



The Canadian International Military Tattoo

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General Hillier and Commodore Bennett Serve as Saluting Officers for Tattoo in Hamilton

HAMILTON (June 4, 2010)...Celebrate the music and pageantry of Canada's military tradition with the marching bands, pipes and drums, featuring over 500 of the world's finest military and civilian performers, at The Canadian International Military Tattoo 2010 taking place Saturday, June 12th at 7:30 p.m. and June 13th at 2:30 p.m. at Copps Coliseum in Hamilton.

"We are honoured this year to have two very distinguished Saluting Officers: General Rick Hillier, CMM, CD (Author of A Soldier First) for Saturday, June 12th at 7:30 p.m. and Hamilton's own Commodore Jennifer Bennett, OMM, CD for Sunday, June 13th at 2:30 p.m.," said Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret'd) Rick Kennedy, CD, Chairman of the Board. "In the tradition of Connecting Canadians to their Military, the themes of this year's Tattoo are the Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War and the Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Canadian Navy."

The Canadian International Military Tattoo is pleased to announce the roster for our June 12 - 13, 2010 shows. (NOTE: Program subject to change.)

Guest Performers: Liam McGlashon - the 'fiddle kid'(Hamilton) and The Korean Dance Studies Society – Mi Young Kim Dance Company (North York)

International Performers: United States Navy Ceremonial Guard Drill Team (Washington, DC) and the Hamburg Caledonian Pipes and Drums (Hamburg, Germany)

Canadian Performers: The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders of Canada Pipes and Drums (Hamilton), Dundas Pipes and Drums (Dundas), The Royal Regiment of Canada Band (Toronto), The Band of RCSCC Royal Sovereign (Sault Ste. Marie), The Black Watch (HRH) of Canada Pipes and Drums (Montreal), 48th Highlanders of Canada Pipes and Drums (Toronto), Lorne Scots Pipes and Drums (Brampton), The Regimental Band of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (Hamilton), Salvation Army Meadowlands Band (Ancaster), The Windsor Regiment Band (Windsor), The Hamilton Tattoo Dancers consisting of The Schiehallion Dancers (Hamilton) and The MacLeod of Lewis Celtic Dancers (Burlington), Danielle Bourre, vocalist (Toronto)

"The Canadian International Military Tattoo is the most exciting show west of Halifax. No other community in Ontario mounts such a spectacle. It provides a unique opportunity for our local units to showcase their talents and history. It enhances the connection and bridges the gap between the units to the broader community; it honours the virtues and pride of military service in general and the sacrifice of Canadians who have fallen in Canada's wars," added Kennedy. "The Canadian International Military Tattoo would be impossible to mount without the continued generosity of our sponsors and supporters. We applaud and thank you them for their commitment to the importance of education, history and tradition and would also like to invite new friends to come out and learn more about the astounding military history of our nation."

The Canadian International Military Tattoo (www.canadianmilitarytattoo.ca) is an annual event celebrating Canada's rich cultural heritage of connecting Canadians to their military through music. The Tattoo performances, based on an ancient military tradition are each 2-1/2 hours long featuring a vast array of international military and civilian acts.

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