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# Welcome to the 20th year of Piping Live!



Welcome to the 20th edition of Piping Live! It's incredible to think back on how much the festival has grown in the last 20 years. I'm extremely proud to be involved in the direction of what is now a major cultural and musical event for Scotland, and the global piping and traditional music scene. There's a real energy in the piping and drumming scene in anticipation of Piping Live! this year. Glasgow is certainly going to be alive with music, friendship and camaraderie.

Our packed programme features Pipe Bands on Buchanan Street, an array of evening concerts with new events for 2023 including inB led by Fin Moore, and Canntaireachd, a night of gaelic song and piping from Kim Carnie, Brighde Chaimbeul, Kathleen MacInnes and Ailis Sutherland. As well as these new events, our festival staples are also returning across the week, with the Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies Memorial Recital Challenge, the International Quartet Competition and the Masters Solo Piping Competition.

Our Street Café returns with free live music and performances each day. Our Auditorium will once again see recitals, book launches, concerts and competitions and more.

There will also be museum tours, come and try sessions and our late night sessions.

The team here at the National Piping Centre have been working tirelessly to deliver the festival this year, despite some substantial funding cuts across the cultural events industry, so we really need public support now more than ever - please purchase tickets, please donate what you can and please encourage others to come out and enjoy the world-class performances we will be showcasing this August.

Never has your support been more vital in ensuring this iconic festival, and the scene it supports, continues to thrive. A huge thanks to all our sponsors, funders and supporters without whom Piping Live! would not be possible.

All that remains to say is that I look forward to seeing you at this year's festival and I hope you enjoy yourselves.

**Finlay MacDonald**  
Artistic Director  
Piping Live! 2023



## Booking your tickets

The easiest way to book your tickets is through our website  
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## Monday 14th August

### THE MASTERS SOLO PIPING COMPETITION 2023

Piping Live!'s premier piping competition returns for 2023. Competitors include Gold Medallists, Glenfiddich Champions and International prize winners, making this solo piping at its very best! *Livestream sponsored by R.G. Hardie & Co*

**08.30am - Piobaireachd Event, 5.00pm approx March, Strathspey & Reel Event (on conclusion of Piobaireachd)**

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Watch Piobaireachd or MSR In-Person:

**£10 Adult/£9 U18 per event.**

**Livestream incl both events: £15**

### CEOL NUA

This ground breaking concert will showcase the Ceol Nua - or new music - style with Fraser Fifield and Graeme Stephen, and Estonian piper Catlin Magi.

**7.30pm - Nice N Sleazy - £17.50 - in person only (Over 18's Only)**

## Tuesday 15th August

### THE INTERNATIONAL QUARTET COMPETITION 2023

Six top pipe bands from across the globe send 4 of their best pipers to compete in this competition, as hidden judges decide who will be crowned champions! *Sponsored by RT Shepherd & Sons*

**7.30pm - Strathclyde Suite at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall - £17.50 Adult/£15 U18s in person only**

### CANNTAIREACHD

Celebrating and exploring the relationship between piping and Gaelic song, the project will breathe new life into centuries old songs, tunes and stories with new material woven throughout.

**7.30pm - The National Piping Centre - £17.50 Adult/£15 U18s in person/£12.50 premiere online**

## Wednesday 16th August

### THE LBPS PRESENTS inB

Celebrating the rich sound of the Uilleann pipes and Scottish smallpipes pitched in the beautiful key of B. The powerful sound of four sets of pipes playing in harmony creates a beautifully unique tonal texture.

**7.30pm - The National Piping Centre £17.50 Adult/£15 U18 - in person £12.50 premiere online**

## Thursday 17th August

### PIPE IDOL GRAND FINAL

Hear the four finalists compete to take the Pipe Idol 2023 crown! *Sponsored by Fred Morrison Pipes*

**5.00pm - The National Piping Centre £5 only in person and £5 livestream**

### P/M ALASDAIR GILLIES MEMORIAL RECITAL CHALLENGE

Our flagship event returns for 2023! Five top pipers compete in this entertaining night of piping. *Sponsored by McCallum Bagpipes*

**7.30pm - Strathclyde Suite at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall - £17.50 Adult/£15 U18s Only in person**

## Friday 18th August

### FRIDAY NIGHT FOLK: PROJECT SMOK + THE ERYN RAE BAND

Join us for a night of top traditional music with progressive Scottish traditional music trio Project SMOK, supported by BBC Radio Scotland Young Trad Musician of the Year 2022 - Eryn Rae and her band.

**7.30pm - Stereo - £17.50 Adult/£12.50 premiere online (Over 18s Only, Standing Venue)**

## Sunday 20th August

### THE GORDON DUNCAN MEMORIAL COMPETITION

To celebrate Gordon Duncan's legacy, 4 pipers will play sets of Scottish, Irish and Breton music, including a Gordon Duncan composition.

*Sponsored by the Gordon Duncan Memorial Trust*

**2.30pm - The National Piping Centre - £17.50 Adult/£15 U18s in person/£12.50 premier online**

### CLOSING CONCERT - ROSS AINSLIE & ALI HUTTON BAND AND JARLATH HENDERSON & INNES WATSON

Join us to close out the festival in style with two festival favourite performers to round off this year's festivities with a bang.

*Sponsored by Celtic Arts Foundation*

**7.30pm - The National Piping Centre - £17.50 Adult/£15 U18s in person/£12.50 premier online**

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## The National Piping Centre

### 5.00pm LIVE AT FIVE PODCAST

Bruce MacGregor, one of Scotland's finest traditional musicians, brings a special edition of his Live at Five podcast to The National Piping Centre for a Piping Live! warm up event. Head along for some tunes, tales and just to enjoy the craic! **FREE - NPC Auditorium**

# Sunday 13th August

## Waxy O'Connors

### 6.00pm LIVE FROM THE CHURCH BAR

Get set up for a great week with a live set from Ciar Milne and Friends in the Church Bar, right in the heart of the city. Piper Ciar will be joined by fiddle player Ellie McLaren and keyboard player Iona Reid for some great tunes. **FREE**

# Monday 14th August

## Street Café

All events in the Street Café are **FREE** to attend.

### 10.15am - PIBROCH NETWORK CONVERSATIONS

The Scottish Fiddle Orchestra open the Street Café Join The Pibroch Network for a talk discussing "Platforming. Pibroch and the public: engaging wider audiences", hosted by Barnaby Brown and Josh Dickson.

### 12noon SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA CEILIDH

The Scottish Fiddle Orchestra open the Street Café in style for 2023 with ceilidh tunes!

### 1.30pm STREET CAFÉ SESSIONS - ANDY MAY

Northumbrian Piper Andy May brings the traditional music of the North East of England to the Street Café.

### 2.30pm PIPE IDOL - HEAT 1

Heat one of our fantastic Under 21 solo piping competition. Today's competitors are:

1. Rory Robson - Scotland
2. Jamie Brownlie - Scotland
3. Jean-Sébastien Gamache - Canada
4. Andrew Pattison - Scotland
5. Liam Forrest - Canada
6. Jake Robertson - Scotland

*Sponsored by Fred Morrison Pipes*

### 5.00pm EMERGING TALENT - CIAR MILNE AND FRIENDS

Ciar Milne and Friends are the first of this week's Emerging Talent. Piper Ciar is joined by Ellie McLaren on Fiddle and keyboard player Iona Reid.

### 6.00pm BOOK LAUNCH FROM MALIN MAKES MUSIC

Piper and Composer Malin Makes Music will launch their new collection of music at the Street Cafe. Joining Malin Lewis on stage will be Sally Simpson on fiddle, Luc McNally on Bouzouki and Cammy Maxwell on double bass. This is an exciting development for the group, and this performance is the start of their Autumn tour as a quartet!

## The National Piping Centre

### ALL DAY PIPING LIVE: 20 YEARS ON

Look back over the first 20 years of Piping Live! with this beautiful photo exhibition. Blue Room. **FREE**

### 08.30am MASTERS SOLO PIPING COMPETITION - PIOBAIREACHD

The best competing pipers of this generation take part in the annual Masters Solo Piping Competition at The National Piping Centre. The MSR will start at approximately 5.00pm. Separate tickets are needed for each event. NPC Auditorium

**£10/£9 U18 per event in person/**

**£15 livestream both events**

*Livestream sponsored by R.G Hardie & Co*

### 11.00am & 3.00pm MUSEUM TOURS

Discover the treasures, music and history of the Great Highland Bagpipe with world renowned historian Hugh Cheape. Museum of Piping. **£2 on the door**

### 12noon COME AND TRY PIPING

Learn the basics of the bagpipe and have a go at playing it yourself! **£2 on the door**

### 2.30pm CABADAICH LE CEÒLAS

Learn the basics of Gaelic with Ceòlas - a conversation-focused session for beginners level with a different theme every day.

*In partnership with Ceòlas. FREE*

### 5.00pm (Approx) MASTERS SOLO PIPING CHAMPIONSHIP - MARCH, STRATHSPEY AND REEL

Following the completion of the Piobaireachd event at approximately 5.00pm, the competing pipers will return to The National Piping Centre stage to perform the best in solo light music! Separate tickets are needed for each event. NPC Auditorium.

**£10/£9 U18 in person/£15 livestream both events**

*Livestream sponsored by R.G Hardie & Co*



## Buchanan Street

All events on Buchanan Street are **FREE** to attend.

### 1.00pm PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

Auckland and District Pipe Band, New Zealand.

### 2.00pm PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

City of Edinburgh Pipe Band, Scotland.

### 3.00pm PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

Canterbury Caledonia Pipe Band, New Zealand

## Nice N Sleazy

### 7.30pm CEOL NUA

Piping Live! is delighted to host its Avant Garde piping night for a second year. This year taking to the stage are piper and saxophonist Fraser Fifield and guitarist Graeme Stephen. Cätlin Mägi from Estonia will present a loop “orchestra” of Jaw harps with electronics & heartfelt vocals.

**Over 18s Only - £17.50**

**This venue is not accessible for wheelchair users.**

## Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

### 12noon PIPING LIVE! BIG BAND

The Piping Live! Big Band has a new route for 2023! Join the parade as they march from Mansefield Park in Partick to the concourse outside Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, this year in support of Versus Arthritis. To find out more about the route go to [www.pipinglive.co.uk](http://www.pipinglive.co.uk)

### 2.00pm GIG IN THE GALLERY - SCOTLAND

John Mulhearn, renowned piper and composer will begin a week of international piping styles in the Centre Hall of Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum.

**FREE**

## TNPC Otago Street

### 09.00am BRITISH ADULT SOLO DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

The RSPBA Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch present the best solo drummers in the world in a great day of music as they compete to become the British Solo Drumming Champion 2023 and qualify for the World Solo Drumming Championship competition later this year.

*Sponsored by Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch RSPBA*

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*Piping Live! Big Band in 2022*

## Street Café

All events in the Street Café are **FREE** to attend.

### 10.15am PIBROCH NETWORK CONVERSATIONS

Join The Pibroch Network for a talk discussing "Graphic design. Impact and inclusivity: visualizing pibroch on page and screen", hosted by Barnaby Brown and Josh Dickson.

### 12noon EMERGING TALENT: BEATHA

Beatha are a new folk group based in Glasgow. They will delve into their Scottish and Irish roots to create a modern twist on traditional folk music. They create an energetic atmosphere with a mix of flute, pipes, percussion and piano.

### 1.30pm STREET CAFÉ SESSIONS: ARMAGH PIPERS CLUB

Festival favourites, The Armagh Pipers Club, return to celebrate our 20th edition.

### 2.00pm NYPBS Q&A SESSION

The National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland gives individual young people unique experiences around the development of Pipe Band music. Applications to join the NYPBS are open until 20th August, so if you have questions about the bands, the audition process, or anything else, drop by the NYPBS stand in the Street Cafe this afternoon, to find out more.

### 2.30pm PIPE IDOL HEAT 2

Heat two of our fantastic Under 21 solo piping competition. Today's competitors are:

1. Eala Niamh McElhinney - Scotland
2. Cameron Bonar - Canada
3. Gregor MacDonald - Scotland
4. Bobby Allen - Scotland
5. Hector Munro - Scotland
6. Luuk Dekker - The Netherlands

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### 4.00pm STREET CAFE SESSIONS: HAZEL WHYTE

Hazel Whyte is a student in 3rd year of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and National Piping Centre's BMus (Piping) degree programme. Today, she will be performing a recital that marks the culmination of her 3rd year studies before progressing into her honours year.

### 5.00pm STREET CAFÉ SESSIONS: ANDY MAY

Join renowned Northumbrian Piper, Andy May as he brings the traditional music of the North East of England to the Street Café.

### 6.00pm PIPE BAND PRACTICE

Join Gr 1 Auckland and District as they hold an open practice at the Street Café.

## The National Piping Centre

### ALL DAY PIPING LIVE: 20 YEARS ON

Look back over the first 20 years of Piping Live! with this beautiful photo exhibition. Blue Room. **FREE**

### 10.30am Learn@Live! - NORTHUMBRIAN PIPES

Andy May will deliver a talk and performance on the intricacies and tunes of the Northumbrian Bagpipe. NPC Auditorium **£5**

### 11.00am & 3.00pm MUSEUM TOURS

Discover the treasures, music and history of the Great Highland Bagpipe with world renowned historian Hugh Cheape. Museum of Piping. **£2 on the door**

### 12noon COME AND TRY

Learn the basics of the bagpipe and have a go at playing it yourself! **£2 on the door**

### 12noon BOOK PRESENTATION - THE CAMPBELL LETTERS

Join Malcolm McRae to discuss the origins of the Campbell Letters, and of their significance for our understanding and appreciation of Piobaireachd today. NPC Auditorium. **FREE**

### 1.00pm LUNCHTIME RECITAL SERIES - THE PIPES OF JOHN MACCOLL

Today's recital is by Angus MacColl. Performing on John MacColl's pipes, 4- time Glenfiddich Champion, Angus MacColl pays tribute to one of piping's most important trailblazers of the late 19th and early 20th. NPC Auditorium.

**£10/£9 U18 in person/£7.50 premiere online**

### 1.30pm TAKE YOUR PIPING FURTHER - HIGHER EDUCATION IN PIPING

Join representatives from the HNC Music - Piping and the BMus Piping Degree course to chat through the further education possibilities in piping. Collinson Room. **FREE**

### 2.30pm CABADAICH LE CEÒLAS

Learn the basics of Gaelic with Ceòlas - a conversation-focused session for beginners level with a different theme every day. **FREE**

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## 2.30pm TALK - CEÒL MÒR & THE GAELIC PIPING TRADITION

Join Allan MacDonald, Genuig, as he looks at the Big Music and its links to Gaelic traditions.

NPC Auditorium. **FREE**

*Presented in partnership with Ceòlas*

## 7.30pm CANNTAIREACHD

Canntaireachd is an exciting new collaboration between multi-award winning singers and pipers Kathleen MacInnes, Kim Carnie, Brighde Chaimbeul and Ailis Sutherland with the new formidable collective Staran. Celebrating and exploring the relationship between piping and Gaelic song, the project will breathe new life into centuries old songs, tunes and stories with new material woven throughout. NPC Auditorium.

**£17.50/£15 U18 in person/£12.50 premiere online**

## 10.30pm LATE NIGHT SESSION

Join our leading session musicians for a late night session. Bring your instrument and take part, or just have a drink and listen to the great tunes until the wee hours. **Doors open at 10.30pm with the music from 11pm. FREE Over 18s Only**

## Buchanan Street

All events on Buchanan Street are **FREE** to attend.

## 11.00am PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

Sons of Holyland & District Pipe Band, Holylands.

## 12noon PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

St Andrew's College Pipe Band, New Zealand.

## 1.00pm PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band, Scotland.

## 2.00pm PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

Kilmarnock Pipe Band, Scotland.

## 3.00pm PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

Tynecastle Schools Pipe Band, Scotland.

## 4.00pm PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

Sri Dasmesh Sikh Malaysian Pipe Band, Malaysia.

## Strathclyde Suite at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall

### 7.30pm INTERNATIONAL QUARTET COMPETITION

Join 6 of the world's top pipe bands as they battle it out over MSR and Medley rounds to be crowned champion for 2023. This year's competitors are: Inveraray & District, Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia, 78th Fraser Highlanders, Manawatu Scottish, Field Marshal Montgomery and People's Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia. **£17.50/£15 U18s**

*Sponsored by RT Shepherd & Sons*

## Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

### 2.00pm GIG IN THE GALLERY - ESTONIA

Duo Cätlin & Marko Mägi will bring the traditional music of Estonia, some of which is hundreds of years old to Kelvingrove, as they perform with Estonian bagpipes and jawharp. **FREE**

## Scots Guards Club, Haymarket, Edinburgh

### 7.45pm AN EVENING OF INTERNATIONAL PIPING WITH THE EAGLE PIPERS

The Eagle Pipers Society in Edinburgh are celebrating their 60th Anniversary year by joining with Piping Live! to add an international flavour to their regular club night. Jarlath Henderson and Bruce Gandy lead an evening of great piping in Scotland's capital. **FREE**

*Sponsored by Eagle Pipers Society*

## TNPC OTAGO STREET

### 9.30am THE WORLD AMATEUR SOLO PIPING COMPETITION - GRADE 2

The Competition League for Amateur Solo Pipers compete in Grade 2.

*Event organised by The CLASP* **FREE**



*Canntaireachd Performers from top left Brighde Chaimbeul, Kim Carnie, Ailis Sutherland, Kathleen MacInnes*

# Piping Live! Online Programme 2023



Piping Live! will once again have a great programme of online events as part of the festival for 2023. With around 30 hours of content, you can watch the best solo piping, traditional music, Gaelic song and so much more, all from the comfort of your own home.

We have a new online viewing software for 2023, through The National Piping Centre channel, where you can subscribe and watch all the events we have online. This year, the events will be a mix of Livestream and premiered events which will be recorded as live and broadcast after the event.

## The events this year are:

### Livestream

- The Masters Solo Piping Competition on Monday 14th August - both events
- The Pipe Idol Grand Final on Thursday 17th August
- The Gordon Duncan Memorial Competition on Sunday 20th August

### Premiering Concerts

- Lunchtime Recital Tuesday - The Pipes of John MacColl (premiering at 6pm on Wednesday 16th August)
- Canntaireachd with Kim Carnie, Ailis Sutherland, Kathleen MacInnes and Brighde Chaimbeul (premiering at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th August)
- Lunchtime Recital Wednesday - The Pipes of Hugh McCallum (premiering at 6.00pm on Thursday 17th August)
- Lunchtime Recital Thursday - The Pipes of Gordon Duncan (premiering at 6.00pm on Friday 18th August)
- The LBPS presents inB (premiering at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th August)
- Friday Night Folk featuring Project SMOK and The Eryn Rae Band (premiering at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd August)
- The Closing Concert with The Ross Ainslie and Ali Hutton Band and Jarlath Henderson and Innes Watson (premiering on Monday 21st August at 7.30pm)

**You can buy a Piping Live! Online Festival Pass for £55, which lets you watch all live and premiering events across the week, or each concert is individually available to purchase. You can rewatch all these events until 12noon on Monday 28th August.**

All times stated are in BST UK time.

**Register online at [www.pipinglive.co.uk](http://www.pipinglive.co.uk)**



For 20 editions, Piping Live! has been at the forefront of the piping world, showcasing the world's best piping traditions. We take very seriously our commitment to you, our audience, to embrace not only the music, but the wider impacts that events like ours can have.

Sustainability

Here is what we are doing to reduce Piping Live!’s environmental impact:

- Our festival yellow lanyards are made from recycled plastic, and can be put into plastic bottle waste to be recycled again after the event
- Our Festival t-shirts and hoodies are provided by a company called Sol’s, who are signed up to the Fair Wear Foundation, meaning their products adhere to OEKO-TEX Standard 100 and they work to improve conditions for their garment workers
- We are actively monitoring all outputs this year to establish a baseline carbon footprint for the festival in 2023

This year, we are asking you to help us to do better. What you can do:

- Use the recycling bins on site to correctly process any rubbish
- Use our reusable cups
- Bring your own water bottle to use our free water stations around our sites

Your Welfare

We want everyone to enjoy the festival in a safe environment. We have in place a number of procedures to make sure this happens:

- On site security team to look after all our venues
- We are delighted to now be working with WelcoME to allow people with disabilities to contact us in advance of their visit. WelcoME specialises in making face-to-face transactions between staff teams and disabled people as informed, anxiety-free and friendly as possible.

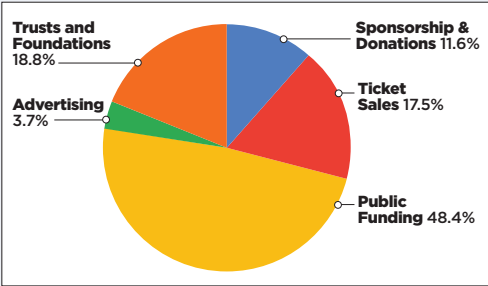
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- All our staff and volunteers have a QR code to access the procedure should you suffer any bullying or harassment at our event. Please speak to someone in a staff/volunteer t-shirt if you need to, and they can go through the process with you.

Here’s to the next 20 years!

In 20 years, Piping Live! has brought in over £20million to the Glasgow and the wider Scottish economy, and has provided at least 50% of its programming for free across that time. It is no secret that the past few years have been difficult for the events industry, and Piping Live! has been so grateful for all your support - this year, these challenges have been compounded by a reduction in funding available from one of our key funders. This pie chart shows you the festival income, and why this year, more than ever, we need your donations.



Help keep Piping Live! coming back bigger and better in future years by supporting the Street Cafe, The National Piping Centre and our concerts across Glasgow!

You can donate through our CAF Donate page, where we can also collect Gift Aid from UK taxpayers - we can reclaim 25p for every pound donated from the tax you pay for the current tax year.

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## Street Café

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### 10.15am PIBROCH NETWORK CONVERSATIONS

Join The Pibroch Network for a talk discussing "Standardization. Competitions and musicianship, motivations and incentives", hosted by Barnaby Brown and Josh Dickson.

### 12noon EMERGING TALENT - TARRAN

The 2023 Celtic Connections Battle of the Bands winner Tarran – a four piece from Glasgow – will bring their exhilarating twist on trad music to the Street Café.

### 1.30pm STREET CAFÉ SESSIONS - CÄTLIN AND MARKO MÄGI

Join Cätlin and Marko Mägi who will bring the music traditions of Estonia to the Street Café.

### 2.30pm PIPE IDOL - HEAT 3

Heat three of our fantastic Under 21 solo piping competition. Today's competitors are:

1. Reece Doherty - Northern Ireland
2. Catriona Norman - Scotland
3. Colin Forrest - Canada
4. Alistair Williams - Scotland
5. Magnus Stone - USA
6. Gregor Grierson - Scotland

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### 4.30pm THE CLASP - WORLD AMATEUR SOLO PIPING CHAMPIONSHIPS - RESULTS

Join us to hear the results of these three days of competition live.

### 5.00pm LIVE PODCAST - ENJOY YOUR PIPING

Come along and join Gary West as he records a live version of his new podcast "Enjoy Your Piping" live at the Street Café with a range of great guests and music!

### 6.00pm PIPE BAND PRACTICE

Canadian Grade 1 pipe band the 78th Fraser Highlanders will hold an open practice at the Street Café, ahead of the World Pipe Band Championships later this week.

## The National Piping Centre

### ALL DAY PIPING LIVE: 20 YEARS ON

Look back over the first 20 years of Piping Live! with this beautiful photo exhibition. Blue Room. **FREE**

### 10.30am Learn@Live! - UILLEANN PIPING

Jarlath Henderson will present today's Learn@Live, looking at the music and performance of the Uilleann pipe. NPC Auditorium. **£5**

### 11.00am & 3.00pm MUSEUM TOURS

Discover the treasures, music and history of the Great Highland Bagpipe with world renowned historian Hugh Cheape. Museum of Piping. **£2 ON THE DOOR**

### 12noon COME AND TRY

Learn the basics of the bagpipe and have a go at playing them yourself! NPC Auditorium. **£2 ON THE DOOR**

### 11.45am WOMEN IN PIPING AND DRUMMING: EQUALITY, INCLUSIVITY, AND DIVERSITY RESEARCH - PRESENTATION OF FINDINGS

Join The National Piping Centre to find out more about their ongoing research into Women in Piping and Drumming. NPC Auditorium. **FREE**

### 1.00pm LUNCHTIME RECITAL SERIES - THE PIPES OF HUGH MCCALLUM

On the set of pipes played by his uncle, Hugh McCallum, the 9-time and current Glenfiddich Piping Champion, Willie McCallum, celebrates the legacy of one of the 20th century's most formidable competitive pipers. NPC Auditorium. **£10/£9 U18 in person/£7.50 premiere online**

### 2.30pm THE NATIONAL PIPING CENTRE 25TH ANNIVERSARY TUNE COLLECTION

Join John Mulhearn and Finlay MacDonald as well as guest performers as they present the new tune collection looking at the first 25 years of The National Piping Centre. NPC Auditorium. **FREE**

### 2.30pm CABADAICH LE CEÒLAS

Learn the basics of Gaelic with Ceòlas - a conversation-focused session for beginners level with a different theme every day. *In partnership with Ceòlas.* **FREE**

### 7.30pm THE LPBS PRESENT inB

inB celebrates for the first time the rich sound of the Uilleann pipes and Scottish smallpipes pitched in the beautiful key of B. The powerful sound of four sets of pipes playing in harmony creates a beautifully unique tonal texture. NPC Auditorium. *Sponsored by Lowland and Borders Pipers Society.*

**£17.50/£15 U18 in person/£12.50 premiere online**

## 10.30pm LATE NIGHT SESSION

Join our leading session musicians for a late night session. Bring your instrument and take part, or just have a drink and listen to the great tunes until the wee hours. Auditorium.

**Doors open at 10.30pm with the music from 11pm. FREE Over 18s Only**

## Buchanan Street

All events on Buchanan Street are **FREE** to attend.

### 11.00am PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Pipes & Drums, Scotland.

### 12noon PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

Scots School Albury, Australia.

### 1.00pm PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

Glendora High School, USA.

### 2.00pm PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

Isle of Arran Music School, Scotland.

### 3.00pm PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

Manawatu Scottish, New Zealand.

## Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

### 2.00pm GIG IN THE GALLERY - IRELAND

Join the Armagh Pipers Club as they showcase the traditions of Irish Music. **FREE**

## TNPC OTAGO STREET

### 9.30am THE WORLD AMATEUR SOLO PIPING COMPETITION - GRADE 1

The Competition League for Amateur Solo Pipers compete in Grade 1. *Event organised by The CLASP.* **FREE**



*The CLASP World Amateur Solo Piping Competition prizewinners from 2022*



*Pipe Bands on Buchanan Street*

## Street Café

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### 10.15am PIBROCH NETWORK CONVERSATIONS

Join The Pibroch Network for a talk discussing "Singing. Remove barriers to connection and belonging by singing great music", hosted by Barnaby Brown and Josh Dickson.

### 12noon PIPE IDOL - HEAT 4

Heat four of our fantastic Under 21 solo piping competition. Today's competitors are:

1. Daniel Whelan - Australia
2. Camron MacPhail - Scotland
3. Flynn Porter - Scotland
4. Ryan McCreadie - Scotland
5. Brooklyn Morris - Scotland
6. Hector Finlayson - Scotland

*Sponsored by Fred Morrison Pipes*

### 1.45pm STREET CAFÉ SESSIONS - DUOS FROM BAGAD BRIEG

Bagad Brieg will present the music of Brittany with bombard and bagpipe duos.

### 2.30pm EMERGING TALENT - RUAIRIDH IAIN BUXTON & FRIENDS

Up and coming piper, Ruairidh Buxton and his equally talented friends will give us a fresh take on traditional music.

### 5.00pm LIVE PODCAST - BIG RAB SHOW

The Big Rab Show are back to record another live episode of their popular podcast at this year's Piping Live Festival. Including performances, chat and plenty of surprises along the way. This will be a special "free" event you will not want to miss.

### 6.00pm PIPE BAND PRACTICE

Hear an open practice from the Grade 2 City of Edinburgh Pipe Band on the eve of the World Pipe Band Championships

## The National Piping Centre

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**FREE**

### 10.30am Learn@Live! - SIMPLE APPROACHES TO PERFORMANCE OF AN MSR

Today, 9 time - and current - Glenfiddich Champion, Willie McCallum, will demonstrate simple approaches, techniques and methods to assist in the performance of Marches, Strathspeys and Reels. NPC Auditorium. **£5**

### 11.00am & 3.00pm MUSEUM TOURS

Discover the treasures, music and history of the Great Highland Bagpipe with world renowned historian Hugh Cheape. Museum of Piping.

**£2 ON THE DOOR**

### 11.45am PIPING IN UIST WITH

#### IAIN MACDONALD & SEONAI DH MACINTYRE

Description - Join renowned musician and Ceòlas Artistic Director, Iain MacDonald, for a discussion on Piping in Uist, with archive recordings and live piping from the celebrated South Uist piper Seonaidh MacIntyre. NPC Auditorium.

*Presented in partnership by Ceòlas. FREE*

### 12noon COME AND TRY

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### 1.00pm LUNCHTIME RECITAL SERIES - THE PIPES OF GORDON DUNCAN

Today's recital is from one of Scotland's finest contemporary traditional musicians, Ross Ainslie, who will perform a solo recital on an instrument played by his childhood teacher and mentor, Gordon Duncan. NPC Auditorium

**£10 /£9 U18 in person/£7.50 premiere online**

### 2.30pm THE BIG SING

The Big Sing will be a community event, open to all, wherein renowned musician Barnaby Brown will lead a workshop in performing pibroch music through group singing, using traditional vocables chanted by pipers for centuries. NPC Auditorium.

**FREE** *Event presented by The Pibroch Network*

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## 5.30pm PIPE IDOL GRAND FINAL

Who will be the Pipe Idol 2023? After four heats of fierce competition, the four finalists will play one last time in front of a panel of secret judges to see who will be crowned champion. NPC Auditorium.

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**£5 in person and Livestream**

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Bagad Brieg, Brittany

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Gordon's School Pipe Band, England

## 2.00pm PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

Riverside Alliance Pipe Band, Belgium

## 3.00pm PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE

St Andrews Pipe Band – Winnipeg, Canada

## Strathclyde Suite at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall

### 7.30pm PIPE MAJOR ALASDAIR GILLIES MEMORIAL RECITAL CHALLENGE

Carrying on the tradition started in the Lord Todd Bar, The Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies Memorial Recital Challenge sees five top pipers perform a medley of their favourite tunes. This year's players: 2022 defending champion Matt MacIsaac, Sarah Muir, Callum Beaumont, Stuart Liddell and Angus MacColl.

*Sponsored by McCallum Bagpipes £17.50/£15 U18s*

## Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

### 2.00pm GIG IN THE GALLERY - IRELAND

Jarlath Henderson, one of the foremost proponents of the Uilleann Bagpipe will perform in the beautiful Centre Hall. **FREE**

## TNPC OTAGO STREET

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The Competition League for Amateur Solo Pipers compete in Grade 3/4.

*Event organised by The CLASP. FREE*

## Exhibition Hall at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall

### 11am – PIPING LIVE! TRADE FAIR

The Piping Live! Trade Fair returns to the programme with a fantastic mix of traders bringing you the best in piping supplies, piping accessories, books and Scottish themed products. Head along to meet the makers, chat more about what you need and see more from some brilliant independent artisan businesses. **FREE**



*Matt MacIsaac, Winner of the Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies Memorial Piping Challenge in 2022*

## Street Café

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### 10.15am PIBROCH NETWORK CONVERSATIONS

Join The Pibroch Network for a talk discussing "Composing. New voices and growth: the future of classical Highland piping", hosted by Barnaby Brown and Josh Dickson.

### 12noon EMERGING TALENT - MAGNUS & FLORA STONE

Talented young pipers from the USA, Magnus and Flora Stone round off this year's Emerging Talent showcase.

### 1.30pm STREET CAFÉ SESSIONS - KENNETH I MACKENZIE

Multi-instrumentalist, Kenneth I MacKenzie takes to the stage to present classic tunes and his own compositions from recent album "Glendrian" and more.

### 2.30pm THE BIG STREET CAFÉ SESSION

Bring your instruments as festival Artistic Director Finlay MacDonald leads a session to close the Street Café for 2023.

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### 5.00pm - OPEN MIC AT THE PIPERS' TRYST

All performers and music lovers welcome to our Open Mic. A free drink for the players, a warm welcome from the staff and some great tunes to soak up! Find out how to take part at our website or come along for a listen. **FREE**

## Stereo

### 7.30pm FRIDAY NIGHT FOLK - PROJECT SMOK AND THE ERYN RAE BAND

Join us at a new venue for a headline performance from progressive Scottish traditional music trio Project Smok at Stereo in Glasgow City Centre. They will be supported by BBC Radio Scotland Young Trad Musician of the Year 2022 - Eryn Rae and her band.

**£17.50/£15/£12.50 Premier Online U18**

## Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

### 2.00pm GIG IN THE GALLERY - SCOTLAND

Highland piper Anna Smart will perform in recital to round off a great week of music in Kelvingrove's Centre Hall. **FREE**

## GLASGOW GREEN

### 9.00am THE WORLD PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Grade 1 Qualification is at stake today in the preliminary round of the World Pipe Band Championships.

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## The National Piping Centre

### 2.30pm GORDON DUNCAN MEMORIAL COMPETITION

It's over a decade since the passing of a pioneer of piping music. To celebrate Gordon Duncan's life and work, four pipers from Canada, Scotland, Brittany and Ireland will battle it out over 3 sets of Scottish, Irish and Breton tunes, to be crowned the champion piper 2023. NPC Auditorium.

**£17.50/£15 U18 in person/£12.50 livestream**

## Waxy O'Connor's

### 6.00pm LIVE FROM THE CHURCH BAR

Round off a great week of music with a great performance by the 2023 Celtic Connections Battle of the Bands winner – Tarran – who will bring their special brand of trad music to the Church Bar in Waxy's. **FREE**

### 7.30pm CLOSING CONCERT

The final event of Piping Live! 2023 features two festival favourites from across the 20 years of the event. The Ross Ainslie and Ali Hutton Band and Jarlath Henderson and Innes Watson will round off this year's festivities with a bang to see out the 20th Edition of Piping Live! in style. NPC Auditorium.

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We hope you can consider donating to Piping Live! to help keep Piping Live! coming back bigger and better in future years, we hope to see you all back here at the Street Cafe, The National Piping Centre and at our concerts across Glasgow next year!

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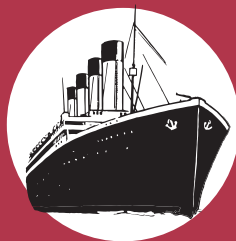
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# Glenfiddich Piping Championship

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The Glenfiddich Piping Championship was established in 1974 to inspire the world's finest individual pipers and to seek the best overall exponents of ceòl mòr or piobaireachd (the great music) and ceòl beag or light music (the little music). The event is held annually at Blair Castle in Blair Atholl Perthshire. Each year, 10 competitors qualify to play at this prestigious event through placing in one of a series of qualifying events.

The Competition this year takes place on Saturday 28th October 2023, commencing promptly at 10am. The 10 competitors for 2023 will be announced in September, when all the results from the qualifying events are known. Following the competition, the annual Pipers' Ceilidh will take place in the Atholl Palace Hotel, in Pitlochry, with a limited number of tickets for this also available for purchase, along with a competition ticket, through the website link.

**For tickets and information, visit:**  
**[www.thepipingcentre.co.uk/glenfiddich](http://www.thepipingcentre.co.uk/glenfiddich)**