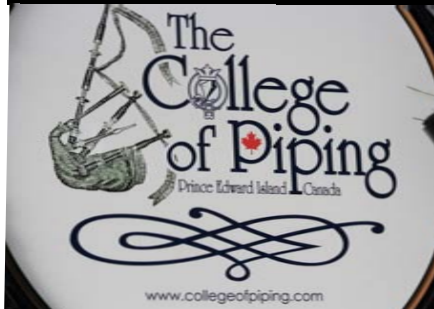


the Celtic Connection



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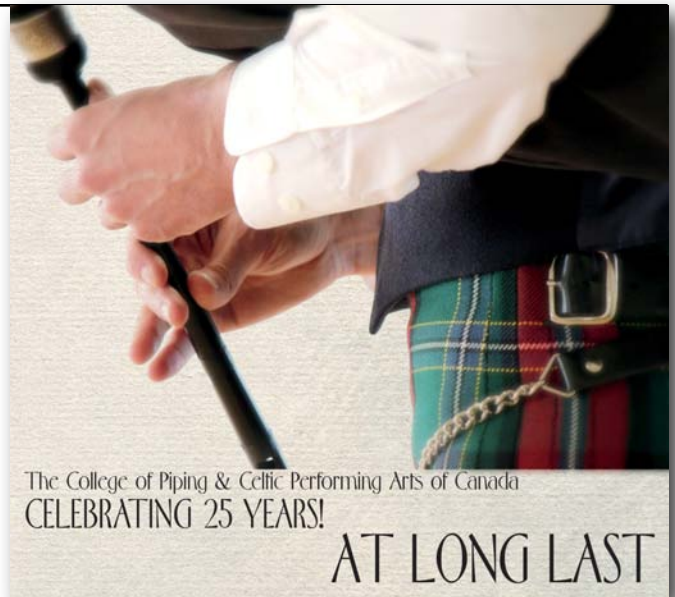
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Our newsletter is published every month. It is available in hardcopy and on our website: www.collegeofpiping.com

The **College website** is a wonderful source of information on the College of Piping and its activities. You will find up to date information on the blog, access to our Facebook page and Twitter account, pictures of events at The College and at events we have attended. Class offerings, staff biographies, College history, competition results, photos and much more can be found on the site. **Take a look and find out more about us.**

Give the gift of music this Christmas!

Our cd, "At Long Last" would make a great stocking stuffer or the perfect gift for that hard to buy for person in your life. It has something for everyone! If you loved Highland Storm, you'll love this cd. The release of the CD is in celebration of our 25th anniversary. It's a unique project in that every performer on this album is either an instructor or student, or a cast member in The College's summer production Highland Storm. The album also has original tracks that you won't find anywhere else and are performed by their composers. How cool is that?! This recording truly reflects our mandate which is "Inspiring excellence in Celtic performing arts through quality educational programming." It is available in our gift shop, iTunes and CD Baby. Get your copy for the holidays!



New to us copier

A big shout out to **OfficeXpress, Inc.** who gave us a refurbished Toshiba Copier. It allows us to scan and email or save documents, as well as make copies. It has really made life a lot easier in the office and around the building. We are thrilled to have had this item provided to us! Thanks so much!

Highland Dance Raffle

You Could Win a Christmas Getaway By Supporting the College of Piping Highland Dancers Trip to the 2015 ScotDance Canada Championship Series in London, Ontario.



Prize Includes:

- ❖ One night accommodation at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel;
- ❖ Breakfast for 2 at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel; and
- ❖ \$50 gift certificate for one of the Murphy Group restaurants.

Tickets: 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10

Instructors for 2014/2015 year

James MacHattie –
Director of Education

Kylie MacHattie – Bagpiping
Chris Coleman – Drumming
Sam Ramsay – Drumming

Dance

Kearsney Smith – Highland
Chelsey Sanderson–Step(Lead)
Mikaila Murray-Step (Instructor)

Skype Lessons

Skype lessons are being offered in piping and drumming. Please contact our director of Education, James MacHattie, for more information on how you can learn to pipe or drum from the comforts of your own home.

Contact

If you have any questions, concerns or words of praise, please contact Karen Hatcher, Executive Director or James MacHattie, Director of Education. They can be reached at 436-5377 or e-mailed at karen.hatcher@collegeofpiping.com or james.machattie@collegeofpiping.com

Competitions and Photos

Please check the College of Piping website for the most up-to-date results from the summer competitions. These can be found at: <http://www.collegeofpiping.com/competitionresults.php>. You can also find the most up-to-date photos from all of our various competitions, fundraisers and events. These can be found at: <http://www.collegeofpiping.com/photogalleries.php>

Gift Shop

Looking for a specific clan product, a tie, scarf, mug, coaster, book or blanket? If we don't have it in stock we can order it for you! We also have a good selection of College of Piping hoodies (youth and adult), sweatshirts, t-shirts (adult and children's), comfy pajama and sweat pants. This time of year there is the best time to shop as there are fewer crowds. Come in, take your time and see what is available. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm.

2015 Step Dance Competition Information

We are pleased to announce that on June 27th, 2015, the College of Piping will be hosting a brand new Step Dance Competition. This will be an all-day, amateur event where dancers are invited to showcase their talent for an audience and adjudicator in our Mary-Ellen Burns Amphitheater. The competition will segue into an evening of high-class performances from the winners of the day's events, where an Overall Winning Performance will be announced as well as a Dancer of the Day. We look forward to having performers and spectators alike taking part in this event!

Make-up date for Chelsey's missed day in Charlottetown

Students in the Charlottetown Monday night step dance classes with Chelsey, the class you had missed on September 22nd has been re-scheduled for December 15th at your regular class times. As a note, regular scheduled classes end the week of December 8th.

Tickets Now On Sale for Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala

A Robbie Burns Fundraising Gala is being planned for Saturday, January 24, 2015. The reception will begin at 6:30 pm. with a traditional Robbie Burns Roast Beef Dinner at 7:00 pm. Entertainment will be provided by the faculty and

students of The College of Piping. Tickets are \$100.00 per person with a \$75.00 tax receipt. A table of 8 will be \$800.00. There is limited seating available so get your tickets early. Last year, the event sold out. Do not be disappointed!!! A complimentary shuttle service from Charlottetown to Summerside and return is available. This is the main fundraiser for The College of Piping so your support is appreciated to help us get through the year. As a non-profit organization, we are always looking for new and creative ways to raise the funds that will enable us to continue to provide educational programs, encourage students to learn and grow in their disciplines, and offer continued growth in the Celtic Performing Arts.



Great Gift Ideas from the



We have hoodies in child and adult sizes, plaid dorm pants (that are VERY popular), t-shirts and Wellies that look like dancer or piper ghillies! We have great stocking stuffers as well – drumsticks, piping supplies, COP umbrellas, COP water bottles, COP mugs and COP lanyards. Come on in and check out everything we have! New items include tartan Christmas ornaments made by Anna MacDonald and Chanter lamps, made by Mike Dupuis. **Do you need an idea for the person who has everything?** Gift Certificates are available in any denomination and can be used to purchase merchandise or Highland Storm tickets! Speaking of Highland Storm...tickets will be ready for sale by November 24th!



Gold Rush 50/50 Draw

Don't forget to
put your toonie in
for the 50/50 Draw!

You could be the lucky winner. The draw will be made each Thursday evening at the College of Piping in Summerside. If the number drawn on the draw day is a number for a person who did not sign in for that week's draw, that portion of the money is added to the following week's draw. This will increase the amount of winnings until a number is drawn that belongs to someone who has signed in. If you haven't signed up yet, come to The College or any of the participating locations, fill out a number slip and add your name to the book. Then all you have to do is put your toonie in each week and wait to be the winner!

Participating locations

- Samuels Coffee House, Summerside
- College of Piping, Summerside
- Kensington Food Basket, Kensington
- Gallants Clover Farm, Rustico
- Gass's Store, New Haven
- Race Trac Gas, Stanley Bridge
- Wilson Gas, Summerside
- Reids Corner Esso, Summerside
- Granville Street Esso, Summerside
- Griffins Smoke Shop, Sobeys, Summerside
- Lights Smoke Shop, Summerside
- Summerside Butcher Shop
- Water Street Bakery, Summerside
- Dunn's Variety
- Credit Union Place, Summerside
- Needs Convenience, Water St. Summerside

Pass this message on to your friends and family and get them to enter our weekly draw and support the College of Piping Pipe Bands.

The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada Post Secondary Scholarship

Purpose

The purpose of The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada Post Secondary Scholarship is to financially support the post secondary learning endeavors of a graduating high school student who is registered at The College of Piping & Celtic Performing Arts of Canada. Awarding of this scholarship shall help to preserve the unique traditions and skills associated with performing the historic Scottish arts and to provide funding for continued study and development. One \$1,000.00 non-renewable scholarship is available to a graduate of any of the 11 high schools on Prince Edward Island.

Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a registered student of The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada
- Applicants must have proof of acceptance at a recognized Canadian university or college
- Consideration will be given to extra-curricular involvement, leadership roles and education plans
- Consideration will be given for community volunteerism
- Short essay stating your educational plans and why you should be considered for The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada Scholarship
- Demonstrate a commitment to learning and show excellence, or the potential for excellence, in their chosen College of Piping discipline

Application Requirements

Applicants must send the following, **in addition to a submission letter:**

- A letter of recommendation from their current instructor (should outline the applicant's skill level, frequency of instruction, progress made thus far, commitment, demonstrated proficiency, and anticipated development)

All awarded monies will be sent directly from The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada to the applicant's accepted university or college. No payments will be made directly to the applicant.

Completed applications should be delivered by April 1, 2015 to:

Karen Hatcher

Executive Director


The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada

Suggested requirements of submission letter:

- Name, address, phone number and email address
- Instructor's name
- Short essay (no more than 500 words) in which the applicant introduces themselves to the committee (their background in their College of Piping discipline, personal accomplishments, future goals, extra-curricular involvement, volunteerism, etc.) and identifies how the funding will benefit.



Scent Free



The College of Piping has a **scent free policy** in its Summerside building. There are many people coming and going and some of them have scent allergies. These allergies can range from getting a headache to going into anaphylactic shock requiring hospitalization. Please be respectful and give them a safe place to study, perform and enjoy our programs.

Handicapped Parking

Only vehicles with handicapped parking stickers should be parking in the handicapped parking designated areas. Thank you very much for your co-operation.



Gift Giving Ideas for Birthdays, holidays or just-because!



A number for the 50/50 Draw



Summer School Gift Certificate



Gift certificate from the gift store



Tickets for Highland Storm



A Celtic gift from the Gift Shop



Newsletter

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College Holiday Hours

The College will be closed over the Christmas Holidays. **Classes will finish December 12th** (except for drumming and step dance in Charlottetown on Monday December 15th to make up for missed classes). No band practices or dance company rehearsals will be held over the Christmas break.

Don't forget the Christmas Recital on December 14th! Classes will resume on January 5th.

Other Important College Dates

Other Important Dates for your calendars:

March break is the 16th-20th, and there are no classes, band practices or dance company rehearsals at The College. The **last day of classes is June 12th**, and the **Year End Recital is June 14th** at The College.

Christmas Recital

The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada's 2014 Christmas Recital is just weeks away! It's on **December 14th at 2pm at the Summerside Intermediate School**. Students who will be performing are asked to arrive for 1:30pm. We would be grateful if you brought along an item of food as the price of admission with all food donations going to the food bank. A goodwill offering/donation would also be greatly appreciated at the recital with proceeds going to the operations of The College. It is the season of giving!

The College of Piping Pipe Band Gold Rush Holiday Draws

Please note the following changes to two of our draws over the Christmas break. The Thursday, December 25th draw will take place on the morning of Wednesday, December 24th and the Thursday, January 1st draw will take place on Friday, January 2nd. All other days will take place on their scheduled Thursdays. Thank you very much in advance for your co-operation and support!

Snow, Wind, Ice, Sleet, Freezing Rain – Winter Weather

In case of bad weather please make sure that you check the College of Piping blog at www.collegeofpiping.com or listen to the radio to see if we are closed. The blog will always have up to date information. We do not always follow the school closings!



The staff and instructors at the College of Piping wish you a Christmas filled with peace, joy and friendship. See you in the New Year!

Karen, James, Chris, Kylie, Kearsney, Chelsey,
Mikaila, Sam, Elaine, Nancy and Sue

