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**Portland Metro Pipe Band Tapped to Open for The Chieftains**

*(Feb. 5, 2009 – Portland Ore.)*. Portland Metro Pipe Band, Oregon's premiere competitive bagpipe band, has been selected to open for legendary Irish band The Chieftains during their Portland appearance in February. With a career that spans 43 years, The Chieftains serve as Ireland's premier musical ambassadors. Winners of six Grammy awards, the Chieftains have recorded 43 albums and collaborated with many musical legends, including Van Morrison and Sting.

Their 2009 tour opens in Portland on Monday, Feb. 16, at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, and concludes on St. Patrick's Day in Toronto. This will be Portland Metro Pipe Band's first appearance with The Chieftains.

Portland Metro Pipe Band was formed in 2006 as a competitive pipe band for serious musicians. Led by Pipe Major Mark Tomasetti and Drum Sergeant Andrew Finley, the Portland Metro Pipe Band is made up of Grade I and II players from throughout the Pacific Northwest. For more information about Portland Metro Pipe Band or to schedule them for an appearance, please contact Bruce Case, band manager, at 503.524.6768 or [bruce.case@comcast.net](mailto:bruce.case@comcast.net).



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