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*Memorial Piobaireachd  
Competition*



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The First Annual

Pipe Major Donald MacLeod

Memorial Piobaireachd Competition

in

The Glasgow Art Club  
185 Bath Street, Glasgow

on

Monday 18th March 1985

at

7.00 p.m.

The Glasgow Highland Club

A warm welcome to the Glasgow Art Club  
for the first annual : Pipe Major Donald MacLeod  
Memorial Piobaireach Competition

This competition in tribute to our much  
admired former Club Piper was proposed by Archie  
MacTaggart who was Club Pipe Major at the time of  
Donalds death in June 1982.

Archie had the vision to see the fitting  
memorial that a competition such as this would make  
and we are grateful to him for his foresight and are  
assembled tonight as a direct result of his concern  
for the Club and for Donald.

It is a pleasure therefore to inaugurate this  
Competition tonight and a particular pleasure to  
welcome Winnie MacLeod and daughter Susan to our  
midst and to express the hope that the Competition  
will find a firm and lasting place in the Club  
Calendar.

Ian McDowall  
Club President

March 1985

Pipe Major Donald MacLeod M.B.E.

Pipe Major Donald MacLeod, born and raised in Stornoway, was Club Piper to the Glasgow Highland Club for twenty great years until his death on 29th June 1982.

His great career as a Competitor was remarkable - eight times winner of the Gold Clasp at the Northern Meeting, three times winner of the Open Piobaireachd at the Argyllshire Gathering, having also won the Highland Society of London's Gold medal at each of these meetings and countless light music events.

This record is well known to pipers the world over as is his distinguished service in the Seaforths.

His special gifts as a composer and teacher will not be forgotten at home or overseas and tonight's Competition uses tunes from Donald MacLeod's Collection of Piobaireachd Book 1 - twenty original tunes composed by him.

Donald has left a wealth of great music and his tunes will long continue to be played and acknowledged as the work of a Master Composer. His influence on pipe music and his apparently/

limitless ability to impart the skills of interpretation and execution to those who sought his advice has benefitted immeasurably our ancient art of piping and any memorial which we might make for him is overshadowed by the great legacy he himself left for us.

We in the Glasgow Highland Club were priveleged to know Donald as a great piper, an understanding tutor and an inventive and original Composer, but above all we knew him as a wise and kindly friend, a fine Highland Gentleman for whom we had great respect and admiration.

Tonight's Competition - the first annual Pipe Major Donald MacLeod Memorial Piobaireachd Competition is our tribute to him and a tangible sign of our sense of gratitude at having known him.

Programme

7.00 p.m.

Welcome by Chairman  
Club President, Ian McDowall

Piobaireachd Competition  
(see order of play list)

Approx.

9.30 p.m.

Interval for Coffee and sandwiches

Competition results

Remarks by Captain John A. MacLellan

Mr. Duncan Johnstone will play  
the piobaireachd composed by him

'My Tribute to Pipe Major Donald MacLeod'

Approx.

10.45 p.m.

Closing remarks by Chairman

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ORDER OF PLAY

Results

Lament for Islay Flora MacLeod

A. S. MacNeill of Oronsay's Salute

Lament for Islay Flora MacLeod

Roderick MacDonald's Salute

Lament for Islay Flora MacLeod

Lament for the Rowan Tree

Cronan Corrievrechan

Roderick MacDonald's Salute

Cronan Corrievrechan

The Prize will not be presented to the Competition Winner this evening but will be presented by Winnie

## The Competition Rules

Open to all members of the Glasgow Highland Club  
who will submit one tune from : -

'Donald MacLeod's Collection of  
Piobaireachd Book 1'

Competitors will be allowed one minute tuning up  
time and then will play any 6/8 March composed by  
Pipe Major Donald MacLeod after which one further  
minutes re-tuning time will be allowed before  
starting the Competition Piobaireachd.



## The Adjudicators

The Club is fortunate indeed to have two distinguished pipers present tonight to judge the Competition.

Captain John A. MacLellan M.B.E., F.S.A., Scot., is well known to all pipers having been Director of Army Bagpipe Music at Edinburgh Castle for many years with a fine reputation as a player and competitor and now as an administrator through his service in the Piobaireachd Society and its music committee.

Andrew Wright is a gifted player whose long career as a competing piper has been most successful. He studied under Pipe Major Donald MacLeod from the time when Donald came to Glasgow in the mid sixties and won all the major Piobaireachd awards under Donalds tutelage.

We extend a warm welcome to both gentlemen and hope that they enjoy this evening in our Company.

## The Prize

When it became known that the Club intended to establish the Competition in memory of Donald, Mr. Angus J. MacLellan, President of the Scottish Pipers Association, proposed most generously that the Prize for annual competition would be given to the Club by the Association.

The Prize is a most elegant and worthy award in thoughtfully chosen form - a beautifully bound set of the Piobaireachd Society Books which will be greatly treasured by each winner down the years.

The Glasgow Highland Club is most grateful to the President, Office Bearers and Members of the Scottish Pipers Association for this magnificent gesture and we applaud the Associations own endeavours in commemoration of Donald through their annual Pipe Major Donald MacLeod Memorial Recital.

It is hoped that during the course of this evening it will be possible for the Prize to be formally presented by Mr. Angus J. MacLellan to the Club and received and acknowledged on behalf of the Club by the President.

Mr. Duncan Johnstone

Pipe Major Donald MacLeods great friend and piping colleague Mr. Duncan Johnstone joins us tonight and will play the Piobaireachd which he made for Donald.

'My Tribute to Pipe Major Donald MacLeod'

Club members and their guests have enjoyed hearing Duncan play for us on many Club occasions and we look forward to many more visits in the future.

We are most grateful to Duncan for this fine gesture in coming to play for us this evening and for his further thoughtfulness in making available copies of the music so that listeners can, if they wish, follow the score and add to their enjoyment of Duncans recital.

## The Organisers

Club member Jimmy Hamilton has undertaken the planning and administration of this Competition evening and has been constantly enthusiastic and meticulous in making all preparations.

Club Director Sandy Macpherson has dealt with the accommodation and catering arrangements with the Glasgow Art Club and we are grateful to the President, Council and Housekeeper Mrs Parker and daughter Sally for making us welcome this evening.

Club Piper Inspector, John Wilson of Strathclyde Police has assisted in many ways with the establishment of this Competition and has been working hard behind the scenes tonight. He has given much encouragement and support to the competitors and the Club is fortunate indeed to have John, a pupil and great friend of Donald, as Club Piper.

This first annual Memorial Piobaireachd Competition could not have been held without the support of the Club Members who competed and our thanks is due to them for making this evening a celebration of Pipe Major Donald MacLeod's time with us.

Ian McDowall  
Club President

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