



**“Folks, if this event is not on your schedule for next year- put it on! Huge crowds, welcoming organizers, well run.”**

**-Jim Engle, EUSPBA Drum Major Judge**



the  
**great american**  
**Irish festival**

**Pipe Band Competition**  
**EUSPBA Sanctioned**  
**Grade 5, 4 and 3**  
**JULY 29, 2017**



Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 5-11pm  
Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> Noon-11pm  
Sunday, July 30<sup>st</sup> Noon-5pm

**[www.gaif.us](http://www.gaif.us)**



**“I have played in games from Canada to Scotland and in my opinion GAIF was great”**

**-Pipe Major Stephen Yearly**



## General Rules and Information

**Admission:** All bands must submit a roster of competing members and those members participating in the massed band performance. The number of weekend festival tickets provided each band will be based upon this roster. If a roster is not submitted, only 10 festival weekend tickets will be provided.

**EUSPBA Rules and Regulations:** The competition is sanctioned by the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association (EUSPBA) and will conform to the Associations' Rules and Regulations for sanctioned events. Bands are required to be members of the EUSPBA or other organizations with reciprocal agreements. Please see <http://www.euspba.org>.

**Draw for Order of Play :** The draw for order of play will be held prior to the competition and posted on the festival website on July 21. The contest committee will conduct a pre-competition meeting at 10AM and bands should have a representative in attendance. The Competition will begin at NOON starting with Grade Five.

**Cancellation Policy:** In the event of GAIF cancellation on the day of competition, entry fees and travel allowances will be paid to all registered bands.

**Accommodations:** On-site camping available. Camping sites go quickly. Reserve your campsites on [www.greatamericanirishfest.com](http://www.greatamericanirishfest.com)

For Additional Information  
Contact: **Patrick O'Hara**  
**607-287-7679**  
**npohara@hughes.net**

## Pipe Band Prize Money

Prize money will be awarded at the conclusion of the massed bands performance. Bands must participate in the massed bands performance to receive prize money.

### Grade III

**1st. - \$700. 2nd. - \$600. 3rd. - \$500.**

### Grade IV

**1st. - \$600. 2nd. - \$500. 3rd. - \$400.**

### Grade V

**1st. - \$500. 2nd. - \$400. 3rd. - \$300.**

## Pipe Band Travel Allowance

Travel allowance will be based upon Google Maps one-way mileage. To receive travel allowance, bands must participate in the massed bands performance.

**Over 200 miles \$400.  
100 - 200 miles \$250.  
Under 100 miles \$150.**

## Massed Bands Performance

There will be ONLY ONE massed bands performance, which will take place at the conclusion of the pipe band competition.

### Free Admission

Pipe band members receive free weekend passes.

### Free Parking

Parking is free, and pipe band members will receive a special parking permit to allow them to park in a reserved pipe band parking area.

## Pipe Band Registration

**Entries must be posted by July 15.**  
Field entries will not be accepted.  
**Please register early.**

Band Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pipe Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

EUSPBA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Tartan: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Parking Passes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee: \$50.00**

Make checks payable to: **GAIF Pipe  
Band Competition**

Mail to: **Carole Hackett  
13 Matilda St  
Albany, NY, 12209**

I have read and understand the rules and regulations listed herein. I hereby give permission to the GAIF and their agents to photograph and / or record pipe band performance. Said photographs and / or recordings shall be the exclusive property of the GAIF.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_