

FEATURE BAGPIPE: KINTAIL KB11

Kintail Bagpipe Makers of Glasgow were set up by Greig Sharpe when he left the position of manager of Henderson Ltd in the early 1970s. Greig was always adamant that he took the tools with him and continued to make Henderson bagpipes.



The pipes are very traditionally shaped externally in the Henderson pattern. They have nice clean turning and very high quality bores. The bores have good uniformity with parts being interchangeable and the ferules and mounts being very accurately fitted. The projection mounts are very elegant in the Henderson style. The beading and combing is of excellent quality. The combing is deep and features 7 threads. The pipes are hand turned from African Blackwood.

This particular set of pipes are full sterling silver mounted and hallmarked with Kintail's "GSK" marking as well as the assays office symbols. The mounts have no engraving giving the pipes an understated quality.

Blackwood hemp retainers are fitted to the instrument to stop hemp rolling of the top of the pins. The blow stick has a large size bore as does the mouthpiece so as not to cause any blowing restrictions.



The drones were very easy to set up and accepting of most different types of reeds. Crozier, Canning, Kinnaird and Ezeedrone reeds were all “plug and play” and a good result was obtained from them all, at a modern pitch. The drones have a full resonant and vibrant tone, are very steady and hold well. The tenors produced an average of 119db at the bushes and the bass 114db. This is a good strong volume with good bass/tenor balance, giving a bright tenor sound and a resonant bass which does not overly dominate. The Henderson pedigree is very evident in the sound.



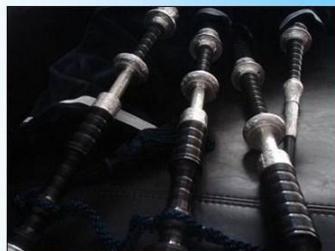


Each bagpipe Kintail produces has the makers name and date of manufacture imprinted on them. These are normally found below the cord guides.

These are a great looking set of very traditionally styled pipes. They are very well made with a great quality of sound from the drones.

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