

Performance Profiles

Chelsea House Orchestra

"Using traditional stringed instruments, including violins, cellos and bass, plus wind instruments like clarinets and flutes, as well as lesser known instruments such as the djembe and cajon, Chelsea House Orchestra's music is lively and rich with history. Chelsea



House Orchestra has performed in Chicago, Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, at Celtic-based events, huge festivals drawing thousands, private fundraisers and for dignitaries from the U.S. Canada and Scotland.

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Brother Crowe

Brother Crowe is a Detroit-based, Bluegrass-leaning Celtic Roots Rock band known for its original music and energetic live performances. Formed in 2002, the band has gone through several transformations, but its roots in Celtic music and passionate rock energy have remained constant. Currently, the band features Derek Wikarski (lead vocals, harmonica, mandolin), Paul Wikarski (guitar, banjo, fiddle), Stephen Vilnius (bass), Bob Gilbert (drums), and Steve Lesko (fiddle). They've shared the stage with renowned acts like Tommy Makem, Gaelic Storm, and Derek Warfield, and have performed at prestigious festivals such as the Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival and the Michigan Irish Music Festival. Their energetic festival performances continue to captivate audiences with spontaneity and crowd engagement, making them perfect for the 56th Alma Highland Festival.

Pictus

Pictus is a high-energy, one-of-a-kind musical experience that brings together the primal power of drums and the soaring sounds of the Highland bagpipes to captivate audiences across the country. With award-winning bagpiper John "Tallisyn" Holland and seasoned drummers Brad "Oengus" Sprauer and Lauren "Céilidh Shillelagh" Berry, Pictus creates an unforgettable performance full of thunderous rhythms, soulful melodies, and tales that stir the spirit. Their shows blend traditional instruments like the Irish pennywhistle, dudelsack, and rauchefife with original compositions, all wrapped in a narrative that speaks to the voices of our ancestors. From thrilling drumming to stirring bagpipe melodies, Pictus invites you to stand, shout your barbaric YAWP, and be transported by their powerful sound and storytelling. Don't miss this dynamic performance at the Alma Highland Festival!

Colin Grant-Adams

Colin Grant-Adams, Scottish/Celtic Folksinger, Guitarist, originally from Oban, Scotland, presents a program of traditional, contemporary, and nationally acclaimed original folksongs about Scotland's rugged landscape. His high-energy style of music is a blend of both traditional Celtic-American and bluegrass. His good sense of humor will appeal to audiences of all ages.



TICKET SALES

ADVANCE TICKETS OR AT THE GATE

Credit Card, Cash or Check
Wristband sponsored by *Garr Tool*

SPECIAL!

January 1 through May 23
4 Adult Passes | \$70⁰⁰

Weekend Pass | \$20⁰⁰ EACH

VETERANS • SENIORS • 1ST RESPONDERS
\$18⁰⁰/PASS

FREE - Children (age 10 and under)

NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

Rain does not dampen the Festival spirit!
(Please refer to the Festival Program for rain plans.)

ON CAMPUS HOUSING

For information regarding on-campus housing EMAIL
the Alma College Hospitality and Conference Center at
highlandreervations@alma.edu

Room Rate is \$76⁸⁶+ tax per night
Limit 2 persons per room

Alma College alcohol policies will be strictly enforced

**Alma College is now a
TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS**

ON CAMPUS MEALS

* See website for info

NEARBY CAMPING

Unlimited camping facilities are available
within a 25-mile radius of Alma.

Please visit the Festival website
for additional information.

*Service animals will be permitted on campus.
Dogs allowed for \$5.*



ALMA HIGHLAND FESTIVAL AND GAMES

MAY 23-25, 2025

EVENTS BEGIN FRIDAY EVENING

- U.S. Open Pipe Band Championship (SATURDAY)
- Piping and Drumming Exhibitions (SUNDAY)
- Highland Dancing Competitions & Championships
- Heavyweight Athletic Events
- Border Collie Exhibition
- Reenactment Camp & Clan Gathering
- Highland Parade through Downtown (SATURDAY)
- Beverage & Entertainment Tent featuring
 - Brother Crowe
 - Pictus
 - Chelsea House Orchestra
 - Colin Grant-Adams
- Arts & Crafts Show (SATURDAY)
- Scottish Food
- Scottish Vendors
- ...and much, much more!

Additional information available:

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FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 23

- Road Race Registration.....4 PM - 7 PM
Tyler-Van-Dusen
- Alma High School Jazz Band5:30 PM
Heritage Center Lawn
- Entertainment Tent DOORS OPEN: 7 PM - 12 AM
featuring Jedi Mind Trip8 PM - 12 AM
\$10⁰⁰ Admission

Jedi Mind Trip

FRIDAY, MAY 23: 8 PM-12 AM

Jedi Mind Trip has been entertaining mid-Michigan audiences since the winter of 1996. Their professional attitude and the ability to dynamically entertain large audiences has put them on the top of the area's biggest draw list. What makes a Jedi Mind Trip show so special? Their song-list touches the memories of the 21-45 year-old crowd. Remember the 80's? Most of our audiences do, and they keep asking for more! A combined professional talent that has over 80 years of entertainment experience including both rock and country music, karaoke and night club DJ.



\$10⁰⁰ Admission

Midwest Gathering of Clans

Over 50 clans invited! See Clan Welcome Center for complete list. Trace your family roots, learn Scottish history and get to know your kin!

*Unless indicated otherwise, all events take place on the campus of Alma College. This schedule is subject to change & times listed are approximate. *Sponsors committed at press time - for a complete list of our sponsors, see the official Alma Highland Festival Program.*

SATURDAY, MAY 24

- Road Race Registration.....7 AM - 8 AM
Tyler-Van-Dusen
- Solo Piping & Drumming Competition 8 AM
- Highland Dance Competition..... 8 AM - 12 PM
Pre-Premier Competition & Choreography
- Kids' Run.....8:30 AM
- 5K Run / Walk.....9 AM
Sponsored by My Michigan
- Professional Athletic Events & Women's.....9 AM
• *Great Lakes Scottish Heavyweight Begins*
• *Men's Professional, Women's Invitational*
- Reenactment Camp 9 AM - 5 PM
- Arts & Crafts Fair.....9 AM - 6 PM
- Clan Activities10 AM - 4 PM
Visit the Clan Welcome Center for Details
- Downtown Street Parade.....10:30 AM
Sponsored by Commercial Bank
- Border Collie Exhibitions..... 11 AM • 1 PM • 3 PM
- Scottish Animal Viewing.....11 AM - 4 PM
- Ax Throwing.....11 AM - 5 PM
- Blacksmith Showcase 11 AM - 5 PM

OPENING PARADE 12:15 PM

Chapel to Football Field

Includes: Official Beginning, Parade of Tartans & Alma High School Marching Band Performance

- Glass Blower.....1 PM • 2 PM • 3 PM • 4 PM
- Band Competition Begins.....12:30 PM
- Great Lakes Scottish Heavyweight Continues....12:30 PM
- Highland Dance Competition.....1 PM - 5 PM
Great Lakes Open Championship
- Wee Bairn Games2 PM - 4 PM
Sponsored by Michigan Masonic Home

Entertainment Tent: Opens at 12 PM

Sponsored by Rent-Rite

- Colin Grant-Adams1 PM
- Whisky Tasting (ticket required).....2 PM - 5 PM
- Chelsea House Orchestra2:30 PM
- Pictus 4 PM

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 24

Massed Bands (SATURDAY ONLY)..... approximately 5:30 PM
Football Stadium

ENTERTAINMENT TENT: 6 PM - 10 PM

\$5⁰⁰ Admission/Cover Fee after Open Piping

- Open Piping (SATURDAY ONLY) approximately 6 PM
- Chelsea House Orchestra 6:30 PM
- Brother Crowe 8 PM
- DJ Music9 - 10 PM
- Entertainment Tent.....OPEN until 10 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 25

- Men's Amateur Athletic Events9 AM
- Highland Dance Competition.....9 AM
Great Lakes Closed Championship
- Glass Blower..... 9 AM • 11 AM • 1 PM • 3 PM
- Men's and Women's Rugby Games9 AM - 3 PM
Football Field
- Reenactment Camp 9 AM - 5 PM
- Kirking of the Tartan 9:30 AM
Chapel of Alma College
- Pipe Band Exhibitions..... 10:30-11 AM • 11:30 AM - 12 PM
Pipe Band Circle 12:30 - 1 PM • 1:30 - 2 PM
- Border Collie Exhibitions..... 11 AM • 1 PM • 3 PM
- Ax Throwing.....11 AM - 4 PM
- Clan Activities.....11 AM - 4 PM
Visit the Clan Welcome Center for Details
- Blacksmith Showcase 11 AM - 5 PM
- Nessie Rides (SUNDAY ONLY) 1 PM - 2:30 PM
Located north of the Stone Rec Center

Entertainment Tent: 12 PM - 6 PM

- Colin Grant-Adams12:30 PM
- Whisky Tasting (TICKET REQUIRED) 1 PM - 4 PM
- Pictus 2 PM
- Chelsea House Orchestra 3:30 PM
- Brother Crowe 5 PM

Entertainment Tent Closes at 6PM

Closing Ceremonyapproximately 5 PM
Athletics Field