The bagpipe

In Scotland, the bagpipe was and still is a feature of many, if not most public events – from battles to funerals to weddings, ceremonies, festivals. The piper would provide

The bagpipe was present in daily life thanks to the role of the town piper – an important institution in Scotland, particularly but not exclusively Lowland. Town minstrels or

The bagpipe’s martial role, still visible in parades, royal funerals, military tattoos, and other official public events and ceremonies, is documented as early as the mid-16th

1781 saw the birth of what was to become a recurring event, which today has global scale: the Highland piping competitions. These were organized by the Highland Soci

The nationally Scottish iconicity of the bagpipe was strong: the Highlands were seen as the shrine of Scottish identity, of which bagpipes and tartan were amongst the mo

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