



Celebrating 50 years of performance

The Queensland Police Pipes & Drums will drum up a storm at a gala concert to celebrate half a century of entertaining local and international audiences.

Two concerts will be presented—the matinee at 2pm and the evening show at 7.30pm—on June 27 at Brisbane City Hall.

Tickets will cost \$25, or \$20 for children and concessions, and the concert will include performances by the Australian Army Band Brisbane and other guest

performances, as well as a feast of traditional music from the Pipes & Drums.

Money raised from ticket sales will go to the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation, Mater Children's Hospital, Police Legacy, and the Police Pipes & Drums Supporters Association.

Pipes & Drums Officer in Charge Senior Sergeant Peter Flexman said a fundraising concert was an ideal way to celebrate the band's 50th anniversary.

"The band has been performing for community groups and Queensland Police Service members at a variety of official engagements and community events for years," Senior Sergeant Flexman said.

"We've had many loyal and faithful supporters from all walks of life.

"The band provides a unique opportunity for the Queensland Police Service to interact closely with people from a variety of backgrounds.

"It made sense to celebrate our 50th anniversary by giving something back to the Service and the community."

The Queensland Police Pipes & Drums is renowned as one of Australia's finest pipe bands and has won numerous state, national, and international awards.

The band was honoured to perform at the prestigious Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland in 2006, and rounded out their trip to the UK by performing for the Queen at Balmoral Castle.

The Pipes & Drums perform at official engagements, community events, and festivals across Queensland, as well as regular shows at nursing homes and hospitals as part of their aged care program, and at schools for the Kops in Kilts program.

Band members also pass on their skills and enthusiasm to the next generation of musicians by training and mentoring the Queensland Police Juvenile Pipes & Drums, who have won acclaim in their own right.

For more information and to purchase tickets, phone 3253 3800.

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