



MARGARET DUNN.

Margaret is originally from Cullen, County Cork (Ireland). She began learning the pipes at age 8 and was initially taught by her father Con Houlihan. She later received tuition from Stephen Power (ex Scots Guards) and Andrew Wright. Currently she receives instruction from Roddy MacLeod MBE.

She moved to Scotland in 1998 to attend the Royal Scottish Academy of Music & Drama where she studied for 4 years and graduated with an Honours Degree in Scottish Traditional Music. While Margaret was at the Academy she joined the Shotts and Dykehead Caledonia Pipe Band and, with them, won the World Pipe Band Championships in Grade 1 in 2000. She also won the British, Scottish and European Championships with the band.

Margaret is the pipe sergeant of Cullen Pipe Band and, with them, won the World Pipe Band Championships in Grade 3B in 2007. The band also won the Grade 3A British Championships in 2010 and currently the band competes in Grade 2.

Margaret is a frequent prize winner around the Scottish solo piping circuit and some of her more significant prizes to date include:

- 1st MacGregor Memorial Piobaireachd (22 and under) Argyllshire Gathering 1999
- 1st B Grade March, Argyllshire Gathering 1999
- Overall Winner Montrose Highland Games 1999
- 1st Strachan Memorial A Grade March Strathspey & Reel, London 2000
- 1st Duncan Johnstone Memorial Piobaireachd 2001
- 1st A Grade Strathspey and Reel, Argyllshire Gathering 2003
- Runner up in Silver Medal, Argyllshire Gathering 2003
- Overall winner at Blair Atholl Highland Games & Crieff Highland Games 2005
- Winner of the Silver Medal at the Northern Meetings 2007
- 1st A Grade March at the Argyllshire Gathering 2007
- 5th Former Winners MSR London 2007
- 5th Former Winners 2/4 March London 2007
- 1st Blair Atholl Open Piobaireachd 2010
- 1st Roseneath Open Piobaireachd 2010
- 1st Airth Games Open Piobaireachd 2013
- 1st Airth Games March Strathspey and Reel 2013