City of Melbourne Pipes and Drum

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The City of Melbourne Pipes and Drums is an award-winning band located in Central Brevard County in the State of Florida, USA. The band won the coveted SUSPBA "Supreme Champions" award for the 2004 competition season.

English efforts to control Scottish revolutionaries during the eighteenth century led to Court edicts that declared the bagpipes an instrument of war. Thus, bagpipe playing in Scotland was treated as a treasonable offense due to the volatile emotions the music often inspired in warlike clans. Even so, many renegade Scots in the Highlands kept the music and piping very much 'alive.' Eventually the fervor for piping found its way to America through the emigration of more peaceful Scots. The diverse and persuasive music of the pipes, and the drums, span many continents and grace countless ceremonies, celebrations and other occasions. Warming up at the Dunedin Highland Games 2003 MELBOURNE CONNECTION The dramatic upsurge in the popularity of Scottish heritage functions and pipe band music throughout North America has helped create a special niche in the Brevard County area for the City of Melbourne Pipes and Drums. Founded in 1992, as a community-based organization, the Band adopted a mission to further the great traditions of Scottish music in a culturally stimulating and entertaining manner. The Band's rhythmic ensemble of pipes and drums produces an expressive clarity and boldness of sound that conveys the emotion of the music and touches the human spirit. The 'big' sound of the Great Highland Bagpipes, emblazoned by a flamboyant drum corps, stops you short... arresting your attention. The City of Melbourne Pipes and Drums is a proud and active Space Coast performing arts organization, and has received wide acclaim as a dynamic 'instrument' of music in the Scottish tradition. PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES Performances are professionally presented in full kilt regalia featuring the Flower of Scotland Tartan. Occasions such as weddings, funerals, banquets, conventions, festivals, parades, fairs, and seasonal celebrations are just some of the performance specialties. Although the Band receives performance fees to help defray maintenance expenses, a certain amount of complimentary time is dedicated to community service and cultural heritage performances. This has helped spread the word about the City of Melbourne Pipes and Drums, and the reaction has been fantastic. PARTICIPATION Band Photo - Circa 2000 Membership is open to the public without regard to age, sex, race or national origin. A diverse range of ages and musical skills are represented among the members. The Band fosters a spirit of teamwork and fun among members, and facilitates the progress of each beginning, intermediate and advanced musician in piping and/or drumming. The kinds of instruments played include the Great Highland Bagpipe, snare drum (3side drum), tenor drum, and bass drum. The Band's depth and variety of repertoire includes popular jigs, marches, airs, reels and strathspeys.

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City: Melbourne
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