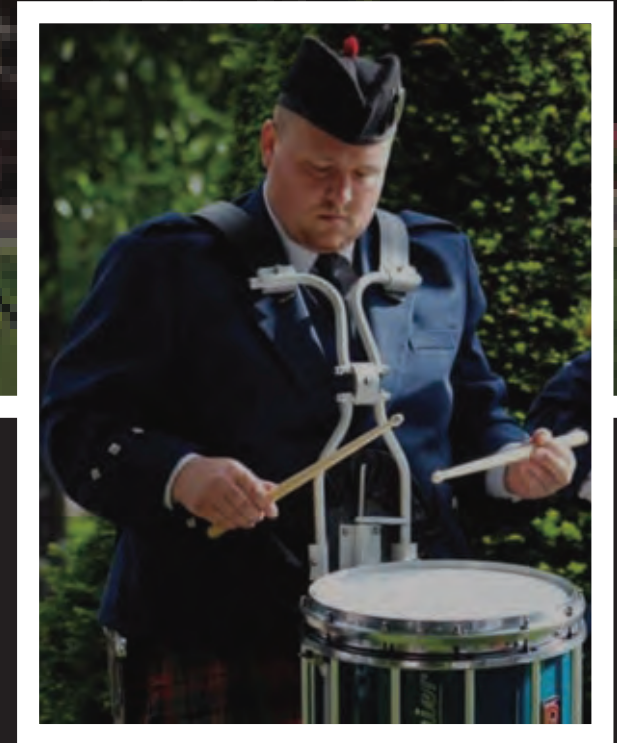
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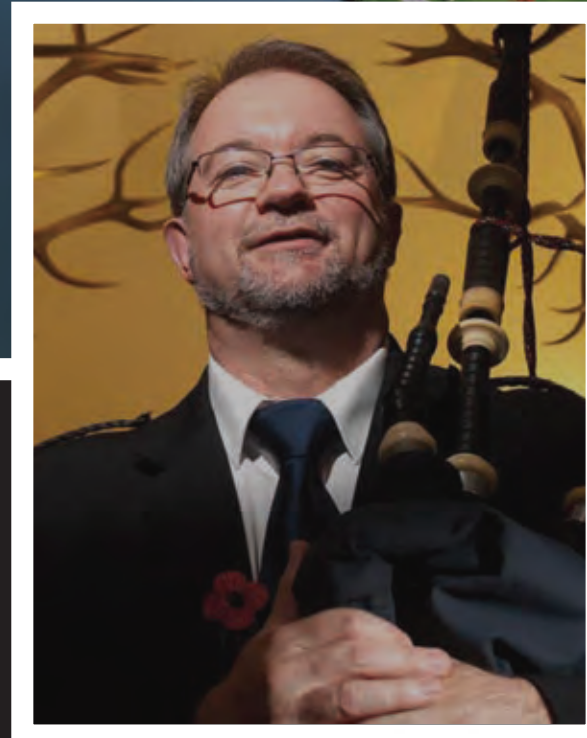
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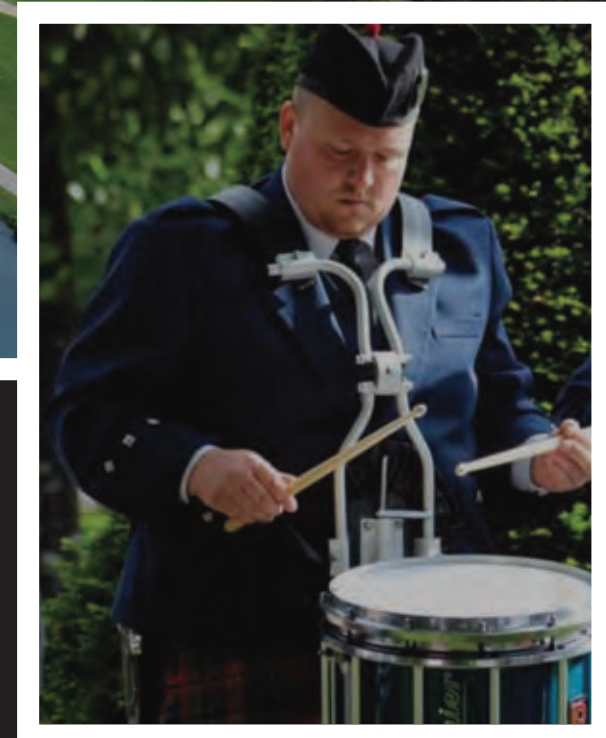
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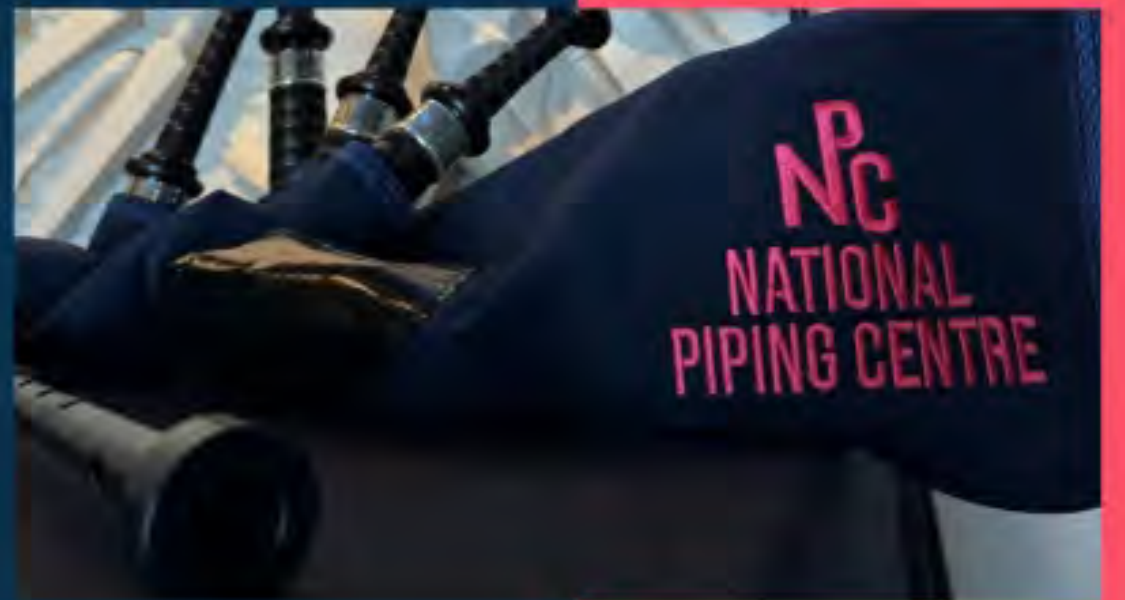
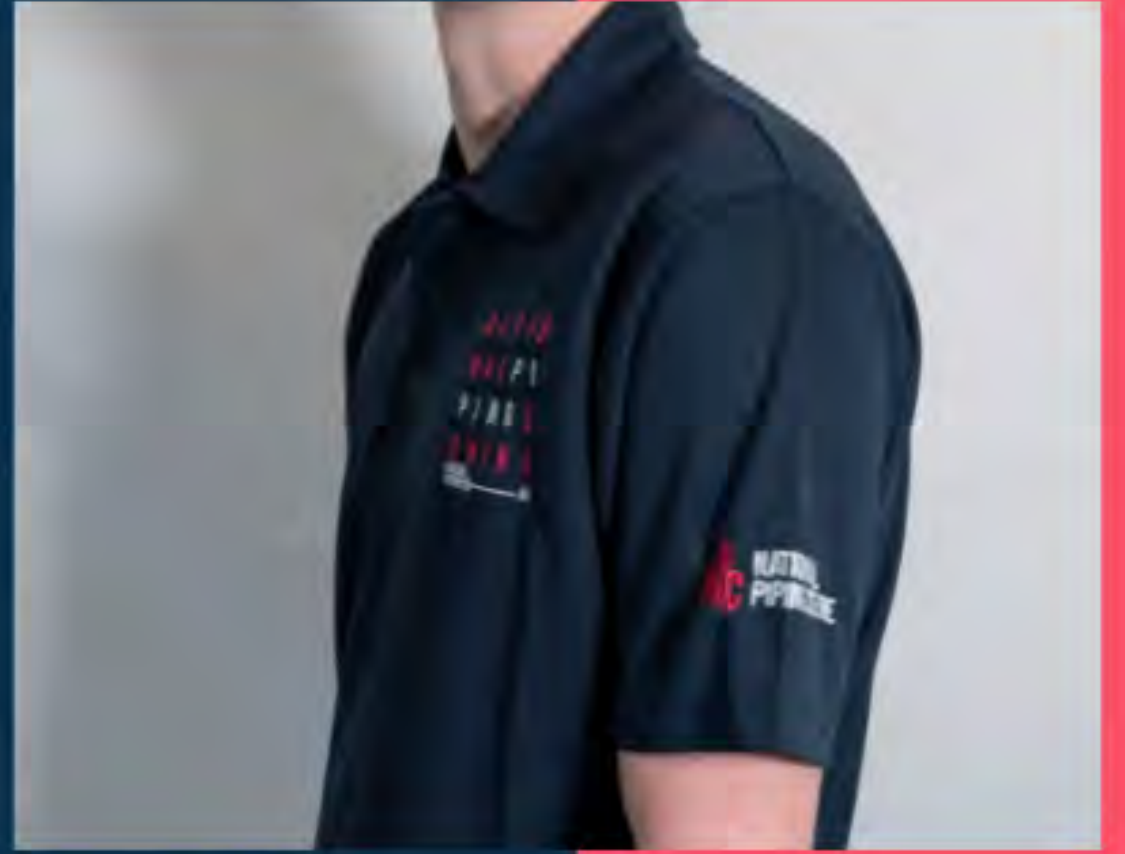
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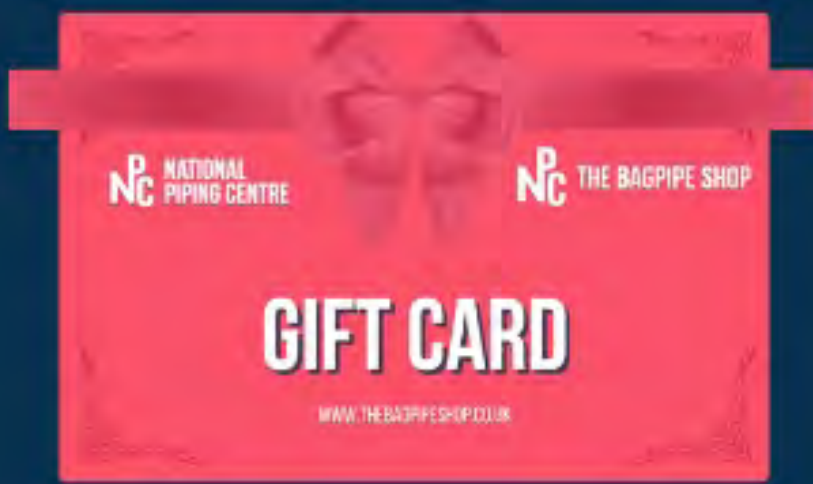
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