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# WELCOME TO THE 22ND EDITION OF PIPING LIVE!

There's a real energy in the piping and drumming scene in anticipation of Piping Live! this year with a new vision for the festival site outside the National Piping Centre, McPhater Street. Inspired by the Street Café of previous years, we've put together a fantastic programme of events on two stages, showcasing and celebrating the very best of piping from across the globe.

With a completely redesigned and enlarged Festival Site for 2025, we now have two outdoor stages - the Centre Stage and The Bothy tent. The new Centre Stage will host Pipe Idol, Emerging Talent, our international artists and a daily headline performance from top artists Assynt, Beinn Lee, Cala and Malin Lewis. In the new Bothy Tent we have a second stage hosting Come and Try sessions, book launches, live music, podcasts and Ceilidh Tots for our younger attendees. Our new drinks partner Belhaven Brewery will be providing two bars and we have increased our on-site food offerings in The Kitchen. The new festival site will be ticketed each day, ensuring Piping Live! remains at the heart of Glasgow's annual music programme for years to come.

The team here at the National Piping Centre has been working tirelessly to deliver the new vision for Piping Live! We really believe it's going to be the best one yet! 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 throughout the festival. A huge thanks to all our sponsors, funders and supporters without whom Piping Live! would not be possible. I'm sure you will embrace the new festival vibe and we look forward to welcoming you.

**FINLAY MACDONALD**

Artistic Director  
*Piping Live! 2025*



**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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# OUR VENUES

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| <p><b>1</b> <b>National Piping Centre and Festival Site</b><br/>30-34 McPhater Street,<br/>Glasgow G4 0HW<br/>0141 353 0220</p> | <p><b>4</b> <b>Fiveways</b><br/>at Buchanan Street</p>   | <p><b>8</b> <b>Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum</b><br/>Argyle Street, G3 8AG</p>                               |
| <p><b>2</b> <b>Royal Concert Hall Steps</b><br/>2 Sauchiehall Street,<br/>G2 3NY<br/>0141 353 8000</p>                          | <p><b>5</b> <b>The National Piping Centre Otago Street</b><br/>16-24 Otago Street, G12 8JH</p> | <p><b>9</b> <b>MacConnell's Bar</b><br/>335 Hope St, G2 3PT</p>   |
| <p><b>3</b> <b>Saint Luke's</b><br/>17 Bain Street, G40 2JZ</p>   | <p><b>6</b> <b>Waxy O'Connors</b><br/>44 West George Street,<br/>G2 1DH<br/>0141 354 5154</p>  | <p><b>10</b> <b>Glasgow Green</b><br/>50 Renfrew Street, G1 5DB</p>   |
|   | <p><b>7</b> <b>House of Fraser / HSBC</b><br/>Buchanan Street</p>                              | <p><b>11</b> <b>R.G. Hardie &amp; Co Bagpipes</b><br/><i>By appointment only.</i><br/>45 Grovepark St, G20 7N</p> |

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 ■ Central Station  
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The second staging of a new style of competition for Highland Pipers!

Isle of Raasay Distillery, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 10 am

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



## The Format

Competitors will play a slow air seann nòs 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.

## The Pipers

Ailis Sutherland, Angus McColl, Angus Nicolson, Calum Alex MacMillan, Ciar Milne, Decker Forrest, Duncan Nicholson, Finlay Cameron, Gary West, Lorne Cousin, Simon MacKerrell

## The Judges

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

## The Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> Place *(there will be prizes for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places also)*

Dance Music – Small Cask of Raasay Malt Whisky

Piobaireachd Song/Slow Air – Set of Highland Pipes in A, a copy of the 1785 Black Set of Kintail, donated by Hamish Moore

**Tickets (£20) available on the Raasay Distillery website under Shop/Tastings and Events**

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# YOUR TICKETS: YOUR FESTIVAL



This year, you will need a ticket to join us at our new Festival Site. This gives you access all day to the live music on the Centre Stage and The Bothy tent as well as non-ticketed events across across the National Piping Centre. In the programme, events included in your Festival Site ticket are marked with the **TICK**



There are events in the National Piping Centre Auditorium that require a ticket in addition to your Festival Site ticket.



Evening Concerts that don't require a Festival Site ticket, but are ticketed separately are marked with +



There are events that don't require a ticket at all and are outwith the Festival Site. These are marked F



The R.G Hardie & Co. Masters Solo Piping Competition events and Pipe Idol: Grand Final - will both be livestreamed.  
**Find out more at:**  
[www.pipingleve.co.uk/pages/faq](http://www.pipingleve.co.uk/pages/faq)

## TICKET PRICES

Festival Site Day  
£10 Std / £9 Over 65 / Free U 16s

Festival Site Week Pass  
£40 Std / £36 Over 65s / Free U16s

Festival Site Week + All NPC Events  
£149 Std / £134 Over 65s / Free U16s

NPC Day Events  
£7.50 Std / £6.50 Over 65s + U16s

Gordon Duncan Memorial Competition  
£17.50 Std / £15.50 Over 65s and U 16s

Evening Concerts  
£20 Std / £18 Over 65s + U16s

*All tickets subject to booking fee.*

17:00 - 18:00

## MACGREGOR'S LIVE @ FIVE!

NPC AUDITORIUM

Join Bruce MacGregor, founder of Blazin' Fiddles, presenter of BBC Travelling Folk for a decade and owner of MacGregor's Bar (Awarded Scotland's best music bar twice!) for a weekend of immersive music making and fun. The weekend will kick off with Bruce and an array of well-known guests for an hour of live music, chat and laughs, which will be livestreamed around the world!



10:00 - 16:00

## MACGREGOR'S GATHERING: THE WORKSHOPS

ACROSS THE NPC

Join Bruce and some of the world's finest musicians for these special workshops which will focus on creating music for the Saturday evening concert! The teachers for this extraordinary day of workshops are: Highland fiddle with Bruce MacGregor (intermediate to advanced) Piano with Cailean McKerron (intermediate to advanced), Guitar with Ali Duncan (intermediate to advanced). Book the day now for one-to-one and group workshops on a special day of learning!

Tickets: £45 per place.  
Please book for the specific instrument.

19:30

## MACGREGOR'S GATHERING: THE CONCERT

NPC AUDITORIUM

This fantastic concert will be the culmination of a weekend of music-making from Bruce MacGregor & friends, with the Live Podcast on Friday, a full day of workshops all preparing for this fantastic night of tunes and craic to kick off Piping Live! in style!

Tickets: £20 std / £18 Concession

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

## CENTRE STAGE ✓

12:00 - 12:45

### EMERGING TALENT: CULLA

Opening the brand new Centre Stage are this fantastic young group, led by piper Kevin Beaton from Benbecula!

*Sponsored by Belhaven Brewery*

13:15 - 14:00

### INTERNATIONAL SESSION: MORVAN MASSIF TRIO

Gael Rutkowski & Sebastien Lagrange will be joined by guitarist Ross Martin to present the music of Central France.

*Sponsored by Belhaven Brewery*

14:15 - 15:45

### PIPE IDOL: HEAT 1

Heat 1 of our prestigious U21 solo piping competition. Today's pipers are:  
Chris McCartan, Sco; Liam Docherty, Aus;  
Liam Nicolson, Aus; Magnus Stone, USA.

*Sponsored by Fred Morrison Pipes*

16:00 - 17:00

### PIPE BAND PRACTICE: ROYAL AIRFORCE OF OMAN

Come along to hear this open air pipe band practice!

17:15 - 18:15

### ASSYNT

Join today's headline act Assynt as they present their own brand of tight-knit pipe and fiddle playing blended with intricate yet driving guitar lines and grooves. A great way to end day 1 on the Centre Stage!

## THE BOTHY ✓

10:30 - 11:15

### CEILIDH TOTS

Come and join us for a mini Scottish traditional music concert for young children and their families. All ages welcome- from young to old!

11:15 - 12:00

### KIDS CREATE!

Your wee ones can get creative with our kids craft corner!

12:30 - 13:15

### FIONNLACH MAC A' PHIOCAIR AND SARAH HANNIFFY

Hear tunes from the upcoming debut album from this pipe and fiddle duo.

13:30 - 14:15

### PIBROCH NETWORK CONVERSATION: PLATFORMING

Pibroch and the Public. Professor Alan Riach, Father Jim Lawlor and Professor Robert Gray ask: What's good? What's bad? and What do we do?

14:15 - 15:15

### FLAMING MAD

A Piper, a Poet and a Priest address the theme of anger highlighted by the tune "A Flame of Wrath for Patrick Caogach"

15:30 - 16:30

### MAKET COLLECTIVE SHOWCASE

Come along for a live music showcase from the Maket Collective Ambassadors.

16:45 - 17:45

### PUIRT AIR A' PHÌOB

Allan MacDonald gives a talk with tunes, finding links between piping and Gaelic mouth music song / Puirt-A-Beul.

*In association with Ceòlas*

**SYMBOL KEY** See p.9 for more info



**INCLUDED IN** Festival Site Ticket



**NPC TICKET** required



**EVENING CONCERT TICKET** required



**FREE TO ATTEND**



## OTHER VENUES

09:00 - 16:30

**R.G HARDIE & CO. MASTERS  
SOLO PIPING COMPETITION:  
PIOBAIREACHD**

NPC AUDITORIUM

The best competing pipers of this generation take part in the annual Masters Solo Piping Competition. The full draw is available on the Piping Live! website.



09:00 - 16:00

**THE CLASP WORLD AMATEUR  
SOLO PIPING COMPETITION  
GRADE 3 & 4**

NPC OTAGO STREET

The grade 3 & 4 amateur pipers compete.



12:00 - 13:00

**PIPING LIVE! BIG BAND  
BUCHANAN STREET**

Come to the West End as the 200 strong Piping Live! Big Band will parade from Mansefield Park in Partick to the concourse outside the iconic Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum in support of Eilidh's Trust.



12:00 - 12:45

**COME AND TRY PIPES  
NPC LIBRARY**

Try your hand at playing the bagpipes with the NPC team.



12:00

**PIPE BAND PERFORMANCES  
BUCHANAN STREET**

12:00 Ballarat Grammar Pipe Band, Australia

13:00 Brazilian Piper Band, Brazil

14:00 North West Junior, USA

15:30 Warwick Thistle Pipe Band, Australia



14:00 - 14:30

**GIG IN THE GALLERY:  
BEDE PATTERSON &  
DEAN GARRITY**

KELVINGROVE ART GALLERY &amp; MUSEUM

Join pipes & guitar duo as they kick off our daily session in Centre Hall at Kelvingrove.



15:00 - 15:30

**MUSEUM TOUR  
MUSEUM OF PIPING**

Join leading bagpipe historian Professor Hugh Cheape for a fascinating tour of the development of the instrument through the Museum of Piping at the NPC.



16:30 - 18:00

**MAKET COLLECTIVE -  
CONVERSATION CAFÉ  
THE PIPERS' TRYST RESTAURANT**

Join our Ambassadors for cup of coffee and get to know women in the piping & drumming community.



17:00 - 21:30

**R.G HARDIE & CO. MASTERS  
SOLO PIPING COMPETITION:  
MARCH, STRATHSPEY & REEL**

NPC AUDITORIUM

The best competing pipers of this generation take part in the annual Masters Solo Piping Competition. This event will start on conclusion of the Piobaireachd section. The full draw and updated timing is available on the Piping Live! website.



## CENTRE STAGE ✓

12:00 - 12:45

**EMERGING TALENT: RHUVAAL**

Join this energetic 6 piece band from Argyll for some cracking tunes to start Tuesday!

*Sponsored by Belhaven Brewery.*

13:15 - 14:00

**INTERNATIONAL SESSION:  
KYIV ETHNO TRIO**

We are delighted to welcome the Kyiv Ethno Trio from Ukraine to Piping Live! for the first time.

*Sponsored by Belhaven Brewery.*

14:15 - 15:45

**PIPE IDOL - HEAT 2**

Heat 2 of our prestigious U21 Solo piping competition. Today's Competitors are: Malachi Johannsen, USA; Lachlan Rennie, Sco; Andrew Pattison, Sco; Mihir Zambre, USA

*Sponsored by Fred Morrison Pipes.*

16:00 - 17:00

**DRUM MAJOR EXHIBITION  
WITH THE FORCE**

The Force, Display Team of Champion Drum Majors will perform to some well known tunes and are joined by several pipers and drummers from the pipe band world. The Force will showcase synchronised routines, solo performances, and deliver an arrangement of traditional and modern flourishes and drills.

17:15 - 18:15

**BEINN LEE**

Beinn Lee are a six-piece Scottish band that started in 2013 from Uist in the Outer Hebrides. Their distinctive Gaelic and West Coast style of traditional musical tunes has a contemporary twist, the perfect end to day 2 at Centre Stage!

## THE BOTHY ✓

10:30 - 11:15

**CEILIDH TOTS**

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11:15 - 12:00

**KIDS CREATE!**

Your wee ones can get creative with our kids craft corner!

12:30 - 13:15

**ALBUM LAUNCH: NA CAISMEADAN  
BY JOHN DEW**

Piper, whistle player and composer John Dew presents tunes from his 3rd studio release. He will be joined by pianist Alistair Paterson.

13:30 - 14:15

**PIBROCH NETWORK  
CONVERSATION: VISUALISING**

Scripture and multiformity. Canntaireachd and conversation with Allan MacDonald, Bill Taylor and Barnaby Brown.

14:15 - 15:15

**PIBROCH ON HARP  
AND WHISTLE**

Epic new repertoire composed & performed by Bill Taylor and Allan MacDonald.

15:30 - 16:30

**BOOK LAUNCH:  
BAGPIPE TUNES  
AND THEIR STORIES**

Take a fascinating journey through the world of bagpipe music. You will learn some stories behind our bagpipe tunes, which are then played by Willie McCallum.

16.45 - 17.45

**SESSION**

Bring along your instruments and join us for some great tunes!

*Supported by Celtic Arts Foundation*

**SYMBOL KEY** See p.9 for more info

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## OTHER VENUES

09:00 .....

**THE CLASP WORLD AMATEUR SOLO PIPING COMPETITION (GRADE 2)**

NPC OTAGO STREET

The grade 2 amateur pipers compete.



10:30 - 12:00 .....

**LEARN@ LIVE! WITH LOUISE MULCAHY**

NPC AUDITORIUM

Join internationally acclaimed Uilleann piper Louise Mulcahy for a unique and inspiring Uilleann pipes masterclass at Piping Live! 2025.



11:00 - 11:30 / 15:00 - 15:30 .....

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NPC LIBRARY

Try your hand at playing the bagpipes with us.



12:00 .....

**PIPE BAND PERFORMANCES**

BUCHANAN STREET

12:00 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Pipes + Drums

13:00 Govan Community Pipe Band, Scotland

14:00 Canterbury Caledonian Gr 3 Pipe Band, New Zealand

15:30 Brisbane Boys College, Australia



12:30 - 13:30 .....

**LUNCHTIME RECITAL: ALI HUTTON**

NPC AUDITORIUM

Join one of the trad world's leading pipers and P/M of Livingston Caledonia, Ali Hutton for this exciting recital.

Sponsored by Celtic Arts Foundation.



13:45 - 15:45 .....

**78TH FRASER HIGHLANDERS: LIVE IN CONCERT IN IRELAND LISTENING PARTY & DISCUSSION**

NPC AUDITORIUM

Join the panel to listen to this seminal album in full and discuss its impact, in tribute to Bill Livingstone. Hosted by Gary West in partnership with Enjoy Your Piping podcast.



14:00 - 14:30 .....

**GIG IN THE GALLERY: MORVAN MASSIF TRIO**

KELVINGROVE ART GALLERY &amp; MUSEUM

Head to Centre Hall of Kelvingrove to hear tunes from Central France.



19:30 - 22:00 .....

**BANN / SPIRIT OF CEOLAS**

NPC AUDITORIUM

Piping Live is delighted to present an exciting new commission celebrating incredible professional female piping talent.

Tha Piping Live air leth toilichte an coimisean ùr sònraichte seo a thaisbeanadh a' comharrachadh pìobairean boireann proifeasanta.



Sponsored by: maoin nan ealan gàidhlig

19:30 - 22:00 .....

**G1 REEDS INTERNATIONAL QUARTET COMPETITION**

GLASGOW ROYAL CONCERT HALL

Six of the top Grade 1 pipe bands send 4 of their best pipers to compete for the 2025 title!



Sponsored by G1 Reeds

22:00 .....

**LATE NIGHT @ THE NPC**

NPC AUDITORIUM

Come for music &amp; drinks into the wee hours.



## CENTRE STAGE ✓

12:00 - 12:45

**EMERGING TALENT: MEALLAN**

Join exciting up-and-coming musicians who blend fiddle, clàrsach, accordion, voice, guitar and keys to kick off Wednesday's music!

*Sponsored by Belhaven Brewery*

13:15 - 14:00

**INTERNATIONAL SESSION: BAGAD BRIEG**

Piping Live! is delighted to welcome back musicians from Bagad Brieg as they present tunes from Brittany with pipes and bombarde and maybe even some dancing!

14:15 - 15:45

**PIPE IDOL - HEAT 3**

Heat 3 of our prestigious U21 Solo piping competition. Today's competitors are:  
Eala Niamh McElhinney, Sco;  
Catriona Norman, Sco; Arran Brown, Sco;  
Ross Aitchison, Sco

*Sponsored by Fred Morrison Pipes*

16:00 - 17:00

**PIPE BAND PRACTICE WITH MANAWATU SCOTTISH**

Join the 2025 New Zealand Pipe Band Champions, Manawatu Scottish as they celebrate their centenary year, in the run up to their performance on Saturday!

17:15 - 18:15

**MALIN LEWIS**

Melding the Scottish West Coast tradition with a newly invented, self-made bagpipe, they perform in a trio alongside Sally Simpson (Fiddle) and Ali Hutton (Guitar). Hair tingling, philosophical and dance inducing melodies inspired by European folk traditions, queerness and the universe.

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11:15 - 12:00

**THE FORCE DRUM MAJOR COME & TRY SESSION**

Marching, flourishing and musical expression activities are on offer so come listen, learn and try the art of Drum Majoring in a fun and exciting environment.

12:30 - 13:30

**ANNA BHÀN BY MAIREARAD GREEN AND RACHEL NEWTON**

Mairearad and Rachel present an exciting new project celebrating their Great-Grandmother Anna Bhàn's involvement in the successful women-led Coigach resistance of 1852 during the Highland Clearances.

13:30 - 14:30

**THE BIG SING 2025**

Learn "Alasdair Dearg" as MacCrimmon sang it, led by Barnaby Brown.

14:30 - 15:15

**PIBROCH NETWORK CONVERSATION: SINGING**

Melting barriers to connection.

15:30 - 16:30

**THE BIG RAB SHOW LIVE PODCAST**

Anna Smart, Ross Miller and a mini-band from Simon Fraser University Pipe Band, as well as the usual mix of craic and fun!

16:45 - 17:45

**SESSION**

Bring along your instruments and join us for some great tunes!

*Supported by Celtic Arts Foundation*



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**LEARN@ LIVE! WITH RICHARD PARKES MBE**

NPC AUDITORIUM

Join 13-time World Pipe Band Championships winning pipe major Richard Parkes MBE as he discusses how to create a good band intonation across a pipe corp.



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12:00 .....

**PIPE BAND PERFORMANCES**

BUCHANAN STREET

12:00 Catamount Pipe Band, USA

13:00 Uplanders Pipe Band, USA

14:00 Gordon's School Pipe Band, England

15:30 Scotch College Pipe Band, Australia



12:30 - 13:30 .....

**LUNCHTIME RECITAL - SARAH MUIR**

NPC AUDITORIUM

Join one of the leading solo performers of today, Campbeltown's Sarah Muir as she presents her first recital at Piping Live!



14:00 - 14:30 .....

**GIG IN THE GALLERY: KYIV ETHNO TRIO**

KELVINGROVE ART GALLERY &amp; MUSEUM

The Kyiv Ethno Trio will perform the traditional music from Ukraine in Centre Hall.



14:30 .....

**CABADAICH LE CEÒLAS**

COLLINSON ROOM

Come and Try Gaelic with this language taster hosted by Gillebride MacMillan for Ceòlas.



14:30 - 17:00 .....

**GORDON DUNCAN MEMORIAL RECITAL CHALLENGE**

NPC AUDITORIUM

To celebrate Gordon Duncan's life and work, James Stone (Ireland), Tori Killoran (Canada), Cedric Le Bozec (Brittany) and Brian Lamond (Scotland) will battle it out over 3 sets of Scottish, Irish and Breton tunes to be crowned Champion Piper for 2025.

*Sponsored by the Gordon Duncan Memorial Trust*

16:00 - 17:00 .....

**CAFAIDH CÒMHRAIDH / CONVERSATION CAFE**

THE PIPERS' TRYST

Join the conversation with this relaxed Gaelic chat, led by Gillebride MacMillan.

*In association with Ceolas*

22:00 .....

**LATE NIGHT @ THE NPC**

NPC AUDITORIUM

Come for music and drinks into the wee hours.



## CENTRE STAGE ✓

12:00 - 12:45

**EMERGING TALENT:  
THE ALY WILLIAMS BAND**

Join this new four piece band who blend Scottish and Irish traditions with Border and Uilleann pipes!

*Sponsored by Belhaven Brewery*

13:00 - 14:30

**PIPE IDOL - HEAT 4**

The final heat of our prestigious U21 solo piping competition to complete the Grand Final line up! Today's Competitors are: Andrew Zhao, USA; Tayla Eagle, NZ; Alex Pavlovic, USA; Thomas Fallon Sco

*Sponsored by Fred Morrison Pipes*

14:45 - 15:45

**INTERNATIONAL SESSION:  
ARMAGH PIPERS CLUB**

Festival friends the Armagh Pipers Club bring their traditional Irish tunes to Centre Stage.

*Sponsored by Belhaven Brewery*

16:00 - 17:00

**PIPE BAND PRACTICE:  
THE 35 CLUB PIPE BAND**

Join The 35 Club Pipe Band from Brittany as they rehearse before their first time competing at the World Championships on Saturday.

17:15 - 18:15

**CALA**

This fantastic five-piece group from Inverness bring their mix of trad and electronic music to the Centre Stage to round off day 4.

## THE BOTHY ✓

10:30 - 11:15

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12:30 - 13:15

**CELEBRATION OF  
JAMES SCOTT SKINNER**

World-renowned musicians, fiddler Paul Anderson and piper Ross Ainslie, present a special recital of the music of James Scott Skinner, The Strathspey King, in support of the campaign to erect a statue of Skinner in Banchory.

13:30 - 14:15

**PIBROCH NETWORK  
CONVERSATION: COMPOSING**

Expanding pibroch's horizons.

14:15 - 15:15

**CEILEARADH**

Three Highland bagpipe sonatas by Simon Thoumire (world premiere).

15:30 - 16:30

**THE BIG RAB SHOW LIVE PODCAST**

Join Big Rab and the team for a live recording of his podcast. Featuring John Dew, Cammy Barnes and a Big Rab Show Big Band, as well as the usual mix of craic and fun!

16:45 - 17:45

**BOOK LAUNCH:  
THE BAGPIPES: A CULTURAL  
BY RICHARD MCLAUCHLAN**

The Bagpipes: A Cultural History is a rich and vivid history telling the story of an instrument boasting over 130 varieties, yet commonly associated with just one form and one country: Scotland, and its familiar Great Highland Bagpipe. Hear from the author, illustrated by piping performances, this will be a fascinating look at this new book.

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## OTHER VENUES

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### LEARN@ LIVE! WITH BRUCE HITCHINGS MBE NPC AUDITORIUM

Sound Affects... consonance, resonance, harmonics and musical 'colour'. Bruce Hitchings MBE BEM illustrates why you need to understand that your drones ARE the instrument.



11:00 - 11:30 / 15:00 - 15:30

### MUSEUM TOURS MUSEUM OF PIPING ✓

Join leading bagpipe historian Professor Hugh Cheape for a fascinating tour.

12:00 - 12:45

### COME AND TRY PIPES NPC LIBRARY ✓

12:00

### PIPE BAND PERFORMANCES BUCHANAN STREET ②

12:00 Bagad Brieg, Brittany, France  
13:00 Murrumba Pipe Band, Australia  
14:00 Ronsed Mor Pipe Band, France  
15:30 Peel Police Pipe Band, ON, Canada

12:30 - 13:30

### LUNCHTIME RECITAL: NICK HUDSON NPC AUDITORIUM ②

Nick Hudson, from Houston, Texas, is the current USA top prizewinner in solo piping.

14:00 - 15:30

### BOOK LAUNCH: LET PIPING FLOURISH NPC AUDITORIUM ✓

John Mulhearn unveils his new book "Let Piping Flourish: A Musical History of Highland Piping in Glasgow".

14:00 - 14:30

### GIG IN THE GALLERY: LADISLAS KLATKA KELVINGROVE ART GALLERY & MUSEUM ②

Hear traditional tunes from Brittany, France, with this fantastic recital.

14:30

### CABADAICH LE CEÒLAS COLLINSON ROOM ✓

Come and Try Gaelic with this language taster hosted by Gillebride MacMillan for Ceòlas.

15:45

### MAKET COLLECTIVE: MAKING GRADE 1 NPC AUDITORIUM ✓

Join Maket Collective Ambassadors as they share their stories on making it into grade one and their experiences of competing at that level.

16:00 - 17:00

### CAFAIDH CÒMHRAIDH / CONVERSATION CAFE THE PIPERS' TRYST ✓

Join the conversation with this relaxed Gaelic chat, led by Gillebride MacMillan.

*In association with Ceolas*

17:00 - 18:30

### PIPE IDOL: GRAND FINAL NPC AUDITORIUM ②

Over 4 heats our U21 solo pipers have battled it out and now the four finalists will compete to become 2025 Pipe Idol Champion.

*Sponsored by Fred Morrison Pipes*

19:30 - 22:00

### P/M ALASDAIR GILLIES MEMORIAL RECITAL CHALLENGE GLASGOW ROYAL CONCERT HALL ②

Join 5 top solo pipers as they each present a 25 minute recital of their favourite tunes - with one winner! Sponsored by McCallum Bagpipes.

22:00

### LATE NIGHT @ THE NPC NPC AUDITORIUM ②

Come for music and drinks into the wee hours.

## CENTRE STAGE ✓

13:00 - 14:00

**EMERGING TALENT: MIGUEL GIRÃO**

Originally from the Portuguese Midlands and now based in Glasgow, Miguel has been described as "one of the most technically gifted and expressive guitarists in Scotland (Innes White), Miguel's music is tied in with a deep understanding and curiosity of the Traditional Scottish music landscape.

*Sponsored by Belhaven Brewery*

14:30 - 15:30

**INTERNATIONAL SESSION: KEJADENN ALBA**

This newly formed group performing Breton music called Kejadenn Alba, features bombarde, saxophone, flute, cello, kantele, piano and singing. They will showcase traditional Breton music and teach a dance or two!

*Sponsored by Belhaven Brewery*

16:00 - 18:00

**CELEBRATING GORDON DUNCAN**

Join Ross Ainslie, Lorne MacDougall, Kyle Howie, Bobby Allen and more as we round off a big week of tunes by celebrating one of the most ground-breaking pipers of the modern age: Gordon Duncan.

*Sponsored by Gordon Duncan Memorial Trust*

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**ALLAN MACDONALD: MOIDART COLLECTION 3**

Join Allan MacDonald as he showcases some new tunes from the Moidart Collection Book 3.

15:00 - 16:30

**BIG STREET CAFE SESSION**

Bring your instrument and join session leader Finlay MacDonald and friends for a great big session!





## OTHER VENUES

FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

09:00

### WORLD PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS: DAY 1

Grade 1 Day 1 Performances and Juvenile Competition. Don't miss the Grade 1, day one performances as the best pipers and drummers from around the globe battle for a spot in the Championships. A brand new for 2025 addition sees the Juvenile Competition with presentation and ceremony being held on Friday!

Tickets: From £13.50 from [www.theworlds.co.uk](http://www.theworlds.co.uk)



11:00 - 11:30 / 15:00 - 15:30

### MUSEUM TOURS

#### MUSEUM OF PIPING

Join leading bagpipe historian Professor Hugh Cheape for a fascinating tour of the development of the instrument through the Museum of Piping at the NPC.



12:00 - 12:45

### COME AND TRY PIPES

#### NPC LIBRARY

Try your hand at playing the bagpipes with the NPC team.



14:30 - 15:00

### GIG IN THE GALLERY: ARMAGH PIPERS CLUB

#### KELVINGROVE ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

The Armagh Pipers Club will perform live in Centre Hall showcasing traditional music from Ireland.



19:30 - 22:00

### FRIDAY NIGHT FOLK: ALI LEVACK BIG BAND / FALASGAIR

#### ST LUKE'S

Piping Live! presents a huge Friday Night Folk, with two of the best acts around who both came through our emerging talent programme in recent years, Ali Levack presenting his recent solo project. Also, Up and Coming Artist of the year at the MG Alba trad awards 2024 - Falasgair!



09:00

**WORLD PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS DAY 2****GLASGOW GREEN**

Glasgow Green welcomes the world for the biggest competition in the pipe band calendar. With thousands of spectators from near and far watching the world's best talent compete in the ultimate 'battle of the bands'. Experience the stirring sounds and unforgettable atmosphere, get your tickets today!

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## THE NATIONAL PIPING CENTRE

14:00

**SURVIVOR SESSION****THE PIPERS' TRYST**

Join us in the Pipers' Tryst to close out the week with some great tunes. With light bites served from 12noon, and the music from 2.00pm led by renowned session musicians, make sure you stop in for a last tune for 2025!





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We hope to see you all back here at the Festival in 2026 and beyond!



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**++** *Hear Fred, Iain, and Nick – plus a quartet from Boghall & Bathgate – in the NPC's auditorium at 10:30 on November 14th as they join Highland Reeds' owner, Bruce Hitchings MBE BEM, in a fascinating presentation on bagpipe harmonics: what do we really mean by the 'sound' of the bagpipe ... and how do we achieve it? ++*

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