

Glengarry Highland Games Scottish Fiddling Committee



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Greetings!

It's that time again; the Glengarry Highland Games are just around the corner and again this year there will be a wealth of fiddling; after all, it is "The Year of the Fiddler." To celebrate, we will be joined by fiddlers visiting from afar. Our guests this year are members of the Cape Breton Fiddlers' Association and The Elgin Strathspey & Reel Society from the County of Moray in Scotland. They will join us in the Massed Fiddles and will perform on their own over the two days of the Games. (See <http://www.glengarryhighlandgames.com/> for more information)

As in past years, the Glengarry Massed Fiddlers will perform at the pre-games concert on Friday, July 30, 2010. Therefore, we have set up practices to prepare for the performance.

PRACTICES :

Sunday	New Angus Gray Hall	July 4 th	@ 2:00
Thursday	New Angus Gray Hall	July 15 th	@ 7:30
Monday	New Angus Gray Hall	July 26 th	@ 7:30

You must try to attend at least one of the practices

For those who cannot make it to the practice when the tickets are handed out, please pay the admission at the gate and we will reimburse you.

Last year, due to the success of the Saturday afternoon Scottish Fiddle venue, the Committee expanded the event to a two-day program starting on Friday afternoon, July 30. The "Young Fiddlers' Showcase" will be held in the air conditioned Fiddlers' Hall in the arena. The program will start at 2 pm on Friday and will showcase some of the great young talent available in the area. The afternoon will terminate with the massed fiddlers as they do their final run-through before heading to the performance on stage for the pre-Tattoo. Come back after the Tattoo and dance to the fiddling of Kimberley Fraser as we try something new - a **family square dance** (no alcohol) in the Fiddlers' Hall from 10:30 pm to 1:00 am.

As has been the custom over the past number of years, the massed fiddlers will continue to be the highlight of the Saturday (July 31) afternoon show in the Fiddlers' Hall in arena and this is also your invitation to participate in it.

NB: Music available in pdf form and midi form at www.glengarrycelticmusic.com ; click on the icon for Glengarry Highland Games 2010.

The following tunes have been selected for the **Friday night** concert:

1. Mairi's Wedding, Scotland the Brave, The Highlander's Return
2. Orange and Blue, Glasgow Highlander, Keel Row
3. Wandering Minstrel, Rakes Of Kildare, Kelsey McDonell's Jig
4. Jessie Smith, Lady Mary Ramsey, Rachel Rae, Jenny Dang the Weaver

Tune sets 1 to 4 plus the following are the tunes for **Saturday** afternoon:

5. El Alamein, Off She Goes, Father O'Flynn
6. Lassie O'Mine, Skye Boat Song
7. Road to the Isles, Donald MacLean's Farewell to Oban, Sir Reginald MacDonald
8. Pioneers of Glengarry, Creek Road March, Homeward Bound
9. Donald Joseph and Ann MacPhee's March, Spring Creek Strathspey, Donaldson MacLeod's Reel
10. We're a Hundred Pipers, My Home, Glengarry My Home

WORKSHOPS

This year due to the abundance of fiddle talent, we are pleased to present two workshops on Saturday morning. The first workshop presenter will be Bill Brian, current musical Director and arranger for the Elgin Strathspey & Reel Society. His workshop will run from 9 am to 10 am. At 10:15 am Cape Breton fiddler Kimberley Fraser will begin her workshop which will run until 11:30. Kimberley has conducted workshops in the US and Scotland and joins a long list of distinguished musicians who have studied contemporary and folk music at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Both workshops are free to all musicians participating on either Friday night or Saturday afternoon. Bring your fiddle and music stand and take advantage of the musical experience these talented guests offer.

DRESS :

Friday night Men: White Shirt, Tartan Tie and Dark Pants.
 Ladies : White Blouse and Tartan Skirt or Kilt

Saturday : Casual

TIMES :

Friday afternoon: "Young Fiddlers' Showcase" from 2 pm to 5 pm

Friday night: **5:30** pm for tuning and final run through at the Fiddlers' Hall in the Arena. We are on stage playing at 6:30 pm.

Saturday : Scottish Fiddle Show starts at 2:00.
 For massed fiddlers, be at the arena hall for **4:30**; we will play at **5:00** pm.

To get into the spirit of the Games and get in extra practice with the massed fiddlers, here are some additional events you won't want to miss. You are invited to play on **Sunday, July 18** at the Bonnie Glen Pavilion where the MacLeod Fiddlers will release their new CD and on **Sunday, July 25** at the annual Galarama at St. Raphael's. Finally, on Wednesday night, **July 28** join us for a Round and Square Dance in the Dunvegan Hall where we will welcome our guests from Cape Breton and Scotland. More information will be given at the practices.

The Glengarry Highland Games is the best and largest event of its kind. Let us take advantage of it to display to the fullest - Scotland's other national instrument - the Violin. After all, it is The Year of the Fiddler!

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