



A native of North Carolina, Martha completed her BM and MM degrees at the University of North Carolina and her Ed.D. degree at Columbia University.

Martha retired from public education in 2013, teaching middle/high school music for 10 years before moving into various roles in administrative roles.

Following her Scots-Irish roots, Martha found a love of the Celtic harp through involvement in Scottish Highland Games.

She performs with the Celtic trio, *Stone's Throw*, is a member of the Blue Mountain Harpers in North Carolina, and toured Scotland in 2019 and 2023 with Harpa. She also composes for *Stone's Throw*. In April, 2023 she was invited to the Edinburgh International Harp Festival with Harpa.

She is a member of the Scottish Harp Society in America, and a certified judge of SHSA sanctioned harp competitions.

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WELCOME TO THE GAMES!

We invite you to come to the Ligonier Highland Games this September to be Scottish for a day and experience the Scottish Highlands here in Pennsylvania. You can enjoy the sights and sounds of the Highlands and watch massed **pipe bands** march on the field and fill the air with the skirl of **bagpipes**. Witness **athletes** in amazing skills of strength and **tossing cabers** the size of telephone poles. See the pageantry of **Scottish clans** and explore your roots. Watch **highland dancing**, **Scottish breed dogs** and have the wee lads and lassies take part in miniature games too. Explore the vendor area for exotic goods and listen to poets and singers perform in **ancient Gaelic**. And watch and hear some of the best **Scottish and Celtic musicians** perform ancient songs and modern favorites.

The Ligonier Highland Games works to preserve Scottish traditions and provide cultural outreach and scholarships in all aspects of Scottish arts. An all volunteer organization, all of the money raised goes to operating the Games and scholarship programs. We present scholarships for dancing, piping, drumming, harping, fiddling and Gaelic language and others through the Clan Donald Educational and Charitable Trust. This year the Highland Games and Clan Donald Trust together will award more than \$9000 in scholarships, bringing our total to over \$250,000 since we began the Games 63 years ago.

The Ligonier Highland Games



and
Scottish Harp
Society
Competition

Scottish Harp Competition Entry Form SHSA Sanctioned

Saturday
September 16, 2023

At
Idlewild Park
Ligonier, PA

Ligonier Highland Games

HARP COMPETITION CATEGORIES AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Competitors enclose entry fee of \$20 made payable to the "Ligonier Highland Games." Please enclose S.A.S.E.

If not an SHSA member also include a membership fee of \$20 with check payable to SHSA. **This gives you a one-year membership in SHSA that includes a subscription to Kilt & Harp.**

All Advance Entrants will receive an Admission Pass
Advance Entries close September 15, 2021
Field entries will be accepted.

Age Categories

1. Youth, 17 years old and under
2. Open

Classes

1. Rank Beginner
2. Novice
3. Apprentice
4. Journeyman
5. Master
6. Special
 - a. Vocal
 - b. Spoken Word
 - c. Ensemble
 - d. Ensemble & Re-Emerging Form
 - e. Non-graded

Please see the Scottish Harp Society of America handbook for styles of music, rules and details which are available at their web site, www.SHSA.org or contact competition chairperson: Melanie Sandrock 1637 Princess Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-3637 412-653-3847 email: kicker15smom@yahoo.com

First four places in Classes 1 through 5
will receive medals

Medals in Special Class will be awarded as appropriate

Sponsored by the Scottish Harp Society of America and American Harp Society Pittsburgh Chapter.

Harper of the Day will be engraved on the **St. Andrew's Trophy**

This competition is fully sanctioned by the Scottish Harp Society of America

SCOTTISH HARP COMPETITIONS

Workshop Leader & Judge
Dr. Martha Geouge Hill

HARPER REGISTRATION
begins in the Harp Pavilion
at 8:30 a.m.

HARP COMPETITION
begins at 9:00 a.m.

HARP Workshop
1:45 p.m.

*followed by a harp
harp circle at 2:30 p.m..*

Faith Stenning Scholarship Award of \$100 for First Place in Masters Category Presented by the American Harp Society/Pittsburgh Chapter

IDLEWILD PARK

The Ligonier Highland Games takes place in Idlewild Park which is located on U.S. Rte. 30 just three miles west of the town of Ligonier, PA. Signs to the Park are located at PA Tpk. exit 90 as well as along Rte. 30. Free parking is provided in the Park.

Ligonier Highland Games
324 Forrest Street, Altoona, PA 16601
or see
www.LigonierHighlandGames.org

Ligonier Highland Games Harp Entry September 16, 2023

*Make Checks Payable to
Ligonier Highland Games*

Mail Entry with Payment & S.A.S.E. to:
Melanie Sandrock
1637 Princess Lane,
Pittsburgh, PA 15236-3637

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Tel: (_____) _____

email _____

If competing: Class _____

check one: _____ Youth _____ Open

**The following waiver must be signed in order
for you to compete.**

I/we hereby waive any claims I/we may have for damages against the Clan Donald Educational and Charitable Trust, the Ligonier Highland Games or Idlewild Park for any injuries or loss which may be suffered by the above named competitor, or, if a minor, the parents or guardians of the competitor in any events conducted by these organizations at Idlewild Park, Ligonier, Pennsylvania

Signed _____