

## PLAYING WITH THE TATTOO'S MASSED PIPES & DRUMS

The production offer bagpipe/Scottish percussion players from Switzerland and nearby countries (France, Germany, etc.) an opportunity to join the ranks of the traditional Massed Pipes & Drums (MPD), so emblematic of the Tattoos.

Starting this year, those interested in participating in the MPD will be able to submit their application on an individual basis. In principle, they will be accompanied by a visiting British Band in 2021.

In order to ensure the kind of standards that can be expected from an event like this at the Swiss level, the selection will be made on the basis of an audition that will be repeated each year, including for former participants. This will take place as follows:

- Registration for the audition using the online form and receipt of the material. The candidate will be evaluated by a committee using a video. These will be transmitted to Lambert Zufferey (lzufferey@avenchestattoo.ch) using a transfer platform such as "swisstransfer", "wetransfer" or others by **November 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 10 pm at the latest**.
- For bagpipes and side/snare drums, the audition consists of a compulsory selection of three melodies (March-Strathspey-Reel) and a march of choice to which the candidate is invited to march. During the first two weeks, only written scores will be provided. Afterwards, an audio file will complement the tracks.
- For the tenor drums, three pieces must be submitted: the first learned according to the video provided, the second one a demonstration that must be invented on the basis of a piece provided for the bagpipes, and the third a free march in which the candidate is invited to march (using a piece of bagpipe music of his choice). For bass drums, the audition is similar to tenor drums but without the initial song learned from the video.
- The melodies or rhythms should be as close as possible to the score provided and the beat requested. With the videos, the applicant will include a photo of him/her in uniform, which must meet the criteria of the Regimental Drum Major Association's "[Dress manual for Pipes and Drums](#)".
- Each candidate will be informed personally of the results by the end of the 2020, after the committee has analysed all the videos.
- Melodies from the 2021 edition will then be sent in January 2021 and must be mastered before arriving in Avenches in September. Certain arrangements (e.g. final) will probably only be available at a later stage.

The purpose of the audition is to ensure the musician's motivation and ability to read, play and memorize a melody quickly and accurately. Similarly, musicians



must be able to adjust, tune and produce stable sound on a functional and well-maintained instrument.

Please submit the videos by the deadline even if certain aspects are not yet mastered; the evaluation is not a competition but is used to assess the overall level of all the applications submitted.

Even if an application is not selected this year, it will not affect an attempt at the following edition.

Future participants who commit will be tied up with the event during their stay in Avenches from Monday morning August 30<sup>th</sup> to Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and the organization must be able to rely on them. They will demonstrate punctuality, discipline and a healthy lifestyle.

Transport to Avenches is at the participant's expense. The organization provides accommodation, meals and the opportunity of performing in front of nearly 5,000 people per performance, alongside prestigious civilian or military bands.

The MPD will be led by Lambert Zufferey ([lzufferey@avenchestattoo.ch](mailto:lzufferey@avenchestattoo.ch)), who is available should you have any questions regarding the audition.

Further details will be provided to those involved following the audition.

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We look forward to seeing you in Avenches for the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the Avenches Tattoo from September 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> 2021!

We are also present on social media

- Facebook: @avenchestattoo
- Instagram: @avenchestattoo
- YouTube: Avenches Tattoo