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Learned Kindred of Currie to host 23rd annual Tartan Day on Ellis Island Celebrations



The Learned Kindred of Currie is proud to announce that it will host the 23rd annual Tartan Day on Ellis Island celebrations from April 4-6, 2025. This prestigious event honors Scottish heritage, culture, and contributions to America, bringing together Scots and Scottish-Americans from across the country.

Scheduled to perform this year are, The Force – championship drum major demonstration team; the Shot of Scotch Highland Dancers; pipers and drummers from the St. Columcille United Gaelic

Pipe Band, Scottish juggler John Grimaldi and members of the Fling Together dancers and the McAngus School of Highland Dance.

Performances will take place every day between 10AM and 3PM in the great lawn facing the Manhattan skyline.

The Scottish spirit

Tartan Day on Ellis Island is a cornerstone of the broader National Tartan Day celebrations, which recognize the lasting impact of Scottish immigrants on the United States. Throughout the weekend,



attendees will enjoy historical exhibits, cultural performances, and special presentations highlighting Scotland's deep connections to American history.

"The Learned Kindred of Currie is honored to lead this year's celebrations, continuing the proud tradition of recognizing the Scottish spirit that helped shape this nation," said Robert Currie, Commander of the Learned Kindred of Currie and event producer. "Ellis Island serves as a powerful backdrop for this event, reminding us of the journey so many Scots took in pursuit of a better future in America."

Highlights of the past festivities have included:

- Historical and genealogical exhibits showcasing Scottish immigration stories
- Traditional music and dance performances from acclaimed Scottish artists
- Keynote speakers and honored guests reflecting on Scotland's influence in America

Tartan Day on Ellis Island is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to don their tartan and join in the festivities. This program has been made possible in part from a generous grant from the Scottish Ministers and the Scottish Government. The Learned Kindred of Currie is a recognized Scottish heritage organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the history, traditions, and contributions of the Currie name and wider Scottish culture.



For more information, please visit: www.facebook.com/TartanDayonEllisIsland

Tartan of the Month

Red Thistle Dance Tartan

The Scottish Banner is pleased to be offering the Tartan of the Month series highlighting a variety of different, unique and colourful tartans from around the world which are registered with the Scottish Register of Tartans in Edinburgh. The Scottish Register of Tartans was established by an act of the Scottish Parliament in November 2008 and promotes and preserves information about historic and contemporary tartans from Scotland and throughout the world. Text and image use are courtesy of the Scottish Register of Tartans (SRT).

Designed as a tribute to the dancers, musicians, founders, and friends of the Red Thistle Dancers, a Scottish Country and Highland Dance performance group from the San Francisco Bay area, and named for California's native red thistle. The tartan marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of this group. The colours are intended to reflect the vibrant hues of the California native red thistle species, *Cirsium occidentale* and *Cirsium arizonicum*, under a blue sky.

This tartan (SRT #14517) was designed by Deborah Savage and registered in October, 2024.

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