



# Schiltron (1296-1328) Pikemen of Scotland

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By Les Seigneurs d'Orient



# The Project

NEVER SEEN BEFORE

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The Schiltron 1296-1328 project plunges you into the turmoil of the 1st Scottish War of Independence. It's a time of great Scottish heroes such as, among others, William Wallace and Robert Bruce, but also legendary battles like Stirling, Falkirk and Bannockburn, as well as epic adventures! Through our team, camp, outfits and lectures, the public will meet these late 13th early 14th women and men who fought for their independence and freedom. Schiltron is the new branch of the French reenactment club, Les Seigneurs d'Orient, which gathers 60 members throughout France.

*"We like to share our passion for living history and research on this rich period of European history. We are thrilled to share real scientific content through dynamic and enthusiastic contacts with the public."*

Cyril Errera, the president of the association





# What's a Schiltron ?

PIKES OF 4 METERS

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A schiltron is a military formation of pikemen with a great cohesion dedicated to withstanding cavalry and infantry charges. The soldiers of the schiltron are not professional but volunteers among craftsmen and peasants, thus the « Common Army » nickname of this army. They are supported by a fistful of more experienced and heavily armoured warriors, esquires, knights, sergeants, hobelars (light cavalry) and bowmen. Their equipment is relatively simple and cheap, but the formation efficiency can be formidable with trained and disciplined men.



# Our goals

## BREAK DOWN STEREOTYPES

We want to celebrate the fight of the Scottish people to build its nation against the kings of England's will to establish his domination on the British islands. For the French, it is the beginning of the Auld Alliance: an agreement, still in place today, between France and Scotland to fight England, making them our oldest allies.

Our shows shatter the most tenacious misconceptions on this period: no kilts, no tartans, no dark blue flag with St Andrew's cross, no unity in the Scottish people, neither « bad guys » nor « good guys » but a much more complex, living and passionate history. It's an opportunity to explore the feudality and clan system as well as the medieval Scottish society.



# Our show

We present spectacular live shows and conferences for the public: military manoeuvres, short scenes, fights, fashion shows and more, with fun and humour. We can provide a 15 to 25 fully equipped and dressed adults team.



## The military show (30 to 40 min)

historical context, military equipment and warriors type description (pikemen, bowmen, crossbowmen, sergeants, knights, esquires), schiltron manoeuvres, duels with swords or spears.



## The fashion show (15 to 20 min)

first an introduction on clothing in the late 13th (tissues, colours, symbolism) then a fashion show of women and men in civilian outfits (from commoners to the wealthiest, bishops or kings).

## Short educational scenes

- knighting (15 to 20 min)  
the ceremony by which an esquire becomes a knight. An opportunity to present the formation and role of knights
- the homage (10 to 15 min)  
the ceremony by which a vassal takes an oath to a suzerain. The heart of the feudal society.





# Our camp

FIVE HISTORICAL TENTS CAMP



On camp, we propose educational workshops

- health and beauty in the 13th century
- shieldpainting
- weaponry in the late 13th and early 14th century
- demonstration and trying of equipment
- trade and currencies in 13th century northern Europe
- calligraphy / illumination

# Where are we acting?



- Medieval festivals: medieval 10th-13th century festivals, Scottish festivals, historical site entertainment etc.
- Documentary filming: we took part in several documentaries. We have expertise, we are serious and well-known in our field
- Exhibition conception: we just conceived and set up the new permanent exhibition of Roquebrune-Cap-Martin castle
- Writing and illustration of historical articles or historical books
- Exhibition-lectures in schools and universities by teachers and tour guides





# Thank you

Are you looking for a passionate and dynamic team of reenactors?

Do you want fun and spectacular shows for your festival attendance?

Get in touch with Schiltron 1296-1328 Pikemen of Scotland and let's talk about History, great historical figures, feudality, war, fashion, culture, cooking, art...

An exciting project!

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