

WINTER WARMUP SOLOS

Hosted at Macalester College

Feb 10, 2024 9:00AM

Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center
Macalester College
130 Macalester St, Saint Paul, MN 55105

FEATURING The MN Piobaireachd Society Gr. 4 Challenge*

New in 2024: Bagpipe Quartets

Adjudicators:
Andrew Douglas
Tad Myers
Andrew Lewis



Events include:

<u>Grade 5</u> Jr 2/4 March Sr 2/4 March <u>Practice chanter</u> 2/4 March	<u>Grade 4</u> Jr 2/4 March Sr 2/4 March Jr Strathspey/Reel Sr Strathspey/Reel Piobaireachd	<u>Grade 3</u> 2/4 March Strathspey/Reel 6/8 March Piobaireachd	<u>Grade 2</u> 2/4 March Strathspey/Reel 6/8 March Jig Piobaireachd	<u>Grade 1</u> March/ Strathspey/Reel 6/8 March Hornpipe/Jig Piobaireachd
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Grade 4 competitors will be invited to compete in the afternoon with a FULL PIOBAIREACHD. The top prize is a 16-book bound Piobaireachd Society Collection, donated by the members of the Minnesota Piobaireachd Society

The winner will also receive the new traveling Skye K. Richendrfer Memorial Trophy.

Skye Richendrfer (1957-2022) began piping as a boy in Bellingham, WA. He led the Macalester College Pipe Band (1977-1980), cofounded the Minnesota Piobaireachd Society (1979), and competed successfully in the Pacific Northwest solo piping circuit and with the word-champion Simon Fraser University Pipe Band (1980s). He founded and led the world-renowned Celtic Arts Foundation in Mt. Vernon, WA (1990s-Nov. 2022), where pipers from around the U.S. and Canada, including the Midwest, met and worked with "the greats". Skye took lessons from several piping legends, including Donald MacLeod and, in recent years, Murray Henderson. Skye's warmth, self-effacing humor, generosity, organizational skills, eagerness to foster developing pipers, passion for piping and all things Celtic, and countless contributions to piping in Minnesota and beyond inspired the creation of this trophy, as a way to memorialize Skye and to recognize and encourage developing piobaireachd players.



Our Guest Adjudicator – Andrew Douglas

Andrew Douglas is a prolific practitioner of the bagpipe, having been active at the highest level of pipe bands, solo competition, teaching, and creative endeavors for the past 20 years. He's also the founder and creator of Dojo U and of PipersDojo.com. His accolades include 2017 & 2019 World Championships with Inveraray and District Pipe Band, Winner of USA Silver Medal for Piobaireachd, Former Pipe Major of the Grade 1 Oran Mor Pipe Band, Multi-prize winner, Silver Medals at Oban and Inverness, and Former Winner of B-Grade Strathspey/Reel at Oban (2004). He is an Accredited Bagpipe Teacher and Examiner with the Scottish Qualifications Authority and an EUSPBA Adjudicator.

