

Pipers Trail Application Form 2019

Pipe Major - Alisdair McLaren

Applications for Pipers Trail 2019 are now being accepted.

The 2019 Pipers Trail Pipes & Drums will comprise of 75 pipers and drummers from across the world, forming 3 files within a single Massed Pipes & Drums of over 250 musicians. They will perform each evening in front of a live international audience of 8,800 - a total of 220,000 during the season. A further 100 million will watch the show on television.

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo will take place from 2nd - 24th August 2019. Successful applicants must arrive in Edinburgh no later than Friday 26th July 2019 for rehearsals prior to performances commencing.

Applicants must be 18 years or over as at 26th July 2019 and must be of at least RSPBA Grade 3 Standard (ideally Grade 2) with the ability to read, play and memorise written music quickly and accurately. Show music will be sent out in advance and must be memorised prior to arrival in Edinburgh.

Pipers must be able to set up, tune and produce a solid sound on a well maintained instrument. Drummers will be provided with drums but will be expected to look after and maintain the instrument.

Dress, deportment, marching in time, personal administration, punctuality and reliability are all essential in order to fulfil the requirements of the performance standards, and the demands of the period of extensive rehearsals (often 12 hour days across the first week), ad hoc events during the day and maintaining excellent standards throughout the 25 show run (evenings of around 6 hours).

Commitment to the Tattoo is a priority and applicants must be prepared to give up other obligations, including external Pipe Band and/or Solo Competitions, in order to remain available throughout the whole period.

All members will be responsible for all travel costs both to and from Edinburgh. For those who are coming from farther afield, accommodation and meals can be provided for the duration of the Tattoo, including rehearsals. Airport transfers are not available.

Pipers Trail members will be under the direction of Alisdair McLaren, Pipers Trail Pipe Major for The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Completed application forms should be submitted to piperstrail@edintattoo.co.uk no later than **Sunday 16th December 2018**. If you are not sure whether you will be able to meet the requirements set out above then please contact us to discuss any concerns.

After the application/registration period, Applicants will then be invited to submit a video audition, for which details will be promulgated in due course. (*This is likely to consist of a 10 minute performance of applicants own choice music, but to include a few prescribed tunes*). You will be asked to submit a recent full length photograph in your current kilt/uniform at the same time.

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Title		Applying as <i>(Instrument / Role)</i>	
Forename			
Surname			
Home Address			
Contact Telephone Number <i>(Home and Mobile)</i>			
E-mail Address			
Current Teacher			
Current Band			
Previous Bands <i>(with dates)</i>			
Details of previous musical experience <i>(Notable events, achievements, experiences, qualifications)</i>			
Why do you want to be a member of Pipers Trail?			