

Farpais Phìobaireachd / Pipe Tune Competition

Tha Cnoc Soilleir a' foillseachadh farpais phìobaireachd Ceòl beag airson port pìoba ùr a sgrìobhadh gus fosgladh oifigeil an talla ùr agus na goireasan a th'innnt a chomharrachadh. Thèid am port soirbheachail a chluiche aig a' chuirm fhosglaidh leis an làmh-sgrìobhainn air a taisbeanadh ann an Cnoc Soilleir as dèidh sin.

Tha duais de £500 an cois na farpais agus tha sinn air leth taingeil gu bheil companaidh thogail Mhic Aonghais Earranta deònach taic a chur rithe.

Thuir cathraiche Cnoc Soilleir, Ailig O'Henley: "Le crìoch ga chur air an obair togail aig Cnoc Soilleir tha e freagarrach gum biodh sinn a' sireadh port pìoba airson an ceann-uidhe sònraichte seo a chomharrachadh. Bha cliù riamh aig Uibhist a Deas airson sàr phìobairean agus 'se cothrom a tha seo airson pìos ciùil a sgrìobhadh a ghlacas spionnadh is eachdraidh coimhearsnachd a tha freumhaichte ann an cultar is cànan nan Gàidheal. Tha sinn an dòchas gun tarraing pìobairean gu mòr air dualchas bheirteach phìobaireachd Uibhist a Deas."

Cnoc Soilleir invites you to enter our competition to compose a new Ceòl beag pipe tune to celebrate the opening of Cnoc Soilleir with our new auditorium and facilities.

1st prize: £500 Generously sponsored by MacInnes Bros Ltd

Your tune will be played as part of the opening celebrations, and the manuscript displayed in Cnoc Soilleir for posterity.

Cnoc Soilleir chairperson Alex O'Henley said: "With the completion of the Cnoc Soilleir building it's appropriate that we mark that significant landmark by commissioning a pipe tune. South Uist has always been synonymous with great pipers and this is an opportunity to compose a bagpipe tune that captures the energy, history and importance of Gaelic culture and language in the community. We encourage composers to draw inspiration from the island's rich piping heritage."

Closing date: midnight on Sunday 2nd August.

Teirmichean & Cumhaichean

Tha an fharpais fosgailte do cheòl-sgrìobhaichean fa leth. Faodaidh gach tagraiche aon phìos ciùil ùr ceòl beag a chur a-steach. Feumaidh an obair a bhith tùsail dhan sgrìobhaiche agus chan fhaod e a bhith air fhoillseachadh roimhe, air a chluich gu poblach, no air a chur a-steach airson farpais sam bith eile ro cheann-latha.

Bhiodh tagraidhean sgrìobhte na b'fheàrr, ach gabhar ri clàraidhean neo-ainmichte ann an riochd MP3 cuideachd. Bu chòir na tagraidhean a bhith air an cur a-steach mar làmh-sgrìobhainn no scòr digiteach ann an riochd PDF. Feuch gun cuir sibh ainm a' phuirt air an làmh-sgrìobhainn/faidhle, ach fàg as ur n'ainm fhèin, seòladh post-d, buidheann no comharra sam bith eile leis am faodar ur n'aithneachadh. **Feumar tagraidhean a chur a-steach gu admin@cnocsoilleir.org air no ron cheann-latha dùnaidh airson na farpais aig meadhain oidhche, an dara latha dhen Lùnastal.**

Chan fhaod ur n'ainm no comharra sam bith eile a bhith air an làmh-sgrìobhainn no faidhle a bheir ur n'aithne gu aire nam brìtheamhan. Bheir an sgioba rianachd àireamh do gach tagradh agus cha tèid aithne nan tagraichean fhoillseachadh gus am bidh am breithneachadh seachad.

Thèid breithneachadh air na tagraidhean gu neo-aithnichte le pannal de bhrìtheamhan a thèid ainmeachadh le Cnoc Soilleir. Bidh co-dhùnadh nam brìtheamhan deireannach agus thèid fios a chur chun an neach a shoirbhicheas an uair a bhios am breithneachadh seachad.

Le bhith a' dol a-steach airson na farpais, tha an ceòl-sgrìobhaiche a' dearbhadh gu bheil am port tùsail agus a toirt cead do Chnoc Soilleir am port a chluiche aig a' chuir fhosglaidh, an làmh-sgrìobhainn a thaisbeanadh ann an Cnoc Soilleir, agus ainm a' phuirt sa cheòl-sgrìobhaiche a chleachdadh ann an sanasachd sam bith co-cheangailte ris an fharpais. Bidh dlìghe-sgrìobhaidh a fuireach leis a' cheòl-sgrìobhaiche.

Terms & Conditions

The competition is open to individual composers. Each entrant may submit one original Ceòl beag tune. Entries must be the entrant's own work and must not have been published, performed publicly, or entered into another competition before the closing date.

Written submissions are preferred, but anonymised recordings in MP3 format will also be permitted. Written entries should be submitted as a clear manuscript or digital score in PDF format. Please include the tune title on the manuscript/file, but do not include your name, initials, email address, organisation, or any other identifying detail on the manuscript or file itself. Entries are to be **submitted to admin@cnocsoilleir.org on or before the closing date of midnight 2nd August.**

Your manuscript/file must not have your name on it or anyway to identify you to the judges. The admin team will allocate each entry a number for judging and the names of the entries will only be revealed once the judging is complete.

Entries will be judged anonymously by a panel appointed by Cnoc Soilleir Ltd. The judges' decision will be final. The winner will be contacted after judging is complete.

By entering, the composer confirms that the tune is original and grants Cnoc Soilleir permission to perform the winning tune at the opening celebrations, display the winning manuscript at Cnoc Soilleir, and use the tune title and composer's name in publicity connected with the competition. Copyright remains with the composer.



Image: Piping Concert in Cnoc Soilleir as Part of Ceòlas Summer school 2026. image © Ceòlas

Notes to editor

Info about Cnoc Soilleir Ltd:

Cnoc Soilleir was conceived as an iconic and unique place with local, national, and international significance to and grow the programmes and activities and to provide a bespoke centre for education and learning, Gaelic language and culture, music, dance and performance in Daliburgh, South Uist.

Cnoc Soilleir Ltd is a Joint Venture organisation formed between our partners: Ceòlas Uibhist Ltd and UHI North, West and Hebrides. An innovative partnership between a community organisation and a university, to work together to bring their complimentary skills and expertise to make the whole bigger than the sum of the parts.

The First Phase of the building was opened by John Swinney in September 2022, and the second phase of the capital project which is key to bringing the original overall vision to fruition, was handed over from the Contractors in early June 2026, and has just hosted a first successful month of concerts and events.

A formal opening ceremony is being planned and will take place later in the summer.

Info about Ceòlas:

Ceòlas Uibhist Ltd (Ceòlas) was established in 1996 and is now one of Scotland's most inspirational and important Gaelic national organisations, deeply rooted within the community of South Uist. Ceòlas promotes the Gaelic language, traditional music and dance, and the local culture and heritage of Uist, and through its community led activity makes a significant contribution to the economy and community of the island, recognised as one of Scotland's Gaelic speaking strongholds.

Ceòlas provides a unique opportunity to experience a living tradition within a vibrant Gaelic landscape, and it is committed to promoting a vibrant Gaelic culture for future generations, supporting the island's social and cultural resurgence, and with the Cnoc Soilleir facility at the heart of its future plans for growth and expansion.

Information about UHI North, West and Hebrides:

UHI North, West and Hebrides was established on 1 August 2023 through the merger of UHI North Highland, UHI West Highland, and UHI Outer Hebrides. UHI North, West and Hebrides is proudly rooted in the culture, location, and landscapes of the North and West Highlands, Skye, and Outer Hebrides, connecting rural and island communities by delivering relevant and distinctive learning and research shaped by their needs and ambitions.

The college seeks to support and provide the necessary skills base for the Outer Hebrides local economy, both current and future, and to provide a range of flexible learning opportunities at all levels and for all ages to encourage people to live, work and study on the islands.

Info about MacInnes Bros Ltd (MIB):

Headquartered in Benbecula in the Western Isles, MacInnes Bros Ltd (MIB) has helped shape the Construction and Civil Engineering landscape of the Highland and Islands since the firm was established as a limited company in 1994. The development of the company workforce and the steady expansion of the business has allowed MIB to evolve from its construction-based origins

into also undertaking large scale Civil Engineering projects. We believe that our adaptability and commitment to producing high quality projects showcases the talent that the local island tradesmen and plant operators possess. Our longevity also demonstrates an inert resilience to completing projects of the highest standards, on time and within budget, against the logistically and environmentally challenging conditions of the North West of Scotland.