

Old Westbury Gardens

Pipes, Passion, and Family Pride: The Long Island Celtic Festival Returns to Old Westbury Gardens

A vibrant day of tradition, energy, and celebration awaits on Saturday, August 23rd

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Picture this: the skirl of bagpipes echoing across sweeping lawns, children waving Irish flags, dancers leaping in perfect rhythm, and proud competitors hoisting cabers skyward—all under the late-summer sun at one of Long Island's most beautiful historic estates.

That's the spirit of **The Long Island Celtic Festival and Highland Games**, returning for its second year on **Saturday, August 23, 2025**, at Old Westbury Gardens. Formerly the Scottish Games, this isn't just a festival—it's a heartfelt gathering of heritage, artistry, athleticism, and joy, welcoming thousands of visitors to celebrate Celtic traditions both old and new.



Shot of Scotch NYC

"People come for the music and the games, but what keeps them here is the sense of connection—whether it's to their own roots or simply to the energy of the day," says Maura Brush, President & CEO of Old Westbury Gardens. "It's loud, proud, and full of love."

This family-friendly event runs from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and features:

- Live Celtic music from Harpers Ferry, McLean Avenue Band, Charlie Zahm, and Jesse Ofgang and the Diaspora
- Highland Games demonstrations by the Empire Throwing Club—where sheer strength meets ancestral tradition
- Bagpipe and drum corps from across the region, stirring emotions with every note
- Traditional and modern dance, from Shot of Scotch NYC to the Donnie Golden and Schade Irish dance schools
- Children's entertainment that delights all ages, including Wonderspark Puppets and The Amazing Ivan the Magician
- A Celtic marketplace filled with handmade crafts, imported goods, and plenty of food and drink

A Festival for Everyone

Whether you're tracing your family tree or just tapping your toes to the beat, the Long Island Celtic Festival and Highland Games offers an unforgettable end-of-summer moment. Bring a blanket, grab a scone or a pint, and let yourself be transported by stories, sounds, and shared celebration.

Tickets & Pricing

Early Bird Pricing (available online through Friday, August 22):

- Adults: \$25
- Seniors (62+): \$22
- Youth (Ages 7–17): \$12
- Ages 6 and under: Free

Day-of Admission (Saturday, August 23):

- Adults: \$27
- Seniors (62+): \$24
- Youth (Ages 7–17): \$12
- Ages 6 and under: Free

Early Bird pricing ends at midnight on August 22. Advance purchase is highly encouraged. Festival admission includes access to Old Westbury Gardens.

Tickets available at: www.oldwestburygardens.org/celtic-festival

About Old Westbury Gardens

Built in 1906 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Old Westbury Gardens is the former home of John S. Phipps; his wife, Margarita Grace Phipps, and their children. Today, as a not-for-profit organization, Old Westbury Gardens welcomes visitors of all ages for a wide range of historical, cultural, artistic, educational, horticultural events, and more. Old Westbury Gardens seeks to inspire appreciation of the early 20th century American country estate through faithful preservation and interpretation of its landscape, gardens, architecture and collections. Connect with us at

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