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LUKE POWERS TOM FALCO LINDA RINGHOUSE
NORTHPORT PIPE & DRUM BAND

A FILM BY ANDREA WOZNY

BAGPIPES CALLING!



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Wozny is a gifted storyteller, in equal parts folksy and sincere as she guides you through the day, but it's the introduction of expert piper Luke Powers that makes you stop to realize you are witnessing something truly special. When speaking of Irish music and culture, Powers exudes a passion that can't be feigned and its resulting authenticity is powerfully engaging, made all the more staggering when he begins to belt out Gaelic. You may have come for the beer, but you stayed to hear him play.

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Bagpipes Calling is available for streaming on its website <https://www.andreawozny.com/bagpipescalling>

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