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FTCC to Host Albannach April 15

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – April 9, 2010 – Fayetteville Technical Community College will host the performing group Albannach at the main campus on Thursday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will take place on the grounds in front of Horace Sisk Gymnasium and is free and open to the public. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will take place inside the gym.

Albannach is a Scottish group from Glasgow, Scotland, who tours throughout the United Kingdom, Europe, Canada, and the United States. The band frequently performs at Highland Games and Scottish cultural events held throughout Britain and North America. The group's warlike tribal music, heavily percussive, is powerful and moving. In addition to performing traditional Scottish songs, Albannach will also perform the theme song "The Gael" from *The Last of the Mohicans*, as well as selected songs from *Braveheart*. Their primary musical instruments are bagpipes and drums.

In addition to the concert, a lecture will take place on April 15 at 12 noon in the Tony Rand Student Center Multipurpose Room. Some of the lecture topics will include how the bagpipes were declared an instrument of war by the British Royalty because of the inspiration that bagpipe music provided to the fighting Scots, the influence of the Declaration of Arbroath (signed by Scottish noblemen on April 6, 1320) on the United States Declaration of Independence, words by poet laureate of Scotland, Robert Burns, and the strong ties between Scotland and the people of North Carolina, especially those from the Sandhills region.

FTCC's Gerald Daniel, Director of Student Activities, can provide more information about Albannach's visit to FTCC and can be reached at (910) 678-8385 or danielg@faytechcc.edu.

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