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About Alba Bagpipes

At Alba Bagpipes, we bring the unmistakable sound and spirit of Scotland to prestigious events locally and across the globe. Founded in 2010 in the North East of Scotland, we are a multi-award-winning company delivering authentic Scottish entertainment for corporate functions, team building events, luxury travel experiences, and international showcase events.

With a team of over 40 professional pipers, drummers, and Highland dancers, our performers include artists drawn predominantly from Grade 1 and Grade 2 pipe bands, as well as the Red Hot Chilli Pipers and the Royal Edinburgh Military Pipes and Drums. We are also home to the world's first and only Guinness World Record–holding solo piper.

Why We Stand Out
Trusted across the corporate and tourism sectors for:
- Luxury FIT programmes, VIP and cruise welcomes
- Destination activations and media showcases
- Year-round tourism and public celebrations
- Our performers have featured on global stages including the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, overseas tours with André Rieu & the Johann Strauss Orchestra, and international television.

Bespoke Experiences
Fully customisable options include:
- Solo pipers, pipers with drummers or Highland dancers
- Mini and full pipe bands
- VIP welcomes, ceilidhs & Burns Suppers
- Scottish Music Show (30–60 minutes)
- Workshops, cultural activities, and Highland Games-style team building
- Trade rates and custom branding available

Who We Serve
- Groups of any size
- Corporate, MICE, tourism, and luxury markets
- Immersive Scottish experiences anywhere in Scotland and worldwide, all year round

Trusted Customers

Just a selection of the valued clients we have proudly served across the travel and corporate sectors since 2010

Pricing Information

Each quote is prepared individually, taking into account the specific details of your event.

Factors That May Increase the Price:

- Additional performances beyond those included in the selected package
- Extended performance times outside the agreed duration

Factors That May Decrease the Price:

- Multiple performers booked for a single event (discounts may apply per performer)
- Repeat bookings or multiple-day events (discounted rates may apply per event)

Fuel Charge:

We will make every effort to engage our trusted local performers for your event. In the event that travel is required, any associated fees will be clearly communicated and outlined in advance.

We understand that many companies have set budgets, and we are committed to working with you to ensure your event is a success while staying within your financial parameters. Please feel free to discuss any budget considerations with us — we'll do our best to accommodate your needs.

Booking Process & Payment

As a professional entertainment company, we strive to make the booking process as smooth and straightforward as possible.

How to Enquire

You can reach out to us directly via email at info@albabagpipes.com or by submitting an enquiry through our website: www.albabagpipes.com

How to Book

Once you're ready to proceed, bookings are made through our secure online booking form:
https://www.cognitoforms.com/AlbaBagpipes/AlbaBagpipesBooking
This form allows us to capture all the key details of your event, which we then upload to our internal booking management system.

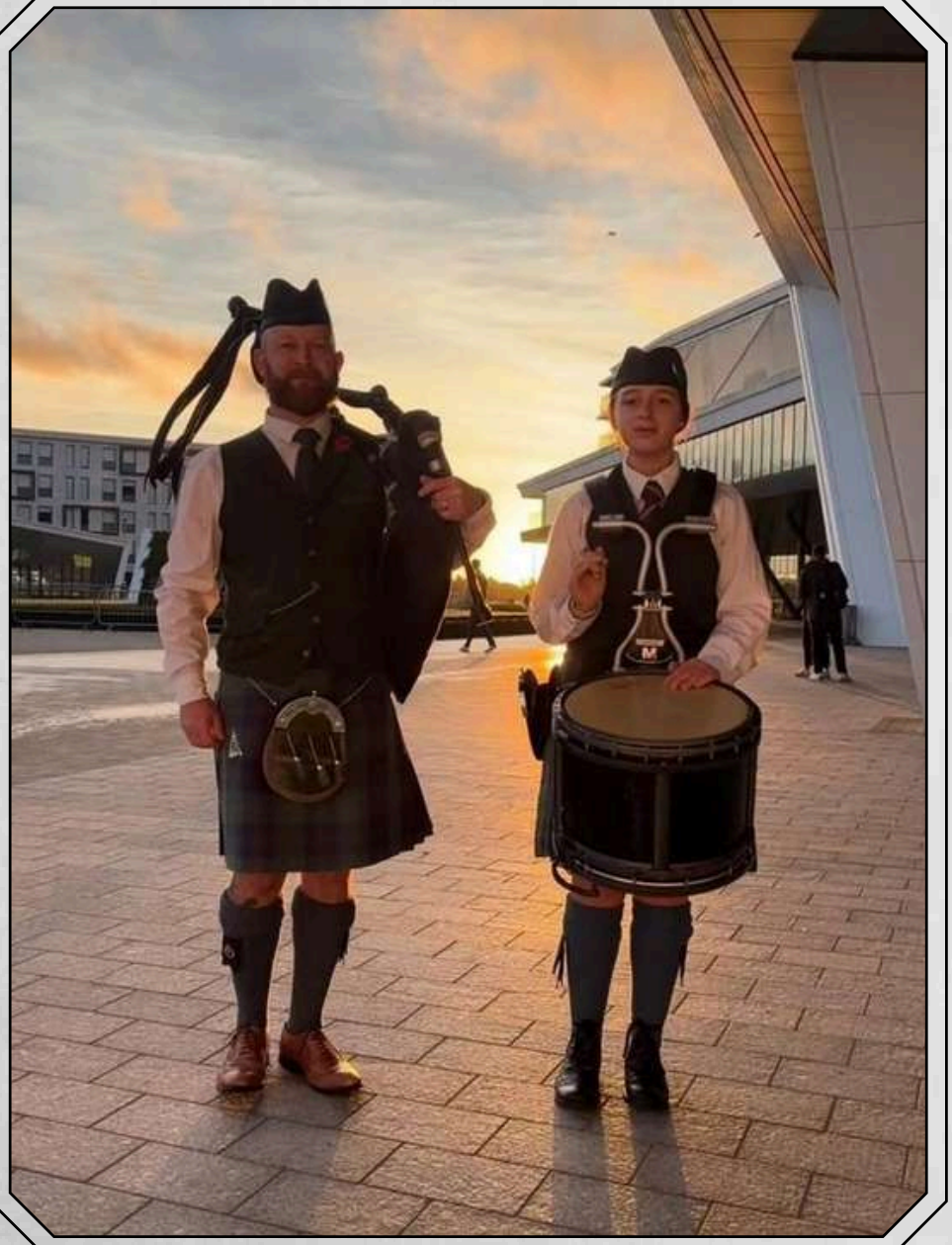
Payment Terms

Invoices are issued 30 days prior to your event, with full payment required within 14 days of receiving your invoice. This helps ensure everything is confirmed and in place well ahead of your event.

If you have any questions during the process, our team is always here to help.

Performance Services

Scroll down to explore our full range of performance service packages



Guest Arrival

Pipe for Guests Arrival (40 Minutes)

Welcome guests in style with a professional piper performing at your venue entrance for up to 40 minutes. A perfect way to set a distinguished tone for corporate events, gala dinners, conferences, and VIP receptions.

Individual Performers can include

- Piper(s)
- Side Drummer(s)
- Highland Dancer(s)

We offer full flexibility to our clients, allowing you to choose exactly how many performers you'd like and how you'd like your lineup to be composed. This can be discussed and confirmed at the enquiry or booking stage to ensure it aligns perfectly with your preferences and event requirements.

Performers typically arrive approximately 20 minutes before their scheduled performance time to allow ample time for tuning, getting into uniform, and positioning themselves at the designated performance area.

Guest Arrival & VIP Entrance

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Pipe VIPs into Function Room

Add ceremony and prestige to your event with a professional piper leading VIP guests into the function space. This impactful moment creates a grand entrance, perfect for awards evenings, formal dinners, and high-profile receptions. A simple yet powerful way to honour your guests and set the tone for the occasion.

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30 Minute Band Performance

30-Minute Pipe Band Performance

Make a lasting impression with a high-energy 30-minute performance by our professional pipe band—featuring pipers, drummers, and optional Highland dancers.

Perfect for any event day or night, whether as outdoor entertainment while guests arrive or as a main stage performance.

Available in Mini or Full Pipe Band formats, ideal for corporate functions, gala dinners, awards ceremonies, public events, and private celebrations.

Ensemble Options

Mini Pipe Band (Minimum 8 performers)

A tailored mix of pipers, drummers, and optional Highland dancers.

- Pipers & Drummers
- Highland Dancer(s)

Full Pipe Band (Minimum 12 performers)

A larger, more dynamic ensemble featuring pipers, drummers, and optional Highland dancers.

- Pipers & Drummers
- Highland Dancer(s)

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Hire a Piper For The Day

Your Personal Piper – All Day Experience

Make the most of your visit to Scotland's iconic landmarks with your very own personal Highland piper, adding an unforgettable touch of tradition and atmosphere to your journey.

Authentic Scottish Welcome & Farewell
Enjoy the stirring sound of the bagpipes as you arrive at your destination and once again as you depart — a truly memorable highlight for your group.

Piping Throughout Your Visit
Your piper can perform at intervals during your time at each landmark, enhancing the experience with the spirit and sound of Scotland.

Perfect Photo Opportunities
Capture stunning photos with your piper, using the landmark as a backdrop — a unique and authentic keepsake of your Scottish adventure.

Flexible Travel Options
Your piper can travel with your group on your coach or arrive separately using their own transport. (Travel fees may apply.)

Individual Performers can include

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- Side Drummer(s)
- Highland Dancer(s)

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Pipe Voltage

The Ultimate Scottish Party Collaboration

A full party set from multi award winning Glitz Band, combined with a 45 minute Electro Highland Spectacular, with a modern twist, from multi award winning Alba Bagpipes and Championship Dancers.

Watch Video Here

Interactive Group and Cultural Activities

Scroll down to explore our complete selection of interactive group and cultural activities

1-Hour Bagpipe Discovery Experience - Team Building

Ideal for corporate team-building sessions, cultural experiences, or special interest events.

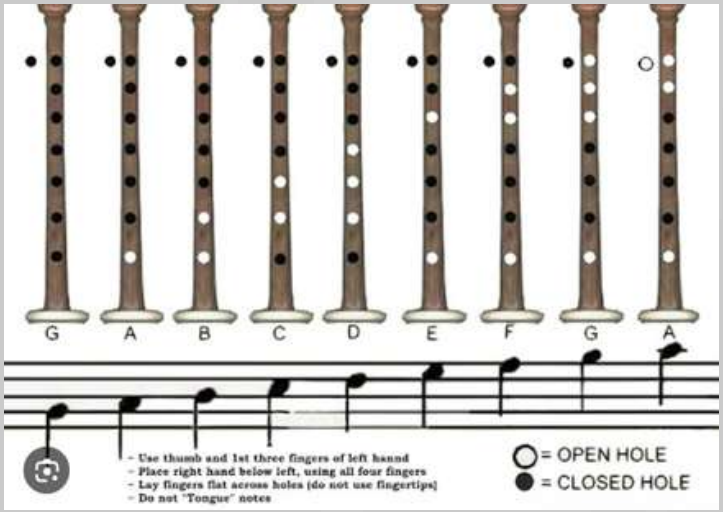
Most people say they'd love to have a go at the bagpipes, this is their chance! Led by world-class pipers, this lively and interactive session offers a hands-on insight into this iconic Scottish instrument without the pressure of formal learning.

What You'll Experience:

- A short, entertaining history of the bagpipes
- Introduction to how bagpipe music looks and works
- Guided demonstration on how to hold and try a practice chanter
- Try a simple scale exercise just for fun
- Have a go at inflating and holding a full set of bagpipes

Format:

- Relaxed group experience at a light, engaging pace
- Gentle guidance to help everyone feel confident giving it a shot



We Provide:

- Practice chanters for each participant
- Simple music sheets and guides to explore
- Option to purchase a chanter to keep for £100 (Subject to availability)
- We can also source a suitable venue and arrange catering, with all associated costs payable by the client

Duration: 1 hour

Group Discount:

- 10% off for 10–20 participants
- 20% off for 20+ participants
- Additional tutors included for larger groups at no extra cost.

A fun, memorable, and uniquely Scottish team experience—perfect for trying something completely different and having a great story to tell!

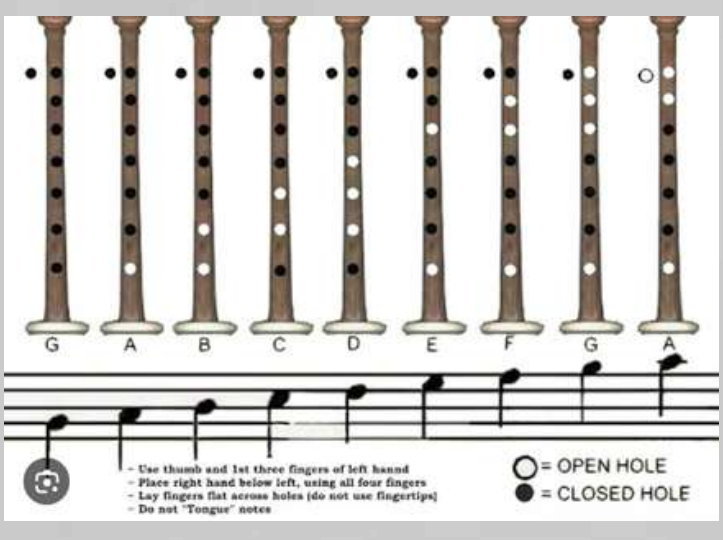
Learn the Basics of Bagpiping - Team Building

Ideal for corporate team-building sessions, cultural experiences, or special interest events.

Most people say they'd love to learn the bagpipes—now they can! At Alba Bagpipes, we offer a fun and interactive team-building experience led by our world-class pipers and tutors. This unique session gives your team the chance to learn the basics of this iconic instrument in an engaging and memorable way.

What You'll Learn:

- How to read basic music and understand timings
- How to hold and play the practice chanter correctly
- Two simple scales
- One basic tune
- How to inflate and hold a full set of bagpipes



Session Format:

- Group teaching at a manageable pace
- Optional one-to-one guidance for extra support

We Provide:

- All teaching materials, including music sheets, exercises, and guides
- Individual practice chanters for each participant
- Participants have the option to keep their practice chanter for an additional £100
- We can also source a suitable venue and arrange catering, with all associated costs payable by the client

Session Duration: 3 hours

Group Discount:
10% off for bookings of 10 - 20 participants
20% off for 20+ participants

Additional tutors will be provided at no extra cost for larger groups.

This is a fantastic activity for corporate away days, team bonding, or cultural enrichment—combining learning, laughter, and a truly Scottish experience.

Highland Games Experience - Team Building

Ideal for corporate team-building sessions, cultural experiences, or special interest events.

Looking for a fun, interactive, and physically engaging team-building activity? Our Highland Games experience offers participants the chance to experience traditional Scottish games and challenges in a competitive yet fun environment. Led by expert facilitators, this event is perfect for building camaraderie, boosting morale, and enjoying Scotland's rich cultural heritage.

Activities Included:

- Tossing the Caber – A traditional Scottish event where participants attempt to lift and flip a large wooden caber.
- Tolling the Whisky Keg – A team challenge where participants roll a whisky keg over a set distance.
- Sheaf Throwing – A classic event where a hay bale (sheaf) is thrown over a high bar using a pitchfork.
- Shot Put – The traditional athletic event with a Scottish twist, throwing a heavy shot put for distance.
- Wellie Throwing – A fun and competitive event where participants throw wellington boots as far as possible.
- Tug of War – A team-building challenge to test strength and teamwork in a friendly tug-of-war competition.

Additional Scottish Traditions:

- Piper on Arrival – Begin your Highland Games experience with the stirring sound of a professional piper welcoming participants to the event.
- Highland Dancer Performances – Our talented Highland dancers will provide performances throughout the day, bringing the visual and musical traditions of the Highlands to life and adding an extra layer of spectacle to your experience.
- Authentic Scottish Atmosphere – All elements of the event will capture the spirit of a true Highland Games, immersing your team in Scotland's rich history and culture.

Highland Games Experience Continues Below

Highland Games Experience – Team Building

Ideal for corporate team-building sessions, cultural experiences, or special interest events.

Session Format:

- Group competition with step-by-step guidance from expert facilitators
- Guests can be allocated into clans, teams, making their way around the activities in their teams and scores being kept, or guests dip in and out of the activities they fancy trying
- Smaller equipment available for younger participants
- A variety of events, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy
- Suitable for all fitness levels – we focus on fun and teamwork

We Provide (Via third-party suppliers):

- All Highland Games equipment and materials required for each event
- Experienced instructors and facilitators to guide and run the event
- If required, a suitable venue will be sourced for your event (venue fees and catering/refreshments will be payable directly to the venue by the client)
- Insurance for the event provided by the company supplying the Highland Games equipment
- A memorable team-building experience with plenty of opportunities for photos and videos to look back on
- Professional Photographer – We can supply a professional photographer to capture images throughout the day. All photos will be uploaded to a dedicated website, where participants can purchase digital photographs after the event.

Session Duration: 2 to 3 hours (depending on group size)

This Highland Games experience is ideal for corporate team-building, away days, or as part of a larger Scottish-themed event. It's a great way to bring out the competitive spirit while enjoying traditional Scottish challenges, bonding as a team, all while experiencing the real sound and visual spectacle of a true Highland Games event.

Highland Dancing Demonstration & Group Ceilidh Participation Team-Building Cultural Experience

Looking for a unique and energising team-building activity? At Alba Bagpipes, we offer a memorable Highland Dancing demonstration featuring a live piper and at least four professional dancers. To boost team spirit, we include ceilidh dancing audience participation, inviting your group to dance alongside our Highland Dancers and enjoy an authentic Scottish tradition.

What is included

- Live Piper
- Minimum of 4 Highland Dancers
- 8 Professional Highland Dance Performances
- At least 2 Group Participation Ceilidh Dances
- A guide to lead you through the steps
- Ceilidh Music Audio Tracks during participation segments

Session Format:

- Welcome & Introduction from our experienced guide/compère
- Piper & Highland Dancers Performance Set
- Group Participation Ceilidh Dance
- Highland Dancers Performance Set
- Group Participation Ceilidh Dance
- Final Piper & Dancer Performances
- Q&A and Photo Opportunities with the Piper and Dancers

We Provide:

- Experienced Guide/Compère
- Live Piper & Minimum of 4 Highland Dancers
- Optional venue sourcing and catering arrangements (costs payable by client)
- Photo opportunities with the Piper & Dancers

Session Details:

- Duration: 1 hour
  - Optional add-on: Extend by 30, 60 or 90 minutes
- Group Size: Unlimited participants

This lively and cultural experience is perfect for corporate team-building, away days, or Scottish-themed events. It's fun, interactive, and a fantastic way to connect with Scotland's national dance heritage while bringing your team together through music, movement, and tradition.

Learn Highland Dancing - Team Building

Ideal for corporate team-building sessions, cultural experiences, or special interest events.

Looking for a unique and energising team-building activity? At Alba Bagpipes, we offer a dynamic and engaging Highland Dance experience led by a professional, championship-level Highland dancer. This interactive session gives participants the chance to step into Scotland's rich cultural tradition while having fun and building team spirit.

What You'll Learn:

- The history and meaning behind Highland dancing
- Basic foot positions and movements
- Two traditional Highland dance steps
- A short choreographed routine to perform as a group
- How Highland dancing complements Scottish music and culture

Session Format:

- Group instruction with step-by-step guidance
- Optional one-to-one support throughout
- All levels welcome—no prior dance experience required

We Provide:

- All teaching materials and music
- Experienced instructor(s)
- We can also source a suitable venue and arrange catering, with all associated costs payable by the client
- A video recording of the group's final choreographed performance so participants can look back on their experience

Session Duration: 2 hours

Group Discount:
10% off for bookings of 10 - 20 participants
20% off for 20+ participants

Additional instructors provided at no extra cost for larger groups.

Ensure you bringing your own suitable soft-soled footwear. Pumps are preferred but trainers are also suitable.

This lively and cultural experience is ideal for corporate team-building, away days, or as part of a wider Scottish-themed event. It's fun, physical, and a fantastic way to connect with Scotland's national dance tradition.

History of Bagpipes Presentation

Ideal for corporate team-building sessions, cultural experiences, schools, or special interest events.

We offer a unique and engaging 30-minute PowerPoint presentation on the history and evolution of the bagpipes, delivered by one of our highly experienced and confident pipers.

Topics Covered Include:

- Origins of the bagpipes
- Types of bagpipes from around the world
- Bagpipes in warfare
- The creation of the modern pipe band
- Famous pipers through history
- Bagpipes in modern media & TV
- Guinness World Records involving bagpipes

Throughout the session, the piper will:

- Demonstrate how the bagpipes work
- Explain key components like drones and reeds
- Pass around items such as reeds, drones, smallpipes, and a Turkish chanter for guests to examine up close
- Perform short tunes tied into each section of the presentation

Please ensure a suitable screen is available for the presenter to connect their laptop.

Burns Supper Experience

We can bring this authentic Burns Supper experience to any setting, whether it's a private residence or a venue hosting a larger gathering. Alba Bagpipes will ensure the atmosphere is unforgettable, with traditional piping in the haggis, the ceremonial address to the haggis, and piping out the haggis—all delivered with professionalism and flair, making your event truly special, no matter the location.

Individual Performers can include

- Piper(s)
- Side Drummer(s)
- Highland Dancer(s)

We offer full flexibility to our clients, allowing you to choose exactly how many performers you'd like and how you'd like your lineup to be composed. This can be discussed and confirmed at the enquiry or booking stage to ensure it aligns perfectly with your preferences and event requirements.

Performers typically arrive approximately 20 minutes before their scheduled performance time to allow ample time for tuning, getting into uniform, and positioning themselves at the designated performance area.

Ceilidh Event Experience

Looking to energise your corporate event with something lively, interactive, and distinctly Scottish? Our Ceilidh Event Experience is the perfect way to get everyone on their feet and having fun—no dance experience required!

We provide a professional ceilidh band who will expertly guide your guests through each dance, ensuring everyone can join in and enjoy the atmosphere.

What's Included:

- A 4-hour ceilidh session (includes a 30-minute break)
- A professional ceilidh band with caller to lead and explain every dance
- Live music guaranteed to keep energy high and the dance floor full

Add Highland Dancers:

Enhance the evening with a live Highland dancing performance.

- Minimum 2-hour booking required

Whether it's an awards night, gala dinner, or end-of-year celebration, a ceilidh brings colleagues together in a fun, relaxed, and culturally rich way.

Let us help you create an unforgettable night of Scottish celebration!

Personalisation

Scroll down to explore how you can personalise your event with custom ribbons, banners, and even your very own composed tune

Personalised Ribbons & Banners

Our pipers and drummers are fully branded when performing, proudly displaying Alba Bagpipes ribbons and banners on their pipes and drums. These not only represent our company but also add a polished and professional touch to every performance.

We also offer the option to customise these ribbons and banners with your company logo, event name, or branding. A personalised banner not only enhances visibility at your event, but also serves as a keepsake—similar to how football teams exchange pennants—you'll have something meaningful to display in your office after the event.

Below, you'll find examples of our current branding and samples of how we can tailor these items to suit your event perfectly.

Our ribbons and banners are produced by Bagpipecovers.com, a trusted supplier, and can typically be delivered within approximately 2 - 3 weeks.

Custom Branding Options & Prices:

★ Ribbon – £120 ★ Pipe Banner – £200 ★ Pipe Bag Cover – £110 ★ Drum Banner – £130

Current Banners & Ribbons

Banners & Ribbons Personalised Examples

Create a Bespoke Tune

Transform your corporate event or visit to Scotland into an extraordinary experience with a bespoke musical composition, crafted exclusively for your company, your team, or as a personal keepsake.

Imagine a custom piece reflecting your brand, milestone, or the spirit of your Scottish journey, an exclusive touch that leaves a lasting impression on guests, colleagues, or travel companions.

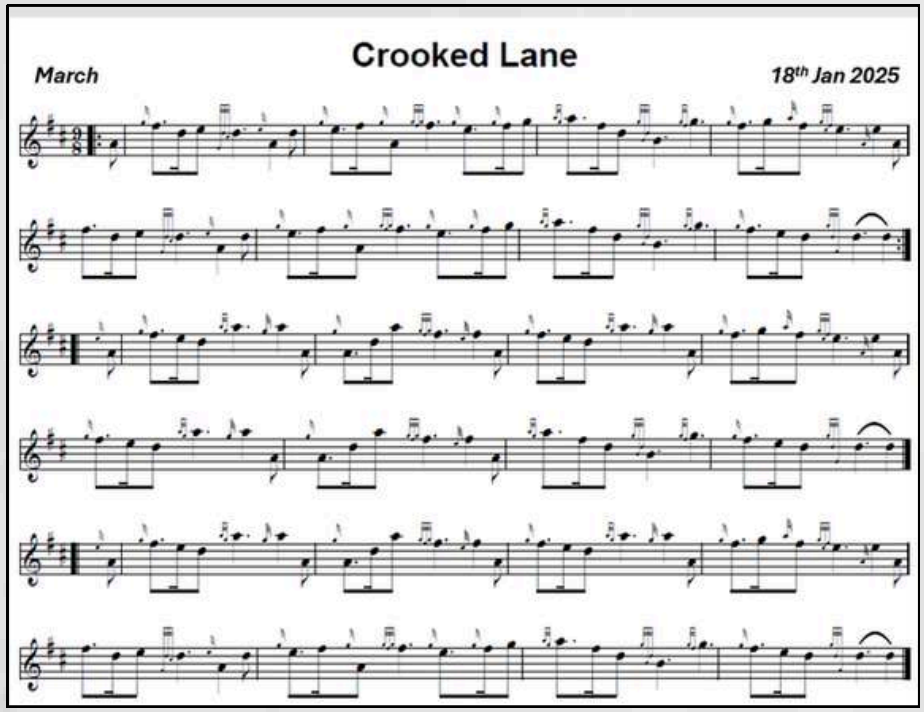
Alba Bagpipes can elevate your experience with a personalised composition to be cherished long after your visit.

Our Offerings:

- **Tailor-made compositions for corporate events, milestones, or Scottish trips**
- **Beautifully framed manuscripts as lasting mementos**
- **Personalised digital recordings, shareable with your team, guests, or fellow travellers**
- **Compositions in styles including marches, strathspeys, jigs, hornpipes, and more**
- **Signed manuscripts in either computerised or hand-written formats**

Whether celebrating a company milestone or embarking on a memorable Scottish journey, our composers work closely with you to create a piece that perfectly fits the theme and tone of your occasion.

For travellers, it's a unique way to capture the magic of Scotland, a musical memory to treasure for years to come.



£150
(Includes)
High definition digital PDF
+
Digital recording by composer
(Audio or YouTube link or both)

<u>Upgrade</u>

+ £20

Framed digital PDF, personally signed by composer, and sent to your office / gifted during your event

+£40

Framed hand written, personally signed by composer and sent to your office / gifted during your event

A small fee to cover additional postage and package is applied if tune is being sent out with the UK

Performers

Scroll down to explore our variety of performers, including pipers, drummers, and Highland dancers.

Bagpiper(s)

Watch Videos Here

Highland Dancer(s)

Watch Videos Here

Side Drummer(s) & Tenor Drummer(s)

Watch Videos Here

Mini & Full Pipe Bands

Watch Videos Here

Proud Moments

Aberdeen Football Club

Alba Bagpipes was honoured to be invited by AFC to perform during key moments of the 2023/2024 season, including piping in the centre of the pitch in front of thousands of fans. It was a privilege to share our unique sound at such memorable occasions, helping to create unforgettable moments for players and supporters alike. We have since proudly performed at the Player of the Year Award Dinners in both 2024 and 2025 at P&J Live, and look forward to continuing our special connection with the club.

Cruises Arriving in Aberdeen

With the launch of the new South Port Harbour in Aberdeen, the Port of Aberdeen approached Alba Bagpipes to provide piping for all cruise arrivals into the city. Since 2023, we have proudly supported the Port of Aberdeen and continue to do so today, having piped at over 80 cruises visiting the city to date. This is a tremendous honour for us, providing Scottish entertainment to thousands of visitors arriving in our vibrant city. We are incredibly proud to be part of this historic moment, bringing the unmistakable sound of the bagpipes to greet guests from around the world.

Proud Moments

Performing with Andre Rieu

In 2022, Alba Bagpipes was contacted by André Rieu Productions, requesting a pipe band to perform on stage with the world-renowned violinist, André Rieu, and his Johann Strauss Orchestra at P&J Live in 2023. We were fortunate to perform with André Rieu in Romania and were later invited to his home concerts in Maastricht, which was the greatest honour. These unforgettable experiences showcased our music to international audiences and strengthened our connection with performers from around the world.

Opening of Victoria's Secret

In 2025, we were delighted to be approached by an entertainments agency to provide 5 Highland Dancers and a piper for the grand opening of Victoria's Secret in Union Square. It was a true honour to showcase the best of Scottish Highland Dance for such a high-profile international brand.

To make the performance even more special, we tailored our Highland Dancers' outfits to reflect Victoria's Secret's iconic branding colours blending tradition with modern elegance for an unforgettable celebration.

Proud Moments

Guinness World Record Holder

In 2015, Myself Rikki Evans, owner of Alba Bagpipes, set the Guinness World Record for the longest marathon of solo bagpipe playing. I played for 26 hours, 5 minutes, and 32 seconds during the Piping Live Festival in Glasgow.

To this day, the record has been challenged, but it remains unbeaten officially.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

CERTIFICATE

The longest marathon playing bagpipes is 26 hr 5 min 32 sec and was achieved by Rikki Evans (UK) in Glasgow, UK, from 12 to 13 August 2015.

OFFICIALLY AMAZING

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

In 2017, Myself Rikki Evans, owner of Alba Bagpipes, was honoured to perform at the prestigious Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

One of the proudest moments came when I had the opportunity to lead the Massed Pipes & Drums onto the esplanade during one of the shows, with my family watching from the audience. Adding to the excitement, I also performed a solo piece during one of the dance sets.

Watch Here