

# 10th Annual Balmoral Classic

## Pittsburgh, PA

### Nov. 18-19, 2016

**WHAT:** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Balmoral Classic, America's Annual Celebration of high quality Scottish music, with a focus on Highland bagpipes and Scottish snare drum. Friday's event is a welcoming reception or Gathering with music, dance, a silent auction, and refreshments. Saturday features Highland bagpiping and Scottish snare drumming in the US Junior Championship contests, followed by an evening concert with a Grade One International champion, the Toronto Police Pipe Band.

<http://torontopolicepipeband.com/>

**FRIDAY** 7pm-10pm **The Balmoral Classic Gathering:** The weekend begins with an evening at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association of Scottish and Irish music and refreshments, featuring special performances by the piping and drumming judges, Road to the Isles (Pittsburgh-based Celtic/folk group - two master fiddlers, a piper with various bagpipes and whistles, and Irish flute player/vocalist w/guitar), and performances by the Pittsburgh Scottish Country Dancers. The evening will include a Silent Auction, whisky tasting, iconic Scottish food, and a cash bar, with raconteur Arthur McAra. Special guests will include the best young bagpipers and snare drummers in the USA who will be competing the next day, as well as members of the Toronto Police Pipe Band. Kilts are welcomed! Tickets are \$25 and are available for purchase via <http://www.showclix.com/events/balmoralclassicgathering2016>, or by calling 412 323-2707.

**SATURDAY** 8:30am to 5pm. **US Junior Solo Bagpiping & Solo Snare Drumming Championship Competitions:** back for its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the annual competition will feature pipers and drummers from across the USA, Canada, and Scotland to compete for the "US Junior Champion" titles, trophies, McCallum and Naill bagpipes, a Premier snare drum, and other prizes and scholarships. The competition is the only junior solo championship for pipers and drummers in the USA. Admission is free. Location is McGonigle Theater, Central Catholic HS, 4720 Fifth Avenue.

**SATURDAY EVENING** **The Balmoral Classic Concert** will feature a live performance by internationally acclaimed Toronto Police Pipe Band at the McGonigle Theater, Central Catholic High School. [TorontoPolicePipeBand.com](http://TorontoPolicePipeBand.com) Joining TPPB will be dancers from the Burke-Conroy School of Irish Dance and the Pittsburgh Celtic Spirit Highland Dancers.

The evening will begin at 7:30pm with announcing the winners of the US Junior Solo Bagpiping & Solo Snare Drumming Championship. The concert begins at 8pm. Overall winners each play their winning medley at the start of the second half of the concert. Tickets are available for purchase via <http://www.showclix.com/events/balmoralclassictorontopolicepb>. \$35 at the door, \$25 in advance, \$15 for students and seniors.

#### **WHEN & WHERE**

**Friday, Nov. 18, 7-10:00 p.m. The Balmoral Classic Gathering**

Pittsburgh Athletic Association 4215 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

**Saturday, Nov. 19, 8:30am-5:00pm US Junior Solo Bagpiping & Solo Snare Drumming Championships**

Central Catholic High School, 4720 Fifth Avenue, Oakland, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

**Saturday, Nov. 19, 7:30 pm The Balmoral Classic Award Ceremony**

**Saturday, Nov. 19, 8:00 p.m. The Balmoral Classic Concert:**

Central Catholic High School, 4720 Fifth Avenue, Oakland, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

**INFO:** For more information visit <http://www.balmoralclassic.org>, email: [info@BalmoralClassic.org](mailto:info@BalmoralClassic.org), phone: 412 323-2707