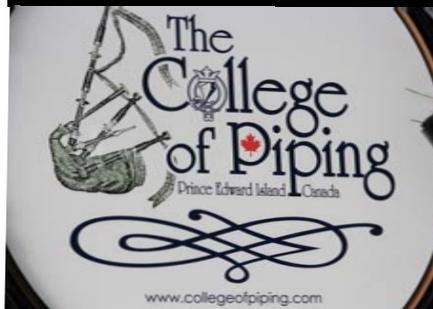


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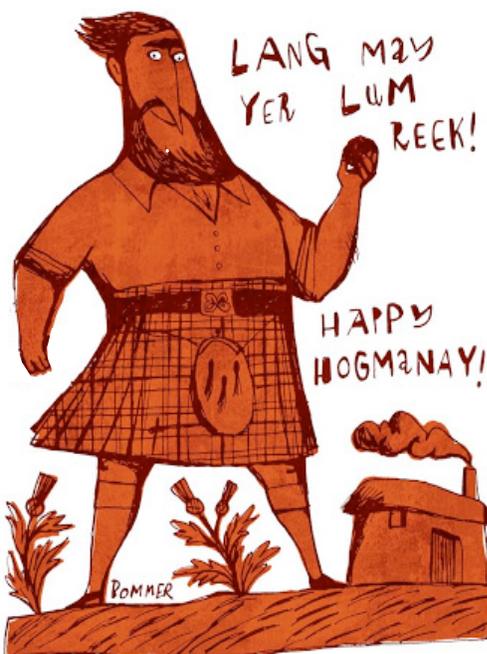
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Our newsletter is published every month. It is available in hardcopy and on our website:
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The **College website** is a wonderful source of information on the College of Piping and its activities. 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.**

Happy New Year!



We hope you are settling into 2014 and back into the swing of things. At The College we are just as busy as ever! Classes have resumed, bands are practicing, fundraising is ongoing and preparations are being made for all our fantastic activities over the year. The first event of 2014 for The College of Piping will be the Robbie Burns Gala on January 25th. This is our major fundraiser and an opportunity to see the amazing talent that is emerging with our students. Tickets are available at The College by calling 436-5377 or by e-mailing Jane.

Robbie Burns Gala Evening

Ever wonder what haggis tastes like? Now is your chance to find out! The College of Piping is hosting our Annual Robbie Burns Gala at Credit Union Place on January 25th. It will start with a reception at 6:30pm followed by a traditional three course roast beef dinner (including haggis!) at 7:00pm. The entertainment will be provided by The College of Piping faculty and its extremely talented students. Tickets for this highly anticipated event are \$100.00 per person with each ticket receiving a \$75.00 tax receipt. A complimentary shuttle service from Charlottetown to Summerside and return is available. There is limited seating so call The College (436-5377) to reserve your tickets now!



Trip to Scotland

Have you ever wondered what it's like to play in a pipe band? Does a trip to Scotland to see the World Pipe Band Championships interest you? Hold on to your hat because we've got a deal for you! The College of Piping Pipe Bands are selling tickets on a trip for two to Scotland to travel with them to the World Pipe Band Championships in August. There are also 25 additional prizes to be won besides the grand prize! Tickets are \$20.00 each, 3 for \$50.00 or 6 for \$100.00. To purchase your tickets please contact any pipe band member or call or visit the College of Piping office for tickets. The draw will take place on February 15th at the Silver Fox Curling Club. Due dates for students to get their tickets in to The College are February 18th, 19th and 20th.



Instructors for 2013/2014 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)
Emily Roberts -Step (Instructor)

Skype Lessons

Skype lessons are being offered in piping and drumming. Please contact our registrar, Jane Magee, 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 James MacHattie, Director of Education or Jane Magee, Registrar. They can be reached at 436-5377 or e-mailed at james.machattie@collegeofpiping.com or jane.magee@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

Did you know that the gift shop at The College is open year round? If you need piping, drumming or dancing supplies, ghillies, College hoodies, music - this is the place to come and shop. We will special order items and have ideas for the person who has everything. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm. to 5 pm.

Step Dance News

We have solidified our teaching team for 2014 with the addition of Chelsey Sanderson as our new lead step dance instructor! Chelsey will be taking over Brittany's Wednesday and Thursday classes as well as the Dance Company. We are going down the BATD path with her and she will have her qualifications early in the New Year. Emily Roberts will be teaching Monday's in Charlottetown. Some of you may recognize her from the summer when she worked in our gift shop. Mikaila Murray will continue doing a great job in Summerside on Tuesdays. A huge College of Piping welcome to Chelsey and Emily! We're very excited to have you join our teaching faculty!

Chelsey Sanderson Step Dance Instructor

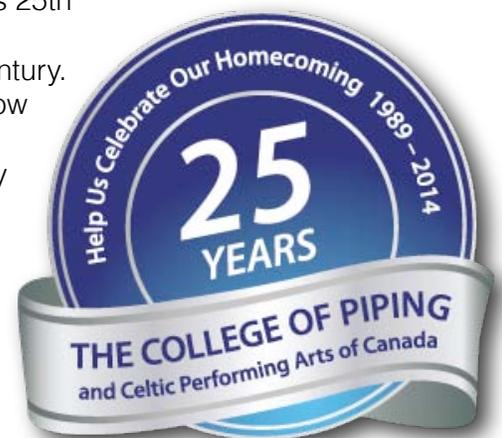
Chelsey was born and raised in York, PEI, and is currently studying kinesiology at the University of Prince Edward Island. She is thrilled to be able to start her teaching career at The College and to be able to share her favourite activity with her students. Chelsey started dancing at the age of two at Shirley's Celtic Studio of Dance, where she studied and completed all levels of BATD step dancing. She has truly enjoyed the thrill of competing and performing ever since and has been fortunate enough to compete and perform in various ceilidhs and festivals all across Prince Edward Island, and to take her dancing a step farther when she performed as a step dancer/ singer in The College of Piping's productions of Highland Storm in 2009 and 2010 under the direction of Stephanie Cadman. Chelsey has also performed in the Feast Dinner Theatre in the summers of 2012 and 2013 and is studying to take her Associate step dance instructors exam with BATD in January of 2014. Being a part of both group and solo performances has allowed Chelsey to have many enlightening opportunities in her life, and she hopes to inspire her students the way her teachers always did. She is excited for all of the teaching and learning to come and wants to thank Shirley, Heather, Alana, her mom, and certainly The College of Piping and its entire staff for providing yet another opportunity in her life. Dancing is the voice you find when you don't have the words to speak.



The College of Piping Homecoming

On September 1, 2014 The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary! So much has been accomplished in this quarter of a century. Starting with a two bedroom bungalow The College has grown to the facility that you see today. More importantly thousands of students have learned to pipe, drum and dance. Some have joined the bands and competed nationally and internationally. Some of our dancers have danced on world stages. And some of them dance in their living rooms. That's one of the great things about The College; we can help you attain your dreams whether they are personal or professional!

We need your help! We are creating a data base of present and former students, instructors, volunteers and participants. If you know of anyone who has had any connection to The College, please let us know. We want to keep folk up-to-date with the plans for the anniversary festivities. Call Jane at 436-5377 or e-mail her at jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com and she will make sure everyone is included.





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

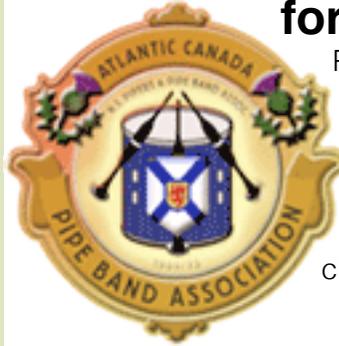
- Samuels Coffee House, Summerside
- College of Piping, Summerside
- Kensington Food Basket, Kensington
- Gallants Clover Farm, Rustico
- Gass's Store, New Haven
- Race Trac Gas, Stanley Bridge
- Summerside Shell Station
- Wilson Gas, Summerside
- Reids Corner Esso, Summerside
- Granville Street Esso, Summerside
- Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, Summerside
- Griffins Smoke Shop, Sobeyes, Summerside
- Lights Smoke Shop, Summerside
- Summerside Butcher Shop
- Water Street Bakery, Summerside
- Dunn's Variety

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.

Tuition

Tuition is now past due. If you have not paid your second installment please do so immediately. Call Jane at 436-5377 to make arrangements.

ACPBA memberships for Pipers and Drummers



Pipers and drummers who wish to compete in solos for 2014 must become members of the Atlantic Canada Pipe Band Association. Individual memberships were due before January 1st but you can still join for a slightly increased fee. Please go to acpba.ca and click on membership for more information.

Hemphill Fundraiser

If you were planning to surprise your loved one with a car this Valentines Day, why not purchase it from Hemphill Chevrolet Buick GMC? They have entered into a partnership with The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada's fundraising efforts to donate \$100 for every new or used vehicle that is either purchased or leased at the dealership, by friends and families of students and alumni of The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada. So if you plan to obtain a vehicle, visit Hemphill GM, and take the required coupon (available from The College). The only requirement to take advantage of this offer is that the friend or family member of a student or alumni presents the coupon at time of purchase.



Hemphill GM is supporting The College of Piping and, through this partnership, asks for an opportunity to earn your business. Extra coupons can be picked up from Jane in the Gift Shop at The College of Piping. Please note that this promotion expires on 08/30/2014. The Board of Directors, management, faculty and staff of The College of Piping wishes to thank Hemphill Chevrolet Buick GMC for making this promotion possible and encourages all supporters of College students and alumni to take advantage of the opportunity. Every little bit helps in our objective to continuing the pursuit of our mission statement – "Inspiring Excellence in Celtic Performing Arts through quality educational programming".

New Drumming Opportunities



We have enhanced our Skype teaching by adding drumming lessons. Look on our website for all of the information on this exciting learning experience. You can also call Jane at 436-5377 or email her at jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com for more information or to register.

Keep Informed

You can find out what is going on at The College of Piping in many ways. The blog is updated at least once a week (and remember to look there for storm cancellations), facebook has up the minute information, our sign out front tells you what is coming up, we try to keep you in the loop with e-mails, and now there is the column in the Journal (every second Thursday). Of course you can always call The College 436-5377 or send us an e-mail jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com if you have any questions.

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 of these folk 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



Tickets for the Gathering



Tickets for Highland Storm



A Celtic gift from the Gift Shop



Newsletter

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2014 Highland Storm

Tickets

Tickets for the all new 2014 Highland Storm production are available from Box Office PEI. These would make wonderful gifts for Valentines Day or a "just because you're so neat" kind of gift! Go to www.boxofficepei.com and then pick The College of Piping from the venues drop down menu. Performances this year will be 4 nights a week in July and 3 nights the first week of August. The last performance of Highland Storm for 2014 will be on August 6th. Tickets and passes for the Highland Gathering, June 27 to 29th are also available from Box Office PEI. Don't miss out on two fabulous events! Get your tickets now!

2014 HIGHLAND DANCE AUDITIONS

Mark your calendars!!! HIGHLAND

STORM Highland Dance auditions will be taking place on Saturday, February 1, 2014 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am with Kearsney Smith and Karen Hatcher.

Auditions will take place in the Main Hall at The College of Piping, 619 Water Street East, Summerside. A sign up sheet and registration form will be available upon arrival.

Casting Priority will be given to Highland Dance students registered at The College of Piping.

Highland Storm will be running Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, opening on Friday, June 27th through to Wednesday, August 6th. There will be no shows after that as the pipe bands head off to Scotland.

You must be 12 Years or older

You must be at Intermediate / Premier level

Must be able to endure copious amounts of dancing

If selected for Highland Storm – all rehearsals are mandatory.

The following is the preliminary rehearsal schedule for June (subject to change as required):

June 14 – all day

June 16th – 20th, Evenings

June 23rd – 26th, Evenings

Highland Dance rehearsals will start in March on weekend dates, which will be given out once dancers are selected.

Hire a Piper

If you are looking for a piper and/or drummer to play at an event you are having, The College can help you out. We have a Hire a Piper program that allows you to hire a piper or drummer by the hour. They will come dressed in full outfit to your venue and play. They will pipe in a head table, play for a birthday or anniversary or lead a wedding party down the aisle. They have played for royalty and are interested in playing for you. All the pipers and drummers that are eligible to play for this program have been vetted by our Director of Education and play at a high standard. If you have an event coming up or would like to know more, get in touch with Jane at 436-5377 or e-mail her at jane.magee@collegeofpiping.com



THANK YOU!

An enormous thank you to the whole Rogers family, Karen Hatcher and Susan Topping who co-ordinated and kept the 50/50 Goldrush Draw going over the Christmas holiday. This is a huge task each week and they made sure that the draw was done come cold temperatures or never ending snow storms. This is a fantastic fundraiser for our pipe bands and we couldn't have done it without their help. Thank you! It is greatly appreciated!