The Celtic Arts Foundation presents the 24th Annual

Saturday & Sunday
July 14-15, 2018
9 am–6 pm
Edgewater Park
Mount Vernon, Washington

Official Piping, Drumming & Pipe Band Competitor’s Entry Form

Entry Deadline: Postmarked by June 23, 2018
Where is Mount Vernon, Washington?

Mount Vernon is located on Interstate 5 in Washington State, about \( \frac{1}{2} \) way between Vancouver, BC Canada, and Seattle – we’re just about 40 miles from Victoria, BC via ferryboat to Anacortes, WA, a 15 minute short drive from there to Mount Vernon.

For competition details and for further information, please visit our website: [www.celticarts.org](http://www.celticarts.org)
Entry Information

- Entry fees payable in US funds only.
- NEW: ONLINE ENTRIES preferred
- Entry fees must accompany entry form(s).
- Photocopies of entry forms are acceptable (downloadable forms are also available from our homepage at www.celticarts.org).
- Check or money order payable in US funds only. We also accept your payment using VISA/MASTERCARD.
- Entries must be postmarked by June 23, 2018.
- Canadian competitors should take care to have adequate postage for delivery to the US.
- Competitor numbers will not be mailed, but rather be available outside the main entrance gate in the solo piping area.
- Please mail piping and drumming entries complete with check or money order, payable in US funds; or with VISA/MASTERCARD information to:

  **Celtic Arts Foundation/Skagit Valley Highland Games**
  PO Box 1342
  Mount Vernon, WA  98273

Fees

**Piping**
- Event 103–153: $8.00 US per event
- Event 172–173: $12.00 US per event
- Event 174: $20.00 US
- Event 161, 163: $12.00 US per event
- Event 162: $20.00 US

**Drumming**
- Event 202–252: $8.00 US per event
- Event 301, 342, 351: $8.00 US per event
- Event 261, 262: $12.00 US per event
- Event 362: $12.00 US

* Competitors not members of the BC Pipers Association (BCPA), or an officially recognized pipe band association affiliated with the BCPA, add $4.50 per event. Members of BCPA affiliated associations, please supply photocopy of your current membership card, or similar proof with your entry.

**Drum Corp**
- Event 721: $30.00 US
- Event 731: $30.00 US
- Event 741: $35.00 US
- Event 751: $45.00 US

**Pipe Band**
- Event 812: $85.00 US
- Event 822, 891: $85.00 US per event
- Event 831, 832, 891: $95.00 US per event
- Event 841, 842: $105.00 US per event
- Event 851, 852: $115.00 US per event

** Bands not members of the BCPA, or an officially recognized pipe band association affiliated with the BCPA, add $60 per band. Members of BCPA affiliated associations, please supply photocopy of your current membership card, or similar proof with your entry.
Piping, Drumming & Pipe Band Events

Refer to BCPA competition rules at [www.bcpipers.org](http://www.bcpipers.org) for details of the music requirements for these events.

**Beginner Piping**

103  2/4 March (4 parts of March, 2-parted tunes permitted)

**Grade IV**

121  2/4 March
122  Piobaireachd (Ground & next variation)
124  6/8 March

**Grade II**

141  March, Strathspey & Reel
142  Piobaireachd
143  Hornpipe & Jig

**Open Piping**

161  March, Strathspey & Reel
162  Piobaireachd
163  Hornpipe & Jig

**Grade V**

111  2/4 March
112  Slow Air

**Beginner Snare Drumming**

202  2/4 March (4 parts of BCPA Massed Band setting)

**Grade IV**

221  2/4 March
222  6/8 March

**Grade II**

241  March, Strathspey & Reel
242  Hornpipe & Jig

**Open Drumming**

261  March, Strathspey & Reel
262  Hornpipe & Jig

**Grade II Tenor Drumming**

342  6/8 March (4 parts only)

**Open Tenor Drumming**

362  Hornpipe & Jig

**Grade III**

131  2/4 March
132  Strathspey & Reel
133  Piobaireachd

**Grade I**

151  March, Strathspey & Reel
152  Piobaireachd
153  Hornpipe & Jig

**Adult**

172  Slow Air
173  6/8 March
174  Piobaireachd (Ground & next variation)

**Pipe Band Events**

**Grade V Pipe Band**

812  Quick Marches Set  (8 parts of quick marches in simple time)

**Grade IV Pipe Band**

822  MSR (1x4 or 2x2 parted Ms, Ss, and Rs. RSPBA prescribed tunes list recommended but not required)

**Grade II Pipe Band**

841  Medley (4-6 minutes)
842  MSR (submit 2, each tune 4 part min)

**Grade III Pipe Band**

831  Medley (3-5 minutes)
832  MSR (each tune min. 4 parts)

**Grade I Pipe Band**

851  Medley (submit 1, 5-7 minutes)
852  MSR (submit 2, each tune 4 part min)

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Open Grade IV and III Pipe Band Event
Washington State Championship
891 Medley (3-5 minutes on Sunday)

Note: The Washington State Championship award will be made to the respective Grade IV and III bands with the highest placing in the Sunday event.

Sunday Drumming Fanfare Events

Grade IV Drum Corp - Event 721
Grade II Drum Corp - Event 741

Grade III Drum Corp - Event 731
Grade I Drum Corp - Event 751

Piping and Drumming Rules

1. Piping, Drumming and Pipe Band competitions will be run under the BC Pipers Association rules.
2. The committee, in conjunction with the Games Chief Steward reserves the right to eliminate or divide events.
3. Competitors will compete in inverse order of entry.
4. Any competitor causing delay may forfeit entry in that event.
5. Judges’ decisions are final. Complaints must be written, signed and submitted by the end of the competition, accompanied by a $25.00 fee, refundable if sustained.
6. No refunds will be given for Piping, Drumming or Pipe Band entries received.
7. Refer to BCPA rules for number of the accompanying musicians required for snare and tenor drumming competitors.
8. Pipers and drummers will tune and warm up only in designated “tuning areas.”
9. Closing date for entries is June 23, 2018. All entry forms must be postmarked by this date, no exceptions.
10. It is the responsibility of the competitor to pick up prizes at the competition. All unclaimed prizes will be forfeited after August 1, 2018.
11. Individual competitors and band members will receive a gate pass. Everyone must have either a gate pass or an admission ticket to get on the field.
12. All competing bands will be required to play in the Massed Bands to receive any appearance and/or prize money.
13. The Adult Piping grade is for pipers over 17 years, not higher than Grade 4 Piping caliber, and who do not regularly compete in the standard numbered grades (Grade 5, 4, etc.).
14. Event 891 on Sunday is open to all pipe bands (US or Canadian).
15. The Washington State Championship award will be made to the respective Grade IV and III bands with the highest placing in the Sunday event.
16. A Grade 5 band is permitted to compete in a Grade 4 Medley event provided it meets only (1) On submitting their entry form, the band enters all the events in its regular grade for the competition and the event the band is challenging up AND (2) The band meets the music requirements for the challenged up grade’s event.

Purse Awards

For Open solo events, the total purse is over $1500. For Drum Corps events, the total purse is over $2600. For Band events, the total purse is over $5100. The value of prizes will be provided upon written request. Please direct inquiries to the Executive Director of the Celtic Arts Foundation at Skye@CelticArts.org.
## GAMES INFORMATION

**Highland Dancing Info**
Heather Richendrfer: 360-733-5043  
E-mail: dance@clanheather.com

**Piping, Drumming, Pipe Band Info**
Skye Richendrfer: 360-416-4934  
E-mail: skye@celticarts.org

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1-800-662-6886 or 360-428-5678 | Skagit Ridge Hotel  
1-888-724-1640 or 360-724-0640 |
| Best Western College Way Inn  
360-424-4287 | Skagit Valley Casino Resort  
1-877-275-2448 or 360-724-7777 |
| Tulip Inn/Travelodge  
360-428-5969 |  |
| Quality Inn  
360-428-7020 |  |
| Days Inn  
360-424-4141 |  |
| Mount Vernon RV  
1-800-385-9895 or 360-428-8787 |  |
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See a list of Bed & Breakfasts as well as other Skagit County options at www.celticarts.org/skagit-lodging/

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| Hampton Inn & Suites  
360-757-7100 |
| Candlewood Suites  
360-755-3300 |
| Holiday Inn Express  
1-877-410-6667 or 360-755-7338 |
| Cocusa Motel  
1-800-628-2257 or 360-757-6044 |
| Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriot  
360-757-2717 |

### Travel Assistance Links & Things to Do

Border Crossing Status (Department of Transportation webcams):  
[www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/border](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/border)

Washington State Tourism:  
[www.tourism.wa.gov](http://www.tourism.wa.gov)

Washington State Ferries:  
[www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries)

Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce:  
[www.mountvernonchamber.com/visitors](http://www.mountvernonchamber.com/visitors)

Burlington, WA Chamber of Commerce:  
[www.burlington-chamber.com](http://www.burlington-chamber.com)