

Musical Ancestries: Scotland

Explore our Community!

This list of organizations in the St. Louis region is provided to encourage further study and experiences in the music and culture of Scotland. Enjoy our local treasures!

Organizations:

Scottish Partnership for Arts and Education (SPAE)

<https://www.stlspae.org/>

In the belief that music and the arts are key to connecting cultures and understanding our roots, Scottish Partnership for Arts and Education provides cultural experiences and educational opportunities in Scottish traditional arts and the historic connections between Scotland and the USA by conducting classes, workshops, lectures, and public performances.

Michael Herron, President

Diane McCullough, Artistic Director: dmccspae@sbcglobal.net

Scottish St. Andrew Society of Greater St. Louis

<https://www.stlstandrews.org/>

The Scottish St. Andrew Society of Greater St. Louis is a non-profit 501(c)3 dedicated to the cultural interchange between Scotland and the St. Louis region. As part of our mission, we enjoy sharing our passions and knowledge about Scottish heritage. We achieve these goals through public events, philanthropy, and educational programs.

President, Matt Pantaleoni: president@stlstandrews.org

Highland Dance Lessons through **Dance Caledonia** taught by Native Scot, Sandra Brown

Authentic Scottish Traditional Highland Dance and National Dance
<https://www.facebook.com/DanceCaledonia>

Highland Mist Scottish Country Dancers

<http://www.highlandmisdancers.org/>

Learn to dance Scottish Country Dance with the Highland Mist Scottish Country Dancers of St. Louis. They are also available for public performances.

Connie Bellinghausen, dancewithclass@hotmail.com

Doug Schneider, ParadiseDouglas@gmail.com

St. Louis Caledonia Pipe Band-Laura Hartung, Band Manager

<http://slcpb.weebly.com>

SLCPB performs around the St. Louis metropolitan area on an average of one to two times a month. Members play the Great

Highland Bagpipes, and snares, tenor, and bass drums. They provide lessons to beginners.

St. Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Festival

[St. Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Festival – Chesterfield, Missouri \(stlouis-scottishgames.com\)](http://stlouis-scottishgames.com)

2022 Games: St. Louis Scottish Games will be held on May 21, 2022, at Tower Grove Park. Gather your clan and join us on Friday for our opening ceremonies, food, drink, the Torchlight Calling of the Clans, and folk and Celtic rock concerts. And then come all day Saturday for all things Scottish.

Musicians:

Jamie McGeechan (Singer-songwriter from Ayrshire Scotland now living in St. Louis)

[Jamie McGeechan](#)

<https://www.littlefiremusic.com>

Scottish singer-songwriter Little Fire aka Jamie McGeechan has won awards for his gifted performances and songwriting. Renowned for his interpretations of Scottish folk songs including the works of Robert Burns he sings to keep the songs alive, infusing Scottish soul as old as the highlands with contemporary interpretation. His original songs explore life, love, and everything else and have received support and airplay from BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio Scotland.

Matt Pantaleoni- Champion Highland Bagpiper

<https://www.pipingstl.com>

Top-ranking bagpiper in North America providing instruction and performances for weddings, funerals, and many other events.

matt@pipingstl.com

Mitzi MacDonald (St. Louis musician from Cape Breton)

[Mitzi MacDonald and Keltic Reign](#)

Mitzi was born and raised on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada. Cape Breton is known the world over for its great Scottish fiddlers, and musicians of Celtic-based music.

See the Scottish Partnership for Arts Education for a list of current and former SPAE artists.

Book:

The Scots Alphabet by Susan Rennie. Illustrator-Karen Sutherland

www.itchy-coo.com

Food and Drink:

The Scottish Arms Public House

<http://www.thescottisharms.com/>

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We are happy to add to this list! Please send your suggestions to: ccommerford@classic1073.org