# GLASGOW LANDS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 20, 2024

What began in 1994 as a one-time event to raise funds for an historic church is still going strong 30 years later. In fact, the Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival is easily one of the most popular

Scottish festivals in all of New England and perhaps the Eastern Seaboard.

Peter Langmore, an original organizer and today the chairman of the event, has guided the festival during that time, and believes the festival remains popular for several reasons.

"Everyone loves the idyllic location at Look Park in Florence," a

village in the city of Northampton in western Massachusetts, a reasonable driving distance from Boston, Hartford, New York and all of New England.

"And the broad range of activities of Scottish culture, cuisine and sports each year is also a draw," Langmore says.

"With over 30 pipe bands and clans, plus all the other activities, the festival is a full and fun day for all ages and ethnicities." This year's festival is introducing new attractions, with rugby and fencing demonstrations joining other sports.





"Who cannot be impressed with 30 pipe bands playing *Amazing Grace* to end the day," Langmore asks rhetorically. For Scottish music lovers, the day features popular Celtic bands such as Albannach, Enter the Haggis, Tartan Terrors, Sarah the Fiddler and Charlie Zahm, and afterwards, the live music continues into the night at the Celtic Pub.

"The final result is worth all the time and effort our small committee puts into the festival," Langmore says, adding, "And being able to donate all proceeds to the two local nonprofits has always been a highlight for me."

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Pipe & Drum
Athletic Competitions
Irish Dance Demo
Rugby & Fencing Demos
Clans
Celtic Imports & Food
Weavers & Harpers
Children's Activities
Water Spray Park
Bonnie Knees Contest

### **Featuring:**

## Albannach Enter the Haggis Tartan Terrors Sarah the Fiddler

OVER 30 PIPE BANDS WHISKY TASTING
CELTIC PUB ENTERTAINMENT UNTIL 8:30 PM

#### **Proceeds Benefit:**

River Valley Counseling Center, Holyoke and Forum House, Westfield

#### **Tickets:**

AD: \$28 CH: (6-12) \$5 Under 6: Free Parking: Free Advanced tickets \$25 on-line: www.glasgowlands.org

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