

Dear Friends:

As you may be aware, this year's Buffalo Niagara Scottish Festival and Games will have some new and exciting changes!

In addition to a new line-up of entertainers and headliners, we are announcing the return of Solo Piping and Drumming competitions and Pipe band competitions, to add to our full weekend of Pipe band entertainment and other offerings for our guests and Pipe band members!

Thanks to our sponsor ScottishStoreOnline.com, internationally known champion Piper Craig Munro of the Red Hot Chilli Pipers, St. Laurence O'Toole Pipe Band, and Shotts and Dykehead Pipes and Drums (World Champions), will be our Piping and Pipe band judge! He will also perform at the Festival with Bill Craig, formerly of the Irish Rovers, and Mari Black, world champion Scottish Fiddler on Saturday night!

Tom Foote will serve as our Drumming judge, and will bring his extensive knowledge and expertise as well as his judging experience to offer guidance to all those who want to compete! This is a great opportunity for those who are experienced players or those who may want to "test the waters" in performing solo!

Tom, Craig, and Peter Sinclair will also judge the band competitions and will offer each band help and guidance to make their performances even better! We hope to get as many local members of bands as possible to try solos, and for local bands to participate in the competition. The band competitions are limited to primarily Grade 5 criteria. Solo Piping and Drumming will be Grades 5 through Grades 2.

All solo competitions will have Medals for 1st- 3rd place, and Pipe bands will be awarded Trophies AND Cash prizes for 1st- 3rd place! The prize money will be added to contract money already given to Pipe bands who are entertainment performers!

On Sunday, BNHV, ScottishStoreOnline.com, and Wallace Bagpipes will offer a workshop on Piping, the making of bagpipes, and World Champion Pipe Bands. The workshop will also include a special piping recital by Craig Munro, followed by a lengthy Q and A session! This workshop is free to all Pipe bands and we hope this will add to your participation and enjoyment of this year's Festival!

We have taken the liberty of enclosing some competition forms for both the band and solo performers! We hope that you are as excited as we are about these new offerings. We are looking forward to supporting our local pipe bands and their members in keeping the high quality of Piping and Drumming alive and well in Western New York!

If you or other band members have questions, please feel free to contact us at development@bnhv.org or 716-689-1440 or a committee member and we will assist in any way we can!

Thank You!

Stephen Blass and Tim Demler

Buffalo Niagara Scottish Festival
Pipe and Drumming Band and Solo Competition
August 19, 2017
Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village
3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd.
Amherst, NY 14228

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

We are not a sectioned EUSPBA competition so any pipe band or solo piper can compete. All competitors, except Grade 5 pipers and Drum Pad drummers must wear highland dress. No medals may be worn by any competitor.

Complete entries, with rosters (competing bands), must be postmarked by July 21, 2017. NO FIELD ENTRIES

The Buffalo Niagara Scottish Festival reserves the right to award one less prize than the number of entries if there are fewer than four entries. Buffalo Niagara Scottish Festival also reserves the right to cancel ANY event if it is in the best interest of the Buffalo Niagara Scottish Festival. If a cancellation occurs, no prize money will be awarded.

The band draw will occur on August 5, 2017. Positions will be posted on <http://bnhv.org/scottish/> on August 5, 2017. Solo schedule will be available after August 5, 2017 on our web site.

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

- **Band members appearing on band rosters will be admitted without charge. Solo competitors not on a band list must purchase a ticket**
- **Bands and soloists who would like to purchase advance sale tickets should include a SASE with their entry.**
- **All bands competing must participate in the opening and closing ceremony of the game.**

NO FIELD ENTRIES. Competition begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. Competitors for ALL events must check in. Any competitor not ready to perform when called will be disqualified.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Bands wishing to park inside the gates should arrive before **10 AM.** **NO VEHICLE ENTRY IS PERMITTED THROUGH MAIN GATE AFTER GAMES ARE OPENING TO THE PUBLIC.**

The Games hotel is the Hyatt Place Buffalo/ Amherst located at 5020 Main St. Amherst, NY 14226. For a special rate go to <https://buffaloamherst.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

PIPE BAND EVENTS

(1) Grade V 1st-\$500 2nd-\$300 3rd-\$200 and a trophy for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

- Band Minimums- 5 Pipers, 2 Side Drummers, and 1 Bass Drummer
- The March Set for Grade 5 shall be defined as six to eight parts of March music, simple time, no time limit.

Attach Band Roster

SOLO EVENTS

Drum Solo: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place receive a medal for each grade

Piper Solo: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place receive a medal for each grade

INDIVIDUAL PIPING

(Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each event)

Grade II

(10) March (submit 2)

(11) Strathspey & Reel (submit 2 each)

Grade III

(13) March (submit 1)

(14) Strathspey and Reel (submit 1 each)

Grade IV

(16) 2/4 March: one 4- part or two different 2-part tunes (submit 1)

Grade V

(19) Chanter

INDIVIDUAL DRUMMING

(Medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Grade II

(20) March Strathspey and Reel

(21) Hornpipe and jig

Grade III

(22) 2/4 March (4 part)

Grade IV

(23) March-One Event: 4 Parts March Music

Competitors are required to play the drum

(25) Drum Pad – 2 part of a march

ENTRY FORM

I, the undersigned, do hereby release any and all rights and claims I may have for damages against the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, their agents, organizers, and sponsors for any injuries which may be suffered by me during the 2016 CNY Scottish Games. Further, by signing below, I hereby give permission to the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village and/or their agents, to photograph and/or record my performance and distribute same. Said photographs and/or recordings shall be the exclusive property of the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village.

Date _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

Band Name _____

Solo Competitor Name _____

Band Contact Name

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____ **Website:** _____

I/we will be competing in (please check one)

Band Competition **Solo Piping Competition** **Solo Drumming**
Competition

How many members of the band competing _____

Grade competing in _____

Birthdate _____ **Age** _____

Signature _____

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Visit us on the Web: <http://bnhv.org/scottish/>

Don't Forget to send in your band roster.