Scozzesi Pipe Band at the Six Nations Rugby Tournament!



As many of you read in the March <u>issue</u> of the MacAulay Matters newsletter, Clan MacAulay International recently embarked on a cultural twinning with the Scozzesi Pipe Band from Italy!

At the time of its release Scozzesi were busy preparing to play at the Scotland-Italy game in Rome on March 17th. Apparently there was a wee wager between Chief Hector and Luca!

Luca shares some of their experiences below of being a part of playing the Scottish national anthem at the Six Nations Rugby Tournament.

And be sure to check out this Youtube \underline{video} showing the massed pipes playing Flower of Scotland at Roma Stadio Olimpico. Italy-Scotland, March 2018 as well as the photos that Lucas has passed along.

Also, this photo (left) from last Sunday, when Scozzesi played in a theatre near their homes in Italy.

Enjoy!

We're still recovering from our beautiful experience of March 17th. The whole day was full of memorable moments.

We started getting moved when we all got together, tuned our instruments and rehearsed the tunes we would play later on.

Then there was the entrance into the stadium, with the roar of the public that welcomed us while we were marching in an orderly fashion (well, as orderly as possible...) to draw up and play the anthem at the center of the field.

Then we watched the game (I will gladly pay Hector one or more pints, but first he must admit that WE deserved to win!), and after that we played for fun during the third time among the supporters of both teams that were rejoicing together, without the violence that can be witnessed in some stadiums every now and then.

Everything was beautiful!

Love from Italy, Luca





















