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# WELCOME TO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> YEAR OF PIPING LIVE



Finlay MacDonald, Artistic Director of Piping Live 2024.

Welcome to the 21st edition of Piping Live! It's incredible to think back on how much the festival has grown in the last two decades. 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 for 2024 including Ceol Nua with Sólàs Collective and the Nexus Project with two fantastic young pipers leading these line ups, as well as Croft No. Five playing their only solo show in Glasgow this Summer on Friday 16th August. As well as these new events, our festival staples are also returning, with the Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies Memorial Recital Challenge, The International Quartet Competition and R.G Hardie & Co Masters Solo Piping Competition across the week.

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

and more. There will also be museum tours, come and try sessions and our late night sessions across the week!

The team here at the National Piping Centre has 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! 2024



## BOOKING YOUR TICKETS

The easiest way to book your tickets is through our website [www.pipinglive.co.uk](http://www.pipinglive.co.uk)

Tickets will also be on sale at **The National Piping Centre** during the festival, but it is best to book in advance to guarantee your place!





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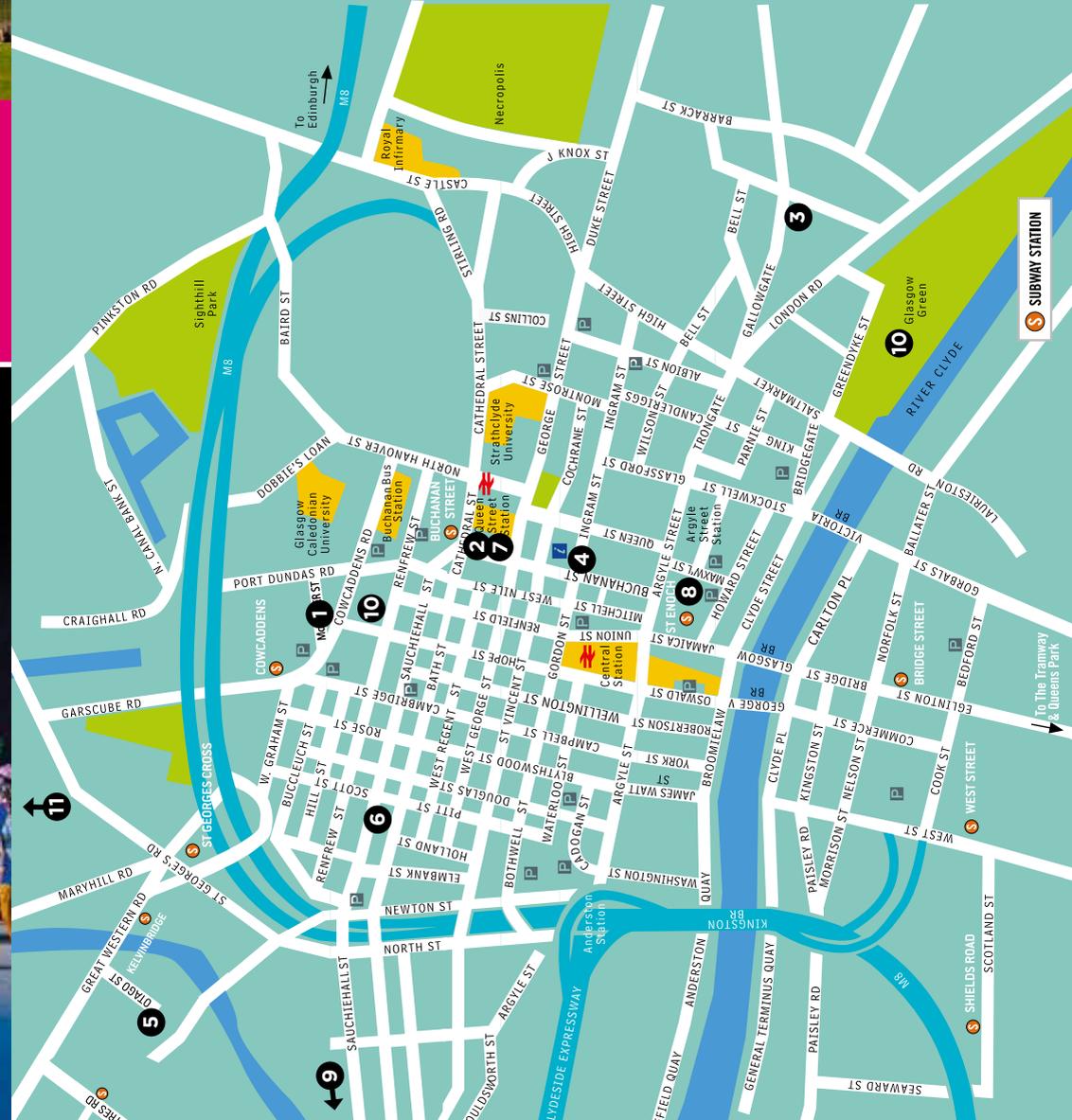
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- 3** Saint Luke's  
17 Bain Street, Glasgow G40 2JZ
- 4** Fiveways at Buchanan Street
- 5** The National Piping Centre  
Otago Street  
16-24 Otago Street, Glasgow, G2 8JH
- 6** Nice N Sleazy  
421 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G2 3JG
- 7** Waxy O'Connors  
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- 8** St Enoch Square
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- 11** R.G. Hardie & Co Bagpipes  
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45 Grovepark Street, Glasgow G20 7NZ



## KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF PIPING LIVE!

### Monday 12th August

#### The R.G Hardie & Co. Masters Solo Piping Competition 2024

Piping Live!'s premier piping competition returns for 2024. Competitors include Gold Medallist, Glenfiddich Champions and International prize winners making this solo piping at its very best!

*Sponsored by R.G. Hardie & Co. Bagpipes*

**08.30am Piobaireachd Event, 5pm approx March, Strathspey & Reel Event (on conclusion of Piobaireachd)**

**The National Piping Centre - Watch Piobaireachd or MSR In-Person: £10 General / £9 U18 per event**

**Watch Livestream - £10 per event**

#### Q+A Performance with Ally the Piper

Come along to the Street Café to learn more about Ally the Piper as she chats about her life, social media and more! **6.00pm - Street Café - £15**

#### Ceol Nua

This groundbreaking concert will showcase the Ceol Nua - or new music - style with Sólás Collective and the Nexus Project.

**7.30pm - Nice N Sleazy - £18.50 - Over 18's Only, this venue is not wheelchair accessible.**

### Tuesday 13th August

#### The International Quartet Competition 2024

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 - £18.50 Adult/£16 U 18s in person**

### Wednesday 14th 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 - £18.50 Adult/£16 U 18s in person**

### Thursday 15th August

#### Pipe Idol Grand Final

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

**5.30pm - The National Piping Centre - £10 in person / Watch Online - £10**

### P/M Alasdair Gillies Memorial Recital Challenge

Our flagship event returns for 2024! Five top pipers compete in this entertaining night of piping. *Sponsored by McCallum Bagpipes*

**7.30pm - Strathclyde Suite at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall**  
**£18.50 Adult/£16 U 18s in person**

### Friday 16th August

#### Friday Night Folk: Croft No. Five feat Ailis Sutherland and John Mulhearn's The Pipe Factory

Join us for a special night of music with one of Scotland's most popular progressive folk acts, Croft No. Five who are joined by piper Ailis Sutherland for this one-off show, along with a performance of John Mulhearn's The Pipe Factory.

**7.30pm - Saint Luke's £20 Adult Over 18s Only, Standing Venue**  
All tickets are subject to booking fees.

## KEEP UP TO DATE!

We will be keeping our news page live and up to date with all the latest from our events, so please check it for any updates each day! This might be changes due to weather, timing adjustments or even just the weather forecast so you can have the best experience at Piping Live!

Go to [www.pipinglive.co.uk/news](http://www.pipinglive.co.uk/news)



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## The Raasay/The Restitution

A New Competition for Highland Pipers!

Isle of Raasay Distillery, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 10 am

*'Passionately reconnecting piping with its Gaelic heart and soul'*



### The Format

Competitors will play a slow air seann nós style or a piobaireachd song and a selection of Dance Music (Strathspeys, Reels and Jigs) to be played with a tempo and rhythm suitable to be danced to by a hard shoe percussive Scottish step dancer. Professor Hugh Cheape will start proceedings with a talk on The MacKays of Raasay.

### The Competitors

Ailis Sutherland, Angus Nicolson, Ben Duncan, Ciar Milne, Decker Forrest, Duncan Nicholson, Hector Henderson, James MacKenzie, Lorne Cousin, Michael Grey, Micheal Steele, Simon Mackerrell

### The Judges

Dr. Angus MacDonald and Anna Murray for the slow air/piobaireachd song  
Angus MacKenzie and Frank McConnell for the dance music

**Tickets (£15) available on the Raasay Distillery website under Shop/Tastings and Events**

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**Street Café** ALL EVENTS AT THE STREET CAFÉ ARE FREE TO ATTEND EXCEPT WHERE STATED.

**10:15am Pibroch Network Conversation: Platforming**

Join Barnaby Brown and the Pibroch Network to discuss Platforming: Pibroch and the public: engaging wider audiences.  
*Sponsored by Pibroch Network*

**12noon Emerging Talent**

Great music from up and coming young performers. Today join Emma Hill & Friends.

**1.30pm International Sessions: Dråm**

The Swedish duo of pipes and fiddle return to Piping Live!

**3.00pm Pipe Idol Heat 1**

Heat one of our fantastic Under 21 solo piping competition. Today's competitors are:  
**Nicholas Shelburn, Australia**  
**Liam Forrest, Canada**  
**Alex Pavlovic, USA**  
**MacKenzie Fraser, Scotland**  
*Sponsored by Fred Morrison Pipes*

**6.00pm Q+A performance with Ally the Piper!**

Learn more about Ally the Piper as she chats about her life in piping, social media and more!  
This is a Ticketed Event, please check availability on the website. **£15 per person**

**The National Piping Centre**

**08.30am Auditorium**  
**R.G Hardie & Co. 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.  
*Sponsored by R.G Hardie & Co. Bagpipes*

**£10/£9 U18 per event in person / Watch Online £10 per event**

**11.00am & 3pm Museum of Piping**  
**Museum Tours**

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

Join Ceòlas as you learn the basics of speaking Gaelic.  
*Sponsored by Ceòlas FREE*

**5.00pm (Approx) Auditorium**  
**R.G Hardie & Co. 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.  
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**£10/£9 U18 per event in person**  
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*Bruce Gandy Masters.*



*Ally the Piper.*

**Buchanan Street**

ALL EVENTS ON BUCHANAN STREET ARE FREE TO ATTEND. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS.

**12.30pm Pipe Band Performance**

Durham Regional Police Pipes & Drums, Ontario Canada.

**2.00pm Pipe Band Performance**

Balerno Schools Pipe Band, Scotland.

**3.30pm Pipe Band Performance**

Greighlan Crossing Pipe Band, Vancouver Canada.

**Nice N Sleazy**

**7.30pm Ceol Nua**

Piping Live! is delighted to host its Avant Garde piping night for a third year. This year taking to the stage are a trio of musicians brought together by piper Fionnlagh Mac A' Phiocair - the Sólás Collective. Joining them are The Nexus Project a duo including Australian piper Bede Patterson.  
**£18.50 (Over 18s Only). This venue is not accessible for wheelchair users.**

**Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum**

**12noon Piping Live! Big Band**

The Piping Live! Big Band will parade in the city's West End, stepping off from Mansefield Park in Partick, arriving at the concourse outside Kelvingrove at around 12.20pm, in support of Articulate Charitable Trust.  
To find out how to take part visit [www.pipinglive.co.uk](http://www.pipinglive.co.uk)  
**FREE**

**2.00pm Gig in the Gallery - Scotland**

Highland Piper Ailis Sutherland will begin a week of international piping styles in recital, in the grand surroundings of Central Hall of Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum. **FREE**

**NPC OTAGO STREET**

**09.00am British Drumming Championship 2024**

Join some of the best solo drummers in the world as they compete over the day to become British Drumming Champion and qualify for this year's World Solo Drumming Contest. **Tickets Available on the Door**  
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*Big Band.*

**Street Café** ALL EVENTS AT THE STREET CAFÉ ARE FREE TO ATTEND EXCEPT WHERE STATED.

**10:15am Pibroch Network Conversation: Graphic design**

Join Barnaby Brown and the Pibroch Network to discuss Graphic design. Scripture and multiformity: visualizing pibroch on page and screen.  
*Sponsored by Pibroch Network*

**12noon Emerging Talent**

Great music from up and coming young performers. Today join Sgòrr.

**1.30pm International Sessions: EOGHANXO**

Join the dynamic duo of Galician Gaita and Fiddle, as Anxo Lorenzo and Eoghan Neff perform live.

**3.00pm Pipe Idol Heat 2**

Heat two of our fantastic Under 21 solo piping competition. Today's competitors are:  
**Andrew Pattison, Scotland**  
**Lewis Maxwell, Scotland**  
**Eala McElhinney, Scotland**  
**Thomas Fallon, Scotland**  
*Sponsored by Fred Morrison Pipes*

**4.30pm Enjoy Your Piping with Gary West - Live!**

Come along for some great piping and chat with Gary West as he brings his podcast to the Street Café.  
*Sponsored by Enjoy Your Piping with Gary West*

**6.00pm Pipe Band Rehearsal**

Join us for a pipe band performance from the Royal Army of Oman Pipe Band at the Street Café as they prepare for the World Pipe Band Championships on Saturday!

## The National Piping Centre

**10.30am NPC Auditorium Learn@Live: Working with Bagpipe Reeds with Donald MacPhee**

In this session you will learn about pipe chanter reeds, how they are made and the best way to get them working, which will improve you as a player and develop the quality of your overall sound. Come join one of the premier reed makers in the world today for his masterclass on pipe chanter reeds including a question and answer session. **£10/£9 U18**

**11.00am & 3pm Museum of Piping Museum Tours**

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

**12noon Collinson Room Cabadaich Le Ceòlas**

Join Ceòlas as you learn the basics of speaking Gaelic. *Sponsored by Ceòlas* **Free**

**12.30pm NPC Auditorium Lunchtime Recital Series: James Duncan MacKenzie**

Today's recital is from prolific performer, recording artist and solo competitor, James Duncan MacKenzie.  
*Sponsored by Celtic Arts Foundation*  
**£10/£9 U18 Watch online £10**

**2.00pm NPC Auditorium Ceòlas: Its Influence on my Playing Style and Musicianship**

Ciar Milne explores how his annual visits to the Ceòlas Summer School between 2008 and 2019 have influenced his piping and musicianship. He will be joined by step dancer Eibhlin Milne. *Sponsored by Ceòlas* **FREE**

**2.30pm Collinson Room Come and Try Piping**

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

**3.30pm NPC Auditorium Moladh Phàdruig - In Praise of Peter**

Four of Scotland's top young pipers perform a re-imagined setting of the pibroch In Praise of Morag as a musical tribute to the late Dr Peter Cooke. (1930-2020). *Sponsored by Pibroch Network* **FREE**

**4.00pm The Pipers' Tryst Gaelic Conversation Café**

Grab a drink and meet with other Gaelic speakers to chat in this session from Ceòlas. (1930-2020).  
*Sponsored by Ceòlas*

**4.30pm NPC Auditorium The Maket Collective**

Find out more about the new platform for Women in Piping and Drumming.

**5.30pm Whisky Tasting with Scottish Malt Whisky Society**

As part of the celebrations for the 50th Anniversary edition of the Glenfiddich Piping Championship, a limited edition, single cask whisky was bottled for the event. For this very special whisky tasting, you will sample this very special limited edition whisky, along with two other drams of Scottish Malt Whisky Society's unique single malt whiskies.  
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**£20 Museum of Piping. Strictly Over 18s Only. Photo ID maybe requested for entry. Please Drink Responsibly.**

**10.30pm The Pipers' Tryst Late Night Session**

Join us in the bar at The National Piping Centre for tunes into the wee hours!  
*Sponsored by The Pipers' Tryst* **FREE Over 18's Only**

## Buchanan Street

ALL EVENTS ON BUCHANAN STREET ARE FREE TO ATTEND. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS.

**12.00pm Pipe Band Performance**

Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Pipes and Drums.

**1.00pm Pipe Band Performance**

Isle of Arran Music School Pipe Band, Scotland.

**2.00pm Pipe Band Performance**

City of Angels Pipe Band, Los Angeles USA.

**3.30pm Pipe Band Performance**

Tynecastle Schools Pipe Band, Scotland.

## 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 2024. This year's competitors are: Inveraray & District, Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia, 78th Fraser Highlanders, Police Scotland & Federation, St Laurence O'Toole and St Thomas Alumni Pipe Bands.  
*Sponsored by R.T Shepherd & Son*  
**£18.50 / £16 U18**

## Scots Guards Club, Haymarket, Edinburgh

**7.45pm An Evening of International Piping with the Eagle Pipers**

Join the Eagle Pipers Society in Edinburgh as they join with Piping Live! to add an international flavour to their regular club night. Join Anxo Lorenzo & Eoghan Neff and New Zealand's Greg Wilson for an evening of great piping in Scotland's capital. **FREE**  
*Sponsored by Eagle Pipers Society*

## Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

**2.00pm Gig in the Gallery - Sweden**

Swedish Bagpipe & Fiddle duo Dråm continue a week of international piping styles in recital, in the grand surroundings of Central Hall of Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum. **FREE**

## NPC Otago Street

**09.00am International Quartet Competition The World Amateur Solo Piping Competition - Grade 3/4**

The Competition League for Amateur Solo pipers compete in Grades 3 and 4. **FREE**  
*Sponsored by The Clasp*



EOGHANXO.

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**10:15am Pibroch Network Conversation: Standardization**

Join Barnaby Brown and the Pibroch Network to Join Barnaby Brown and the Pibroch Network to discuss Standardization. Competitions and standing out, motivations and incentives  
Sponsored by Pibroch Network

**12noon Emerging Talent**

Great music from up and coming young performers. Today join McGarrity:MacPherson.

**1.30pm International Sessions: Armagh Pipers Club**

Piping Live! is delighted to welcome back our friends from the Armagh Pipers Club to the Street Café.

**3.00pm Pipe Idol Heat 3**

Heat three of our fantastic Under 21 solo piping competition. Today's competitors are:  
**Camron MacPhail, Scotland**  
**Grace Kelman, Scotland**  
**Jamie Brownlie, Scotland**  
**Reece Doherty, Northern Ireland**  
Sponsored by Fred Morrison Pipes

**4.30pm The Big Rab Show - 400th Episode Live!**

The Big Rab Show are back with a very special event - recording their 400th podcast, live at the Street Café, joined by some very special guests.  
Sponsored by The Big Rab Show

**6.00pm Pipe Band Rehearsal: Police Scotland & Federation**

Join Grade 1 Police Scotland & Federation Pipe Band for an open practice ahead of the Worlds.

## The National Piping Centre

**10.30am NPC Auditorium Learn@Live: Under Pressure with Matt MacIsaac**

The best competing pipers of this generation take In this workshop Canadian piper, recording artist and performer, Matt MacIsaac will look at Piping and its Pitfalls - and how to overcome them!  
**£10/£9 U18**

**11.00am & 3pm Museum of Piping Museum Tours**

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

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**12.30pm NPC Auditorium Lunchtime Recital Series: Callum Beaumont**

Today's recital is from the current Glenfiddich Piping Champion, Callum Beaumont. Come along to hear a masterclass in solo piping!  
Sponsored by Celtic Arts Foundation  
**£10/£9 U18 Watch online £10**

**2.30pm NPC Auditorium The Gordon Duncan Memorial Recital Challenge**

To celebrate Gordon Duncan's life and work - in the year he would have turned 60 - Matt MacIsaac, Canada, Eireann Iannetta-MacKay, Scotland, Tristan Jarry, Brittany and Scott Wallace from Ireland will battle it out over 3 sets of Scottish, Irish and Breton tunes, to be crowned the champion piper 2024.  
Sponsored by Gordon Duncan Memorial Trust  
**£18.50 / £16 U18**

**2.30pm Collinson Room Cabadaich Le Ceòlas**

Join Ceòlas as you learn the basics of speaking Gaelic.  
Sponsored by Ceòlas **FREE**

**10.30pm NPC Auditorium Late Night Session**

Join us in the Auditorium to carry on the party in to the wee hours! **FREE Over 18's only**



Callum Beaumont.

## Buchanan Street

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**12.30pm Pipe Band Performance**

Capital District Youth Pipe Band, New York, USA.

**2.00pm Pipe Band Performance**

Scotch College Pipe Band, Victoria, Australia.

**3.30pm Pipe Band Performance**

MacAlester College Pipe Band, Minnesota, USA.

## Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

**2.00pm Gig in the Gallery - Galicia**

Galician Piper Anxo Lorenzo will perform with fiddle player Eoghan Neff to continue a week of international piping styles in recital, in the grand surroundings of Central Hall of Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum.  
**FREE**

## NPC Otago Street

**09.00am The World Amateur Solo Piping Competition - Grade 1**

The Competition League for Amateur Solo pipers compete in Grade 1.  
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Buchanan Street Pipe Band.

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**10:15am Pibroch Network Conversation: Singing.**

Join Barnaby Brown and the Pibroch Network to discuss Singing. Melting barriers to connection with the soul and the lineage.  
*Sponsored by Pibroch Network*

**12noon Pipe Idol Heat 4**

Great music from up and coming young performers. Heat four of our fantastic Under 21 solo piping competition, ahead of the Grand Final this afternoon. Today's competitors are:  
**Leland Reid, USA**  
**Catriona Norman, Scotland**  
**Bobby Allen, Scotland**  
**Colin Forrest, Canada**  
*Sponsored by Fred Morrison Pipes*

**1.30pm Street Café Session: Lauren Collier Band**

Scottish fiddle player Lauren Collier is joined by her band of well-known faces for fresh and captivating tunes.

**3.00pm Finlay MacDonald: Book Launch**

Come along to hear new tunes from the latest collection of music from our Festival's Artistic Director, Finlay MacDonald. Playing with some of his musician pals, this will be a highlight of the week!

**4.45pm Emerging Talent**

Great music from up and coming young performers. Today join Dàna.

**6.00pm Pipe Band Rehearsal**

One of the newest bands in Scotland, Grade 3A's Livingston Caledonia led by pipe major Ali Hutton, will hold an open practice at the Street Café.

## The National Piping Centre

**10.30am NPC Auditorium Learn@Live: Composing with Fred Morrison**

This unique opportunity to learn from a trailblazer of piping will see Fred Morrison guide you through his composing process, write a tune together and hold a Q+A. **£10/£9 U18**

**11am & 3pm Museum of Piping Museum Tours**

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**£2 on the door**

**12.30pm NPC Auditorium Lunchtime Recital Series: Fred Morrison**

Today's recital is from composer, performer and piping trailblazer Fred Morrison.  
*Sponsored by Celtic Arts Foundation*  
**£10/£9 U18 Watch online £10**

**2.00pm NPC Auditorium Scotland's Piping Heritage with Tobar an Dualchais**

Join Dr Decker Forrest for a fascinating overview of the wealth of piping-related material on this online resource as he discusses its relevance to pipers from all over the world today.  
*Sponsored by Tobar an Dualchais*  
**FREE**

**2.30pm Collinson Room Cabadaich Le Ceòlas**

Join Ceòlas as you learn the basics of speaking Gaelic.  
*Sponsored by Ceòlas*  
**FREE**

**3.00pm NPC Auditorium The Big Sing**

The Pibroch Network's Barnaby Brown will guide you through a singing session with a difference. Learn to chant a pibroch classic, "Lament for the Union" in this fun session – no knowledge, ability to read music, or singing skill required to join!  
*Sponsored by Pibroch Network*  
**FREE**

**5.00pm NPC Auditorium Pipe Idol: The Grand Final**

Over 4 heats our U21 solo pipers have battled it out, and now the four finalists will compete once more to find out Pipe Idol Champion for 2024!  
*Sponsored by Fred Morrison Pipes*  
**£10 Watch online £10**

**10.30pm The Pipers' Tryst Late Night Session**

Join us in the bar at The National Piping Centre for tunes into the wee hours!  
**FREE**

## Buchanan Street

ALL EVENTS ON BUCHANAN STREET ARE FREE TO ATTEND. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS.

**12.30pm Pipe Band Performance**

Old Scotch Pipe & Drums, Victoria, Australia.

**2.00pm Pipe Band Performance**

Gordon's School Pipe Band, England.

**3.30pm Pipe Band Performance**

Nassau County Police Pipes and Drums, New York USA.

## Exhibition Hall at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall

**11.00am Piping Live! Trade Fair**

Head to the Concert Hall to meet an array of pipe makers and Scottish artisan craft producers as well as music books, tutor books and so much more! This is your chance to chat directly to the producers and get everything you need in one place!  
**FREE**

## Strathclyde Suite at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall

**7.30pm P/M 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 25 min medley of their favourite tunes. This year's players:  
2023 defending champion Stuart Liddell, Matt Maclsaac, Angus MacColl, Callum Beaumont and Alex Gandy.  
*Sponsored by McCallum Bagpipes* **£18.50 / £16 U18**



Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies Competitors 2023.

## Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

**2.00pm Gig in the Gallery - Ireland**

The Armagh Pipers Club musicians will perform to continue a week of international piping styles in recital, in the grand surroundings of Central Hall of Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum.  
**FREE**

## NPC Otago Street

**9am The World Amateur Solo Piping Competition - Grade 2**

The Competition League for Amateur Solo pipers compete in Grade 2.  
*Sponsored by The CLASP* **FREE**



Pipe Idol 2023 Winner, Cameron Bonar with Fred Morrison.

**Street Café** ALL EVENTS AT THE STREET CAFÉ ARE FREE TO ATTEND EXCEPT WHERE STATED.

### 12noon Emerging Talent

Join our last Emerging Talent group of 2024 for a great showcase. Today's performers are CAN Dubh.

### 1.30pm Street Café Ceilidh - Magnus Turpie Ceilidh Band

Join Magnus Turpie and his dance band for a street café ceilidh!

### 3.00pm The Big Street Café Session

Bring your instruments as Festival Artistic Director Finlay MacDonald leads a session to close the Street Café for 2024.

## The National Piping Centre

### 11am & 3am 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! **Collinson Room.**  
**£2 on the door**

## Saint Luke's

### 7.30pm Croft No. Five feat. Ailis Sutherland and John Mulhearn's The Pipe Factory

Join us at a new venue for a headline performance from one of Scotland's most popular progressive folk acts who created a highly influential fusion of trad, funk, world and EDM elements. Now twenty years on, they are back to retake the world of trad by storm. For this very special concert, they will be joined by piper, Ailis Sutherland to create some very special music, in this one-off spectacular.

Supporting them is the latest project from piper, composer and recording artist John Mulhearn - The Pipe Factory. Created during lockdown it reflects on Glasgow and the music that runs through the city.

**£20 (Over 18s Only)**

## Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

### 2.00pm Gig in the Gallery - Scotland

One of Scotland's leading performers on Highland Pipes, Ross Ainslie will perform in recital to round off a great week of music in Kelvingrove's Centre Hall.  
**FREE**

## Glasgow Green

### 10.30am World Pipe Band Championships

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

For tickets, visit [www.theworlds.co.uk](http://www.theworlds.co.uk)  
Adults from £12 (£10), book in advance for the best price  
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Enora Morice at the 2023 Gordon Duncan Memorial Recital Competition.



Bagad Brieg at the Street Café in 2023.



The National Piping Centre and Street Café.

Glasgow Green

09.00am The World Pipe Band Championships 2024

Hundreds of pipe bands will be competing for the title as Glasgow Green welcomes the world. Bringing Scotland's biggest week of piping to a close is the World Pipe Band Championships. It doesn't get bigger than this.

Can the current champs hold on to their title or will another band take the glory? You'll only find out at the Worlds! See the finest bands from around the globe compete in the ultimate showcase of piping. Immerse yourself in Scottish Culture with a great day out.

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## The National Piping Centre - The Pipers' Tryst

2.30pm Sunday Survivor Session

Round out the week with some great tunes, fantastic food and a few drinks. We will have a great session going all afternoon so bring your instrument to join in or head DOWN to relax and enjoy the music! **FREE**



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# Glenfiddich Piping Championship

**Saturday 26th October 2024 • Blair Castle, Blair Atholl, PH18 5TL**

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 26th October 2024, commencing promptly at 10am. The 10 competitors for 2024 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 from 8.30pm. There are a limited number of tickets for this black tie ceilidh 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)**

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