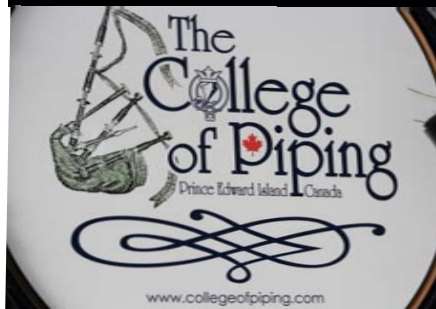


the Celtic Connection

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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 fantastic 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.**



Saturday, June 6th - A night of Dance and Celtic music at the College of Piping. The concert will feature performances from our Highland Dancers, 3 of our Pipe Bands and other Island musicians. **All proceeds from the concert will directly support our Dancers and Pipe Bands as they travel to the**

Canadian and North American

Championships this summer. The performance starts

at 7:00pm in our covered Mary Ellen Burns Amphitheatre.

Doors will open at 6:30pm for general seating. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from members of the Pipe Band or Highland Dancers. Tickets will also be available at The College of Piping Box Office and Box Office PEI. We hope to see you there!

Sunday, June 14th – Year End Recital – 2pm

Can you believe it is the end of the year, already?? Come and join us in the Mary Ellen Burns Amphitheatre to celebrate our students and what they have accomplished over the course of the year! We have such talented students, young and old, so let's celebrate their achievements together. Free of charge.

Monday, June 29th –

Preview Night for Highland Storm 2015

An all-new version of the popular Highland Storm hits the stage in the Mary Ellen Burns Amphitheatre for a busy summer of shows! This toe tapping show features our multi-talented instructors and students! Emma Doucette returns as our vocalist, Trevor Profit on the fiddle, Alex Casey on the guitar and Ryan MacNeil on the keyboards.

Tuesday, June 30th –

Opening Night for Highland Storm 2015 - Tickets are on sale now for the summer run of this high energy stage show! For further information on Highland Storm, show dates and ticket prices, visit: www.collegeofpiping.com/highlandstorm.php

From The Director of Highland Storm – Ryan MacNeil

Hello Highland Storm fans! Another season will soon be underway. The grounds have been cleaned, the amphitheater has been put up and the pipes have been tuned!

Since October, our creative team have put together the best show to date. A careful selection process has taken place to ensure the best possible show. There is indeed an excitement from the cast like no other this year! Highland storm has become a tradition for many of the friends and family of the college. Young, bright eyed students watch the show anticipating that someday they, too, will receive the opportunity to expand their talents. Our cast not only takes part in the show, but they receive summer employment doing something they love. Many of them making friends that they will have forever.

This year's show will have the time honored traditions of the past and will feature songs from artists such as Michael Jackson, Peter Gabriel, Flogging Molly and Loreena McKennitt...all with a Highland Storm Twist!

So come watch the piping, fiddling, singing, and dancing with us for a Highland-Storm-level good time! Bring your family and friends... you won't be sorry!

Highland
STORM
Directed by Ryan MacNeil

Instructors for 2014/2015 year

James MacHattie –
Director of Education

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

Kearsney MacNeil – 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>

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.

Highland Storm Cast 2015

Pipers:

James MacHattie, Kylie MacHattie, Calum Brydon,
Danielle Chiarotto, Sarah MacDonnell

Drummers:

Chris Coleman, Sam Ramsay, Logan Doyle,
Austin Trenholm, John Donald MacLean

Highland Dancers:

Kearsney MacNeil, Hayley Porter, Laura Johnston, Siobhan Doyle,
Alysha Trenholm, Briana Pineau, Maggie Burns

Step Dancers:

Chelsey Sanderson, Mikaila Murray, Sherra Rogers (& Highland),
MacKenzie Stewart, Jacqueline Moase

Artistic Director - Ryan MacNeil
Vocalist - Emma Doucette
Fiddle - Trevor Profit
Keyboards - Ryan MacNeil
Guitar - Alex Casey
Stage Manager - Meghan Bowen
Sound Tech - Devin Paynter
Lighting Tech - Lindsay Rogers
Back Stage - Matthew Downey

Highland
STORM
Directed by Ryan MacNeil



The Pipe Bands

The pipe bands are going to be busy, busy, busy this summer! Their competition starts of June 20th at the Moncton Highland Games and then on July 11th and 12th they'll be in Antigonish for the weekend and then two weeks later it's off to the New Brunswick Highland Games on July 25th and 26th. Their competition season finishes with a huge bang at the North American Championships in Maxville, Ontario on July 30th to August 2nd. If you don't catch them on the Atlantic games circuit, you just might see the bands on parade! On July 1st they will be in Rustico for the North Rustico Canada Day Parade and on July 18th the bands will be in Kinkora for the Somerset Festival Parade. If you miss the bands at the Kinkora parade you can catch them two days later in Summerside at the Summerside Lobster Festival Parade on July 20th. In August they will complete their band season at the Gold Cup and Saucer Parade in Charlottetown on August 21st.

BATD Medal Testing – Step Dance Results

This year we were pleased to have 24 of our step dance students take part in BATD medal tests, which test a student's ability in their respective levels of dance according to BATD standards.

The results are now in, and out of scores ranging from a fail to highly commended, all of the students who participated received scores of either commended or highly commended (very rare). We would like to extend congratulations on great performances to those hard working students involved and we hope to see even more participation in the years to come!





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
- Slemon Park 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.



Summer School dates still available!

We don't want you to get rusty after all of the hard work you have put into your studies over the course of the year, so why not sign up for a week of Summer School?

Classes are offered most weeks in the summer in all of the four disciplines we teach in!

For further information, visit www.collegeofpiping.com/summer.php or contact Sue at sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com or 902-436-5377

Fall Registration



It's hard to believe it is already time to fill out your registration sheets for classes starting in September!

Registration forms will be available on our website for you to download or fill them out in person at the year-end recital on June 14th. We will be starting to work on fall class schedules soon.

We have had some requests for adult step dancing classes, so if you are interested in that please let Sue know by filling out a registration form!

Education Handbooks are available for pick up and we would like every student to get one, as there is a lot of very important information contained in them. It will tell you when

classes start and end for the year, where to find out about class cancellations (as we don't always follow the School Board's cancellations), what holidays we don't teach on, more information about Scholarships, etc. We have lots of copies, so please pick one up!



Festivals & Events PEI Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for Prince County

Lindsay Rogers has been selected as the 2014 recipient of the Festivals & Events PEI Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for Prince County! We are so pleased that Lindsay is to receive this award. He is very deserving of this recognition and we appreciate all the help Lindsay has given us over the years. Congratulations!

Lobster Festival, SummeRide and other Community Events!



Summerside Lobster Festival
– July 20-25th - Green's Shore –
Summerside

Parade Day / Acadian Day –
July 20

**Youth Talent Contest &
Featuring Meaghan Blanchard**
– July 21

**Celtic Day / Step-dancing
Competition** – July 22

Mi'kmaq Cultural Day
– July 23

**Culinary Day and Lobster
dinner** featuring Jimmy Flynn -
July 24

DiverseCity Festival – July 25

Beach Volleyball Tournament
– July 24, 25, 26

SummeRide Bike Rally
– July 24, 25, 26

www.summersidelobsterfest.com
Twitter: peilobsterfest

Website will be updated soon.
Stay Tuned

Is there a Doctor in the House??

In recognition of their many years of bringing the music of Cape Breton to the world, The Barra MacNeils received Honorary Degrees from Cape Breton University on Saturday, May 9th, 2015. Congratulations to Ryan MacNeil and his siblings!



Gift Shop

Update

If you haven't made a trip into The College's gift shop recently, now is the time to do so! The shelves are starting to fill up with some new twists on items we've had in the past and brand new items to the gift shop! We've sourced some beautiful fused glass Celtic knots, some new pewter suppliers in Cape Breton, mainland Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, a new design College of Piping mug that features the millennium tartan and the bass drum logo, golf shirts, PEI tartan scarves, ties and blankets and some of the popular items are back again! For those of you who get the munchies, we will be selling Cape Breton fudge and for people who like seaweed products, we will be selling Nova Scotia Fisherman lotions, soaps and lip balms! The Celtic jewellery is on its way as well, if it hasn't already arrived! Don't miss out, shop early!

Summerside School of Piping and Drumming with the National Piping Centre info

We have added to the programming for the week of the Summerside School of Piping and Drumming with the National Piping Centre! This will open up more possibilities for our local students.

Even if you are not a day student that week, you can sign up for evening workshops. The cost is either \$30 per workshop, or \$100 for three workshops and the instructor recital. Finlay MacDonald's workshop will be on folk ensemble playing and John Mulhearn's on group canntaireachd singing. Stay tuned for more details! If you want to get an idea of what Finlay might go over, do a search for the Finlay MacDonald Band – great stuff!

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Summerside Lobster Festival Tri Lobster Triathlon

The first annual TRI-LOBSTER Triathlon, a world championship qualifying race in Summerside, Prince Edward Island. Come enjoy the sun, beaches, and an enjoyable scenic course on beautiful Prince Edward Island. This event will consist of four categories:

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- Olympic Triathlon (1.5km swim, 40km bike, 10km run) *
World Championship Qualifier
- Duathlon (1km run, 40km bike, 10km run)
- Sprint Triathlon (750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run)
- Supersprint Triathlon (375m swim, 10km bike, 2.5km run)
- Kids of Steel Events (mini triathlon designed for children ages 5-13)



The event start time is 9:00am on Sunday, July 19th and begins on Summerside's waterfront.



Sue is on the host committee (and will be competing in the Supersprint Triathlon) and we need volunteers to help out!

Triathlons are always a fun event! We are looking for volunteers to assist at our triathlons in the following areas; registration, out on the course, awards, results, promotion, food, race packages, body marking, hospitality, coordinate volunteers. If available contact Marian at triathlonpei@gmail.com.

If you would like to volunteer or compete, you can click on this link:

www.ready2race.ca/event/TriLobsterSummerside



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Qualifying Event!

