

Boys Brigade to beat the retreat this weekend



200 young people from The Boys' Brigade will be joined by the Brigade President, Lord Griffiths of Burry Port for the 58th Boys' Brigade Beating Retreat at Edinburgh Castle tomorrow evening.




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The event will feature the Massed Pipes & Drums, 1st Tulliallan BB Band, Central Band of The Boys' Brigade and 3rd Johnstone Brigades Band. All will march from City Chambers to Edinburgh Castle, performing a short routine on the Castle Esplanade.

The event is expected to attract around 500 spectators over the course of the evening, to watch bands from across Scotland perform. BB musicians (bass, woodwind & pipe) from Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, Fife, Stirling, Dundee and Edinburgh will all participate.

Beating Retreat is a military ceremony dating back to the 16th century when drums were used as signals in the battlefields.

Beating the Retreat was the cue for troops to retreat from battle as light faded.