



## **Scott Walsh**

Scott currently resides in the Fife coastal town of Dalgety Bay, but originally grew up in the Borders town of Hawick, where he joined the local Pipe Band (to develop his kit drumming) at the age of 14. He played with the Hawick Pipe Band for 2 years before taking over as leading drummer, helping the band to gain promotion to Grade 3 with several 1<sup>st</sup> places for his Drum Corps.

In 1997, Scott sought to compete at the top level and joined the Lothian & Borders Police Pipe Band where he competed in Grade 1 for two seasons under D/S Stewart Gardiner. He subsequently joined the Newtongrange Pipe Band in 1999 and competed in Grade 2 for two seasons under Lead Drummer, Mick O'Neill. In 2001, the Clan Gregor Society was formed and Scott, under the leadership of Mick O'Neill, competed with this outfit in Grade 2 for two seasons where they won a 'Grand Slam' of all 5 major championships for drumming including the World Championships and were consequently crowned 'Champions of Champions' for 2003. The 'Clan' was then promoted to Grade 1 where they won several top 6 places at the major championships during the 2004 and 2005 seasons.

It was in 2007 that Scott joined his current band, the House of Edgar – Shotts & Dykehead under the leadership of 16 times World Solo Drumming Champion, Jim Kilpatrick MBE. Scott's first season with 'Shotts' saw them take the 'Scottish', 'British' and 'Cowal' major championship titles for drumming and an additional runner-up spot at the 'Worlds' gave them enough points to capture the Grade 1 'Champions of Champions' title for the 2008 season.

On the Solo Drumming circuit, Scott has been placed in Juvenile and Adult contests. He won the Adult event at the Lothian & Borders Branch Indoor Championships in 2009. He also reached the Semi-Finals of the World Solo Drumming Championships in 2000 and 2008.

Scott holds the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association's 'Advanced Certificate in Drumming' and was also crowned 'Fastest Drummer in Scotland' in 2006 and 2007, a national contest held at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall and sponsored by Drum Central Ltd.

Since 1999, Scott has gained much experience teaching Pipe Band Drumming in the private sector schools and has aimed to raise standards and promote the art within the Schools. He now instructs at Loretto School and Erskine Stewart's Melville Schools and has had many successful drum corps and soloists throughout the years. In October 2007, Scott became an instructor for the East Lothian Pipes & Drums Trust, where he continues to support Preston Lodge High School in Preston Pans and has successfully guided pupils through SQA 'Intermediate 2', 'Higher' and 'Advanced Higher' snare drum examinations.