

Highland Highlights

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Plan to attend the NH Highland Games Pre-Games Ceilidh!

“Ceilidh” is the Scottish term for an informal gathering of musicians and performers who come together for an evening of social interaction and fun. Such an evening is planned for Thursday, September 17th at 7:30 PM at the North Country Center for the Arts, Papermill Theatre in Lincoln. Featured performers include the 1st Battalion, Scots Guards Pipes and Drums, accordionist John Carmichael, and others. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available in advance by visiting PapermillTheatre.Tix.com or may be purchased at the door.

Get a jump start on Highland Games Weekend!



Presented in cooperation with InnSeason Resorts, the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire's Mountain Links traditional arts program, the North Country Center for the Arts.

Guest Band: 1st Battalion, Scots Guards Pipes and Drums



Schedule: Friday:

11:00 AM–Fairpoint Comm. Concert Tent;
12:00 PM–Drum Major Demonstration, Parade Ground;
7:00 PM–Tartan Dinner, Beacon Resort.

Saturday:

10:00 AM–Drum Major Competition, Parade Ground;
12:00 PM–Opening Ceremonies & Massed Bands, Parade Ground;
2:00 PM–Fairpoint Comm. Concert Tent;
7:00 PM–Saturday Night in Scotland, Beacon Resort.

Sunday:

11:00 AM–Drum Major Freestyle Competition;
2:00 PM–Governor's Lodge;
4:00 PM–Closing Ceremonies, Parade Ground.

Marion Posner

Storyteller Marion Posner was brought up in England, Scotland and Wales which richly flavors her story writing and the accents and dialects she uses in her tellings. Marion performs for both youths and adults, and throughout the year she has performed in a wide variety of venues. This year Marion brings her wonderful talents and storytelling to the NHHG Youth Program and will be telling tales for young and old at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday.



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Concerts, Performers, Dinners, and More!

The exciting line-up of talented entertainers for the 34th NH Highland Games presents the return of some old friends as well as the appearance of some new faces. NHHG welcomes back Albannach, The Brigadoons, Alasdair Fraser, Natalie Haas, Malinky, Charlie Zahm, Roy Johnstone, Steve Sharratt, North Sea Gas and John Carmichael. This year we welcome The Red Hot Chilli Pipers, The Town Pants, the MacLeod Fiddlers and Isla St. Clair.

Enjoy a dinner and music at the Saturday Night in Scotland at the Beacon Resort. John Carmichael will head up the evening featuring North Sea Gas, Charlie Zahm, The Scots Guards and harpist Judith Cummings.

Albannach will kick off the evening concerts as they bring their exciting and energetic music to the Fairpoint Concert Tent on Friday night. Joining them will be The Town Pants. Both groups bring their distinctive music and styles to the stage for an evening not to be missed.

Alasdair Fraser, Natalie Haas and Friends will again perform on Friday evening, enchanting fans of all ages with their artistry.

Alasdair continues to wow his fans, and you just never know who might turn up on stage with him.

The Red Hot Chilli Pipers will rock the Fairpoint Concert Tent on Saturday night as they bring their blend of traditional pipe tunes and modern anthems to the NHHG. Malinky joins the Chillis for this great evening at the NHHG!

The Beacon Resort will once again host the Tartan Dinner and Dance on Friday night. The 1st Battalion, Scots Guards Pipes and Drums will make an appearance and then The Brigadoons will add their stylish and ever-popular presence to the evening, inviting all to a wonderful evening of music and dancing. John Carmichael will emcee the evening, including the traditional Address to the Haggis. Put on your tartan finery and join in the fun!

A Wee Dram More!

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the ever-popular Whisky Tastings – they are always a sell-out! Simon Brooking the Ardmore Ambassador, will join us again this year!

Celtic Woodcarving

Located on the ground floor of the Governor's Lodge, Grant Taylor of South Acworth, NH will be conducting an interactive and hands-on demonstration of the design and construction of Celtic knotwork, spirals, key patterns and Celtic-inspired furniture. Grant has been a professional woodworker since 1975; and is a founding member of the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers and a state-juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen. He has studied his craft with masters in the United States, Connemara (Ireland) and at the Celtic College in Goderich (Ontario). Bring your creativity and skills to his booth and try your hand with the carving tools. There is a small fee for supplies.

Harp Ensemble

This year the Harp Committee at the New Hampshire Highland Games is proud to offer a harp ensemble Saturday, 1:00 PM in the Kinsman Room of the Mountain Club. Under the direction of long-time harp workshop leader, Nancy Hurell, we will be forming a Festival Harp Ensemble that will rehearse and play five traditional selections including June Apple, Flowers of Edinburgh, Arran Boat Song, Mrs. Jameison's Favorite, and Stool of Repentance. Any interested harpists may contact NHHG office and get the music to start practicing. There will be all levels of music and every level of ability is welcome! Come along to play or just to listen.

Highland Dance Choreography

Highland dancers all over the world enjoy the creative side of highland dance which involves arranging movements or steps from the highland and national dances to create their own "choreography" to music of their choice. According to the rules of the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing, the theme, music, and costume should be Celtic in nature. This year at the New Hampshire Highland Games the Solo and Group Choreography competition will take place at the Grandstand Stage on Sunday afternoon. We hope you will join us to watch the imaginative choreographies created by highland dancers from both Canada and the United States.

Evolution of Highland Dress in the Service of the King

Ⓛ Saturday- 4:00 PM; Sunday-12:00 PM

🌐 Location: Kinsman Room

Presented by the 74th Highland Regiment of Foot Argyll Highlanders, this presentation will look at traditional highland clothing that became highland military dress after 1745. The discussion will include artifacts and original art work as well as a chance for questions. The 74th Highland Regiment is a recreated light infantry company dedicated to the accurate portrayal of the Scottish soldier and camp follower of the American Revolutionary Period.



Meet Up With John Carmichael in Scotland

Thinking of a visit across the pond next year? The NHHG, in connection with Collette Vacations and AAA Northern New England, are organizing a tour of Bonnie Scotland in August 2010. Part of this great tour of Scotland will be through the eyes of John Carmichael – and opportunity not to be missed!

Tentatively scheduled for August, the suggested itinerary could include visits to Edinburgh Castle, St. Andrews, Dunrobin Castle, Orkney Islands, Loch Ness, the Isle of Skye, Stirling Castle and more. From a welcoming reception to Edinburgh's underground city to Inverness and Clava Cairns to Falkirk – Scotland's history and charm await for you! Spend nine great days touring the land of our fathers. To receive additional information and discuss this exciting travel opportunity, contact Christian Leibl-Cote at cleibl-cote@collettevacations.com or call 401-727-9000, ext. 4031. Plan now for this great opportunity!

Be sure to stop in and visit the AAA/Collette Tours Booth at the Games. They will be there all weekend in the lower level of the Governor's Lodge.

Bagpipes in the Movies Seminar

Ⓛ Friday, Saturday, & Sunday-1:30 PM

🌐 Location: Lafayette Room

Bagpipes in the Movies – Join well-known filmmaker **Patrick King** and Scottish singer **Isla St Clair** for a “behind-the-scenes” look at the making of their award winning PBS / History Channel documentary series **Instrument of War** and **When the Pipers Play**. The films combine inspiring stories and songs with powerful images to give a unique insight into the great highland bagpipe and its effect on people in peace and war. An exciting combination of story telling, film clips, humorous outtakes and interaction with the audience, makes this lighthearted show both informative and wonderfully entertaining.

Isla St Clair



Patrick King



Born in Scotland, Isla is one of Britain's foremost traditional singers, noted for the depth of feeling she brings to her country's music. At twelve she recorded the first of many traditional ballads for the School of Scottish Studies; these are still used as reference works. While still in her teens Isla was in the top rank of British folksingers, winning several awards including 'Best Female Folk Singer', and touring the world. Recently she received an honorary degree as Master of the University of Aberdeen for her contribution to traditional music. Isla takes a keen interest in teaching children the importance of traditional music, and performs her specially prepared program for educational establishments at home and abroad.

Patrick King began his career as a freelance investigative journalist and producer before concentrating on historical and social documentaries. He has written, produced and directed for BBC, Channel 4, A&E, The History Channel and PBS. His last nine films, including **When the Pipers Play** and **Instrument of War**, have won a total of 16 awards. He is a member of the British Academy of Film & Television Arts and the European Film Academy.



Please join us from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM in the Greenhouse at the Mountain Club on Loon.

- 15-Year Old Scotch Shetland Salmon with Oatmeal Crackers
- “Not like Nana’s” Neeps and Tatties
- Black and White Shortbread

Now you have the opportunity to come by and witness a live demonstration and enjoy samples of traditional and modern Scottish fare such as:

The Mountain Club on Loon’s Executive Chef, Michael Beers, C.E.C., will be presenting the First Annual Taste of Scotland Cooking Demonstration on Sunday, September 20, 2009. After many years of hosting the New Hampshire Highland Games, the Mountain Club on Loon is thrilled to offer this new event! Our Executive Chef is creating a Scottish-themed menu for our hotel guests during the Highland Games weekend, and will demonstrate how to prepare a range of dishes guests have enjoyed all weekend on Sunday afternoon.

A Taste of Scotland

Mark Your Calendars!
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