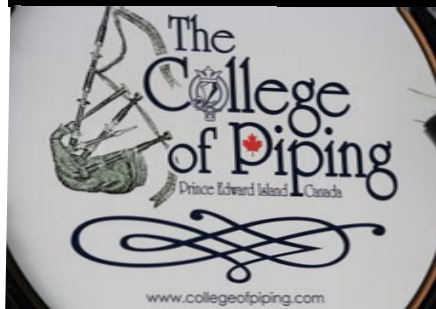


the Celtic Connection

FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS



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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 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.



Change is tough. But change is inevitable. We are sad to see Karen Hatcher take off her Executive Director hat and take a rest. What a fantastic job she has done, though! The College was in stormy seas before she came, and she leaves us having righted the ship and put us on a course to smoother sailing. I want so extend a massive thanks to Karen for putting us in a position to move forward, to keep on improving, to do new things, to go new places. She put our group of instructors and staff together and created a strong and united team. Together we'll carry on to make this College as strong and vibrant as it possibly can be.

I am excited about my new role. It is an expansion of my previous position as Director of Education. A business manager will be joining our team soon so that I can keep my focus on our educational mandate and look at the big picture, and the future.

This is your College. I will do everything I can to the best of my abilities in my evolved position to make it everything you want it to be. I'm here for you, just as Karen has been, and as all the other instructors and staff are too.

Ok – here we go!

From The Principal - James MacHattie

What a fantastic year of teaching and learning, and the regular season is coming to a close. The Year End Recital is almost here – please come out and bring your friends on **June 12 at 2:00!** You'll see what the students and instructors have been working on, and we'll hand out some awards too. The summer is a busy time as well, with Highland Storm rehearsals and production just around the corner, and all the summer competitions for the bands and dancers. Thanks to everyone for all the hard work and passionate commitment!



Chelsey Sanderson Achieves

BATD Member Status!



A huge congratulations to our fabulous Step Dance Instructor, Chelsey Sanderson, who did her examination on the same day as her students. She did an amazing job and tested for her Member's Exam and passed with flying colours! The comments from the examiner were all positive and she was extremely happy with Chelsey, our students and the facility. All your hard work has paid off and you deserve it!

Instructors for 2015/2016 year

James MacHattie –
Principal

Kylie MacHattie - Bagpiping
Nick vanOuwkerk - Bagpiping
Chris Coleman - Drumming
Sam Ramsay - Drumming
Dance
Marielle Lespérance - Highland
Chelsey Sanderson - Step(Lead)

Skype Lessons

Skype lessons are being offered in piping, drumming and highland dance. 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 Principal James MacHattie, he can be reached at 436-5377 or e-mailed at 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>



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.

From the Highland Storm Director – Ryan MacNeil



It's hard to believe that another year has passed already and another exciting season of Highland Storm will soon be starting. This will be my fifth season of Highland Storm. How time flies. I've watched many of our beginner performers turn into world class musicians and entertainers.

Last September, my wife Kearsney and I flew to the Southern Hemisphere and made South Africa our home. It has been an inspiring place to create music to say the least. Throughout the winter months in Canada, I made our creative team a little jealous of the lovely weather from my new country of residence. It's amazing how small the world has become with technology on our side. I have to thank the creative team for their tireless efforts, even with a full teaching schedule.

This year's show has great new surprises and traditional favourites as well.

The excitement is building each and every day! Bring your family and friends to the best Highland Storm to date!



Saturday, June 4th - Pipe Bands and Dancers Fundraising Concert – more information in the newsletter!

Week of June 6th – Last week of classes for students

Sunday, June 12th at 2pm– Year End Recital in the Mary Ellen Burns Amphitheatre at The College of Piping (2016-17 registration forms and Educational Handbooks will be available to fill out to get your fall registration done early!!).

Pipe Bands and Dancers Fundraising Concert – June 4th!

On Saturday June 4th the bands and dancers will be putting on a fundraising concert at the College at 7:00pm. In addition to the incredible entertainment, there will be a silent auction, a cake auction, concessions, 50/50 and a great atmosphere! Tickets are \$10 and will be available soon from pipers, drummers, dancers and from the gift shop. See you there!

Fling in Spring Highland Dance Competition Summerside

Our highland dancers had a wonderful time competing at ScotDance PEI's competition held at Centre 150 on May 21st. All of our dancers did well, including: **Roshandra Stetson** (2 seconds, 2 fourths and a fifth in Beginner 10 & under), **Erin Clow** (1 first, 2 seconds, and a third in Beginner 11 & over), **Sherra Rogers** (5 firsts and high aggregate winner in Novice), **Shakira Gallant** (2 seconds, and 2 thirds in Premier 12-13), **Alysha Trenholm** (1 second, 3 thirds and a fourth in Premier 16 & over) and **Shelby Lynne Dalziel** (4 seconds in Premier 16 & over). All of our pre-premier dancers earned a stamp for their ScotDance card (each dancer needs to earn 6 stamps in order to move up to the next level in competition) and had lots of fun getting on stage to show off what they've worked hard on in class (and at home!). A special congratulations goes out to **Roshandra** for her first time competing in Beginner!



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

- 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
- 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.

Scent Free
ZONE

BATD Festival of Dance for our Highland and Step Dance Companies

Congratulations to our highland and step Dance Companies, who had a very successful weekend of dance at the BATD Festival of Dance held May 6th-8th in Halifax! Our step and highland dancers took home 6 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze medals for their choreographed performances, as well as special awards for the highest mark in Pre-Premier choreography and the Pre-premier teacher choreography award.

Our step dancers that attended were: **Jacqueline Moase, Eithne Brydon, Kaylee Howes, Alizée Cyr-Comeault, Alyssa Howes, MacKenzie Stewart, Mikaila Murray, Sherra Rogers, Sophie Toole** and our step dance instructor **Chelsey Sanderson**; and highland dancers that attended were: **Maggie Burns, Sherra Rogers, Shakira Gallant, Brae Myers, Allanna Lee Dalziel, Shelby Lynne Dalziel, Siobhan Doyle, Briana Pineau and Alysha Trenholm.**

Thank you to everyone who has supported in their various fundraisers throughout the year, the dancers had a wonderful experience at this competition!

BATD Medal Testing

This year, 22 of our step dance students take part in BATD medal tests. These tests are very specific to the students' level of dance, and require them to perform to certain standards in small groups in front of an adjudicator.

The College was pleased to host **Miss Christine Aitken**, the president of the BATD. Christine is also the Principal of the Christine E. Aitken Academy of Dance in Paisley & Johnstone and has been teaching for 38 years. She has been for many years a delegate of the Association on the SOBHD and also their Technical Committee. She is also Vice Chairman of the Scottish District (West), and has been dancing since the age of 2 1/2.



Our results have just been sent back from overseas, and Chelsey is very proud to announce that every student who participated passed their exams. The hard work put in by students was reflected in their scores, and the examiner was quite impressed by their conduct and adherence to the BATD syllabus.

Again, a big congratulations to all dancers who participated, and job well done to all staff who were involved in the planning of the BATD tests.

The 24th Annual Kensington Step Dance Festival

The KSDF will be held on **June 7th, 8th, and 9th** this year at the **Murray Christian Education Centre in Kensington, PE**. The College of Piping has 20 step dancers competing in this competition, and would very much appreciate community support!

Our dancers will be competing in morning (9:30am-12), afternoon (1:30-4pm), and evening (6-8:30pm) sessions of this festival on both the 7th and the 8th. Admission is \$2.00, and programs may be purchased at the door.

We wish good luck to all dancers performing in the festival, and we hope to see you there!



2016-17 Registration Forms on Our Website!

Are you ready to register for classes starting in September? If so, the registration forms are on our website waiting for you!

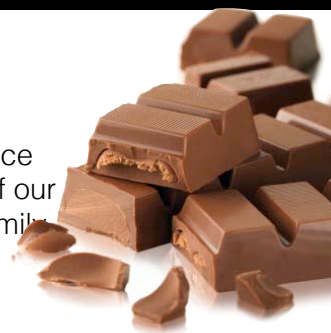
Visit www.collegeofpiping.com and click on "become a student" tab and then local and you will see the forms, one for each discipline. Fill them out and either email them or drop them off to me at The College so that we can start working on scheduling!

If you are an adult thinking about taking dance lessons, please fill out a registration form, so that we know that you would like to join the fun! Without your registration form, we can't know that you are interested! It doesn't mean you have committed to the class, but it will give us an idea of how many adults may be interested! We had adults taking part in both step dance and Highland and everyone has had a lot of fun learning!



Chocolate bar fundraiser

The College of Piping Dance Company is once again selling chocolate bars! To buy some of our assorted flavours for yourself, friends and family see any of our company members. Put your toonies to good use by supporting our dancers and satisfying your sweet tooth!



Pipe Band Calendar

If you are wondering what our pipe bands are up to, check out the band calendar!

Follow this link: <http://collegeofpiping.com/pipe-bands/>

There is a link to the band handbook as well, in case you have misplaced your copy!



The National Piping Centre and The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada



Saturday, July 2 – Monday, July 4, 2016

The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada and the National Piping Centre from Glasgow are continuing a partnership to offer the 2nd Summerside Piping and Drumming School, a festival of piping and drumming dedicated to education and performance.

Finlay Johnston from the National Piping Centre will join the College of Piping faculty in Summerside from Saturday July 2 through Monday July 4. In 2015 Finlay achieved the rare feat of winning both the Gold Medal and the A-Grade MSR at the Northern Meeting.

Students will receive hands-on class time per day, with a rotation of instructors through the school. Classes will be kept small so each student receives appropriate attention. In addition, workshops and other events will be offered.

All piping registrations are taken through the National Piping Centre at <http://www.thepipingcentre.co.uk/bagpipe-drumming-schools/p-e-i-summerside/>. All drumming registrations will be taken through the College of Piping.

Summer School at The College of Piping



Have you ever wanted to learn how to Highland or step dance? Have you dreamed of learning to play the bagpipes or snare drum? If you have, then summer school at The College of Piping is the best place to learn. We offer week long (Monday to Friday) classes, for 1 – 2 hours per day, depending upon your discipline for reasonable prices! Classes are tailored to your goals and skill

level and we provide a fun and creative learning experience with our highly skilled instructors! For more information on our classes, please follow this link. <http://collegeofpiping.com/become-a-student/2015-summer-programs/> If you'd like to register to become a student at The College, please contact Sue at sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Highland Storm Volunteers Needed!

We are starting to put together the volunteer schedule for this summer! We are looking for volunteers filled with enthusiasm and the love of great music and dance to help us out.

For Highland Storm we will need people who love to deal with the public and are interested in any of the following areas

- ticket taking,
- handing out programs,
- giving out prepaid tickets,
- working in concessions,
- etc. (just ask :)

If you think you'd be interested in volunteering for any of these things, please contact Sue and let her know!

Highland Storm previews on Sunday, July 3rd, opens on Monday, July 4th and then runs Monday to Wednesday in July and Monday to Thursday in August and closes on Thursday, August 18th.

Sue can be reached at sue.mcgiveron@collegeofpiping.com or 902-436-5377. We thank you in advance for your assistance!

**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

Highland Storm Tickets Available Now!

If you haven't chosen a date to come and see the best show on PEI, now is the time to do so! Highland Storm tickets are available for purchase through the Box Office, either in person or over the phone. We'd love for you to join us for the all new Highland Storm, which runs from July 3rd to August 18th. In July, Highland Storm is on stage Monday to Wednesday evenings and in August, Monday to Thursday evenings. We look forward to seeing you at The College!



**INTRODUCING
our 2016
Summer
Program Cast!**

Artistic Director: Ryan MacNeil
Fiddle: Trevor Profit
Keyboards: Christine Gallant
Guitar: Alex Casey
Stage Manager: Meghan Brown
Sound Tech: Devin Paynter
Lighting Tech: Lindsay Rogers
Back Stage: Matthew Downey

Pipers

James MacHattie
Kylie MacHattie
Calum Brydon
Shanae Rogers

Drummers

Chris Coleman
Austin Trenholm
Jenna-Marie Gallant
Luke Romans
John Donald MacLean

Highland
STORM
Directed by Ryan MacNeil

Highland Dancers

Marielle Lesperance
Laura Johnston
Siobhan Doyle
Alysha Trenholm
Brianna Pineau
Maggie Burns

Step Dancers

Chelsey Sanderson
Mikaila Murray
Sherra Rogers
MacKenzie Stewart
Jacqueline Moase
Alizée Cyr-Comeault

Aeroplan Beyond Miles Charitable Pooling Program

The College of Piping is now part of Aeroplan's Charitable Pooling Program, which focuses on supporting organizations and individuals who want to improve the lives of people in their local communities. The charitable pooling option is meant to extend that philosophy to a local level, where charitable community efforts are aimed at enriching and improving community life.

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and we hope that you will consider donating some of your Aeroplan points to The College of Piping! We are thrilled to be a part of such a recognized program. Please share this information with your friends and family...every point helps! Here is a link to our profile and once you get onto our page, there is a donate now button.

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