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PRESS RELEASE:

ANNUAL FERMANAGH PIPE BAND and DRUM MAJORS CHAMPIONSHIPS **SATURDAY MAY 27th**

The Sound of Pipes and Drums will be heard right across Enniskillen on Saturday 27th May when the Island Town hosts the Annual Championship event.

The Enniskillen contest is one of the largest public events that takes place in Fermanagh and attracts approximately 1000 musicians and around 3000 spectators to the town. Competition at this very popular contest is of national standard with a number of Scottish, British, World and European Champion bands and Drum Majors in their grade taking part. Bands from right across Ireland enter the contest, last year bands from Dublin, Cork, Wexford, Wicklow, Monaghan, Donegal and from all of Northern Ireland came to Enniskillen.

Ray Hall, Secretary of the Fermanagh Section said:

“ The Fermanagh Section Committee are busy planning for the Contest. A number of bands have already been in contact and have told me that they are looking forward to coming to Fermanagh, there are already 35 bands who have confirmed entry and 45 Drum Majors. Local entries include Derryclavin Pipe Band from Lisbellaw and well known Senior Drum Major, David Brownlee from Derryclavin Pipe Band,”

He added further:

“ Our committee does appreciate the support of the Council, other funders and sponsors to assist us in putting on this event which is free to the public, which as well as providing wonderful music and a really colourful spectacle does generate significant income for all the businesses in town, not only on the day but many bandsmen, their families and supporters stay on in Fermanagh for the Bank Holiday weekend and also repeat the visit.”

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The Competition is due to commence at 12 noon with the last band playing around 4.30pm followed by the Traditional March Past and Salute to the Chieftain.

The Chieftain at this Year's Championships is Mr. William Elliott who has been a keen supporter & sponsor of the Pipe Band Competition in Fermanagh for many years.