

# DONALD BLACK'S HOHNER HIGHLANDER

I am very proud of the fact that it is I who have collaborated with world-famous German harmonica manufacturer Hohner to create the Hohner Highlander, meaning the first fundamental change to their Echo Harp 55/80 tremolo harmonica since it was first manufactured – over 100 years ago.

Of course it doesn't "sound like" the Great Highland Scottish Bagpipe and it isn't tuned in Bflat, it's just a simple tremolo double-sided mouthorgan in keys A/D. But with its two Gsharps on the A side flattened to G (mixolydian tuning) it facilitates the obtaining of the "flattened seventh" notes required to enable one to play many many bagpipe tunes on the harmonica, hitherto not possible.

For several years I have performed at home in Scotland and abroad, playing those very tunes in concert, having "doctored" those reeds myself. Now Hohner does it.

## Why not Bflat?

Who, in their right minds would wish to play a small quiet harmonica along with the pipes (which are tuned in Bflat) in order to be completely drowned out!! Now you can play your favourite pipe tunes in A/D along with the small pipes, fiddle, whistle, guitar or accordion.

## Playing the Highlander

A "Getting Started" leaflet is enclosed with each Highlander purchased.

It is double-sided, which means that there is the option to play certain tunes in D, for a variety of purposes;- or sets in A/D. It is this simple- but hugely significant. It is this modification of the already existing Hohner Echo Harp 55/80 tremolo model (with re-branding and fresh packaging) which is the Hohner Highlander.

The Highlander is now on sale world-wide, but if you would like yours personally autographed by me please order here.



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