

Profile - Allan Craig



Allan Craig is a highly accomplished full-time musician, educator, and pipe band Adjudicator based in the West Highlands of Scotland. With over 40 years of experience in pipe bands, progressive rock, pop, jazz, and metal genres, Allan is a recognised figure in both Pipe Bands and Teaching and education of music.

As a dedicated **Music Instructor**, Allan teaches **Pipe Band Drumming** and **Drum Kit** at Lochaber Schools in Fort William and drum kit for students on the **Traditional Music Programme** for the Highlands & Islands University in Fort William.

He is a fully qualified **RSPBA Drumming and Ensemble Adjudicator** and a **PDQB Assessor**, holding the prestigious **Pipe Band Studies Levels One and Two** certification from the RSPBA.

Allan's extensive adjudicating career spans well over fifteen years, where he has adjudicated at all major pipe band competitions across the UK and Europe; including the Grade One final at the World Pipe Band Championship in Glasgow.



His expertise in music education and teaching has made him a much sought-after person over the years and he has taught numerous bands in Germany, Holland, Switzerland and France to help them improve their skill base.

Before moving to his current teaching and adjudicating roles, Allan was the Leading Drummer of the Grade One band **Lomond & Clyde**, where he earned two **World**

Drumming Titles and a large number of pipe band and drumming titles before transitioning the band up to Grade One.

He also held leading drumming positions with **The Glasgow Skye Association** and **100 Pipers Whisky** (both Grade One), winning numerous **band** and **drumming titles**, including a **Grade 2 World Band Championship** and **Drum Corps title** with **100 Pipers Whisky** prior to promotion.

Allan's solo drumming career is equally distinguished. He has won numerous solo drumming titles both in juvenile and adult sections, including the **West of Scotland Adult Solo Champion**, and was a consistent finalist in the **World Solo Drumming Competition**, achieving a personal best top three position before retiring from solo playing a few years ago.

Allan also served up to 2024 as the **Senior Drumming Instructor** for the **RSPBA Summer School**; teaching young pipe band students from bands from all over the UK.

He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to students, whether it is teaching in person or through online lessons across Europe.

Allan is also an endorsee of **Rohema Percussion**, which produces his signature: **"RAC" Pipe Band drumsticks** which are made exclusively in Germany.

Allan is also the owner and manager of **"Sonas" Recording Studio** near Fort William, where he records, mixes, and produces music for artists across Europe. His studio is a creative hub for both drum kit lessons and music production projects alike.



When not teaching or recording, Allan is the Drummer and Producer for **Introvertus**, a heavy rock/metal band with numerous releases on Apple Music and Spotify; all of which have been recorded at his own studio. More about the band can be found at [Introvertus.org](https://introvertus.org).