

SEEING
 RED HOT CHILLI
 PIPERS IN INVERNESS 12
 YEARS AGO WITH OUR SON (2) AND
 DAUGHTER (8). THEY LOVED IT AND OUR
 SON, NOW 14, NOW PLAYS WITH ELGIN &
 DISTRICT PIPE BAND. (ANN JOHNSTON) | MY UNCLE
 WROTE ME A LULLABY ON THE PIPES WHICH WAS
 LOST ON HIS DEATH, AS IT WAS NEVER WRITTEN DOWN.
 FOR MY 60TH, MY HUSBAND GOT FINLAY MACDONALD
 TO WRITE A JIG CALLED ANNE'S FIFTY TENTH - HE PLAYED
 IT AT MY HOUSE ON MY BIRTHDAY. (ANNE WEIR) | WHEN OUR
 BAND, THE JEFFERSON PIPE BAND PERFORMED IN GLASGOW'S
 STREETS AND IN GEORGE SQUARE, AND HEARING THE
 TOP PIPERS IN THE WORLD. THAT'S SOMETHING
 YOU CAN ONLY EXPERIENCE IN SCOTLAND.
 (BECKY SARACENO) | SONS OF SCOTLAND
 PIPE BAND FROM CANADA PLAYED PIPING
 LIVE! 2005. WE TOOK A FULL CONTINGENT
 OF PLAYERS, DANCERS AND SUPPORTERS
 WITH US AND PLAYED GEORGE SQUARE
 - WE WILL NEVER FORGET IT. THANK
 YOU PIPING LIVE! (BETHANY BISAILLION)
 | SEAMUS ENNIS PLAYING AT THE BOAT,
 ACCOMPANYING THE LATE JOHN ROONEY.
 (BOB HADLEY) | GETTING UP AT 3AM
 EACH YEAR TO WATCH THE WORLDS!
 (BOB PALMER) | THE GREAT PIPER AL
 PURCELL, NOW IN DETROIT, PREVIOUSLY
 FROM THE NORTH OF IRELAND. (BRIAN JORDAN) | EDDIE AND LUC (CARRIE
 MACKINNON) | ALONG WITH MY DAUGHTER, I BEGAN LEARNING FLEMISH
 BAGPIPES 5 YEARS AGO AT A VERY DIFFICULT TIME OF MY LIFE. THE PIPES
 GAVE ME THE STRENGTH TO MAKE THE CHANGE I NEEDED TO. IT'S GIVEN ME
 THE FEELING OF LIFE, FREEDOM, AND OF BEING UNITED AND CONNECTED
 WITH OTHERS. NOW, EVERY DAY I BLOW MY TROUBLES AWAY. (CHRISTEL
 LARIDON) | JARLATH HENDERSON AND ROSS AINLIE IN THE SPIEGELTENT
 PAISLEY. FABULOUS. (CHRISTINE CLARK) | REHEARSING FOR THE
 EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO, AND I ENDED UP MARCHING IN THE WRONG
 RANK. AFTER BEING LOUDLY SHOUTED AT, I THEN HAD TO BUY A ROUND
 OF DRINKS TO MY FELLOW BASS PLAYERS! (DAVE CURRIE) | PLAYING
 BAGPIPES AT CARNAVAL IN BRAZIL 1997 AS PART OF BLOCO ESCOCES.
 (DAVID STEVENSON) | ROSS & ALI LAUNCHING THEIR 1ST ALBUM AT THE
 PIPING CENTRE, MAGICAL SHOW! (DEREK MACDONALD) | 20 YEARS AGO,
 A MAN CAME TO MY DOOR WITH A GIFT, SAYING HE HAD A STORY TO TELL
 ME. HE WAS AN ALCOHOLIC, AND IT HAD BEEN 500 DAYS SINCE HIS LAST
 DRINK. 500 DAYS BEFORE, HE HAD GONE INTO THE FOREST NEARBY TO END
 HIS LIFE. HE WAS ABOUT TO DO IT, WHEN HE HEARD ME PLAYING AMAZING
 GRACE ON THE PIPES. HE FOLLOWED THE SOUND TO MY BACKYARD AND
 LISTENED. HE LEFT AND WENT TO ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, HAVING HAD
 HIS LAST DRINK. VISITING ME 500 DAYS LATER WAS A FINAL MILESTONE
 IN HIS RECOVERY. (ANGUS CAMPBELL) | WE BOUGHT OUR FIRST FLAT
 TOGETHER NEAR GLASGOW GREEN DURING THE WORLDS IN 2015, AND
 COULD HEAR THE PIPES THROUGH THE WINDOWS AS WE PAINTED. WE
 HEAR THEM EVERY YEAR, AND IT REMINDS US WE'VE HAD ANOTHER
 HAPPY YEAR IN OUR FLAT! (ELINOR COOPER) | AT A BELGIAN FESTIVAL IN
 THE 80S, THE DENNY & DUNIPACE BAND PLAYED WITH AMERICAN IRISH
 TRAD BAND THE DROVERS, AND WERE JOINED ON-STAGE BY A RUSSIAN
 FOLK BAND. IT WAS THE COLD WAR, YET HERE WERE THE BAGPIPES
 BRINGING THE US AND RUSSIA TOGETHER! (FRASER MACINTOSH) HELPING
 RUN THE POP UP SHOP WITH TRACEY WILLIAMS (GARETH ST SINCLAIR)
 | WHEN INVERARAY WON THE WORLDS IN 2017. IT FELT LIKE SCOTLAND HAD
 WON THE WORLD CUP (OR MAYBE JUST QUALIFIED)! (GILLIES ROBERTSON)



PIPING MEMORIES