



OUTLINE PROGRAMME - HIGHLAND MILITARY TATTOO

FORT GEORGE 4-7 SEP 2014

1. Fly Past – RAF Typhoon
2. Fanfare and Massed Pipe Bands and Military Band.
3. Historical Vignette 1746 to 1778 – Culloden, Black Watch Companies, building Fort George, raising of the Seaforth Highlanders.
4. The Hellcats-International Act
5. Highland Dance set.
6. Historical Vignette-1914-recruiting, training and depart for France.
7. Fiddlers and Youth Pipe Bands.
8. Military Band set
9. Inter Unit Forces Competitions.
10. Massed Bands
11. Closing Sequence: Massed Bands, march on cast and Quarter Guard, Auld Lang Syne, Evening Hymn, Lone Piper, Last Post.
12. Fireworks Display.

Notes:

1. Timings. Main Performances 5-7 Sep: 2000 to 2130.
Dress Rehearsal 4 Sep: 2000 to 2130.
- 2 Bands: Military: RRS Military Band, 3 and 4 SCOTS Pipe Bands.
Civilian: 2622Sqn RAux AF, RAF Lossiemouth, Forres, Youth: Highland ACF, Highland Youth Pipe Band, Gordonstoun School Pipe Band.
- 3 Vignettes performed by local re-enactment cast supported by Black Watch and Royal Engineer soldiers. Also WW1 SE5 biplane
- 4 Gaelic singers during Vignettes and Closing sequence.
- 5 Dancers: 3 SCOTS and Ailsa Craig Dancers.
- 6 Fiddlers: Fochabers Fiddlers.
- 7 Quarter Guard provided by The Royal Regiment of Scotland.
- 8 Cruachan-Shetland pony, mascot of The Royal Regiment of Scotland
- 9 International Act- The Hellcats
- 10 Commentator: Alasdair Hutton, Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo etc.
- 11 Salute Takers: Member of the Royal Family, Lord Lieutenant, Service Chiefs and Provost of Inverness – to be confirmed

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Biographical Detail

1. RAF Typhoon. Depending upon operational tasking, this aircraft will probably come from RAF Lossiemouth, Moray.
2. RRS Military Band. This is the Military Band of The Royal Regiment of Scotland. It is based in Edinburgh, is 45 strong and plays at State and other ceremonial occasions.
3. 3 SCOTS Pipe Band. This is the Pipes and Drums of The Black Watch, 3rd Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland. They are based at Fort George and serve on operations with the Battalion. They are also providing Highland dancers.
4. 4 SCOTS Pipe Band. The Pipes and Drums of The Highlanders', 4th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland. They are based in Fallingbostal, Germany and have recently returned from an operational tour in Afghanistan.
5. 2622 Sqn RAux AF. The Pipe Band of 2622 (Highland) Sqn Royal Auxiliary Air Force. This is the largely civilian band of this reserve Squadron, based at RAF Lossiemouth, who play widely around the North of Scotland and have a fine collection of prizes to their name.
6. RAF Lossiemouth. Once associated with RAF Kinloss, this largely civilian band has continued their association with the RAF by basing themselves at Lossiemouth.
7. Forres Pipe Band. Forres and District Pipe Band is based in Forres, Moray and has enjoyed a major renewal this past year and will be taking part in the European Pipe Band Championships –Piping Hot Forres-again this June.
8. Highlanders ACF. The Highlanders' Army Cadet Force band .Young Army cadets from across the Highlands play in this band.
9. Highland Youth Band. The pipers and drummers in this large band come from schools all over the Highlands.
10. Gordonstoun School Pipe Band. Students at Gordonstoun School, near Elgin, play in this band which is gaining a high reputation for the quality of its music.
11. Lone Piper. The Lone Piper this year will be Sandy Cameron from Roy Bridge. Aged 17 he won the Under 18 Piobaireachd and also the March, Strathspey and Reel Competitions at The Northern Meeting Piping Competitions, Inverness, in 2013.
12. Historical Vignette 1. Local actors-'Battlescar'- and soldiers of The Black Watch and 39 Engineer Regiment simulate activities which took place between 1746 and 1778: the end of the battle of Culloden, the patrolling by the

‘Watch’ companies around the Highlands, the building of Fort George by Royal Engineers as the main Government base in the Highlands and to defend Inverness, and the raising of the first Regiment of Seaforth Highlanders in 1778 as part of a recruitment drive which also helped provide employment for men from clans and communities in the Highlands.

13. Historical Vignette 2. Soldiers from the Royal Regiment of Scotland will act out the recruiting, training and departure of Highland soldiers from Fort George for France in 1914 to commemorate the Centenary of these activities.
14. Gaelic singers will accompany the Vignettes and lead in the singing of the Evening Hymn.
15. Dancers. Dancers from 3 SCOTS and the Ailsa Craig Dancers will perform a variety of traditional Highland dances.
16. Fiddlers. The Fochabers Fiddlers are well known for their outstanding performances around the Highlands, Moray and beyond. In 2012 they were at the Albert hall, London and last year in the Usher hall Edinburgh.
17. Inter Unit Armed Forces Competition. Teams from Military units will take part in a demanding but light hearted competition. Details will be revealed nearer the time!
18. Quarter Guard. A Quarter Guard of an officer and men from The Black Watch, 3rd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland will lead the final sequence, when all the acts are on parade, including the salute to the senior guest of the evening.
19. International Act. The Tattoo has secured The Hellcats from the US Military Academy, West Point. This is the first time this band has played in the UK in its 220 year history.
20. Fireworks Display. The evening’s entertainment will culminate with a dramatic fireworks display making best use of the fantastic backdrop of the Fort’s defences.
21. Commentator. The Tattoo is delighted that the World renowned commentator, Alasdair Hutton-‘the voice of the Edinburgh Tattoo’ - will be the Commentator. His wide experience and knowledge will ensure that the performance flows smoothly and interestingly from start to finish!
22. Salute taker/senior guest. Details of the salute taker for each evening will be announced in due course.