



Glengarry Highland Games July Release #3

No Finer Celtic Entertainment Than At the 2007 Games

From Thursday night's Tartan Ball to the closing notes on Saturday evening, this year's Glengarry Highland Games will provide the best celtic dancing and listening music to be found anywhere. The Barra MacNeils will be headlining the 60th Anniversary Tattoo and Concert on Friday, August 3 at 7 pm. Widely regarded as one of the greatest live acts in the Celtic world, this talented family group from Sydney Mines in Cape Breton is deeply rooted in Celtic music, culture and history, and has thrilled audiences around the world.

Glengarry's own world famous MacCulloch Dancers will be performing in the Tattoo along with the popular Brigadoons. The Brigadoons have been playing for over 25 years touring Canada and the United States for festivals and highland gatherings. Both groups will also be entertaining with Pat Kelly at Thursday evening's Tartan Ball, a most colourful and impressive event with all dressed in their formal Scottish attire.

What would a Highland Games be without Gerry O'Neil who can coax any reluctant dancers into kicking up their heels for a couple of steps. A native of Derry, Gerry O'Neill came to Canada in 1974 and now claims Glengarry as his home. A great attraction at local events, Gerry is a must see at the Games. You can catch him Friday night from 10 pm to midnight in the Metcalfe Centre (formerly the Angus Gray).

Another group that many will be excited to have return to the Games is Hadrian's Wall. A local favourite that has performed extensively throughout Canada and the United States, the group is back together for this year's Games. Members of the band from the past and the present and other special guests will have the Tents filled as they perform Friday night from 10 pm until midnight.

Saturday, August 4th has a huge lineup of entertainment that starts early in the morning and continues until 9 pm. Kendra MacGillvray, from Antigonish, Nova Scotia and one of Cape Breton's best fiddlers, will present a workshop on Scottish music at 10:00 am. Kendra has won two prestigious East Coast Music Awards, including "Female Artist of the Year" and "Instrumental Artist of the Year," and travels the world playing the traditional Scottish/Cape Breton style.

Entertainment in the Tents and the Metcalfe Centre begins at 2 pm on Saturday. Neil Emberg, the energetic lead of Hadrian's Wall, returns to the Tents joined by Dalkeith's Ashley MacLeod, a well-

known fiddler at the Games and throughout Canada. Neil and Ashley's appealing sounds make both young and old go from tappin' and clappin' to jiggin' and reelin'! Ewen McIntosh formerly of the Crofters will be joining them on stage.

Also performing in the same time slot as Neil and Ashley, will be Brandy 'n' Port, Ottawa's premier Celtic band for over a decade. They perform regularly at many Highland Games and everyone will no doubt be well entertained by their high energy Celtic mix

The Metcalfe Centre (the Angus Gray) will offer a full slate of fine Celtic groups from 2 until 9 pm as well. The Brigadoons, Pat Kelly and Pat Maher, along with Bob and Ducky will keep everyone entertained throughout Saturday afternoon and evening. Bob and Ducky, a very popular duo in and around the area, have been performing at the Highland Games for several years. Pat Kelly and Pat Maher offer a great mix of traditional Irish music that is both relaxing and enjoyable.

Whether to watch from the sidelines tapping your toes, or catch up with old friends and new acquaintances, or swirl across the dance floor, you must spend a while enjoying the entertainers at this year's Games. Everyone should note that the entertainment hours are different this year, with the bands in the Metcalfe Centre and the Tents playing from 2 pm to 12 midnight on Friday and 2 until 9 pm on Saturday. Both sites will be licensed as usual.