

MAIDEN CITY FESTIVAL

Bringing the old city to life

4 - 11 AUGUST

★ 2018

★ LONDONDERRY



Music ★ Dance ★ Theatre ★ Pageant



Apprentice Boys of Derry

WELCOME

The Maiden City Festival – bringing the old city to life through music dance theatre and pageant.

Now in its 21st year, the Maiden City Festival presents an exciting mix of entertainment for all age groups.

Once again this year's festival has been somewhat contracted due to financial constraints, we expect over 30,000 people to either see or take part in some aspect during the festival and aim to bring the old city to life through music, dance, theatre and pageant.

The festival offers something for everyone and allows the Protestant community in Londonderry, through festival organisers, the Apprentice Boys of Derry, to make a positive contribution to the life of the city.

We hope to educate and entertain both our local community and the many visitors to Londonderry and look forward to seeing you at some of our many programmed festival events.

Join us for what promises to be an exciting and enjoyable festival, not to be missed. Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us for on-going news and updates.



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FESTIVAL PROGRAMME BY GENRE

MUSIC

Letters From The Somme

An evening of spellbinding entertainment from two local bands, **The Hamilton Flute Band** and **Churchill Flute Band**. The bands will come together to perform military and period tunes of the Great War. Listen to letters written by those young men who sacrificed their lives to enable us to have our civil liberties. This will be rounded off by the **"Foyle Show Band"**.

That Friday Sound

On the eve of the Relief Parade and enjoy the musical entertainment performed by **Carol Paris**.



DANCE

Skirl of the Pipes

Colourful displays of piping, drumming and Highland Dancing on the city walls performing to the Skirl of the Pipes.

Good Afternoon at the Mem. Tea Dances

Afternoon tea dances with plenty of chat and reminiscence. Music and song from Mena.

16th Maiden City Scottish Highland Dance & Ulster Highland Dance Championships

Held over two days, experience the Scottish flavour of competitive talents and youthful energy by first class Highland dancers.

EXHIBITIONS & TALKS

Siege Museum

Artefacts, interactive exhibits and narratives, telling the history of the Siege of Londonderry and the development of the Apprentice Boys Association.

Ulster Scots Lectures

Daily Mon-Fri in the Memorial Hall. Learn more about the Plantation; the exodus and the history of the affiliation with the heritage, that is the **Ulster Scots**.



LIVING HISTORY THEATRE

Siege Tales

Meet colourful characters on a walk of the city walls, each telling their own tale of the Great Siege of 1689.

The Siege Story

The dramatic stories of the young apprentice; Spike, the military man and siege diarist; Captain Ash; Elizabeth, the refugee to the city; The Siege Governor, George Walker and Jane Browning, the wife of the man who relieved the city. Performed in the iconic St. Columb's Cathedral.

Relief of Londonderry Pageant

The colourful annual staging of the re-enactment of the relief of the city at Carlisle Road Roundabout, which takes place before the main parade.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Kids' Night

Face painting; kids' entertainers, disco. Held in the Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall.

Relief of Londonderry Celebrations

Approx. 150 bands and 8,000 Apprentice Boys take to the streets for the largest annual parade in Northern Ireland.



BOX OFFICES FOR FESTIVAL EVENTS

The Siege Museum
13 Society Street
Londonderry
Tel: 02871 261219

M Print & Framing
Glendermott Valley
Business Park
Londonderry
Tel: 07740486994

PROGRAMME



MUSIC



TALKS & EXHIBITIONS



DANCE

DAY	EVENT	VENUE	ADMISSION
Saturday 4 August			
12-5pm	<i>Bluegrass on the Walls</i>	The Walls	Free
10am-4:30pm	<i>The Siege of Londonderry</i>	Siege Museum	£3
10am-4pm	<i>Siege Tales</i>	The Walls	Free
12/2pm/4pm	<i>The Siege Story</i>	St. Columb's Cathedral	Free
Monday 6 August			
10am-4:30pm	<i>The Siege of Londonderry</i>	Siege Museum	£3
10am-4pm	<i>Siege Tales</i>	The Walls	Free
12/2pm/4pm	<i>The Siege Story</i>	St. Columb's Cathedral	Free
10am-4pm	<i>Skirl Of The Pipes</i>	Grand Parade	Free
2-4pm	<i>Tea Dance - Music by 'Mena'</i>	The Memorial Hall	Free
8-11pm	<i>Ulster Scots Night—Kildoag Pipe Band</i>	The Memorial Hall	£5
Tuesday 7 August			
10am-4:30pm	<i>The Siege of Londonderry</i>	Siege Museum	£3
10am-4pm	<i>Siege Tales</i>	The Walls	Free
12/2pm/4pm	<i>The Siege Story</i>	St. Columb's Cathedral	Free
10am-4pm	<i>Skirl Of The Pipes</i>	Grand Parade	Free
2-4pm	<i>Tea Dance - Music by 'Mena'</i>	The Memorial Hall	Free
7-10pm	<i>Kids Night</i>	The Memorial Hall	Free
Wednesday 8 August			
10am-4:30pm	<i>The Siege of Londonderry</i>	Siege Museum	£3
10am-4pm	<i>Siege Tales</i>	The Walls	Free
12/2pm/4pm	<i>The Siege Story</i>	St. Columb's Cathedral	Free
10am-4pm	<i>Skirl Of The Pipes</i>	Grand Parade	Free
10am-4pm	<i>16th Maiden City Highland Dance</i>	The Memorial Hall	Free
2-4pm	<i>Tea Dance - Music by 'Mena'</i>	The Memorial Hall	Free

OF EVENTS



DRAMA & LIVING HISTORY



SPECIAL EVENTS

DAY	EVENT	VENUE	ADMISSION
<i>Wednesday 8 August (cont.)</i>			
7-8pm	<i>World War 1 Lecture - 2 prominent speakers</i>	The Memorial Hall	Free
8:30-11:30pm	<i>The Big Quiz</i>	The Memorial Hall	£10 per team
<i>Thursday 9 August</i>			
10am-4:30pm	<i>The Siege of Londonderry</i>	Siege Museum	£3
10am-4pm	<i>Siege Tales</i>	The Walls	Free
12/2pm/4pm	<i>The Siege Story</i>	St. Columb's Cathedral	Free
10am-4pm	<i>Skirl Of The Pipes</i>	Grand Parade	Free
10am-4pm	<i>Ulster Highland Dance Championships</i>	The Memorial Hall	Free
2-4pm	<i>Tea Dance - Music by 'Mena'</i>	The Memorial Hall	Free
8-11:30pm	<i>Letters From The Somme - Hamilton Flute Band, Churchill Flute Band & The Foyle Show Band</i>	The Memorial Hall	£5
<i>Friday 10 August</i>			
10am-4:30pm	<i>The Siege of Londonderry</i>	Siege Museum	£3
10am-4pm	<i>Siege Tales</i>	The Walls	Free
12/2pm/4pm	<i>The Siege Story</i>	St. Columb's Cathedral	Free
10am-4pm	<i>Skirl Of The Pipes</i>	Grand Parade	Free
2pm-6pm	<i>That Friday Sound - Carol Paris</i>	The Memorial Hall	Free
<i>Saturday 11 August</i>			
12-12:30pm	<i>The Relief of Londonderry Pageant</i>	Carlisle Circus	Free
12:30pm	<i>Relief of Londonderry Celebrations</i>	The City	Free



The Siege Story

Monday 6th - Friday 10th - 10 am / 12 noon / 4 pm



Accompany characters from the Great Siege as they portray their lives throughout the dramatic days within the walled city. Set against the backdrop of St. Columb's Cathedral, a truly masterful short drama depicting the story of the siege. Three performances daily.

Good Afternoon at the Mem. Tea Dances

Monday 6th - Friday 10th - 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm



Turn back the clock at the Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall and listen to the sounds of yester-year. Enjoy the ambience of the afternoon tea dances with music and song from Mena.

Relief of Londonderry Siege Pageant

Saturday 11th - 12 noon - 12:30 pm



Witness the final days of the Great Siege of Londonderry as it unfolds through period drama at the Carlisle Road Roundabout. The muskets and the roar of cannon, combine with the resolute defiance of the city's defenders as their **"No Surrender"** spirit sees them triumph over adversity.

Siege Tales

Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th - 10 am - 4 pm



Meet colourful characters telling tales from the siege. From Adam Murray to Lundy; the Grocer's Wife to the Gravedigger; the Fat Man to the French General, they can be found on the city walls. Each character tells their own potted history of what it was like during the siege through difficult times. The closing of the gates to the relief, these characters will entertain with tales of terror and amazement.

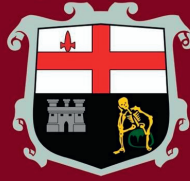
16th Maiden City Highland Dance & Ulster Highland Dance Championships

Wednesday 9th - 10am to 4pm, Thursday 10th - 10am to 4pm



Around 150 dancers from 4 years of age will gather at the Memorial Hall over two days to take part in this year's competition with the Ulster Championships being held on Thursday. Come along and enjoy the dedication and skill of the dancers as they compete for prizes in this most colourful and enduring event.

Society Social Club



Londonderry

Located in the Memorial Hall, Society Street, the Club caters for thirsty members and visitors.

Opens Thursdays & Fridays at 7pm and on Saturdays at 12 noon. During the festival period we will be open at 12 noon from Monday 6th August. Come along and support the Memorial Hall and also pay a visit to the Siege Museum.



**THE
siege**
museum



Society Street
Londonderry

Opening Times
Monday to Saturday
10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Admission £ 3.00
Concessions for Family Groups



1. The Memorial Hall

2. The Siege Museum

3. Grand Parade

4. St Columb's Cathedral