

Quick Facts

Middlesex County Volunteers Fifes & Drums



- ♥♥ MCV is a New England icon with international recognition, known for musical standards and accomplishments
- ♥♥ 15 years of collaboration with John Williams, Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops
- ♥♥ Featured ensemble of the Boston Harborfest
- ♥♥ 60+ performances per year throughout New England and beyond, twice-weekly rehearsals
- ♥♥ Seven full-length recordings, over 25,000 sold in 46 states and 14 countries
- ♥♥ Invited to appear in the prestigious Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2007 — the first fife and drum ensemble ever to appear
- ♥♥ Established in 1982
- ♥♥ 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization incorporated in Massachusetts
- ♥♥ MCV's mission:
 - Research, preserve, promote and perform music of the fife and drum
 - Communicate its historic roots
 - Pass on this living tradition by example and instruction
- ♥♥ 18th century uniforms — George Washington's Continental Army 1779, New England region
- ♥♥ 90 minute working repertoire, music from over seven centuries
- ♥♥ Avocational group, unpaid volunteers committed to excellence in performance.
- ♥♥ 50+ members, ages 18 to 65+, diverse vocations

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Edinburgh Military Tattoo



The first Edinburgh Tattoo took place in 1950.

MCV will be only the 14th group from the USA to participate in the Tattoo.

Annual audience is 217,000, and over half of them are from outside Scotland.

100 million view the Tattoo annually on international television.

The 2006 Tattoo sold out 6 months before opening night, the 8th successive sold-out season for the Tattoo, and the fastest ever sell-out in the event's history.

Average number of participants: 1000.

The event, including rehearsals and performances, lasts a full month. Performances are daily, and twice on Saturday.

The word 'Tattoo' comes from the closing-time cry in the inns in the Low Countries during the 17th and 18th centuries "Doe den tap toe" ("Turn off the taps!").

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