

John Cairns



John Cairns comes from a piping family that has a long and prestigious musical history, and he is recognized today as one of the World's top bagpipers and teachers.

After succeeding his father at the **Central Region Cadet School of Pipes and Drums**, John proceeded to significant heights within the "World" of Competitive Piping.

In 1999, he achieved a feat that every piper dreams of – he became the 10th person in the history of piping and the first person from outside of Scotland to win the two Highland Society of London Gold Medals for solo piping at both Oban and Inverness, Scotland in the same year.

John has studied under the best teachers in both Canada and Scotland and as a soloist, has won numerous other major prizes, including:

- Eight Pipers' and Pipe Band Society of Ontario Champion Supreme designations
- Three North American Champion titles
- The Bratach Gorm – in London, England
- The Piobaireachd Society Canadian Gold Medal, Bar to the Gold Medal and Former Winners March, Strathspey and Reel Contest
- Three Livingstone Invitational Contests
- Three Fergus Gold Medals for Light Music

As a teacher, John holds the Institute of Piping's Senior Teacher's Certificate and has taught all over North America and in Australia. He is also an accredited evaluator for the Institute of Piping. He adjudicates regularly throughout North America, and he is an accomplished composer.

John's experience in Grade 1 pipe bands dates to 1982, including many years with the 78th Fraser Highlanders, and as the Pipe Major of the Peel Regional Police Pipe Band.

THE AIR CADET LEAGUE OF CANADA

The Air Cadet League of Canada is honoured, proud, and thankful that John Cairns has composed a march entitled “*The Air Cadet League of Canada*”. This music is complimentary to a registered tartan of the same name.

“The Air Cadet League of Canada”

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Colin Magee



The Air Cadet League of Canada of Canada is also pleased to acknowledge that Colin Magee has prepared a drum score for the march composed by John Cairns.

Colin Magee, originally from Glasgow, Scotland, is a drummer and piper, and he is one of the founding members of the City of Victoria Pipe Band. He was the leading drummer of the band for ten years and was also a guest drummer of the original Triumph Street band. He is a published composer, a registered judge with the BC Pipers Association, and he is currently the leading drummer with the Greater Victoria Police Pipe Band.

The Air Cadet League of Canada Composed by John Cairns

March

Drum Score Colin Magee

The image displays a drum score for a march in 6/8 time. The notation is written on a single staff with a treble clef. It begins with a repeat sign and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score consists of several measures of music, including eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and triplet markings. There are two first endings, labeled '1' and '2', which lead to different conclusions of the piece. The notation includes various drum-specific symbols such as 'V' for snare and 'Z' for bass drum.