

## Entertainers for 2008 MacIntyre Gathering - May 24, 2008

Below is a list of possible performers for the 2008 Gathering and some biographical information and/or their web site. The exact schedule of performances is still being prepared by the Fear An Taighe, Lorn Macintyre. Following the biographies is a list of the venues with the types of performers anticipated.

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### PERFORMERS

#### INSTRUMENTALISTS

##### 1. MICHAEL AND JOANIE GARVIN,-

E- Greencourt Guest House, Oban <[relax@greencourt-oban.co.uk](mailto:relax@greencourt-oban.co.uk)>

Accordion and Fiddle, Oban. They have been engaged to perform before and during the Banquet while people are eating. They could also provide music for a ceilidh demo dance if that is desirable and time permits.

2. CEILIDH BAND AT OBAN, From Glasgow. Name of Band and band members to be supplied by Michael and Joanie Garvin.

#### PIPERS

##### 3. ARCHIE McINTYRE, [a.mcintyre1@btinternet.com](mailto:a.mcintyre1@btinternet.com)

Master piobaireachd piper, composer, England  
[www.clandonald.org.uk/chiefs/news.html](http://www.clandonald.org.uk/chiefs/news.html)  
[www.clandonald.org.uk/cdm00/cdm00a06.htm](http://www.clandonald.org.uk/cdm00/cdm00a06.htm)

"Archie McIntyre was brought up on Cruachan side where he lived till he left home to join the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders in 1957. He was taught the pipes from an early age by his father and then by the legendary Pipe Major Donald MacLeod who remained his mentor till his death. Archie is one of the very few McIntyres to bear his own Arms, is Gentleman Piper to the High Council of Clan Donald Chiefs, and the composer of may well-received tunes"

At the final Gathering at Glen Noe on Sunday, he will play a new piobairach, 'Gathering of the MacIntyres.'

##### 4. ANDREW MACINTYRE, [andrewmacintyre2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andrewmacintyre2000@yahoo.co.uk),

Piper, composer, Edinburgh. Andrew composed the first new pipe tune in commemoration of the 2008 Gathering.

"Born in Glasgow in 1974. Studied an MA in French and Philosophy at Glasgow University, then an MSc in Information Systems at Napier University, Edinburgh. First had chanter lessons aged 9 at Milngavie Pipe Band, followed by several years tuition from renowned piper and composer Duncan Johnstone. Currently living in Edinburgh, where he plays Scottish smallpipes and whistles regularly in pub sessions, and is a member of a couple of small groups who occasionally perform in public. Also plays the Great Highland pipes at weddings and dinners from time to time."

5. JOHN SINCLAIR McINTYRE, -[jsmci@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jsmci@bigpond.net.au).

Piper, composer, Australia. John has composed two new pipe tunes for the 2008 Gathering.

"I started piping at age eleven, and was taught by Angus MacRory who was ex Scots Guards and came from South Uist. He was taught by the famous Willie Ross. My father played the pipes and these are the ones I still play. As the ivory mounts on them contravene Australian Customs regulations, I do not take them overseas but instead take a cheap plastic mounted set. I have competed in solo piping competitions; am the pipe tutor of the Benalla Caledonian Pipe Band; have composed several pipe tunes including a Piobaireachd. I played in the 2000 Edinburgh Pipefest in which 9000 pipers and drummers played from around the world."

6. MARK McINTIRE, [Maninakilt4@aol.com](mailto:Maninakilt4@aol.com)

Piper, Oregon. Mark was born in Portland Oregon in 1967 and now lives in Sisters, Oregon. He has a degree in Health and Fitness certified in CPR. He has been piping for about ten years, taught by Jack MacGillvary, the Pipe major to the United States Air Force Pipes and Drums (1960-1970). It was the Air Force band pipe that played in President Kennedy's funeral precession and at his grave side. The tune they played was Mist Covered Mountains which Pipe Major MacGillvary taught Mark. It won Mark first place at the Oregon Pipers Society competition in 2004. He hasn't competed in the last few years do to the long hours of preparation it required to play at competition level. He feels he would be a much better piper if he had started his training much earlier in life. He plays a 50-60 year old set of RG Hardies with a MaCallum Chanter.

Mark played at the 2003 Gathering in California. Pictures from this gathering can be seen on [www.electricscotland.com](http://www.electricscotland.com) under MacIntyre. He played at the 2000 Pipefest in Edinburgh and (as far as is known) he is the only person to have ever played the pipes inside the Westminster Parliament. He is a Vice President of the Clan MacIntyre Society.

7. ANDREW STRZALKOWSKI, [bagpipe206@hotmail.com](mailto:bagpipe206@hotmail.com) Piper , France

Andrzej Strzalkowski, was born in 1947 near Cambridge, England. His family emigrated to South-Africa when he was 4 years old but he remembers having heard the pipes in Hyde park, London. He qualified as a medical doctor from Wits

University in 1975 and emigrated to Europe in 1980. He was inspired to play the pipes by his wife, Lenore. He began his training in 1992 receiving tuition from Jean-François Allain (gold-medallist), and Jacez Pinçet. He plays a smattering of light music and a certain number of Piobaireach'd. His pipes are of French manufacture (Fanch Gourves). His chanters are Nail and Kintail. As a result of his contributions to Clan MacIntyre by wearing our tartan when he performs, he was made an honorary member of the Clan MacIntyre Association.

8. RUSSELL CAMPBELL, [ruscartoons@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ruscartoons@hotmail.co.uk)\_Piper, Taynuilt.

Russell composed a new pipe tune, "Reuniting of the MacIntyres" which will be played by the Oban Pipe Band in the parade down main street in Taynuilt on the way to the Games.

## SINGERS

9. COLIN MACINTYRE, [colin@colinmacintyre.co.uk](mailto:colin@colinmacintyre.co.uk) Singer, composer, Mull ([www.colinmacintyre.com](http://www.colinmacintyre.com)).

"Colin MacIntyre is a pop/rock musician, multi-instrumentalist and Producer, and under the Mull Historical Society pseudonym, has released & toured worldwide **3 critically acclaimed albums**: Loss (2001), Us (2003) & This Is Hope (2004). He has achieved 4 UK Top 40 Chart hits and 2 Top 20 UK Chart albums and approximately 250,000 worldwide sales. Colin has also been named **Scotland's Top Creative Talent at the Glenfiddoch Spirit Of Scotland Awards**. He has performed in Scotland's new parliament building, at Edinburgh Castle for the Hogmany Party, as well as at all the major UK Festivals and venues. He has toured America & Europe. His **4th album, The Water**, has recently been released, now under his own name (Feb 2008). This does not reflect any artistic changes for Colin. It is released in **Japan** in Spring on BMG Records and is available worldwide. This album has been Produced by Mercury Prize nominee **Lemon Jelly's Nick Franglen**. "*Rip-roaring pop perfection.*" *THE MIRROR newspaper have called it. "His 4<sup>th</sup> album is blessed with the genetics of such a beautiful, tranquil place woven into it."* *NME. "A remarkable achievement"* *The Guardian*. It was recorded over an eighteen-month period that included spells in **West Sussex, Glasgow, London, New York and Mull**, 'The Water' represents **MacIntyre's** most remarkable and fully realised album to date. The album's closing epic track '**Pay Attention To The Human**' also features a special guest appearance from political legend and humanist **Tony Benn**, who has written and recited a poem specifically for the song. **Benn's** new book of diary entries, '**More Time For Politics: Diaries 2001-2007**', includes a mention of his meeting with **MacIntyre**. **Colin** hails from the **Isle of Mull** and is also a keen writer - he is working on a novel. He hails from a **family** of writers and **storytellers** and football fanatics. Currently Colin is working on a new set of songs, a different kind of project for him, more acoustic-based, some of which will tell the stories of those who stayed, and those who left, the communities of the West of Scotland."

**Colin is the grandson of Angus Macintyre, the Bard of Tobermory and Taynuilt; the nephew of Lorn and Eric Macintyre who are listed elsewhere as performers.**

10. BONI McINTYRE [morrigan64@hotmail.com](mailto:morrigan64@hotmail.com)

Gaelic, Celtic singer, actress. Colorado

“Miss McIntyre is thrilled to have a chance to perform for so many of her long lost MacIntyre “cousins.” While she has many favorite performances over the years, recent favorites include Lizzy in *The Rainmaker*, for which she received a 2006 Spotlight award for Best Actress in a Drama, Doris in *Dead White Males*, the Mother in the Christmas opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors* the opera diva Irene Adler in *Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure* at Miners Alley Playhouse, Kate in *Kiss Me Kate* with Main Street Players and a gender reversed *Taming of the Shrew* with the Denver Repertoire Theater Company. A Colorado native, Ms. McIntyre received her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in Vocal Performance from the University of Northern Colorado. She has sung the National Anthem for the Colorado Rockies baseball team on several occasions and at the Longs Peak Highland Games in Estes Park where she proudly flaunts her Scottish heritage. She hopes to someday be able to quit her day job at Jackson National Life Insurance (owned by the Prudential UK) and pay the bills by singing for her supper.”

Boni has successfully competed in Gaelic/Celtic singing competitions.

11. LISA FURUKAWA, [lisa@lisafurukawa.com](mailto:lisa@lisafurukawa.com)

Singer, composer, North Carolina [www.lisa-ray.net](http://www.lisa-ray.net) Lisa wants to explore her MacIntyre/Scottish heritage (great-grandmother was a McIntyre and g.g.g. grandfather was Rev. John McIntyre of Lismore.). Lisa is presently on tour in New Zealand. She has agreed to sing a duet (Arm's of MacIntyre) with Boni of a piece composed by the Linda Wright

12. GEORDIE McINTYRE & ALISON McMORLAND, Folksingers, composers, Glasgow,

[www.alisonmcmorland.com](http://www.alisonmcmorland.com). They are well-known and highly regarded Scottish folksingers who have composed a new song about Glen Noe.

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[www.classicalsinger.com/sites/index.php?pt=6&user\\_id=78608](http://www.classicalsinger.com/sites/index.php?pt=6&user_id=78608)

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**SPOKEN VOICE**

13. LORN MacINTYRE, [lorn.macintyre@btinternet.com](mailto:lorn.macintyre@btinternet.com) Poet, novelist, Fear An Taighe, St. Andrews [www.lornmacintyre.co.uk](http://www.lornmacintyre.co.uk)

14. MARTIN MacINTYRE, Martainn Mac an t-Saoir

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Gaelic speaker, novelist, storyteller singer, actor. Edinburgh

“Born in 1965 and brought up in Lenzie, Glasgow of a South Uist father, Martainn Mac an t-Saoir/Martin MacIntyre is a doctor, writer, storyteller and traditional

singer. Ath-Aithne (Re-acquaintance), a collection of short stories in Gaelic and English won The Saltire First Book Award in 2003. His first bi-lingual collection of poetry Dannelsam Led Fhaileas / Let Me Dance With Your Shadow was published in 2006, and in 2007 Martainn was crowned Bard at the National Mod in Lochaber.”

[www.booksfromscotland.com/Authors/Martin-MacIntyre/Interview](http://www.booksfromscotland.com/Authors/Martin-MacIntyre/Interview)

15. ERIC MACINTYRE, England [eric.macintyre@btinternet.com](mailto:eric.macintyre@btinternet.com)

Reading of poems about Taynuilt by his father, Angus Macintyre.

## DANCERS

16. MARY MACINTYRE, Ceilidh Dance Leader, St. Andrews

17. EMILY McINTIRE, [ElleEm12@aol.com](mailto:ElleEm12@aol.com)

Highland dancer, Indiana. Emily started taking lesson in the late teens about 4-6 years ago. She plans to compete at the Taynuilt Games.

18. Possibly the winner of the Highland Dancing Competition at the Games?

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## CONTRIBUTING BUT NOT PRESENT

19. Duncan Ban MacIntyre, Gaelic poet of renown who composed a poem, Verses on Arms, in honor of James of Glenoe, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chief of modern record.

20. Linda Wright Dighton and Randall Dighton, troubadours who have composed a duet to the English translation of Duncan Ban’s Verses on Arms. Plans are to have it sung by two of the singers mentioned previously.

## PERFORMANCES BY DATE, DAY & TIME OF DAY

### JULY 16 - Wednesday

Afternoon – Oban Welcome & Registration - piper

Evening – Taynuilt Ceilidh – singers, pipers,

### JULY 17 - Thursday

Morning and Afternoon – Taynuilt Welcome piper, singer, storyteller.

Evening – Taynuilt Ceilidh - piper, singer

### JULY 18 - Friday

Evening – Banquet in Oban – Pre/Post dinner - piper, singers

Gaelic recitation, ceilidh dancing demo

During dinner Scottish fiddle & accordion

### JULY 19 - Saturday

Afternoon – Taynuilt Highland Games – pipers, singer

Evening – Oban Ceilidh, singers, pipers, recitation, dancing

**JULY 20 - Sunday**

Morning – Ecumenical service – piper, singers

– Walk to Glen Noe - pipers

Afternoon – Piper at the bow of a galley arriving at Glen Noe

– Glen Noe Gathering – pipers, singer, dancer

– Pig Roast – piper, singer