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**Portland Metro Pipe Band Earns Third Place
at North American Pipe Band Championship**

(Aug. 10, 2009 – Portland Ore.). Portland Metro Pipe Band, Oregon's premiere competitive bagpipe band, received a third-place finish at the North American Pipe Band Championship in Maxville, Ontario last week. One of 59 participating bands from throughout North America, Portland Metro placed third out of 20 bands in their grade. The band's appearance at the North American Pipe Band Championship caps a very successful competition season. The band placed second overall in the annual standings of the British Columbia Pipe Band Association and was named Washington State Pipe Band Champion in their grade.

Portland Metro Pipe Band launched a successful Burns Night Supper in January of this year and was selected to open for legendary Irish band The Chieftains during their Portland appearance in February 2009.

Portland Metro Pipe Band was formed in 2006 and is led by Pipe Major Mark Tomasetti and Drum Sergeant Andrew Finley. For more information about Portland Metro Pipe Band or to schedule them for an appearance, please contact Bruce Case, band manager, at 503.524.6768 or bruce.case@comcast.net.

