

## **Robert Wiseman Dairies Vale of Atholl Pipe Band – Press Release**

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### **Vale of Atholl Pipe Band – Live in Concert**

The Vale of Atholl Pipe Band will be appearing live in concert at the 2009 Orkney Folk Festival. This will take place in the Pickaquoy Centre in Kirkwall on the 23rd of May 2009. Visit the festival website at <http://www.orkneyfolkfestival.com/>

“The Vale” is one of the premier pipe bands in the world, with a reputation for high octane performance of new, sometimes radical and innovative music. Brought into Grade One by Pipe Major Ian Duncan “The Vale” constantly pushed the boundaries of pipe band performance, examples of which can be heard on their classic album’s “Both Sides of the Tracks”, “No Reservations”, “Live n’ Well” and “Live from Frankfurt”.

In 2001 Pipe Major Andy Renwick took over and continued the evolution of “The Vale” pushing the band ever forward in concert and competition. In their Centenary Year, 2006, the band was strengthened by the return of Leading Drummer Paul Turner and was invited to play the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow for the famous Wednesday night concert before the World Pipe Band Championships. The “Back to the Future” concert was a huge success and featured many of the bands well known tunes from their back catalogue along with new sets augmented by collaborations from well known folk act “Wolfstone”.

In 2008 Pipe Major Andy Renwick stepped down and Pipe Major Adrian Cramb, a life long band member, is now at the helm of the band with Andy Renwick as Pipe Sergeant. “The Vale” is full of experience and talent drawing members from all over the country to mix within the corps.

2009 see’s “The Vale” reinvigorated, revitalised and hungry for success.