

THE COLLEGE OF PIPING & CELTIC PERFORMING ARTS OF CANADA

REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2010-2011

MANDATE

Based in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, The College of Piping & Celtic Performing Arts of Canada has developed a world-class reputation as an International school of excellence in Highland Bagpiping, Scottish-style Drumming, Highland Dancing, Celtic Step Dancing and new this year, Celtic Fiddle Music. With a mandate to preserve and promote the Celtic heritage of Canada's most Celtic province, Prince Edward Island, The College of Piping & Celtic Performing Arts of Canada ignites passion in the hearts and minds of students and visitors alike!

ADMINISTRATION

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Highland Dance Karen MacLeod-Wilkie and Brooklyn Tchozewski

Step Dance Samantha MacKinnon, Katie Ramsay and Paige LeClair

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- Office Hours are Monday to Friday – 9:00am to 5:00pm
- New and returning students must contact the Registrar's Office to complete a registration form before teaching may begin.
- Registration forms are available online at www.collegeofpiping.com. They can also be picked up at The College of Piping's main office or from The Registrar.
- Students may register in person or by mail
- A student's name will only appear on an instructor's schedule after the tuition has been paid/partially paid.

PAYMENT OF FEES

- A student who registers for weekly lessons in Summerside commence the week of
- September 6, Charlottetown locations will commence study the week of September 13, 2010 and continue until June 19, 2011.
- Tuition may be paid in full upon registration.
- Tuition may also be paid in two installments. The first installment is due upon registration. The second installment will be due December 15, 2010. Each installment is 50% of the total fee.
- Payments may be made by VISA, Mastercard, Interac, personal cheque or cash.
- Cheques must be made payable to “The College of Piping”.
- A charge of \$30 will be levied against all cheques returned for insufficient funds. The student may not continue lessons until the account has been paid up to date.
- The College of Piping will not reserve space for a student until a signed registration form and payment have been received.
- Once registered, no refund will be issued if a student decides to withdraw from the program for any reason.

TAX INCENTIVE

As the College of Piping is an educational institution, GST or HST is not charged.

Retain your Highland Dance and/or Step Dance receipts for the Federal Children’s Tax Credit.

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY AT THE COLLEGE OF PIPING

- All new piping & drumming students must purchase chanters, drum pads & sticks from the Registrar at time of registration. Instruments will be handed out on first night of classes.
- A first year Highland dancing student can use gymnastics slippers. A second year student must purchase a pair of Highland dancing ghillies. They are available for sale at the College of Piping Gift Shop.
- A first year Step student can wear hard soled shoes.
- Please contact your instructor for instructional books you may have to purchase.

POLICIES

Account Status – Lessons

Only students who have paid tuitions in full or installments will be permitted to attend lessons.

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Students whose accounts have fallen in arrears are not permitted to apply for or receive scholarships.

Missed Lessons

No make-up lesson, refund or deduction can be given for lessons missed by the student. The registrar and instructor must be notified by phone and/or e-mail when a student cannot attend a lesson for any reason and a note must be presented to the instructor upon the next lesson. Any student who misses five lessons will be asked to leave the program at the discretion of their instructor.

Unscheduled Closings

If The College of Piping must close due to conditions beyond our control, such as severe weather, lessons will not be re-scheduled and refunds cannot be issued.

Notification of Cancelled Lessons

Lessons cancelled due to severe weather will be announced on CBC Charlottetown (96.1), K-Rock 105.5 FM, Ocean 100.3 and Magic 93 FM. It is the responsibility of the student, parent and/or guardian to listen for these announcements. Decisions on cancellations, closure, etc., are made independently of other educational institutions.

Termination/Refusal of Tuition

The College reserves the right to terminate or refuse tuition of any student if, in The College's opinion, it is in the best interests of The College and/or the student.

Withdrawal/Refund Policy

Once registered, no refund will be issued if a student withdraws from the program for any reason.

Insufficient Enrollment

We reserve the right to cancel any class if registration is insufficient. In that event, all fees and tuition will be refunded in full.

Consideration of Others

Our Board of Directors, administration, faculty and volunteers are committed to treating everyone with respect and fairness. We invite our students and their parents to do the same.

Scent Free Policy

We are a scent-free educational facility. Please be considerate of others.

WHY BE A STUDENT AT THE COLLEGE OF PIPING?

- It's a really fun, educational experience where students and families have the chance to learn Celtic music and dance in a setting that promotes the history of the Celts.
- Your teachers are highly qualified certified professionals and/or recognized performing and teaching experts in their respective disciplines.
- Scholarships are offered in all disciplines to recognize excellence, encourage further study and development, and assist parents with tuition costs. For more information about funding a scholarship, please contact us at 1-877-BAG-PIPE or info@collegeofpiping.com.

Available Scholarships:

- The Doug and Debbie Hall Pipe Band Scholarship
 - The Doug and Debbie Hall Excellence Scholarship
 - The Dr. Bill Barnett Scholarship
 - The Munro Family Scholarship
 - Marion Riehl Scholarship
 - The Ernest Shaw Memorial Scholarship
 - The Bethany Crane-Johnson Memorial Piping Scholarship
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- Workshops are given with nationally and internationally recognized artists.
 - The College of Piping Concert Hall and Mary Ellen Burns Amphitheatre are beautiful, professional venues for recitals, ceilidhs, concerts, etc.
 - There is a December and June Recital where students get to perform for their families, learn about other Celtic disciplines and meet other College of Piping students.
 - There is an opportunity to join one of the The College of Piping Pipe Band and The College of Piping Step Dance Company.
 - There is an opportunity to audition and perform in Highland Storm, one of the most successful stage productions on Prince Edward Island and arguably one of the best Celtic music and dance shows in the world.
 - The College of Piping has large, professional studios for teaching, learning and practicing. Please contact the Registrar for current rates.
 - We encourage students, instructors, and parents to communicate with each other and with Administration. We work in a vibrant atmosphere of artistic activity and collegiality.