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The Glengarry Highland Games is World Renowned for its Piping

The Best in North America Compete at the Games

Although there are many more things to do and see at the Glengarry Highland Games besides piping, it is the piping that makes these Games unique. The Games are the home of the North American Pipe Band Championship™ and it is said if you win at Maxville then you can proudly say you are the best on this continent. The next stop after Maxville is the Worlds in Glasgow, Scotland and many winners at the Games have gone on to success there as well.



This year's Games on August 1st and 2nd will provide for not only strong competitions but also an outstanding massed bands performance with over sixty-five pipe bands already indicating that they will be coming to Maxville to compete. In a summer where many people are staying close to home, it shows the prestige of competing in Maxville with pipe bands coming from all Canadian provinces from British Columbia to Nova Scotia, and most United States including Texas, Oklahoma and North Carolina. Pipe bands are made up of all ages and even one juvenile pipe band, the Rob Roy from Kingston will be competing.

There are so many bands coming that six circles will be needed to judge the individual pipe band competitions, and most certainly Saturday's closing massed bands will fill the infield from fence to fence.

Classical Music on Bagpipes at the Games

Another piping highlight of the Games is the Piobaireachd (Pee-brock) Competition. This event features the best pipers playing the classical music of the Highland bagpipes. This is the music that summoned the clans to battle, celebrated sweet victory and terrible loss, and lamented the deaths of chiefs and heroes.



The Glengarry Highland Games are the only games in North America to host the Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal Competition that is sanctioned by the Piobaireachd Society of Scotland. To ensure proper acoustics for this prestigious competition, the Piobaireachd is held in the United and Anglican churches in Maxville outside of the Games site.

For a different sound of the bagpipes and a new appreciation of the playing of pipes, drop into the churches all day Friday and lend an ear. In addition, there are amateur piobaireachd competitions on Friday, as well as the Professional Piobaireachd on Saturday on the main grounds.

No wonder the bagpipes can evoke such strong feelings in anyone who hears them and the best of the bagpipes can be found at the Glengarry Highland Games.