

PIPING MEMORIES

INVERNESS YOUTH PIPE BAND PLAYING HIGHLAND CATHEDRAL AT THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY GARDEN PARTY OF THE ISOBEL FRASER HOME. IT MADE RHODA SUTHERLAND VERY HAPPY, AS IT WAS A FAVOURITE OF HER LATE HUSBAND ALEXANDER. **(GRAHAM SUTHERLAND)** | MY SON HAS PIPED IN THE BIG BAND EVERY YEAR SINCE IT STARTED. I LOVE THAT THE STREET LINES WITH TOURISTS, SHOPPERS AND FAMILIES, STIRRED BY SUCH WONDERFUL MUSIC. **(JENNIFER NESBITT)** | MY DAD PASSED IN 2001. A FEW YEARS AGO, I HAD A ROUGH DAY AND DROVE TO ROTHESAY, WHERE WE USED TO GO OFTEN. I STOPPED AT REST & BE THANKFUL ON MY WAY BACK. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT AND THE SUN WAS GOING DOWN. FROM DOWN THE VALLEY, I COULD HEAR CELTIC BOLERO ON THE PIPES, AND IT MADE THE HAIRS ON MY NECK STAND UP - I'LL NEVER FORGET IT. **(JOHN POLLOCK)** PIPING LIVE! BIG BAND WAS MY FIRST OUTING WITH THE PIPES AT AGE 8, AND I'VE TAKEN PART EVERY YEAR SINCE. **(JOSH BRUCE - JOSH THE NINJAPIPER AGE 11)** | ONE YEAR I HEARD A PIPE BAND BEGIN REHEARSAL AS I LEFT ST MUNGO'S MUSEUM OF RELIGIOUS LIFE & ART. IT WAS MAGNIFICENT, AND I STAYED TO HEAR THE WHOLE THING. I OFTEN WONDER HOW THEY FARED AT THE WORLDS. **(JULIE GORMAN)** | MY UPSTAIRS NEIGHBOUR IN A GLASGOW TENEMENT, MR TUMELTY, WAS A PIPER. HE'D PLAY EVERY DAY AFTER WORK. LIKE MANY PIPERS, HE'D MARCH THROUGH THE HOUSE - ONLY, HE HAD 6 CHILDREN, ALL OF WHOM MARCHED WITH HIM! **(KATHLEEN ROBERTSON)** I GREW UP WITH PIPING, AS MY DAD PLAYED, AND I USED TO FALL ASLEEP TO THE SOUND OF HIM PLAYIN IN THE EVENING. THE FIRST PIPING RECITAL I WENT TO WAS IN THE BLENDS AT LATHERON AND IT TOOK A WHILE FOR THE PENNY TO DROP THAT ALL THESE PEOPLE WERE THERE TO SEE MY DAD. HEARING HIM WAS JUST NORMAL FOR ME, SO I WAS MORE INTERESTED IN THE CAKE! **(MARGARET BURGESS ABURN)** | ROSS AND OTHERS PIPING THE DANCERS OUT INTO THE STREET IN TARLAND. **(MARK STEVENS)** | I'VE PLAYED PIPES AT A HOTEL RESORT IN ARIZONA FOR 15 YEARS. ONE YEAR, A COUPLE CAME OUT AND LISTENED EVERY NIGHT AND BOUGHT MY CD. I MET THEM AGAIN THE NEXT YEAR, AND FOUND OUT THEY HAD LOST THEIR SON SHORTLY BEFORE I MET THEM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THEY SAID THE SOUND OF MY PIPES AND MY CD HAD HELPED THEM HEAL. **(MICHAEL MCCLANATHAN)**



AT MIDNIGHT ON HOGMANAY, MY NEIGHBOUR RICHARD WEST USED TO COME TO THE TOP OF OUR STREET AND PLAY HIS PIPES ALL THE WAY BACK TO HIS HOUSE. **(MRS M E WALKER)** | THE PIPES AND DRUMS OF THE ROUAL REGIMENT OF SCOTLAND PLAYING HIGHLAND CATHEDRAL AS HONG KONG WAS HANDED BACK TO CHINA, 1997. **(NEIL STEWART)** | SO MANY MEMORIES, BUT ROSS AND ALI ARE UP THERE. **(NIVEN SHAW)** SOMEONE PLAYING A GOAT'S HEAD AT PIPES FROM AROUND THE WORLD **(REG TAIT)** PARTICIPATING IN THE FIRST EVER "BIG BAND" PARADE AND PERFORMING IN GEORGE SQUARE ALONG WITH TYLER FRY AND JIM KILPATRICK. **(SHANNON DAVIES)** | SEEING TREACHOROUS ORCHESTRA IN THE OLD FRUITMARKET. DIDN'T THINK THAT 7 YEARS LATER KEV FROM THE BAND AND I WOULD GET MARRIED! **(SOOTY)** PLAYING FOR MY MOTHER AS SHE WAS BEING LOWERED INTO THE GROUND BUT RAISED TO HEAVEN! **(STEVE MCDONALD)** MY SON CALLUM'S PASSION FOR PLAYING THE PIPES BEGAN AT PIPING LIVE! 2015, AND HE WAS THRILLED TO JOIN THE BIG BAND MARCH IN 2017 ON HIS CHANTER. HE HAS NOW GAINED A PLACE AT THE NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC. **(SUSAN BARTON)**