

Welcome to Scottish Highland Entertainments:

We are 'The' Scottish Entertainment Agency - we are a long established company providing total entertainment solutions from the traditional to the contemporary - and everything in between! We are renowned within our field for our dedication and efficiency in meeting the entertainment requirements for both Corporate and Personal clients and take great pride in providing solutions throughout the UK and Overseas. The variety of service we provide can be found on these pages. If it's not listed here we either have it at our fingertips or know where to find it for you! Nothing is impossible - just ask!

Who are we?

Scottish Highland Entertainments have been entertaining Scotland and beyond for many years. Providing Scottish 'flavoured' entertainment and mixing this with more contemporary acts to provide the client with a night to remember.

Our artistes and services range from Ceilidh Bands, Pipers for Ceremonial duties and Pipe Bands to Beat Retreat to more 'Funky' Cabaret Pipes and Drums and Fighting Clansmen, Highland and Ceilidh Dancers, Whisky Tasting and The famous 'Haggis' Ceremony, Story Telling and Historical Characters through to Solo instrumentalists, Classical trios, Jazz quartets, Magicians, Caricaturists and Function Bands or anything else you can think of to make your event a success. Let us give you a few ideas, provide you with a quote, and then manage your requirements to give you peace of mind that the Entertainment is taken care of.

Scottish Highland Entertainments - 'Flying the Flag of Scotland'



Our Corporate Services:

Our corporate services are very much determined by yourself and the clients you wish to entertain. Although we pride ourselves in offering the best Traditional Scottish Entertainment if you want something that little bit special then just email us or pick up the phone and we'll see what we can do.

Our artistes will perform at any event which you may have e.g. a formal ball or Scottish Gala Dinner, Christmas event, small private dinner etc.

Pre Dinner Entertainment could involve one of the following -

- Solo Highland Pipers, Solo Drummers & Drum Majors
- Scottish Small Pipe player
- Clarsach / Harpists
- Violinists or Traditional Fiddlers
- Classical Guitarists
- [A pre dinner whisky tasting...](#)

For entertainment **during the meal** we would recommend hiring any of the following performers -

- Clarsach (or Concert Harp)
- String or 'classical' duet or Trio
- String Quartet
- Jazz Trio (Can be traditional or Contemporary or a mix of both)
- Jazz Quartet (Can be traditional or Contemporary or a mix of both)
- A 3 or 4 Piece Ceilidh Band or Accordion Band to play traditional Scottish music [normally a mix of Accordions, Fiddle, Guitar]
- Close Up Magicians who will work the tables
- Caricature Artists who will work the tables presenting victims with their own Caricature.
- [The Haggis Ceremony](#)
- Highland Dancers

Post-Dinner Entertainment

- Traditional & contemporary Fiddle music
- Jazz Trio or Jazz Quartet
- [A 3 or 4 Piece Ceilidh Band or Accordion Band \(can be with Scottish Country Dancers\)](#)

The Finale

- A Pipe Band of sixteen musicians "Beating Retreat" for 10/15 minutes to bring the evening to a close.

Foot note.... There's no right way or wrong way to do it. Pick what you think your Clients/Guests would like and what the budget can handle. There are other things we might suggest but will let you chew over the above before confusing you with greater

choice. The above Acts can be applied to any venue anywhere in Scotland and some even further a field. Suffice to say, if you think of anything else which might be appropriate, please ask..... we will be able to supply it.

All such events are supervised by one of our own Team who will be on site throughout the evening.

Finally, a quick word about PA Systems. With the exception of the Ceilidh Bands mentioned above, none of the Artistes would normally carry PA Systems. If the venue does not have a system, the costs of providing a PA System, if required, will be on top of any charges quoted should such amplification be deemed necessary.

Our Wedding Services:

We will create a Wedding package to suit you and your guests, the locations of the ceremony, the photographs and the wedding breakfast and evening reception. Below are the standard entertainers which we can provide during your day, however if you want something that little bit special then just email us or pick up the phone and we'll see what we can do.

- [A Solo Highland Piper](#)
- Clarsach / Harpists for the ceremony and/or to entertain during photographs
- Violinists or Traditional Fiddlers
- Classical Guitarists
- A String Trio
- A Gaelic Singer
- [Toastmasters](#)

Your piper is normally there for the following duties

- to play you and your guests into the Church or [marriage venue](#)
- they can pay the bride up the aisle if required
- If you want the piper to be in the official photographs they can do this.
- If you wanted him/her to play for short bursts while the guests are waiting for your return from photographs then this can be done.
- Normally, if using a piper his last duty would be to play the newlyweds to the top table after all of the other guests were seated and to take a salute and play him/herself out.
- If you need a master of ceremonies then we can provide one for you. the Toastmaster and the Piper will combine to keep your day running smoothly.

Evening Entertainment

Our normal Evening Entertainment would consist of one or a mix of the following entertainers.

- [Jazz Trio](#) or Jazz Quartet - this can be traditional or Contemporary or a mix of both, but will certainly get the feet tapping or the dancing going.
- [Ceilidh Band](#) - to play traditional Scottish music [normally a mix of Accordions, Fiddle, Guitar] - these are usually either a 3 piece or 4 piece band. Most bands will have a 'caller' if you're guests are unsure of the dances.
- Discothèques - a disco to play which ever period of music you and your guests require. The disco could also play some Ceilidh music for you if you wanted to do a 'strip the willow' or 'dashing white sergeant'.
- Function bands - we have at our disposal some of the best function bands in Scotland to suit any event.

Foot note.... At Scottish Highland Entertainments we are proud to present a mix of both traditional and modern entertainment and a full event management service for you. [It's your day](#) - let us take some of the organising off of your shoulders to let you concentrate on other matters. We will be glad to arrange a package for you and liaise

with the hotel and if required provide a representative to ensure the smooth running of your big day.

For great wedding service we would also like to recommend the following Companies

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- [Colin Constance Photography](#) - Weddings, Portraits and Corporate
- [3 D Cakes](#) - David Duncan Designer Cakes
- [Garlands](#) - Florists

Traditional Scottish Entertainment:

At Scottish Highland Entertainments we have an ever increasing list of Scottish Entertainers to call from which ranges from instrumental soloists, bands of various kinds and dancers right through to historic costume actors... which is why our motto is...

Flying the Flag of Scotland!



Instrumental

- [Clarsach or Harp](#) - we have a list of classically trained harpists who can provide background entertainment at any event
- [Folk](#) - we have links to the top Folk bands in Scotland for Traditional Folk Music and Song
- [Accordion](#) - we usually supply 2 or 3 piece accordion bands or individuals to provide some foot tapping music
- [Ceilidh](#) - we have a list of excellent Ceilidh bands to match any requirement from gentle paced waltzes to up tempo reels
- Gaelic Choirs & Soloists - add a very traditional ambiance to your event with a 'touch of the Gaelic'
- [Fiddle Soloists & Orchestras](#) - from Jimmy Shand to a Scottish version of Vanessa Mae
- 'Burns' Singers and Orators - for a traditional 'Burns Supper' experience

- [Pipers, Pipe Bands and Massed Pipes & Drums](#) - we have access to the top pipe bands and pipers in Scotland - with one of our partners having years of experience as a 'top grade' piper, playing at countless events as a soloist and part of a Pipe Band. Follow the link above to see a more detailed explanation of these services

Non instrumental

- Highland Games - let us bring together all the best that Scotland offers (we don't arrange the Weather unfortunately!) to give you a taste of Scottish culture with a mini Highland Games
- Highland Dancers - we have a list of Highland Dance Schools who can provide dancers for any occasion. With more mature dancers being used for Evening events
- Scottish Country Dancers to show you how to dance at a Ceilidh - everyone likes to have a 'fling' about the dance floor to a Ceilidh band. Let our Dancers show you how it's done before you grace the floor.
- Irish Dancers
- [Clan Battles](#) - watch the clansmen do battle with their dirks and claymores!
- Scottish Readers - have a verse or short story read to your group in the Scottish tongue.

- Whisky Tastings - A hugely popular part of our services for groups visiting Scotland, whether as pre-Dinner drinks or part of an evening's entertainment, our Tastings can be tailored for small intimate Dinners through to Receptions with hundreds of Guests. See the F.A.Q. section.
- [The Haggis Address and Burns Suppers](#)
- Stars of the Scottish Stage and Screen - For that special Event, "Scottish Highland Entertainments" are able to act on your behalf to negotiate appearances and performances by entertainers and celebrities on the Scottish, British, and International stage.

Other Entertainment we can provide:

At Scottish Highland Entertainments we have been 'entertaining Scotland' for many years, not just providing the Traditional Scottish Entertainment which is so popular with visitors to Scotland, but also in providing entertainers of other varieties for any event you care to mention.

Some of the acts we have been asked to provide are -

Musical

- Concert or contemporary Pianists to provide background music
- Classical Guitarists to provide background music
- Concert Harp
- Harpsichord
- Flute Ensemble
- String Trios & Quartets
- Orchestras
- Choral singers
- Jazz bands - any size of band to play as Traditional Trios, Quartets and Quintets, "Big Band" sound of the 40s & 50s with a 16 piece Orchestra, Dixieland Trios, Quartets, or an Eight Piece Marching Band, Swing
- Jazz Soloists: Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute, Piano etc etc (Can be traditional or Contemporary or a mix of both).

Function Bands

- Modern Pop or Rock Bands
- Salsa Bands
- Discothèques - a disco to play which ever period of music you and your guests require. The disco could also play some Ceilidh music for you if you wanted to do a 'strip the willow' or 'dashing white sergeant'.

in fact we have entertainers who can play any of the following styles and more...Baroque, Classical, Operatic, Rock and Pop ... etc etc so you can dance the night away to what ever takes your fancy...

Non Musical

- PA Systems and lighting can be arranged for you if required from a 3rd Party through Scottish Highland Entertainments
- Temporary Dance Floors can also be arranged if required
- Close Up Magicians who will work the tables or provide a short performance
- Fire Eaters and Circus Acts (best for outdoors work!)
- Stilt Walkers
- Caricature Artists who will work the tables presenting victims with their own Caricature
- Horsemen to lead guests from one location to the next
- Chinese Lion Dancers

- Quizmaster
- Stars of Stage and Screen - For that special Event, "Scottish Highland Entertainments" are able to act on your behalf to negotiate appearances and performances by entertainers and celebrities on the Scottish, British, and International stage.

Or if you are outdoors, what about...

- Fireworks & Aquatic Displays
- Off-Road Driving
- Quad Bikes
- Shooting
- Fishing
- Archery
- White-Water Rafting
- Clay-Pigeon Shooting
- Laser Clay Shooting
- Falconry

We could go on..... suffice to say if its not listed, we either have it at our fingertips or know where to find it for you. Nothing is impossible; Just ask!

Information on Pipers and Pipe Bands:

At Scottish Highland Entertainments we have a long history of providing Pipers and Pipe Bands for any occasion. With a Playing member of a Top Grade One Pipe Band (bands are graded, with Grade One being the premier grade) on the staff we have years of playing experience and knowledge in this area to call on.

Pipers

Our pipers have all been vetted personally by Scottish Highland Entertainments to ensure their standard of performance is at the required level in both musical ability and dress. After all, there are many pipers who look the part, but may not come up to the required playing standard. It has been said many times that the public do not know one piper from the next as long as they look good - this is not good enough for Scottish Highland Entertainments! When you get a good piper or pipe band you're guaranteed to know the difference.

Highland Bagpipers

The Great Highland Bagpipe is the instrument usually associated with Scotland. It is a Woodwind instrument played with reeds - a very temperamental beast! But in the right hands can change the mood of the listener from deep reflection when a Lament is played at a Funeral through joy and happiness when a March is played at a Wedding to exhilaration and reckless abandonment when a set of Jigs or Reels is played at a Ceilidh.

- Dress - the normal dress of our Pipers for events is what we call No.1. Dress but we can instruct the pipers to wear a more simple and less extravagant dress called No.2. Dress - these terms coming from the British Army.
- No.1. Dress - this is a ceremonial outfit and consists of a Kilt worn with a Tunic and a Full or sometimes half plaid, cross belt and waist belt, horse hair sporran, patterned hose with garter flashes with White Spats and a Feather Bonnet or a Glengarry with a Black Cock Feather.
- No.2. Dress - this consists of a kilt worn with usually a black Argyle Jacket (sometimes with accompanying waistcoat) with a shirt and tie or alternatively for dressier occasions a black Prince Charlie Jacket and waistcoat with a dress shirt and bow-tie , leather or fur sporran, kilt socks with garter flashes and gillie brogues and topped with a Glengarry.

Scottish Small Pipers

A different twist on the piping front is that of the Scottish Small Pipes. These are 'bellows' Pipes which produce a quieter, sweeter sound which can be used as background music for a reception or later during a meal.

Pipe Bands

We have links to pipe bands across the country and can provide any number of bandsmen for your event. From trios to mini bands to full pipe bands. One of our

events was a pre-cursor Cultural Event for the organisers of the Beijing Olympics where we supplied just two pipers and a drummer for a week long tour of the area around Beijing.

- Massed Pipes & Drums

To end an event in the most stunning, breathtaking fashion, we offer our services in arranging anything from a Beat the Retreat with a single band to a Massed Pipes and Drums display; possibly 60, 80, 100 or more Pipers and Drummers playing as a single unit. The arrangement of such an event requires much planning and rehearsal but the end result can be a quite monumental, unforgettable, spectacle.

- Such displays can be accompanied by teams of Highland Dancers performing in front of the Band during part of the performance
- or perhaps with a spectacular Fireworks Display as a backdrop.

The only factor limiting the scale of such a finale is the size of your venue and the size of your budget. As the fireworks die and the Band turns to march away from your Guests into the darkness, your transport draws up to return Guests to their homes or hotels. A never to be forgotten conclusion to your special event.

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