

Piper Jones Band

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The Band

Piper Jones Band is centered around beautifully and energetically played Highland bagpipes accompanied by the percussive chords of the bouzouki and drum. In addition to original instrumentals and traditional tunes from Ireland, Scotland, and Appalachia, the group sings powerful harmonies and can lead the audience in traditional Celtic dances. They bring authentic traditional music in an entertaining form. Technical experts, they can focus on delivering a passionate and audience-focused show. **Piper Jones Band** seeks to share abundant spirit, life-filled dance tunes, and song – with those who know Celtic music well and with those who are hearing it for the first time.



The band's first album *The Wandering Stars* has been played on The BBC Radio Scotland's program *Pipeline*, NPR's *The Thistle and Shamrock*, and has been enjoyed on the WNCW *Celtic Winds* program. With the recent release of *Crossing the Sabine*, **Piper Jones Band** is expected to reach even wider audiences.

Musicians

EJ Jones

Piper EJ Jones has excelled as a performer of traditional Highland bagpipe music and as a folk musician, co-founding the renowned group Clandestine in 1991. In addition to Clandestine's five albums, he has a solo album, *The Willow*, with Gerry O'Beirne and Rosie Shipley. EJ has recorded for artists such as Ed Miller, Robert Earl Keen, and others. In addition to performance, EJ teaches privately and at piping workshops and seminars across the US. EJ is ranked as a professional level competitive piper in the Eastern US Pipe Band Association and recently had the honor to represent the US at the 2014 MacCrimmon Trophy piping competition at Festival Interceltique Lorient in Lorient, France.

Frances Cunningham

Frances Cunningham, on bouzouki, lives in Nashville and is a frequent member of the Mike Snider String Band, playing weekly on the Grand Ole Opry. Frances has enjoyed a long career performing nationwide with a variety of musicians. Her first love is traditional Irish music, and she was the winner of the Midwest Fleadh in 2013 in both accompaniment and tenor banjo. Beloved by fans from the East Coast to the Gulf Coast, Frances is currently recording her first solo album.

Drummers

The percussion is organized according to the needs of the performance, from full drum kit, to a hand drums setup, to the *Tupan*, double-sided marching drum with both bass and high sounds. The band has a roster of percussionists all over the country, which allows flexibility since the drummer can be local/regional.



Wolf Loescher, multi-instrumentalist appearing on both albums
Andrew Toy, formerly of the band Scythian

Emily Dugas, bodhran player for Clandestine

Dean Atkinson, snare specialist in Houston TX

Kent Spillman, Asheville NC

Justin Mabry, percussion instructor at Mars Hill University in NC

Jake Cooper, one of the hottest Tupan players on the Faire circuit

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Recent Venues

North Texas Irish Festival (2015 Headliners), Dallas TX
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville NC
Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival, Albuquerque NM
Rural Hill Scottish Festival, Loch Norman NC

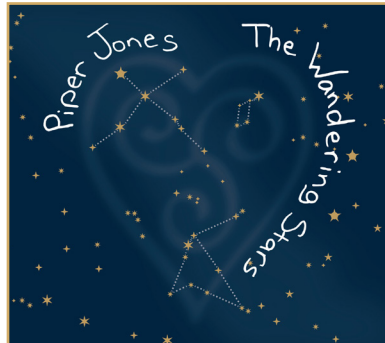
Kansas City Scottish Festival, Kansas City MO
New York Faerie Festival, Binghamton NY
McGonigel's Mucky Duck, Houston TX
Boyd's Jig and Reel, Knoxville TN

Discography



2016 *Crossing the Sabine*

Audio tracks and liner notes:
piperjones.com/cts/



2015 *The Wandering Stars*

Audio tracks and liner notes:
piperjones.com/wandering-stars-cd/



Other Media

Video

piperjones.com/video/

Photo

piperjones.com/photos/
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“Rollicking tunes that make your bones want to dance, piping that stirs the soul!”

— Craig VanWinkle
Open Door Coffeehouse,
Texas Scottish Festival
& Highland Games



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Frances

Vocal
DI – Bouzouki

EJ

Vocal
XLR+48v – Bagpipe

Drum

Kick
Hand drum overhead Hand drum overhead

Monitor

Monitor

HOUSE

1. Vocal - Frances
2. DI - Bouzouki
3. Vocal - EJ
4. XLR+48v - Bagpipe
5. Kick
6. Hand Drum
7. Hand Drum