



**John Reid Maxwell** (born 29 January 1961) is a [pipe band](#) drummer and current leading drummer of the [Simon Fraser University Pipe Band](#). Maxwell is the first person in history to have led the drum corps of two different bands to victory the [World Pipe Band Championships](#).

## Life

Maxwell was born in [Kirkcaldy](#) and raised in [Bowhill](#), Cardenden, [Fife](#), Scotland, and moved to Canada at the age of 20.

## Band career

As a teenager, he won the [World Pipe Band Championships](#) twice and the World Drum Corps Championships with the [Dysart and Dundonald Pipe Band](#).

He was leading drummer of the [78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe Band](#) when it won the World Championships in 1987, becoming the first pipe band based outside Scotland to do so.<sup>[4]</sup>

In 1992, the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band (SFUPB) reckoned that their drumming could be improved and invited Maxwell to join.<sup>=</sup> Subsequently, the SFUPB won the World Championships a total of six times.

Maxwell has been involved in teaching in the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band, and in the system of feeder bands that make up the [Robert Malcolm Memorial Pipe Band](#). Maxwell helped start the "Piping Hot Summer Drummer" instructional program in 1994 as a drumming-only school. It has now been running for more than twenty years as a summer camp for pipers, drummers and highland dancers of all ages and levels.

In New Zealand he has taught many drummers and judged competitions.

In 2015 he received a BC Community Achievement Award.