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2025 WORLD CHAMPION PIPE BAND INVERARAY & DISTRICT PIPE BAND, MAKE A RARE U.S. APPEARANCE IN CONCERT & COMPETITION AT THE 40TH ANNUAL CHICAGO SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

Chicago, IL – (September 2025) – One of the world’s most celebrated Scottish pipe bands is coming to the Chicago area. The **Inveraray & District Pipe Band**, current and four-time winners of the prestigious **World Pipe Band Championships**, will perform live on **Friday, June 12, 2026, at 7:00 PM** at the **Pfeiffer Concert Hall** on the campus of **North Central College in Naperville, Illinois** before they compete in the **largest pipe band championship in the United States** at the **40th Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games** at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton on Saturday June 13, 2026.

This rare U.S. appearance brings Scotland’s premier Grade 1 pipe band to Chicagoland audiences for an unforgettable evening of music, tradition, and cultural celebration.

Tickets to the Inveraray & District Pipe Band Concert at North Central College are \$50.

Formed in 2005 in Argyll, Scotland, the Inveraray & District Pipe Band has grown from humble beginnings into an international powerhouse, capturing the **World Pipe Band Championship 4 times**. Led by **Pipe Major Stuart Liddell MBE**, one of the most accomplished pipers of his generation, the band is renowned for its innovative arrangements, technical precision, and electrifying live performances.

Under the leadership of **Pipe Sergeant Alasdair Henderson** and **Leading Drummer Steven McWhirter**—a 12-time World Solo Drumming Champion—the band has earned acclaim not only for its global victories but also for its unique ability to connect with audiences through both traditional and contemporary pipe band music.

“Chicago has long been a hub for Scottish culture in America,” said Chicago Scots President, Gus Noble OBE . “We are delighted to bring the world champion Inveraray &

District Pipe Band here to Chicago for a once in a lifetime chance to experience the very best at the peak of their powers.”

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About Inveraray & District Pipe Band

Founded in 2005, Inveraray & District Pipe Band has risen to the top tier of international pipe bands, winning the World Championships 4 times and consistently ranking among the best in the world. Under the direction of Pipe Major Stuart Liddell, Pipe Sergeant Alasdair Henderson, and Leading Drummer Steven McWhirter, the band combines traditional Scottish piping and drumming with a modern flair that has captivated audiences worldwide. For more information, visit <https://idpb.co.uk/>.

About Chicago Scots

Founded as the Illinois Saint Andrew Society in 1845, when Chicago was a small frontier town, population 12,000, the Chicago Scots is the first and longest running charitable organization in Illinois. In addition to preserving and strengthening the enduring bonds of friendship between Scotland and North America by hosting events that educate, entertain, and promote Scottish culture, the Chicago Scots support one of the finest senior living and memory care campuses in greater Chicagoland – Caledonia Senior Living & Memory Care in North Riverside, IL. Authentically rooted in Scottish traditions, values and community, purposeful and proactive in approach, the Chicago Scots are consistently on the cutting-edge of care for the residents of Caledonia Senior Living, where there was not a single resident COVID fatality during the pandemic. For more information, visit www.chicagoscots.org.