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Dear Friends:

In addition to a great line-up of pipe bands, Celtic dancers and performers, we are pleased to once again offer Solo Piping and Drumming competitions and Pipe Band Competitions and we invite you to register to compete!

Our drumming and piping judges will bring their 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! We hope to get as many local members of bands as possible to try solos, and for local bands to participate in the band competition, limited to primarily Grade 5 criteria. Solo Piping and Drumming will be Grades 5 through Grades 1, with the addition this year of Grade 5 and Grade 4 Piobaireachd contest as a separate category without the other tunes.

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!

The judges along with ScottishStoreOnline.com will hold pipe and drum workshops, recitals and Q&A sessions on Sunday afternoon, schedule to be released soon. These workshops are free to all and we hope this will add to your participation and enjoyment of this year's Festival!

We are enclosing competition forms for both band and solo competitors. Feel free to share with others in the P&D community and encourage your band members' participation! We look 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 events@bnhv.org or 716-689-1440 and we will assist in any way we can!

Thank You!

Scott Russell and Chris Hitchcock

Buffalo Niagara Scottish Festival
Pipe and Drumming Band and Solo Competition
August 18, 2018
Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village
3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd.
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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 August 10, 2018.

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 14, 2018. Positions will be posted on <http://bnhv.org/scottish/> on August 14, 2018. Solo schedule will be available after August 14, 2018 on our website.

*****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.**

Solo Competition begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Band Competition begins at Noon immediately following Morning Ceremonies. 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 must arrive before **9:30AM**. **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-\$300 2nd-\$200 3rd-\$100 and a trophy for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place
(1) Grade IV 1st-\$300 2nd-\$200 3rd-\$100 and a trophy for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place
(1) Grade III 1st-\$300 2nd-\$200 3rd-\$100 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

Grade I

M/S/R (submit 2)
Hornpipe/Jig
Piobaireachd

Grade II

(10) March (submit 2)
(11) Strathspey & Reel (submit 2 each)
___ M/S/R
___ Piobaireachd

Grade III

(13) March (submit 1)
(14) Strathspey and Reel (submit 1 each)
___ Piobaireachd

Grade IV

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

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 2017 Buffalo Niagara Scottish Festival. 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**



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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.