



HIGHLAND GATHERING & CELTIC FESTIVAL

VICTORIA PARK REGINA MAY 18, 2024

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PIPE BAND AND HIGHLAND DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
SCOTTISH HEAVY ATHLETICS • CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
CELTIC MUSIC & DANCE • BOUNCY CASTLE
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Welcome to the Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival!

We are excited to welcome competitors and spectators to historic Victoria Park, at the centre of Regina's beautiful downtown.

We are indebted to the many sponsors whose support makes it all possible, and we encourage you to be in touch with them to express your thanks.

An event like this would not be possible without months of work by dedicated Board members and volunteers, and we extend thanks to all those who worked on the event, including the many partner organizations, businesses and funding agencies whose vision for the Gathering helped bring it all together.

We extend best wishes to all competitors and participants in this weekend's Gathering, and also thanks to all those who travelled to Regina for the event.

We hope you enjoy the Saskatchewan Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival, and we look forward to your return in future years. As the Scots say, "Will ye no come back again!"



EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 18, 2024

8:00 am - Gates open on Scarth Street and at the Hotel Saskatchewan

8:30 am - Queen City Highland Dance Championship

8:30 am - Solo Piping and Drumming begins

9:00 am - Scottish Athletics Competition

11:00 am - Festival Tent opens

12:00 pm - Blakey School of Irish Dance

12:45 pm - Fred Morrison at the Festival Tent

1:00 pm - Afternoon athletic events

1:15 pm - Pipe Band Competitions

1:30 pm - The Highlanders

2:00 pm - Pre-premier Highland dancing

3:15 pm - West of Mabou

4:00 pm - The Caber Toss

4:15 pm - The Tilted Kilts

5:00 pm - Massed pipes and drums and awards

7:30 pm - Ceilidh at The Exchange featuring Fred Morrison, impromptu piping, drumming and dancing, *ceol agus craic!*



We are proud to welcome The Lone Creek Dance Troupe to the awards ceremony at the SHGCF. We acknowledge and celebrate Treaty 4 and the original peoples with whom we live on the plains.

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*March to the beat of your own drummer, but stay in step with the times.
The SHGCF is a great meeting place for old friends.*

Victoria Park Event Site

All entrance to the Saskatchewan Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival is through the East Gate on Scarth Street.

Pipe Bands will have areas marked for each band set-up. Please be considerate of other bands and events. Some areas of the grass are off limits, please respect the park and follow directions to stay off marked areas.

2024 Vendors

A Hint of Heather (Winnipeg)

Gifts by Gracey (Edmonton)

The War Amps

The Conservatory of Performing Arts

MadRoot Creations

The Kilt Lady (Saskatoon)

The Balloon Man



**Be sure to visit the Re-Max Bouncy Castle!
Open from 12 noon to 4 pm.**

Event Map

12th Avenue



Victoria Ave - Enter on Scarth Street

2024 Food Vendors

- Pile o' Bones Brewing
- Last Mountain Distillery
- J&P Concessions
- The Frying Deutschmann
- Prairie Smoke
- The Lemonade Lady

Pile O' Bones Brewing & Last Mountain Distillery Festival Tent

We are partnering with PILE O' BONES BREWING CO. and LAST MOUNTAIN DISTILLERY to bring you amazing beverages made locally! There'll be a great selection of refreshments and you'll be able to sit and visit with friends and family, take in the music and dance, and even keep an eye on the athletics and pipe band events!

OPEN: 11:00am to 7:00pm

12:00 pm - Blakey School of Irish Dance

Blakey Irish Dance offers top-level tuition and also have workshops with other Blakey teachers on a regular basis, offering our dancers exposure to the wider dance community in North America.

12:45 pm - Fred Morrison

Fred's legendary performances on Highland and uilleann pipes, plus Low whistle and brilliant story telling will make this an event you'll long remember.

1:30 pm - The Highlanders

A Regina traditional music group that performed to great acclaim at the 2019 event. We're fair chuffed you're back, and we're looking forward to the tunes and songs from home!

2:30 pm - Living Skies School of Irish Dance

As a dance company, Living Skies creates unique performances which celebrate the history and culture of Ireland and Irish dance.

3:15 pm - West of Mabou

Fresh on the release of their 3rd CD, West of Mabou are here to give you the great music and fun you've come to expect from this driving, musical band.

4:15 pm - The Tilted Kilts

The Tilted Kilts will definitely bring the party as they entertain with their engaging brand of Celtic rock.



*Irish dance at a Highland Games? Yes please!
12 pm and again at 2:30 pm*



*The Tilted Kilts and all our performers will show more than their
knees! They'll all show you a great time with music, song and story!*

Regina Hotel Association Pipe Band Competitions

We're delighted to bring the unique and thrilling sound of pipes and drums to Victoria Park each May and we are grateful to RHA for their continued support.!



Adjudicators

Andrew Berthoff, ON; John Elliott, ON; Sean Somers, AB; Doug Stronach, ON; Barry Robinson, Regina, SK, Garth Neel, Regina, SK.

Our World-class adjudication panel gives music students and bands the opportunity to get feedback from the best.

Participating Pipe Bands

Saskatchewan - The City of Regina Pipe Band, The Conservatory of Performing Arts Pipe Band (Regina), The Regina Police Service Pipes & Drums, The Saskatoon Police Pipes & Drums, 96th Highlanders Pipe Band (Saskatoon), The Regina RCMP Pipes and Drums.

Manitoba - The Lord Selkirk Robert Fraser Memorial Pipe Band (Winnipeg), The Clandeboye Pipe Band and The Winnipeg St. Andrew's Pipe Band.

Scottish Highland Dancing - Power and Grace



From the wee bairns to the seasoned premiers, the Highland dancing will showcase the athleticism, musicality and poise of dancers at all levels in their dancing careers.

Saturday morning will feature the prestigious Championship event at the Regency Ballroom of the Hotel Saskatchewan. Premier-level dancers will compete for the title of Champion as well as take home cash prizes.

The young and upcoming dancers will compete Saturday afternoon in Victoria Park.

Traditional dances such as the crowd favourite Sword dance, the Highland Fling and 4-person Reel can be seen during the 2-day event.

Dancers are expected to attend from four provinces. It will be an important and exciting weekend for Saskatchewan's Highland dancing community.

Highland Dancing Judges

Katie Lee, AB; Adele Campbell, ON; Nadiene Gibney, ON

Dance Pipers

Richard Brown, BC; Meghann Wendell, AB.



The Saskatchewan Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival is proud to offer open and amateur Scottish Athletics events at this year's Saskatchewan Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival. These events pre-date modern strength competitions and are the origin of the shot put and hammer Olympic events.

Open Competitors

Karl Hren; Derek Watt; Kael Ward; Karl Hren.

Amateur Competitors

Terrence MacDonald; Rylan Betker; A.J. Nichols; Ryder Wesson; Calder Johnston; Toby Culham; Eric Brown.

Highland Games events include Open Stone, the Braemar Stone, the Hammer Throw, Weight Over Bar, Sheaf Toss, heavy and light weights for distance, and the always popular Caber Toss.

These traditional feats of strength go back to the days of the clans and have been an integral part of Highland games across the World.



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Welcome Back, Neil Brown!

Long-time athletics competitor and organizer Neil Brown is back to manage the Scottish athletics at the SHGCF, and in his first year back he's attracted a dedicated sponsor in Kodiak Property Management, a new team of volunteers, and a full slate of competitors!

Get to the Ceilidh!

The Exchange [2431 8th Ave, Regina]

Doors open: 7:30 pm

Music: 8:00 pm

All ages, cash bar available.

Renowned piper Fred Morrison is at the Games as part of his Canadian tour, and he'll be adjudicating and performing on Friday and Saturday. His legendary concert performances on Highland and uilleann pipes, plus low whistle and brilliant story telling will make this an event you'll long remember.

Fred's main performance will be at the Saturday evening Ceilidh, held this year at The Exchange [2431 8th Ave, Regina] and we'll have other music and fun that night, a cash bar with refreshments and the chance to relax and visit after a full day competing!

It'll be the best value-for-money event of the year at just \$10 entry, and you'll want to bring the youths to hear this, and to have a few laughs with their friends.

Advance tickets available at the website and we'll have tickets at the door.



Thanks to SK Arts for their support for bringing Fred to Regina!



Fred Morrison driving the tunes last time he was in Regina, at the Mid-Winter Celtic Festival in 2018. Fred's amazing performances will inspire you for the summer! [Photo credit: Dr. Susan MacDonald]



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Online registration and information at:

www.saskpipebands.org



WE NEED YOU!

It takes a real team effort to put on an event like this, and we'd love to have more enthusiastic people bringing their experience, ideas and enthusiasm to the SHGCF Board and organizing committee.

You don't have to be Scottish, you just have to love working with people to put on great community events. Leave your name and contact information at the front gate or registration table, or contact us through the website!

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