



Smoky Mountain Festival and Highland Games

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The Smoky Mountain Games & Festival Piping Workshop

This year the SMFHG will be hosting our 2nd annual piping workshop on Sunday, May 21st. The workshop will be held in the morning on Maryville College campus in Thaw Hall above the library. There will be breakfast with the instructor and breakout sessions throughout the morning. Registration opens April 1st and the donation is \$25 per individual.

We are happy to announce the following instructor for this year's workshop:

Workshop Instructor: **James McIntosh, MBE**

Jim has received first prizes at nearly all the major championships in Scotland, including Inverness, Oban, Braemar, Skye, and was the first Grant's (Glenfiddich) Champion. A piper with the Cameron Highlanders from 1939-1949, he studied under Willie Ross and Donald McLeod, and since the 1950's has focused on the teachings of R.U. Brown and R.B. Nicol—The Bobs of Balmoral. He designed and developed the Naill pipe chanter, which continues to be one of the favorite chanters played by solo competitors around the world. He founded the Competing Pipers Association in Scotland, and was then instrumental in getting the Silver Medal competitions introduced at the Northern Meetings. He served as President of the CPA from 1976-1982, when he emigrated to the USA.

Jim began teaching in North American Summer Schools in 1973, and has continued to do so each year to the present time. Since 2006, he has organized the Jimmy McIntosh Balmoral School in Latrobe, PA. He served as President of the EUSPBA from 1991-1994, and in various capacities on the AAB, the forerunner to the Music Board. The current format for the VOICE magazine, as an educational tool, was started during his terms of office. He developed the current program of exams and apprentice judging for potential Adjudicators of Piping in the EUSPBA in 1987. He inaugurated the first B.A. degree program in Bagpipe Music for music majors at Carnegie Mellon University in 1990—the first of its kind in the world. His students have been among the first North Americans to win major piping competitions in Scotland—Mike Cusack and Mike Rogers have both won Gold Medals. In 1994, he was awarded the MBE medal from Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace, and in 2002, the Balvenie Medal, presented at Blair Atholl Castle, both for his services to piping throughout the world. He recorded 35 CDs of the entire Piobaireachd Society collection, Books 1-15. He has twice been honored with the President's Award from the EUSPBA, for his contributions to the Association, and most recently for his joint efforts with Peter Kent, for pioneering on-line piobaireachd lectures, on the Learning Channel of the EUSPBA, the first of its kind.

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More information can be located at the piping and drumming page on the Smoky Mountain Games website:

<http://smokymountaingames.org/competitions/bands-pipes-drums/>

