

Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games

Saturday, July 19, 2025



Saint Paul, MN



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Tha fàilte oirbh uile! Welcome to all!

On behalf of myself and the whole Board, we are thrilled to welcome you to the 2025 Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, held for the second year in a row on the beautiful Macalester College campus. Whether you're a proud Scot, a lover of Celtic culture, or simply here for a day of excitement and tradition, we're honored to have you join us.

From the drone of the bagpipes to the thunder of the caber toss, today is a celebration of Scottish heritage in all its vibrant forms. Enjoy a full day of traditional athletic competitions, Scottish dancing, bagpipe and drum performances, clan gatherings, artisan vendors, Celtic canines, storytelling, Celtic music, delicious fare, and so much more!

This event brings together people of all backgrounds to experience the rich tapestry of Scottish history, culture, and community. This year we are especially excited to welcome, from across the Atlantic, the Chieftain of Clan MacAlister, Chief William. Chief William's presence brings deep significance to our celebration, as he represents not only a proud lineage but also the enduring spirit and leadership of the Scottish clans. We are privileged to have him with us today and invite all attendees to extend a warm Highland welcome in his honor.

Finally, thank you to our volunteers, sponsors, performers, athletes, Macalester community, and everyone who made this day possible. We invite you to immerse yourself in the festivities, connect with fellow guests, and create memories as bold and joyful as the Highlands themselves.

Welcome, and let the games begin!



Allie Lewis
President
Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games



July 2025

On behalf of the Macalester community, I'm delighted to welcome you to our campus for the 2025 Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games!

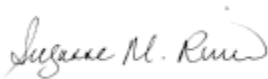
Many thanks to the excellent Scottish Fair team, and to all of the Mac students, faculty, staff, and neighbors who helped plan this celebration.

Scottish connections and traditions have been part of Macalester's legacy for generations. Our Macalester Pipe Band formed nearly 75 years ago and, in the 1960s, pipe bands from around the country traveled to our campus for the Highland Games. In the 1970s that gathering evolved into the Scottish Fair, which continued until the early 2000s.

Last year, we brought the Scottish Fair back to campus as part of Macalester's sesquicentennial celebrations - and even the thunderstorms couldn't stop it from becoming a special highlight in a milestone year. I loved hearing the pipe bands on the Great Lawn, meeting attendees from all over the country, and watching the parade of clans. I hope you enjoy all the festivities today, too.

Thank you for joining us, and go, Scots!

Yours,



Dr. Suzanne M. Rivera
President
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ROAD CLOSED

Grand Avenue is closed between Snelling Avenue and Fairview Avenue, including the stretch through Macalester's campus.

- 1 Entrances/Info 2 locations
- 2 Portable Toilets 2 locations
- 3 First Aid/Security
- 4 Food Trucks 2 locations
- 5 Clan Row
- 6 Scottish Marketplace
- 7 Viking Encampment
- 8 Celtic Canines
- 9 Children's Area
- 10 British Car Exhibit
- 11 Pipe Band Competition Area
- 12 Heavy Games Competition Area
- 13 Cultural Stage* Highland Dance Competition, Celtic Music, Parade of Clans, Massed Bands
- 14 Heather's Den Stage*
- 15 M'Cracken Pub & Clan Cameron Stage*
- P Parking
- ADA Parking
- Hydration Station
- Metro Transit

*See schedule of events: mnsctishfair.org/schedule/



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Schedule of Events



MINNESOTA SCOTTISH FAIR & HIGHLAND GAMES

Gates open at 8am

8am - 12pm:

- Solo Piping & Drumming Competitions
- Highland Dance Competition on the Cultural Stage
- Clan Row
- Scottish Marketplace
- British Car Show
- Celtic Canines
- Children's Area: Games and Crafts
 - **11am:** Storytelling with Sir Gustav Doc'Tain
 - **11:30am:** Country Dancing with the Royal Scottish Country Dance Association
- **9am:** Heavy Games Competition begins
- **10am:** McCracken Pub opens
- **10am:** Celtic Music on the Clan Cameron Stage begins
- **10am:** Celtic Music on the Heathen's Den Stage begins

12pm: Official Welcome & Parade of Clans on Macalester Field

12:30pm - 5pm:

- Clan Row
- Scottish Marketplace
- British Car Show
- Celtic Canines
- Celtic Music on Clan Cameron Stage
- Celtic Music on the Cultural Stage
- Celtic Music & Dance on the Heathen's Den Stage
- Children's Area: Games and Crafts
 - **1pm & 3pm:** Storytelling with Sir Gustav Doc'Tain
 - **3:30pm:** Highland Dance demo
- **12:30pm:** Heavy Games continues with the Tossing of the Caber after Parade of Clans
- **2pm:** Pipe Band Competition begins
- **2pm:** Vikings Fight Show

5pm: Massed Bands & Closing Ceremonies on Macalester Field

6:30pm - 8:30pm: Ceilidh at the McCracken Pub with the Gunn Slingers

Event closes at 8:30

Celtic Music & Dance Performance Schedule

Clan Cameron Stage

*Location: Shaw
Field/McCracken Pub*

10:00am
Dick and Vic

11:05am
MacKenzie, Sproule, &
Sutter

12:30pm
Eira

1:40pm
MacKenzie, Sproule, &
Sutter

2:50pm
Eira

4:00pm
Gunn Slingers

6:30pm - 8:30pm
Ceilidh with Gunn Slinger

Cultural Stage

*Location: Macalester
Stadium*

9:00am - 12:00pm
Highland Dance
competition

12:30pm
Dalwhinnie

1:40pm
Dalwhinnie with the Royal
Scottish Country Dance
Society and Fligmagearie
Scottish Step Dancers

2:50pm
Stephanie Claussen

4:00pm
Dick and Vic

Heathen's Den Stage

Location: Marvin Plaza

10:00am
Loch Tune

11:00am
Scotch Eggs

12:00pm
Ten Penny Tunes

1:00pm
Twin Cities Scottish Dance
Association Highland
Dancers

1:30pm
Celtic Canines

2:00pm
Celtic Junction

2:30pm
Ten Penny Tunes

3:30pm
Scotch Eggs

4:30pm
Loch Tune

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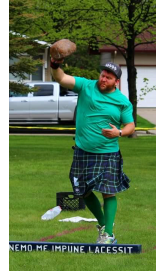
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Heavy Events



The Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games Heavy Events Competition features 9 events and our Minnesota and Dakotas throwing contingent includes competitors aged 18 to 70+! Multiple athletes today have competed internationally; one athlete holds two world records!

Stop by the Heavy Games viewing area in the stadium to witness spectacular sporting events. The famous caber toss will be directly following the Official Welcome and Parade of Clans Ceremony at noon.



Scottish Highland Dance Competition

Cultural Stage in the Macalester Stadium from 9am - 12pm



Scottish Highland Dancing is an ancient art form dating back at least as early as the 1200s. Traditionally done in the military, Highland dancing allowed soldiers to demonstrate their strength and stamina. Dances like the Fling and Sword were performed in victory or before battles, keeping the soldiers agile.

Dances like the Lilt and Flora were originally done by women and are more balletic in nature. Highland dances are traditionally performed solo. In competition, dancers are individually judged on their technique, timing, and deportment.



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Piping & Drumming

Solos from 8am-12:30pm

Bands from 2pm-4:30pm

Pipe and drum bands originated in the Scottish Regiments of the British Army in the 19th century and flourished due to the enthusiasm of Queen Victoria. Pipe bands comprise bagpipe and percussion sections. The percussion section includes a snare line, bass drum, and tenor drums.

Competition bands are divided into five grades. Grade 5 bands compete with a selection of quick marches. Bands in Grade 4 and higher compete with a "March, Strathspey, and Reel" (MSR), as well as a timed medley. MSRs consist of three technically demanding, more traditional tunes. They test a band's musical and technical fundamentals in the three classic idioms of bagpipe music. A competition medley is a selection of traditional and contemporary tunes, tastefully arranged with innovative bridges, harmonies, recurring themes, and other musical elements to showcase a band's creativity and execution.



Four adjudicators (two piping, one drumming, one ensemble) will assess each band's sound, execution, musicality, and unison. They listen for how the individual corps play together as well as how the pipes and drums create a cohesive musical package. Each judge will assess how well the band captures the musical idioms. The final placings will be determined by combining the judges' rankings, and the awards will be announced today at the Closing Ceremonies.



Our pipe bands today come from as far as Kansas City and Thunder Bay. They represent diverse musical traditions and bring their unique styles to the competition. They will be delivering their best performances under pressure today in the hopes of bringing home some prize money, and more importantly, winning bragging rights over their rivals!



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McCracken Pub

Enjoy a pint of beer in the McCracken Pub while listening to some great music. The Pub Stage is also home of the Ceilidh on Saturday after the Massed Bands and Closing Ceremonies until 8:30pm.



Patrons must have a valid ID and obtain a wristband for \$2 BEFORE purchasing an alcoholic beverage.

You must be 21 or older to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages, but everyone is welcome in the Pub.

All alcohol must stay within the confines of the Pub area.

This year, the McCracken Pub is proud to serve Guinness.



Clans & Nonprofits

Taking place in the stadium at noon, the Parade of Clans is a colorful tradition. Local Scottish Organizations and Clan and Family Societies will march with banners flying as each unit is called and recognized. Visit your clan's booth early if you are interested in joining them for the Parade.

Clan MacAlister
Clan Donald
Family of Bruce
Clan Cameron
Clan Donnachaidh
Clan Johnston/e
Clan Kennedy
Clan MacFarlane
Clan MacLea (Livingston)

Clan MacLeod
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Clan MacThomas
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Food & Drink



The Duluth Scottish Heritage Association Inc (DSHA) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to perpetuate Scottish culture in Duluth, Northeastern Minnesota, and Northwestern Wisconsin.

For more information, visit: www.duluthscots.org

British Car Exhibit



British cars of many makes and models will be displayed just outside the stadium, near the Food Trucks. Owners would love to talk with you about their cars, many of which have been lovingly restored and maintained.

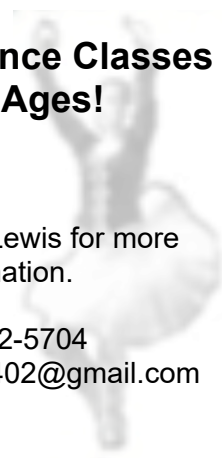
Stop by and vote for your favorite vehicle. The owner of the car with the most votes will receive a prize!



Highland Dance Classes for all Ages!

Contact Allie Lewis for more
information.

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Thank you to all our incredible volunteers for your time, energy, and dedication. Your hard work and generous spirit have made a meaningful difference, and we truly couldn't have done it without you. Whether behind the scenes or on the front lines, your contributions have had a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful for everything you do.

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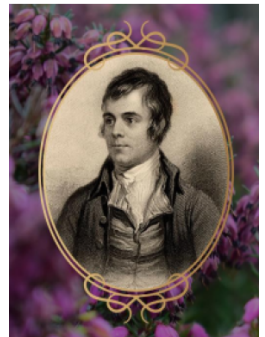
Robert Burns Night **Save the date! January 24, 2026**

Tickets include:

- A formal dinner - with haggis!
- Whiskey for toasting
- A program highlighting Robert Burns' songs & poems, Highland dancing, a Pipe Band, Scottish Country Dancing, and more!
- A raffle and/or silent auction
- A Scottish Ceilidh

Check the website for tickets in November.

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The Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games would like to thank Macalester College for their sponsorship of the grounds and facilities and the numerous staff and volunteers that helped plan this event.

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Thank you to everyone who came.

Thank you to everyone who performed, competed, educated, exhibited, volunteered, and worked so this event could be a success.

Thank you to everyone at Macalester College that helped plan, who volunteered, and who opened the campus to us, making this event possible.

Thank you to the members of Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, the Board of Directors and the Committee members.

Thank you all for supporting the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games with your time, talent, money, and presence.

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