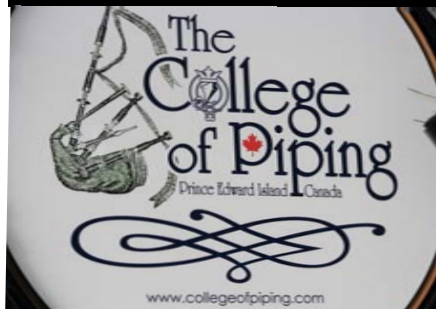


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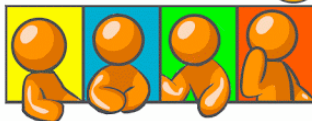
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www.collegeofpiping.com

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.

Town Hall Meeting



“Making your College of Piping Voice Count”

Our Executive Director, Karen Hatcher, would like to invite all parents, students, volunteers and supporters of The College of Piping to a Town Hall meeting on **Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 6 pm** in the main hall at The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada. Topics of discussion will include education programs, College fundraising, pipe band fundraising, dance fundraising, pipe band and dance travel, College of Piping events and just an overall discussion on The College of Piping.

This will be a great opportunity for everyone to engage in conversation on where we have been and where we are going, to share ideas and to help make plans for the future. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Important Upcoming Dates for Students and Parents

Saturday, May 7th – Pipe Bands will be grocery bagging at **Summerside Superstore** from 9am – 2pm. This will be a good day to come out and purchase your groceries and drop some extra \$\$ in the buckets to support our pipe bands! Get your picture taken at the end of the checkout with your favourite band member!



Saturday, May 14th or 28th – Spring Clean-up, Highland Storm roof and set assembly, we'd love you to come out and help...details to follow in this newsletter! We are now aiming for the 14th, with the 28th as a backup date. Please keep an eye on your inbox and our FB page for date confirmation!

Monday, May 23rd – **Victoria Day** – The College will be closed and no classes will be taught.

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!!).



Congratulations Dharma MacKay!!

We would like to congratulate Dharma MacKay as this year's recipient of The College of Piping's Post-Secondary Scholarship winner! It was a difficult decision and we would have loved to have given scholarships to everyone who applied, as all were worthy and fabulous representatives of The College of Piping. We hope you will join us in wishing Dharma well in her studies!

Photo credit: Susan Topping

Instructors for 2015/2016 year

James MacHattie –
Director of Education

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 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>



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 Dance Studios:

Fling in Spring Highland Dance Competition Summerside

ScotDance PEI will be holding a highland dance competition at Centre 150, (150 Industrial Crescent), on Saturday May 21st. This is a wonderful opportunity for our dancers to compete against dancers from across the Maritimes. For our students who might not be ready to try a competition, this is the perfect chance to come see what a highland dance competition is like! **Pre-Premier categories will begin at 9am, and Intermediate and Premier will begin at 11am.** There are also many volunteer opportunities at this event, so contact Marielle if you or your friends/family are interested in volunteering!

Highland Dance Championship success

A big congratulations goes out to our highland dancing student **Shelby Lynne Dalziel**, who was first-runner up at both the 2016 Halifax Highland Open Championship and the 2016 Citadel Open Premiership, held in Halifax in April. **Way to go Shelby!**

BATD Festival of Dance for our Highland and Step Dance Companies

Good luck to our Highland and Step Dance Companies, who will be heading to Halifax May 6th-8th to compete at the **BATD Festival of Dance!** These dancers have been fundraising and practicing hard all year in preparation for this trip. Thank you to everyone who has supported in their various fundraisers throughout the year, the dancers appreciate it very much!

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!



From the Pipe Bands:

Grocery Bagging at Summerside Superstore on May 7th



On Saturday, May 7th, The College of Piping bands will be at **Summerside Superstore** from 9am – 2pm grocery bagging. This would be a great opportunity for you to purchase your groceries and support the pipe bands by dropping your extra \$\$ in the buckets at the end of the checkout lanes!

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!





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, Sobeyes, 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

Atlantic Canada Piobaireachd Challenge Results

The Atlantic Canada Piobaireachd Challenge took place at the College on Saturday April 23rd. A record number of 26 competitors entered, coming from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and of course PEI. Alan Bevan, pipe major of Simon Fraser University Pipe Band and winner of both Gold Medals for piobaireachd, was the judge. Here are the winners:

Grade 5 Piobaireachd: Dalton Faulkner
 Grade 5 March: Dalton Faulkner
 Grade 4 Piobaireachd: Carl Brydon
 Grade 4 March: James Gendron
 Grade 3 Piobaireachd: Danielle Chiarotto
 Grade 3 MSR: Danielle Chiarotto
 Grade 2 Piobaireachd: Calum Brydon
 Grade 2 MSR: Calum Brydon
 Grade 1 Piobaireachd: Sarah Simpson
 Grade 1 MSR: Kaitlin Kimove
 Pro Piobaireachd: James MacHattie
 Pro MSR: Katie Buckland

It was a particularly strong day for College piobaireachd players, winning 5 of the 6 categories! A big thank you to the main sponsors of the event: The City of Summerside and The College. Sponsors for the amateur prizes are MacLeod Highland Outfitters, L&M Highland Outfitters, and MacIsaac Kiltmakers. The professional piobaireachd prize money is generously sponsored by Dr. Angus MacArthur, and the professional MSR prize money is generously sponsored by the PEI Police Association.



From L to R: James MacHattie, Karen Hatcher, Rick Crawford, Kylie MacHattie and Alan Bevan

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 7:00. 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!



Keep saving those bottles! The College of Piping dancers are hoping that you will continue to save your bottles and drop them off to Don's bottle exchange at your convenience (just make you sure mention that they are being donated to the College of Piping account when you do)! Thank you! Please let your Face book friends know as well, you never know who'd be willing to help support our dancers' fundraising goals!

**Saturday, May
14th
or 28th -**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**Volunteers
Needed for
Highland Storm Set
Assembly and Clean
Up!**

Summer is just around the corner, and by the numbers of ticket enquiries we are getting, it could be a busy one! It's time to put a shine on The College of Piping and present our wonderful space to the world! We are looking for volunteers to help clean up the amphitheatre, entry way and back field in preparation for our summer season, as well as assemble the Highland Storm stage and roof. Please mark **Saturday, May 14th and 28th** on your calendars and plan to join us at **9am** to help with this task. If the weather is good, we will aim to get the work done on the 14th, with May 28th as an alternate date. We will confirm the date as it gets closer, please keep an eye on our FB page and if you are on our volunteer list, we will send out an email. There are always laughs and we hope that you will join us for some fun and a bit of work to go along with it. The more the merrier!

**The National Piping Centre and
The College of Piping
and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada
Summer School**



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

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!



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. 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!

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!



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
John Donald MacLean

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
Alizee Cyr-Corneault

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.



Our Aeroplan account is #787 694 595

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.

<https://beyondmiles.aeroplan.com/eng/charities?search=The+College+of+Piping+and+Celtic+Performing+Arts&category=>

