

# Wasatch & District Pipe Band Virtual Concert

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*Local pipe band to host LIVE virtual concert during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

SALT LAKE CTY, UTAH, UNITED STATES, October 15, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On October 24, 2020 at 12pm, Utah's top pipe band will bring a virtual concert experience directly to you. In this "Concert from Your Home" event, the Wasatch & District Pipe Band (WDPB) will come together with dancers from the Highland Peaks Dance Studio to perform a free concert, which will be hosted and streamed on WDPB's YouTube channel.

This musical event is the result of a partnership between West Valley City, West Valley Arts, the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, and the Wasatch & District Pipe Band. This event is funded in part by Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts & Parks (ZAP).

In accordance with stay-at-home orders from around the world, most of the world's Scottish Festivals and Highland Games, including the World Pipe Band Championships in Scotland, were canceled. Utah's own Scottish Festival was postponed before the event moved to an online format.

While members of the Wasatch & District Pipe Band resumed outdoor rehearsal in June, they have not performed publicly since March. "Since we weren't able to hold our annual concert in the park, this is a way to help us continue to engage with the community," said Daniel Schneider, executive director of the organization. "Given our current environment, this virtual concert has allowed us to work towards meeting our members' musical and educational needs. The preparation for this event is one of the most important things that has held our organization together this year."

The virtual concert will feature members of the band performing their competition, show and parade repertoire, dancers performing alongside the pipe band, and short interviews about the history of the organization. While this virtual concert is free, it replaces the band's annual fundraiser and viewers are encouraged to donate what they can via the band's website. All donations from the concert go to WDPB to help them continue their mission to develop and cultivate highland music through their teaching programs, performing for local and national audiences and representing their home state of Utah in local, national and international competitions.

"Music truly has the ability to transcend individual differences and can help us feel strengthened and united in times of difficulty," said Kariann Hibbard, band manager. "These virtual events are

a connective thread that can keep us engaged with our community and engaged with each other, even while we remain physically distanced. I'm grateful to our event partners and the citizens of Salt Lake County for their continued support of arts, culture, and recreation through the Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts & Parks program."

## About Wasatch & District Pipe Band

The Wasatch & District Pipe Band is an arts and culture 501(c)3 charitable non-profit organization with a home base in Bountiful, Utah. The mission of WDPB is to educate and support all levels of musicians through teaching highland piping and drumming and encouraging continued musical education and development; to develop and cultivate highland music through our teaching programs, performing for local and national audiences, and representing our home state of Utah in local, national and international competitions.

Renowned groups and individuals, like the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square and Craig Jessup, past director of the Tabernacle Choir and current department head of the Utah State University's Department of Music, have actively used and called upon WDPB. The band recorded with the Tabernacle Choir on its album, Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, which was number 1 on the classical billboard charts, and also recorded with The Piano Guys on their album Uncharted a song that has more than 40 million views on YouTube. Because of this, they are seen routinely performing at community events. Their association with groups like these ensures strong, lasting relationships with their arts and cultural community.

Founded in 2004, this will be WDPB's first virtual concert.

## Links for Editor

WDPB band photos, individual photos, and 2019 concert photos can be found here:

<http://www.dropbox.com/sh/2m37bo505f5ga2s/AAA8NWAJbjq7CeAnp5eDtQnaa?dl=0>

[Facebook Event](#)

[WDPB YouTube Channel](#)

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