



**The Clan Currie Society**

September 2008

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you about a special opportunity reserved just for Members and Friends of the Clan Currie Society – those who have enjoyed the Pipes of Christmas in years past and have made it a beloved holiday tradition. This year, in response to overwhelming requests, Clan Currie is again offering the chance to purchase tickets for the **reserved seating area** at the 2008 Pipes of Christmas concerts in our New Jersey and New York venues – and make a donation to the support the Society's Scholarship Fund at the same time.

The Pipes of Christmas is Clan Currie's one and only annual fundraising event. Not only does it warm our hearts, but also it fuels the Clan Currie engine, which delivers panoply of Scottish and Celtic cultural events and benefits to Friends. Some of these include mounting art and history exhibitions on Ellis Island, representing the Clan at Tartan Day in New York City, and sponsoring Highland Games in the United States and Scotland.

In addition, we are proud to report that we achieved a long-cherished goal, thanks to the generosity of our Members and Friends, establishing the Alex Currie Memorial Scholarship for Bagpipe. This past July, John Wallace MacLellan of Maple City, Michigan became the second recipient of the scholarship, and he immediately put it to excellent use, studying bagpipe performance this past summer at the celebrated Gaelic College in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. We are counting on your support to continue funding the scholarship as well as launching the new scholarships such as the Col. William McMurdo Currie Memorial Scholarship for Gaelic Studies at Edinburgh University which we hope to launch in the near future.

You can read about the Alex Currie scholarship on the Clan Currie Web site at [www.clancurrie.org](http://www.clancurrie.org). And speaking of our Web site, it is continually updated with news about upcoming events, Scottish happenings and gatherings, travel opportunities, and profiles of clansfolk. We invite you to be a frequent visitor to the site, where you will also read about the Pipes of Christmas concert schedule for the 2008 holiday season.

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With your advance purchase of Pipes of Christmas tickets, you can choose from several levels of support, each of which confers special privileges that distinguish you as an enduring and generous Friend. We encourage you to consider this offer now – even in the dog days of summer – because so many have expressed their interest and intention of participating in this unique offer.

At the **Braveheart** level of support, you will be seated in the **reserved seating area** and have your name printed in our **keepsake program**. In addition, you will be invited to attend the **post-concert reception** following the evening concert in New Jersey or the afternoon concert in New York City.

At the **Highland Chieftain** level of support, you will be seated in the **reserved seating area** and your name will be printed in the **keepsake program** as well.

At the **Chieftain** level of support, you will have your name printed in our new, **keepsake program** and annual magazine, planned to highlight the Clan's activities and the best of Scottish society.

All remaining **General Admission** tickets will go on sale later this Fall. Act Now - These concerts sell out fast. Here is your chance to secure your reserved seats and you're your support for the "Pipes" and the mission of the Society.

While every seat at a Pipes of Christmas concert affords an excellent experience of the music, being seated in the **reserved seating area** puts you front and center in the excitement of the moment. Imagine sitting close enough to the musicians to share their emotions as they take us from reverence and solemnity, to pride in our heritage and joy in the season! Then, as a **Braveheart**, join them for an afterglow reception where you can sample fine Scotches, and satisfy your appetite for haggis, neeps and tatties. These magical events put you side-by-side with other Friends and with the musicians who have been known to tune their instruments and break into an impromptu Highland jam.

Thank you for considering your participation as Chieftain, Highland Chieftain, or Braveheart. Once again, Merry Christmas – and we'll see you at the Pipes!

Yours aye,

Robert Currie, FSA Scot  
Producer

P.S. – Is your company, business association or civic organization interested in becoming a sponsor of the Pipes of Christmas? For more information, please call us at (908) 273-3509.

**Friends of "The Pipes of Christmas"  
Tenth Annual Performance  
Ticket Order Form**

**Summit, New Jersey\***

***Saturday, December 20, 2008 - 2:00 PM***

Highland Chief \_\_\_\_\_ X \$200.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Includes reserved seating area and name printed in program)*

Chieftain \_\_\_\_\_ X \$100.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Includes name printed in program)*

***Saturday, December 21, 2008 - 8:00 PM***

Braveheart \_\_\_\_\_ X \$250.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Includes Post-Concert reception, reserved seating area and name in program.)*

Highland Chief \_\_\_\_\_ X \$200.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Includes reserved seating area and name in program.)*

Chieftain \_\_\_\_\_ X \$100.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Includes name printed in program)*

**New York, NY**

***Sunday, December 21, 2008 -2: 30 PM***

Braveheart \_\_\_\_\_ X \$250.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Includes Post-Concert reception, reserved seating area and name in program.)*

Highland Chief \_\_\_\_\_ X \$200.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Includes reserved seating area and name in program.)*

Chieftain \_\_\_\_\_ X \$100.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Includes name printed in program)*

I cannot attend but wish to contribute to the good work of the Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form and payment along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

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*\*There is no reception following the Dec. 20 matinee performance.*