



Call for Entries – Bagpipe Tune Writing Competition Compose “The Spirit of the Hororātā”

Are you a passionate piper or composer? We invite you to create a legacy through music.

The **Hororata Community Trust** is calling for original bagpipe tune compositions to celebrate and honour our 2025 Hororata Highland Games Chieftain – **Michael Fraser Milne** of Whisky Galore and all past Chieftains. For over a decade, Michael has brought the *Hororata Whisky* to life, working with Adelphi Distillery and partners in Scotland creating a range unique whiskies that fuels our festival and supports our community.

This is more than a tune – it’s a tribute to a remarkable partnership that spans oceans, the enduring power of community spirit, and the unmistakable energy of the Hororata Highland Games.

The composition will be titled:

“The Spirit of the Hororātā”

A salute to the Michael, the Hororata Whisky and the unbreakable spirit of our rural community.

This tune will be performed at the 2025 Games, forever part of our celebration and story.

Help us honour a true friend of the Games, and write a tune that will echo through the Southern Alps for years to come.

Details:

- The composition is to be a pipe tune which is a 4 parted jig. It can be in 6/8, 9/8 or 12/8 time signature.
- Entries must be emailed to games@hororata.org.nz by 5pm 22nd September 2025.
- All entries must be written out in full. This can be hand written or typed on software and submitted in PDF format. A recording, either on practice chanter or bagpipes is also advantageous. The quality of the recording or playing is not taken into consideration, it is not a performance contest, but a recording to hear how the composer intended the tune to be played is advantageous to the judging panel.
- Composers of all abilities will be considered. Entries can be from any country.
- The submitted composition should not have been previously published.

- All submitted entries will be jointly adjudicated by World Champion and Red Hot Chilli Piper, Kyle Warren. Kyle was the 2016 Hororata Highland Games Chieftain while he now resides in Scotland he has remained connected our Games and our community.
- Compositions will be put before the judge without the composer's details.
- Any clear evidence of plagiarism with material already published will result in disqualification from the competition.
- The judge's decision on the winning entry is final.
- The winning composer grants the Hororata Community Trust the right to use, perform, record, and reproduce the winning composition for the promotion of the Hororata Highland Games, in any format, now and in the future, without further compensation.
- There is no entry fee.
- There is no limit on the number of compositions submitted by one composer.
- Prize: Hororata Highland Games 2025 Medal and \$500.00 NZD cash prize
- The winner will be announced by the 17th October to the Hororata Highland Games 2025.
- The winning composition will be played by the composer, or nominated piper, at the 2025 Hororata Highland Games Chieftain Welcoming Ceremony 8th November.

Good luck! any further questions please get in touch with Cindy at games@hororata.org.nz +6421366606