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TSBF		PARADE		COMPETITION		9:30 AM	
ORDER	EXHIBITION	DIRECTOR	STEP-OFF TIME	ORDER	EXHIBITION	DIRECTOR	STEP-OFF TIME
1	Luverne Middle School	James Jarvie	9:35 AM				
ORDER	CLASS AAA	DIRECTOR	STEP-OFF TIME	ORDER	EXHIBITION	DIRECTOR	STEP-OFF TIME
2	Stewartville High School	Jessica Honsey	9:40 AM				
3	Tea Area High School	Stephanie Wranek/Tim Dingman	9:45 AM				
ORDER	CLASS A	DIRECTOR	STEP-OFF TIME	ORDER	EXHIBITION	DIRECTOR	STEP-OFF TIME
4	Murray County Central High School	Mike Helgeson	9:50 AM				
5	Garretson High School	Nick Sittig	9:55 AM				
6	Sioux Falls Lutheran High School	Mindee Birnstiehl	10:00 AM				
7	Tracy Area High School	Katelyn Elton	10:05 AM				
8	Adrian-Ellsworth High School	Lauren Wright	10:10 AM				
9	Baltic High School	Nicole Woods	10:15 AM				
10	Boyden-Hull High School	Mika Hrdlicka	10:20 AM				
11	George-Little Rock High School	Alan Holloway	10:25 AM				
ORDER	CLASS AA	DIRECTOR	STEP-OFF TIME	ORDER	EXHIBITION	DIRECTOR	STEP-OFF TIME
12	Sioux Falls Christian High School	Michael Groenenboom	10:30 AM				
13	Pipestone Area High School	Zach Ploeger	10:35 AM				
14	Dell Rapids High School	Karla Pulscher	10:40 AM				
15	West Central High School	Danny Eye	10:45 AM				
ORDER	CLASS AAAA	DIRECTOR	STEP-OFF TIME	ORDER	EXHIBITION	DIRECTOR	STEP-OFF TIME
16	Worthington High School	Mike Thompson/Zach Brandt Asst	10:50 AM				
17	Luverne High School	James Jarvie	10:55 AM				
TSBF		FIELD		COMPETITION		12:30 PM	
ORDER	CLASS AA	DIRECTOR	ON THE FIELD	ORDER	EXHIBITION	DIRECTOR	ON THE FIELD
1	Lennox High School	Ellie Kenkel	12:35 PM				
2	Madison Central High School	Brett Kroeger	12:50 PM				
3	Pipestone Area High School	Zach Ploeger	1:05 PM				
4	West Central High School	Danny Eye	1:20 PM				
ORDER	CLASS AAA	DIRECTOR	ON THE FIELD	ORDER	EXHIBITION	DIRECTOR	ON THE FIELD
5	Sioux Falls O'Gorman High School	Ben Koch	1:35 PM				
6	Marshall High School	Larry Petersen/Chris Witherow	1:50 PM				
PARADE AWARDS		ALL DRUM MAJORS		COMPETITION		2:05 PM	
ORDER	CLASS AAAA	DIRECTOR	ON THE FIELD	ORDER	EXHIBITION	DIRECTOR	ON THE FIELD
7	Brandon Valley High School	Tyler Nettetstad	2:35 PM				
8	Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School	Nicole Decker	2:50 PM				
ORDER	EXHIBITION	DIRECTOR	ON THE FIELD	ORDER	EXHIBITION	DIRECTOR	ON THE FIELD
9	Luverne High School	James Jarvie	3:05 PM				
	Brandon Valley Drum Line	"DRUM OFF"	3:20 PM				
FIELD AWARDS		ALL DRUM MAJORS		COMPETITION		3:35 PM	

ADRIAN-ELLSWORTH MARCHING DRAGONS

Class A—Adrian & Ellsworth, Minnesota

Portraits
by
Michelle



DIRECTOR:
Lauren Wright

DRUM MAJOR:
Isabel Thier

COLOR GUARD LEADER:
Taylor Wieneke

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
162

BAND MEMBERS:

<https://www.isd511.net/>



CLASS A—PARADE

“SEPTEMBER”

COMPOSED BY: Maurice White, Al McKay, Allee Willis
PARADE MUSIC ARRANGER: Mike Story

The Adrian-Ellsworth Marching Dragons are proud to present the great classic from Earth, Wind and Fire—SEPTEMBER. In “September,” Maurice White reminisces over a nostalgic period that took place in the month of September.

As a joyful classic, the song has appeared in a variety of commercials and movies, and has even served as the inspiration for a movie title. Interest in the song spikes yearly every September 21, and more recently the subject of celebration on Twitter. The song also inspired the City of Los Angeles to declare that the 21st of September would be Earth, Wind & Fire Day, in honor of the band’s connections to the city. This 1978 hit became number one on the U.S. R&B chart and reached the eighth position on the Billboard Hot 100. Enjoy the Adrian-Ellsworth Marching Dragon Band as they present—SEPTEMBER!

Drum Major: Isabel Thier
Color Guard Leader: Taylor Wieneke



AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Adrian-Ellsworth Marching Dragons has a long history of participation in the Tri-State Band Festival as well as many other competitions within the Midwest.

Over the years, the Dragon Marching Band has received many awards for their excellence in competition.

BALTIC MARCHING BULLDOGS

Class A—Baltic, South Dakota



DIRECTOR:
Nicole Woods



COLOR GUARD DIRECTOR:
Lauren Harstad

COLOR GUARD LEADER:
Holland Kortemeyer

PERCUSSION LEADER:
Gaige Bartling

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
155

BAND MEMBERS:
37

CLASS A—PARADE

“MOTOWN PRODUCTION 2”

PARADE SHOW ARRANGER:
Tom Wallace

The Baltic Marching Bulldogs invite you to sit back and enjoy their two-part show of ‘MOTOWN FEVER!’ Arranger Tom Wallace put together a wonderful arrangement of Stevie Wonder’s two big hits... “Sir Duke” and “Superstition”.

We hope you enjoy our show!

<https://www.balticschool.org/>

BOYDEN-HULL MARCHING COMETS

Class A—Boyden-Hull, Iowa



DIRECTOR:
Mika Hrdlicka

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
193



BAND MEMBERS:
24

The Marching Comets are
proud to present:
"CAKE BY THE OCEAN"

<https://bhcomets.com>

Arrangement by:
Ayatey Shabazz

BRANDON VALLEY MARCHING LYNX

Class AAAA—Brandon & Valley Springs, SD



DIRECTOR:
Tyler Nettetstad

PERCUSSION DIRECTOR:
Devon Melillo

PERCUSSION DIRECTOR:
Brady Debelts

COLORGUARD DIRECTOR:
Aubrey Lipetzky

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:

1,400

BAND MEMBERS:

165



<https://www.brandonvalleybands.com/>

CLASS AAAA—FIELD



“SOLSTICE”

MUSIC ARRANGERS: Ward Miller, Bojan Hoover, Paul Weber

FIELD SHOW DESIGNER: Phil Snyder

The Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year, and marks the beginning of summer. On this day, the sun’s rays shine at their most powerful intensity, the tree’s leaves are green, the birds are in song, and the days are as warm as they are long. The 165 members of the 2023 Marching Lynx present an illuminating musical and visual collage that celebrates the Solstice with radiating shapes, sounds and textures.

Music includes: “Grow Till Tall” by Jonsi
“Summertime” by George Gershwin
“Summer” by Antonio Vivaldi
Original music by Ward Miller

The band is under the direction of Tyler Nettetstad and assisted by Devon Melillo, Brady DeBelts, and Aubrey Lipetzky. Other staff include Ike Kellog, MacKenzie Anderson, Michael Hoffman, Macy Rippentrop, Abby Christensen, Liz Kluin, Anna Tews, Mason Endsley, Carson Jonke and Carson McKellep.

DRUM MAJORS: Jaci Stemwedel Ian Candy
Alexavia Waysman Isaac Fode

SOLOISTS: Camden Coughlin, Trombone
Ella McCarthy, Flute

AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Marching Lynx have a rich tradition of excellence. The band has earned numerous awards in the Midwest region, and has participated in many prestigious events around the nation.

DELL RAPIDS MARCHING QUARRIERS

Class AA—Dell Rapids, South Dakota



DIRECTOR:
Karla Pulscher

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
300

MARCHING TECHNIQUE:
Bryan Timperley

BAND MEMBERS:
52

COLOR GUARD/FLAG CORPS:
Lauren Harstad

<https://www.facebook.com/LennoxBand/>



CLASS AA—PARADE

“A MATTER OF THE RED, WHITE & BLUE”

PARADE ARRANGER: David Samuel

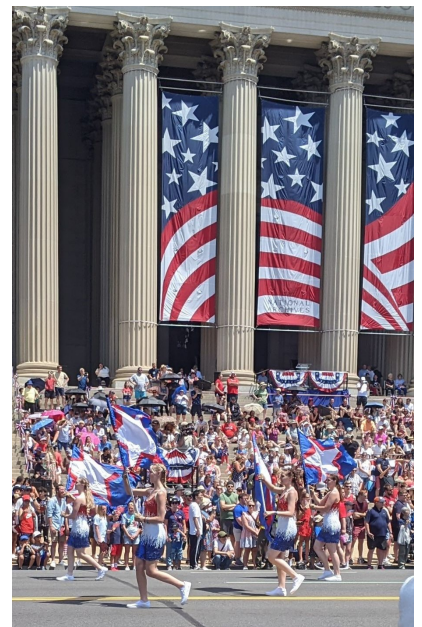
The Dell Rapids Marching Quarriers invite you to sit back and enjoy a medley of patriotic songs that include: “Yankee Doodle”, “Gem of the Ocean”, “National Emblem”, and “You’re a Grand ‘Ol Flag”.

Our parade show was put together when the Marching Quarriers traveled to our Nation’s capital, Washington, DC, this summer for the Independence Day Parade. They performed with pride representing the State of South Dakota and the City of Dell Rapids.

DRUM MAJOR: Natalie Berg

COLOR GUARD LEADER: Quinn Becker

PERCUSSION LEADER: Marie Moore



AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Dell Rapids Marching Quarriers had a successful parade marching season in 2022 which included:

- First Place at the Watchdog Marching Band Festival in Beresford, SD
- Second Place at the Parker Marching Festival in Parker, SD
- First Place Flags at the Parking Marching Festival
- Best Choreography at DWU, Mitchell, SD

GARRETSON BLUE DRAGONS

Class A—Garretson, South Dakota



DIRECTOR:
Nick Sittig

DRUM MAJOR:
Ben Wastell

COLOR GUARD LEADERS:
Amyah Campbell
Ava Ockenga

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
136

BAND MEMBERS:
38



<https://www.garretson.k12.sd.us/>

CLASS A—PARADE

“PAINT IT BLACK”

MUSIC BY: The Rolling Stones

MUSIC ARRANGER: Roland Barrett

“Paint It Black” was first recorded in 1966 by the Rolling Stones. The song product of the partnership of Mick Jagger and Keith Richards. The sounds are a raga rock song with Indian, Middle Eastern and Eastern European influences.

Originating from a series of improvisational melodies, the song features all members of the Garretson Blue Dragon Marching Band with unconventional instrumentation.

Drum Major: Ben Wastell

Color Guard Leaders: Amyah Campbell
Ava Ockenga

Director: Nick Sittig



AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Garretson Marching Dragons have a long tradition of marching excellence. In 2022, the band took first place in the Arlington East Central Marching Festival, first place in the Lake Area Festival and second place in the Tri-State Band Festival.

In 2021, the band took first place in the Sioux Valley Marching Band Festival and second place in the Lake Area Festival.

They hope you enjoy their inspired performance in 2023.

MUSTANG MARCHING BAND

Class A—George-Little Rock, Iowa



DIRECTOR:
Alan Holloway

DRUM MAJOR:
Lexi Landis

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
120

BAND MEMBERS:
34



GEORGE - LITTLE ROCK
MUSTANGS

CLASS A—PARADE

“EVERYBODY”
- Backstreet’s Back -

Arranger: Tom Wallace

We’re throwing it back to the Backstreet—no group embodies boy band energy quite like the Backstreet Boys, and no song embodies the Backstreet Boys quite like their debut US single. Give it up for the George-Little Rock Mustang Marching Band as they perform “EVERYBODY”!
(Backstreet’s Back)

<https://george-littlerock.org/>

ORIOLE PRIDE MARCHING BAND

Class AA—Lennox, South Dakota



DIRECTOR:
Ellie Kenkel

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
360

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:
Tyler Youngquist
COLOR GUARD DIRECTOR:
Miranda Theesen
FRONTLINE DIRECTOR:
Hanna Beshai
BATTERY DIRECTOR:
Tyler Plank

BAND MEMBERS:
63



<https://www.facebook.com/LennoxBand/>

CLASS AA—FIELD

“SADDLE UP!”

FIELD SHOW ARRANGERS: Spencer Kruse
FIELD SHOW DESIGNER: Dan Carlson



Howdy y'all!

Hitch up your wagons for a rootin' tootin' good time, with the Oriole Pride Marching Band's 2023 show "Saddle Up!" Featuring the music: Home on the Range, Buffalo Gals, Renegade by Styx, Cotton Eyed Joe by Rednex, and original music by Spencer Kruse. This town ain't big enough for both cowboys. Which one do you think will come out on top?

DRUM MAJORS: Gunnar Geiken, Charlee Jorgenson, Miriam Welch

SOLOIST: Tiegen Black—Mellophone
Jackson Annacker—Alto Sax
Tyler Strasser—Good Cowboy
Carson Maxfield—Bad Cowboy



COLOR GUARD LEADERS: Brooklyn Glenn, Alia Temme

PERCUSSION LEADERS: Cody Plank, Madison Buehner

AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Lennox High School Band has a proud history of excellence in the arts of marching, jazz, and concert band. The Oriole Pride Marching Band had a great season in 2022. Lennox placed third in Gold Class at Pursuit of Excellence, second in Class A and People's Choice Award at Tri-State, third in Class A and the George Gulson People's Choice Award at Big Sioux Review, second in Class AA and the Spirit of the Festival Award at Festival of Bands, and third in Class AAA at the Dutchmen Field Championships. This March the band will be traveling and performing in Orlando, FL.

LUVERNE CARDINAL MARCHING BAND

Exhibition—Luverne, Minnesota



DIRECTOR:
James Jarvie

**ASSISTANT & COLOR GUARD
DIRECTOR:**
Gavin Folkestad

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:
Morgan Van Holland

BAND MEMBERS:
50

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
350

DRUM MAJORS:
Bryann Boyenga
William Johnson
Elizabeth Mulder

<https://www.isd2184.net/>

<https://www.facebook.com/LuverneMusicBoosters/>



EXHIBITION—PARADE “FIREBALL”

ARRANGER: Victor Lopez

The Luverne Cardinal Marching Band will be performing ‘FIREBALL’! The band is directed by James Jarvie, assisted by Gavin Folkestad and Morgan Van Holland. The Drum Majors are Brynn Boyenga, William Johnson and Elizabeth Mulder.

The Cardinal Band would like to thank all the organizers, parents, volunteers, directors, assistant directors and all participating marching band students for joining us at the 72nd Tri-State Band Festival!

COLOR GUARD LEADERS: Rayann Remme, Morgan Hadler, Brooklyn Wicks
PERCUSSION LEADER: Katherine Pizel

EXHIBITION—FIELD “TO THE STARS”



FIELD MUSIC ARRANGERS: Dr. Ward Miller and Jeff Grant
FIELD SHOW DESIGNER: Dan Carlson

Please welcome the 2023 Luverne Cardinal Marching Band under the direction of James Jarvie, Gavin Folkestad and Morgan Van Holland. This year the show is titled “TO THE STARS”. The show includes music from Interstellar, Jupiter and Starships by Nikki Minaj. The band has been working hard this marching season to share their vision of the galaxy and beyond. They would like to thank everyone who makes our program possible. Sit back and let them take you on a journey.... “TO THE STARS”!

DRUM MAJORS: Brynn Boyenga, Will Johnson, Elizabeth Mulder
SOLOISTS: Bri Kinsinger (flute) Tyler Hodge (trombone)
Katherine Pizel (snare) William Johnson (trumpet)
COLOR GUARD LEADERS: Rayann Remme, Morgan Hadler, Brooklyn Wicks
PERCUSSION LEADER: Katherine Pizel
GUARD SOLOISTS: Brooklyn Wicks, Rayann Remme, Morgan Hadler

2023 APPEARANCES & AWARDS

Turkey Days Parade—Worthington MN; Receiving 2nd place on Sept 16
Big Sioux Review—Brandon, SD on September 30
Festival of Bands—Sioux Falls, SD on October 7
Dutchmen Field Championships—Orange City, IA on October 14

LUVERNE MIDDLE SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Exhibition—Luverne, Minnesota

One of the most beautiful things we can give our child is music education.



DIRECTOR:

James Jarvie

ASSISTANT & COLOR GUARD

DIRECTOR:

Gavin Folkestad

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

Morgan Van Holland

BAND MEMBERS:

46

EXHIBITION

“LUVERNE SCHOOL SONG”

The Luverne Middle School Marching Band under the direction of James Jarvie with assistant directors Gavin Folkestad and Morgan Van Holland are honored to open the 2023 Tri-State Band Festival.

They are marching today playing the Luverne School Song...

<https://www.isd2184.net/>

**KEEP UP TRADITION
NEVER FAULTER!**

SPIRIT OF MADISON

Class AA—Madison, South Dakota



DIRECTOR:
Brett Kroeger

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
391

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:
Sydney Waldner

BAND MEMBERS:
80



AWARDS & APPEARANCES:

The Spirit of Madison took 1st in Class Quad State in 2023 and received the Festival of Bands Spirit Award in 2021. Last year the Spirit of Madison had its first competitive season of Indoor Drumline and received 1st in Class and Fan Favorite at the South Dakota Percussion Showcase in Brandon. The Band performed at Disney World in Orlando, Florida this past summer.

<https://www.facebook.com/spiritofmadisonband/>

CLASS AA—FIELD

“LA NOUBA”

MUSIC BY: Benoit Jutras

ARRANGED BY: Jay Dawson and Brian S. Mason

FIELD SHOW DESIGNERS: MSConcepts

Once upon a time, a door opened and two worlds collided. Dreams clashed with reality. The mundane mixed with the marvelous. It was no longer possible to tell where one world began and the other ended. The Spirit of Madison is proud to present their 2023 show—LA NOUBA!

SOLOISTS:

- Maggie Engebretsen—Trumpet
- Alex Studer—Trumpet
- Tristan Castetter—Trumpet
- Anna Blessinger
- Spencer Reverts
- Nathan Hasleton

COLORGUARD LEADER:

Jill Hubbell

PERCUSSION LEADERS:

- Danny Cao
- Olivia Bonner



The Spirit is under the direction of Brett Kroeger
and Assistant Director Sydnie Waldner.

Staff includes:

Amy Hopf—Woodwinds
Makira Wrage—Brass
Jackson Lapour—Percussion



MARSHALL TIGER MARCHING BAND

Class AAA—Marshall, Minnesota



DIRECTORS:

Larry Petersen
Chris Witherow

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS:

Justin Condelli | Visual
Wes Myers | Music
Eric Novosad | Percussion
Emma Cole | Guard

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
790

BAND MEMBERS:
102



<https://www.facebook.com/MMBMinnesota/>



CLASS AAA—FIELD



“BUMP IN THE NIGHT”

FIELD SHOW ARRANGERS: John Meehan & Dan Sailer

FIELD SHOW DESIGNER: Brandon Wickham

The Marshall Tiger High School Marching Band are honored to bring you this year’s field show - “BUMP IN THE NIGHT”.

Not everything goes to sleep when you do. Some things stay awake. Some are hiding. Some things are ready to pounce. In the middle of the night everything seems scarier than it really is. Dark figures seem to be lurking about. Floorboards creaking. When you hear that bump in the night as the monster approaches, you have to make a choice. Do you run...or do you fight back?

DRUM MAJORS: Mallory Evans & Naomi Schroeder

**SOLOISTS: Julianna Purrington—Flute Daphne Bemer—Flute
Jocelyn Schlenner—Violin Jacob Zimmer—Trumpet**

COLOR GUARD LEADERS:

Ella Cole, Isabella Colvin, Mallory Grimmer, Jamileth Hernandez

PERCUSSION LEADERS:

Lindsey Hart, Skyla Crowley, Aubrey Metheny, Leah Legatt, Claire Allen

AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Marshall Tiger Marching Band is the largest competitive organization at Marshall High School and is the largest ensemble in a comprehensive band program that features four concert bands, a marching band, jazz ensembles, and athletic bands. The marching program is a regionally recognized ensemble that has consistently placed in the top five bands at the Sioux Falls Festival of Bands, has competed at both the Iowa Bands of America Regional and the St. Louis Bands of America Super Regional. Marshall is excited to be making its return to the Tri-State Band Festival in 2023!



MARCHING REBELS

Class A—Murray County, Minnesota



DIRECTOR:
Mike Helgeson

COLORGUARD DIRECTORS:
Janese Siedschlag
Katie Gillette

DRUM MAJOR:
Lindsey Hause

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 215

BAND MEMBERS: 65

CLASS A—PARADE
“TOP GUN”

Arrangers: Patrick Harper
Michael Sweeney

The MCC Marching Rebels will be performing Top Gun, a medley of music from the popular movie Top Gun. The medley includes the Maverick Anthem and Danger Zone. Get ready to “fly” with the Marching Rebels!

AWARDS & APPEARANCES:

In 2022, the Marching Rebels received first place in Class A in the King Turkey Day Parade; first place in Class A in the Tri-State Band Festival Parade and second place in Class A and People’s Choice Parade in the Festival of Bands.



<https://www.mcc.mntm.org/>

O'GORMAN MARCHING KNIGHTS

Class AAA—Sioux Falls, South Dakota



DIRECTOR:
Ben Koch

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
690

PERCUSSION/AUDIO:
Jason Raether

BAND MEMBERS:
86

COLOR GUARD/VISUAL DESIGN:
Emily Savage

COLOR GUARD:
Amelia Jibben

COLOR GUARD:
Nick & Melanie Sittig



<https://oghs.ogknights.org/activities>

<https://www.facebook.com/ogormanband/>

CLASS AAA—FIELD

“BEETLEJUICE!”



FIELD MUSIC ARRANGERS: Shane Gwaltney and Synced Up Designs

FIELD SHOW DESIGNERS: Shane Gwaltney and Synced Up Designs

The O’Gorman High School instrumental program is a comprehensive 9th through 12th grade band program, consisting of the marching band, 2 concert bands, pep band, 2 jazz bands, jazz combos, brass choir, musical theater pit orchestra, and a host of other musical activities. Band members performing tonight also serve as members of nearly every other activity and team sport offered at the high school.

The O’Gorman Marching Knights are proud to present their 2023 competitive show, Beetlejuice! Let us take you on a chilling ride to the other side and back, featuring music from the Tim Burton’s 1988 classic film and 2019 hit Broadway musical. **WARNING:** you may experience hair-raising moments, intense thrills, and amazing shocks. Heads may spin! This show is sure to put some life in your afterlife, but there’s really nothing to worry about unless you say the name three times! Ladies and gentlemen...It’s Showtime!

DRUM MAJORS: Noah Johnson, Sydney VanDenHemel, Alana Benson

MELLOPHONE SOLOIST: Landon Sohre

TENOR SAX SOLOIST: Billy Laible

TROMBONE SOLOISTS: Matthew Schulte, Noah Dobbs, Caden Lewis

FLUTE SOLOIST: Ella Adamiak

TUBA SOLOIST: Jonah Astrup

COLOR GUARD LEADERS: Rayna Schoenfelder, Paige Lewis



PERCUSSION LEADERS: Ryan Brunner, Rose Dvoracek

AWARDS & APPEARANCES

This year, the Marching Knights will compete in Marshall, MN at the Pursuit of Excellence; in Luverne at the Tri-State Band Festival; in Brandon at the Big Sioux Review and in Minneapolis at the Youth in Music Marching Band Championship. They also co-host the annual Festival of Bands, USA, at Howard Wood Field, along with the other public high school bands in Sioux Falls. The Marching Knights would like to thank their friends and family, all of their Band Parent Volunteers, as well as the students, faculty and administration of O’Gorman High School for their continued support! Thank you, and Go Knights!

- Awarded in 2022 at the Pursuit of Excellence—4th in Class
- Awarded in 2022 at the Tri-State Band Festival—2nd in Class and Best Color Guard
- Awarded in 2022 at the Big Sioux Review—2nd in Class and Best Drum Majors
- Awarded in 2022 at Youth in Music—4th in Class
- Awarded in 2022 at the Quad State Festival—2nd in Class and Best Color Guard

PIPESTONE AREA HIGH SCHOOL ARROW MARCHING BAND

Class AA—Pipestone, Minnesota



DIRECTOR:

Dr. Zachary Ploeger

**SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
325**

**BAND MEMBERS:
50**



<https://www.pipestonebands.com/>



CLASS AA—PARADE “STRIKE UP THE BAND”



The 2023 Marching Arrows show off the great American tradition of bands with George and Ira Gershwin’s famous “Strike Up the Band.” This high energy music combined with engaging drill is sure to be a crowd favorite.

CLASS AA—FIELD “LUMINOUS”

The Marching Arrows present their 2023 show entitled, “Luminous.” Centering around everything “light” and “energy,” get ready for this intense show featuring the music of: Eddie Grant’s “Electric Avenue,” Silk City and Dua Lipa’s “Electricity,” Ellie Golding’s “Lights,” Marcia Griffith’s “Electric Slide,” and ACDC’s “Thunderstruck.” Music and drill are arranged by Zachary Ploeger, percussion music is arranged by Owen Minet, and colorguard work is written by Jamie Drey. The Pipestone Marching Arrows are under the direction of Dr. Zachary Ploeger.

DRILL WRITTEN BY:

Zachary Ploeger

MUSICAL ARRANGEMENT BY:

Zachary Ploeger

COLOR GUARD WORK BY:

Jamie Drey

PERCUSSION MUSIC BY:

Owen Minet

DRUM MAJORS:

Ashley Lopez and Kaitlyn Goelz

COLOR GUARD CAPTAIN:

Kaylee Backlund



AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Marching Arrows have a tradition of excellence, known throughout the Mid-West region of the United States. The Arrows have earned many awards in the last 20 years, competing in festivals in Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, and other nearby states. The Marching Arrows also travel extensively, having performed in Washington D.C., Florida, the Tournament of Roses Parade in California, the Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade in New York City, and the Portland Rose Festival in Portland, Oregon. In recent years, the Marching Arrows have traveled to New York City, Boston, Memphis, St. Louis and New Orleans, and will return to the Portland Rose Festival Parade in June of 2024.

SIoux FALLS CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Class AA—Sioux Falls, South Dakota



DIRECTOR:

Michael Groenenboom

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS:

Alecia Rayhons | Color Guard
Pete Hansen | Drumline

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
407

BAND MEMBERS:
92

<https://www.siouxfallschristian.org/instrumental/>





CLASS AA—PARADE



“INFERNO”

PARADE SHOW ARRANGER: Andrew Hayward

The Sioux Falls Christian High School Marching Band is proud to present their parade show—INFERNO.

INFERNO features music from “Dies Irae” by Verdi, “Conga Del Fuego Nuevo” by Marquez and “The Firebird Suite” by Stravinsky. Sit back and enjoy the amazing sounds of passion that are created by Sioux Falls Christian High School Marching Band’s “INFERNO”.

DRUM MAJORS: Elijah VanNiewenhuyzen
Levi Davelaar

SOLOIST: Blake Hoogeveen (Trumpet)

COLOR GUARD LEADER: Emily Clapp

PERCUSSION LEADER: Brooks Boon

AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Sioux Falls Christian High School Marching Band has a strong tradition of excellence. Last year, the band placed first at the Park Pheasants Marching Festival, East Central Marching Festival, Tri-State Band Festival and the Lake Area Festival of Bands.

The band thanks our band parents, school district and fans for their encouragement and support.

SIoux FALLS LUTHERAN MARCHING EAGLES

Class A—Sioux Falls, South Dakota



DIRECTOR:
Mindee Birnstiehl

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
52

COLOR GUARD DIRECTOR:
Melissa Miller

BAND MEMBERS:
36



<https://www.siouxfallslutheran.com/about-us>
<https://www.facebook.com/SiouxFallsLutheranSchool/>

CLASS A—PARADE

“HOBO TRAIN | CRAZY TRAIN”

MUSIC BY: O'Reilly
ARRANGED BY: Murtha



The Marching Eagles invite you to “Get Aboard” for a special ride on their parade train! Their parade performance features:

- “Get on Board”
- “This Train is Bound for Glory”
- “I’ve Been Workin’ on the Railroad”
- “Crazy Train”

DRUM MAJOR: Kaiden Fjelstad

SOLOISTS:

MARCHING XYLOPHONE: Bridget Miller

TRUMPET DUET: Kaitlyn Wald, Kelsie Miller

ALTO SAX DUET: Logan Baumbach, Jake Hohn

PERCUSSION LEADER: Jacob Wald

AWARDS AND APPEARANCES

The Sioux Falls Lutheran Marching Eagles compete at festival throughout the area and are proud to share some of their accomplishments:

In 2022:

- 3rd Place at Beresford Watchdog Festival and Best Winds
- 2nd Place at the Parker Marching Band Festival

In 2021: 3rd Place at the Beresford Watchdog Festival

In 2020: Parade Superior at March to the Meridian



SIoux FALLS ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Class AAAA—Sioux Falls, South Dakota



DIRECTOR:

Nicole Decker

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

Jacob Mahowald

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:

1,750

BAND MEMBERS:

90

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ROOSEVELT



CLASS AAAA—FIELD

“ENCOUNTERS”



FIELD SHOW ARRANGERS: John MacFarland & Jacob Mahowald
FIELD SHOW DESIGNER: Nicole Decker

The Roosevelt High School Marching Band is proud to present their 2023 show, titled “Encounters.” The possible existence of extraterrestrial life has been the subject of countless movies, novels, and more in the Sci-Fi genre, and continues to capture our imagination to this day. This year’s show depicts the four types of alien encounters as defined in a 1972 book by J. Allen Hynek. “The first kind” is simply the witnessing of a UFO in close proximity; “The second kind” involves the discovery of physical evidence left behind by aliens, often in the form of crop circles; “The Third Kind” refers to the presence of a living extraterrestrial being making direct contact with humans; and “The Fourth Kind,” most terrifyingly of all, is alien abduction. We hope you’ll suspend your disbelief, let your imagination run wild, and come on an otherworldly journey with us as the Roosevelt High School Marching Band performs their 2023 show: “ENCOUNTERS.”

DRUM MAJORS: Makenzi Petersen, Keira Steever, Andrew Sanchez

SOLOISTS: McKenzie Swearingen & Aboch Ayuel on Tongue Drum
Alayna Kreger on Mellophone Ben Kost on Soprano Sax

COLOR GUARD LEADERS:
Alivia Hovdestad, Carmine Petersen, Sam Makram

PERCUSSION LEADERS: McKenzie Swearingen & Lyla Wittrup



AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Roosevelt Band program includes 4 Concert Bands, 2 Jazz Bands, Woodwind Choir, Brass Choir, Percussion ensemble, winter color guard, pep band and marching band. The marching band has a proud tradition of excellence, including recent finishes as 1st in class at Pursuit of Excellence in Marshall, MN 2021, Grand Champion of the Starfest Band Festival in Sioux City, IA, and Class AAA Champions of the Youth in Music Championships in Minneapolis, MN and Outstanding Brass & Guard in class 2A & Star of the Great Plains recipient 2022 and 1st place class A at the Homecoming Dakota Days Parade in Vermillion, 2022.

This year the band will compete at the Pursuit of Excellence in Marshall, MN, Big Sioux Review in Brandon, SD, Festival of Bands (exhibition) in Sioux Falls, SD, the Dutchmen Marching Competition in Orange City, IA and the Quad State Marching Band Competition in Vermillion, SD.

STEWARTVILLE MARCHING TIGERS

Class AAA—Stewartville, Minnesota



DIRECTOR:

Jessica Honsey

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS:

Nate Sikkink | Woodwinds

Miranda Meseck | Woodwinds

Ethan Peter | Brass

Meghan Kosmala | Brass

Scott Kovar | Percussion

Jenna Lorentz | Color Guard

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:

620

BAND MEMBERS:

66



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CLASS AAA—PARADE

“BELIEVER” By Imagine Dragons

PARADE MUSIC ARRANGERS: Victor Lopez

This year the band is focused on Belief; to have hope. We have all had to overcome a lot, and many of us have found that the recovery from Covid has not been as easy or positive as we had hoped. Yet we still have to hold on to hope – the belief that things will improve, they will get better, and that we will continue to get stronger, healthier, and happier. There are no other options — we must choose to be Believers.

DRUM MAJORS: Leland Jeardeau
Elise Ramaker

COLOR GUARD LEADERS: Brooklynn Rassman
Madelyn Cratchy

PERCUSSION LEADER: Garrett Norton



AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Stewartville Marching Tigers have received the Sweepstakes Trophy, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards at the Waseca Marching Classic, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at the Luverne Tri-State Band Festival, 3rd place at the Sioux Falls Festival of Bands in parade, and 2nd place at Algona Band Day.

The Stewartville Marching Tigers have competed at the Waseca Marching Classic since 2001, Luverne Tri-State Band Festival in 2004 (consistently since 2008), the Sioux Falls Festival of Bands from 2006-2012, and Algona Band Days since 2013.

The band program also received numerous awards at the Fiesta-val music festival in Williamsburg, VA in 2008 including outstanding soloist and 1st place for Parade and Concert Band performances. The band has also traveled to and performed in Chicago in April of 2011, at Disney in March of 2014, and to sunny San Diego in the spring of 2017. This past February, the band traveled to Tampa, Florida.

The Stewartville band program includes weekly band lessons, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Concert and Symphonic Bands, and small ensemble groups.

TEA AREA TITAN MARCHING BAND

Class AAA—Tea, South Dakota



DIRECTOR:

Stephanie Wranek

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

Tim Dingman

Danda LeVan | Percussion
Katie Jensen | Colorguard
Jane Newman | Choreography

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:

675

BAND MEMBERS:

83



<https://www.teaarea.k12.sd.us/>

CLASS AAA—PARADE

“THE GREATEST SHOWMAN”

This year’s show is based on the life of P.T. Barnum. Inspired by the ambition and passion of this larger-than-life man—we perform to the original music: “The Greatest Show”; “This is Me” and “From Now On”

Sit back and enjoy the spectacle and celebration of P.T. Barnum who created the “Greatest Show on Earth”.

DRUM MAJORS: Sage Fanning
Skylynn Broesder
Madalyn Havlin

COLOR GUARD LEADERS: Savannah Stahnke
Shelbi Goehring

FLUGELHORN SOLOIST: Kassidy Wranek

PERCUSSION LEADER: Rylan Konrad



AWARDS & APPEARANCES

In 2022, the Tea Area Titan Marching Band received 2nd place at the Lake Area Marching Festival, Parker Marching Festival, East Central Marching Festival and the Festival of Bands in Sioux Falls.

The band received 1st place in the 2022 Tri-State Band Festival Parade Competition in Class AAA.

Marching competitions for 2023 include:

- Parker Marching Festival in Parker, SD
- East Central Marching Festival in Arlington, SD
- Beresford Watchdog Marching Festival in Beresford, SD
- Menno Marching Festival in Menno, SD
- Festival of Bands in Sioux Falls, SD
- Tri-State Band Festival in Luverne, MN





TRACY AREA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND Class A—Tracy, Minnesota



DIRECTOR:
Katelyn Elton

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 221

COLORGUARD DIRECTOR:
Kiana Benson

BAND MEMBERS: 50

<https://tracy-ar.rschooltoday.com/>

DRUM MAJORS:
Hailey Gernentz
Steven Vang



CLASS A—PARADE

“NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP”

Arranger: Matt Conaway

Nothing epitomizes the sound of the '80s like this energetic and unmistakable pop hit by Rick Astly. Often heard on television and in film, this number has been a favorite for years and will continue to be popular for years to come. Sit back and enjoy the great sound of the Tracy Area High School Marching Band - Never Gonna Give You Up!

WEST CENTRAL MARCHING TROJANS

Class AA—Hartford, South Dakota



DIRECTOR:
Danny Eye

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:
Alyssa Lebeda
COLORGUARD DIRECTOR:
Candice Nelson
MARCHING TECHNICIAN:
Samantha Meirose
MARCHING TECHNICIAN:
Emily Hofer

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 411
BAND MEMBERS: 71

DRUM MAJORS:
Anthony Bjergaard
Andie Ingalls
Allison Brost

COLOR GUARD LEADERS:
Tracy Cholopray
Grace Bowling

PERCUSSION LEADERS:
Kadence Lupkes
Sadie Berg
Sophia Prostollo



CLASS AA—PARADE

“AMERICAN SPIRIT”

PARADE MUSIC ARRANGERS: Jeremy Hegg & Danny Eye

The Marching Trojans are in their 15th year under the direction of Mr. Danny Eye. The assistant director is Alyssa Lebeda and color guard instructor is Candice Nelson. The band is under the student leadership of Drum Majors Anthony Bjergaard, Allison Brost, & Andie Ingalls. This year’s show is titled “American Spirit” featuring music by Jeremy Hegg & Danny Eye. The Marching Trojans represented South Dakota in the Disney Magic Music Days in the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World last summer!

SOLOISTS: Whitney Pageler (Piccolo) Sophia Prostrollo (Snare Drum)

CLASS AA—FIELD

“ANGELS & DEMONS”



FIELD MUSIC ARRANGER: Randall D. Standridge

The Marching Trojans are in their 15th year under the direction of Mr. Danny Eye. The assistant director is Alyssa Lebeda and color guard instructor is Candice Nelson. The band is under the student leadership of Drum Majors Anthony Bjergaard, Allison Brost, & Andie Ingalls. This year’s show is titled “Opposition” featuring music by Randall D. Standridge.

Soloists include Avery Jurgenson on Trumpet, Mason Kennedy on Trombone, Alexa Borns on Alto Saxophone, and Whitney Pageler on Flute. Percussion leaders are Sadie Berg, Kadence Lupkes, and Sophia Prostrollo. Color Guard captains are Tracy Cholopray and Grace Bowling.

The Marching Trojans are grateful for the opportunity to perform for you and wish all the bands the best of luck in today’s competition! West Central is one of three South Dakota schools that received the “Best Communities for Music Education” award presented by NAMM for 2023. It’s their 5th time receiving the award!

AWARDS & APPEARANCES IN 2022

- **PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE | 2nd Place Crimson Class Field**
- **TRI-STATE BAND FESTIVAL | 2nd Place Class AA Parade & 1st Place Class AA Field Outstanding Winds, Outstanding Percussion, Outstanding Color Guard, Outstanding Drum Majors, K.M German Award Recipient**
- **BIG SIOUX REVIEW | 3rd Place Class AA Field**
- **WATCHDOG MARCHING FESTIVAL | 1st Place Class AAAA Parade, Outstanding Winds, Outstanding Percussion, Outstanding Color Guard**
- **FESTIVAL OF BANDS | 1st Place Class AA Parade; 3rd Place Class AA Field**
- **DUTCHMEN FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS | 2nd Place Class AAA Field**
- **QUAD STATES REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | 1st Place Group IV Class A Field, Best Visual, Best Effect, Best Music, Best Color Guard**

THE SPIRIT OF WORTHINGTON MARCHING BAND

Class AAAA—Worthington, Minnesota



DIRECTOR:
Mike Thompson

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:
Zach Brandt

PERCUSSION DIRECTOR:
Ashley Hoefker

COLORGUARD DIRECTOR:
Aryana Baccam

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:

1,061

BAND MEMBERS:

165



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CLASS AAAA—PARADE

“NYC”

PARADE MUSIC ARRANGERS: Dr. Ward Miller, Wind
Matt Tims, Percussion

The Spirit of Worthington Trojan Marching Band is honored to take you on a trip to: NYC!

NYC! takes us on a tour of New York City. We start on the north part of long island with In The Heights by Lin-Manuel Miranda. We then take a trip to the 9/11 memorial with an original work by Dr. Ward Miller. After that, we celebrate new years with a countdown and Roaring 20s by Panic! At the Disco.

DRUM MAJORS: Mery Ramos Quinn Benz
Soe Nay Htoo Hannah McNab

SOLOISTS: A. J. Jimenez, Trumpet
Donaldo Soto, Trumpet

COLOR GUARD LEADERS: Sayuri Salazar
Ellie Sanow
Allie Fellows

PERCUSSION LEADERS: A. Carit
Grace Bates
Aria Larson



AWARDS & APPEARANCES

The Spirit of Worthington Trojan Marching Band has a long and storied tradition of success. The band has seen numerous first place, grand champion, and people's choice awards throughout Minnesota, South Dakota, and Iowa. The band has also performed on the national stage at events like the McDonalds Thanksgiving Parade, The Peach Bowl, The Outback Bowl. Last year the band traveled to Cuero, Texas to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the relationship between Cuero, Texas and Worthington, Minnesota. This year, the band has been selected to perform in the Holiday Bowl in San Diego, California.

2023 TRI-STATE BUTTON DESIGN WINNER RYKER JOHNSON



The Tri-State Band Festival Committee congratulates and thanks LHS Junior RYKER JOHNSON for his award winning 2023 TSBF BUTTON DESIGN.

As a sophomore during the 2022-2023 school year, Ryker used his passion for design and creativity in Bill Thompson's graphic design class to come up with his button concept. Using the colors from a warm summer sunset, Ryker's design is fresh and creative.

Although his graphic design class was the first he had ever taken, Ryker learned a lot from his mother, Heather, prior to taking the class. As a graphic designer herself, Heather exposed Ryker to many elements of design.

Ryker is the third of four children. He shares his family life with parents, Heather and Jim and siblings—Burke, Ashlyn and Luella.

Ryker is involved in extra-curricular activities. He particularly likes weight-lifting and wood-working. He is a member of the Cardinal football team playing offensive and defensive line and track where he throws shot-put and discus.

Currently has found a new passion. He is working on the a 1992 Chevy C1500 pick-up that was his grandfather's. He plans to completely restore the pick-up but is happy he is able to use it now. In his future, Ryker is considering a career in automotive/mechanical repair and body-work—a passion he has discovered doing his pick-up restoration.

The Tri-State Committee is honored to partner in the button design program with the Graphic Arts and Art Classes at Luverne Public Schools.

2023 TRI-STATE BAND FESTIVAL

A Message to Tri-State Band Festival Fans
From: TRI-STATE JUDGING ASSOCIATION
LANE & JESSICA POWELL
Owners & Managers



Tri-State Judging Association is proud to have served marching band parades, field shows and festivals around the Midwest for over 30 years. Tri-State utilizes the services of experienced music educators who are skilled in the marching arts, have the ability to effectively communicate with students and directors and who have a passion for continually improving the activity. We thank you for once again allowing us to be an integral part of this wonderful event!

PARADE JUDGES

JOHN GREENE

Music Execution

Head Judge

STEVE CITTA

Music General Effect

GARY SWANSON

Guard

JEFF NORTON

Percussion

PAUL BRIZZI

Visual General Effect

GREG ORWOLL

Marching Execution

FIELD JUDGES

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Music Execution

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Marching Execution



2023 JUDGE: JOHN GREENE



**IN PARADE:
MUSIC EXECUTION
HEAD JUDGE**



**IN FIELD:
MUSIC EXECUTION
HEAD JUDGE**

John Greene retired after 37 years of teaching instrumental music, mostly in ISD 196 - Rosemount-Apple Valley. He holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Minnesota State University.

Most recently at Falcon Ridge Middle School in Apple Valley, MN. Under John's direction, the Falcon Ridge Middle School Jazz Ensemble was awarded numerous honors at regional jazz festivals and appeared at the MMEA Mid-Winter Clinic twice. Prior to Falcon Ridge, John was at Rosemount High School where he founded and led the competitive marching band program.

John has served as the Jazz Chair for MMEA. He was a middle level director for Minnesota Youth Jazz Bands. John is a member of MBDA and was inducted into Phi Beta Mu. He has been active as an arranger and clinician for concert, jazz, marching, percussion and chamber groups. In his role as an adjudicator, John judges over numerous events, which have taken him to 14 states and Canada. He has served in leadership roles as the Judge Administrator for the Mid-American Competing Band Directors Association (MACBDA) and the Minnesota Percussion Association.

In 2013, John was awarded the "Minnesota Music Educator of the Year" by the Minnesota Music Educators Association.

He has directed both the MBDA 6-8 State Honor Jazz Band and MBDA State Honor 6-8 Concert Band. John was inducted into the Youth in Music Hall of Fame as the Butch Dufault Memorial recipient in 2017.

John resides in Apple Valley with his wife Patti, who is also retired. They have two adult children, Chelsea and Johnny.

2023 JUDGE: STEVE CITTA



Steve Citta is the former Director of Bands at Waterloo West High School in Waterloo, Iowa. His marching bands, jazz bands and wind ensembles earned numerous honors and awards in the twenty years that he was at West High. In 2017, he retired after teaching in Iowa for 34 years.

Mr. Citta is a professional music arranger, designer, drill writer and works extensively throughout the Midwest as a clinician and adjudicator. He has presented marching band clinics and seminars at the Iowa Bandmasters Convention, the Iowa Music Educators Association Conference and continues to work as an arranger, clinician and visual consultant for many bands throughout Iowa.

Steve is an adjudicator for Tri-State Judging, the Iowa High School Music Association and Heritage Festivals in Chicago. In the past, he has judged the Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship in Phoenix, AZ, the New Mexico State University Tournament of Bands in Las Cruces, NM as well as the Youth In Music Championship in Minneapolis, MN.

Steve Citta holds a Bachelor of Music Education Degree from the University of Northern Iowa and graduate hours from Illinois State University, Iowa State University, University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa. Steve and his wife Mary live in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

IN PARADE:
MUSIC
GENERAL EFFECT



IN FIELD:
MUSIC
GENERAL EFFECT

2023 JUDGE: PAUL BRIZZI



IN PARADE:
VISUAL
GENERAL EFFECT



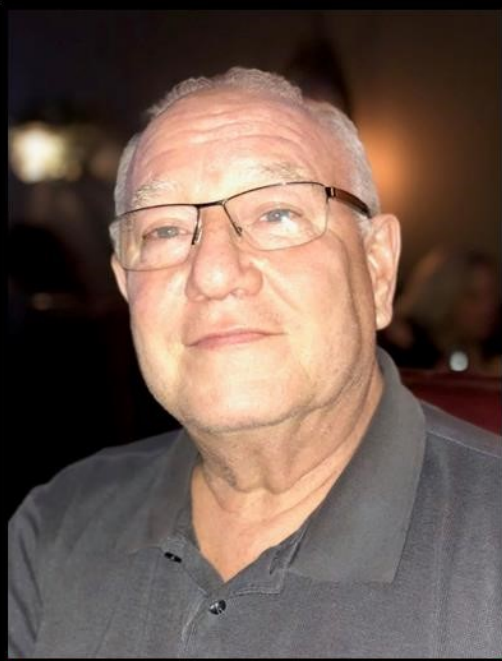
IN FIELD:
GUARD

Paul D. Brizzi is former high school band director at Ankeny High School in Ankeny, Iowa. His Ankeny bands were successful competitively in solo/ensemble contests, large group contests and marching band contests. He taught in Iowa high schools for thirty-six years.

During the 2006-2007 school year he served as interim Symphonic Band and Marching Band Director at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Since 2007 Mr. Brizzi has supervised music student teachers for Drake University as well as serving as Symphonic Band Director and student teaching supervisor for Iowa State University. Since 2008 Mr. Brizzi has served Drake University by supervising music student teachers as well as teaching some music education classes. During the fall of 2010 he served as interim Concert Band and Wind Ensemble director at Drake University. Paul is past-president of the Iowa Bandmasters Association and has served on the 20 member Board of Directors of the National Band Association, he is a past state chairman for the National Band Association.

Mr. Brizzi was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for active teachers by the Iowa Bandmaster Association in 1999. In 2003 he was awarded the Silver Baton Award by the Kappa Kappa Psi National Band Fraternity. In 2004 he was recognized by the Sousa Foundation as a recipient of the Legion of Honor Award. In 2005 Brizzi was recognized with Distinguished Service award for retired members by the Iowa Bandmasters Association. He has been a leader in the state of Iowa in both band and professional associations and continues to serve on volunteer boards for the Iowa Bandmasters Association. Mr. Brizzi completed both his BA and MA at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, IA.

2023 JUDGE: JEFF NORTON



IN PARADE:
PERCUSSION



IN FIELD:
PERCUSSION

Jeff Norton is a graduate of Oskaloosa High School, Oskaloosa, IA.

He received a Bachelor of Music Education Degree (emphasis in Percussion) from New Mexico State University.

Jeff has served as:

- Assistant Director of Bands, Percussion Instructor—Edinburg Texas
- Director of Bands—Webster City, Iowa
- Adjunct Staff Member, Percussion Instructor—Oskaloosa, Iowa
- Assistant Marching Director—Warren Junior Military Band, Warren, Ohio
- Percussion Instructor—Ankeny, Iowa
- Percussion Instructor—Bondurant, Iowa
- Percussion Instructor—Newton, Iowa
- Percussion Instructor—Urbandale, Iowa
- Board of Directors, Instructor—Cyclone Percussion Academy Drumline Camp, Iowa State University
- He has served as clinician, drill designer and adjudicator throughout the United States.

Jeff and his wife Sally live in Des Moines.

2023 JUDGE: GARY SWANSON



IN PARADE:
GUARD



IN FIELD:
VISUAL
GENERAL EFFECT

Gary Swanson has been involved in the marching arts for over 40 years. His credits include color guard instruction and visual design with many groups over the years, his longest running affiliation being with the Irondale High School Marching Band and Color Guards in MN since 1990.

Gary has led the Irondale program to many local and national awards including 26 State Winter Guard Championships, several WGI National Scholastic Finalists and even the WGI Scholastic Open Class World Champions in 2002. Gary has instructed and designed for the Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps and Minnesota Brass, Inc. Drum and Bugle Corps. Helping the Blue Stars move back into World Class and leading MBI to a national championship were a few of his highlights with these groups.

He is the Past President of the North Star Color Guard Circuit. Gary continues to be involved in the marching arts activity through adjudication, consulting, and special event choreography both locally and nationally. Gary was inducted into the Minnesota Youth in Music Hall of Fame for his many years of contribution to the marching arts activity in the upper Midwest.

Gary has a BS in Apparel Design from the University of Minnesota and works at Mounds View High School as well as continuing his freelance design work. He resides in Minneapolis, MN.

2023 JUDGE: GREG ORWOLL



IN PARADE:
MARCHING
EXECUTION



IN FIELD:
MARCHING
EXECUTION

Greg Orwoll retired from the directorship of Colts Drum and Bugle Corps in 2013 after a successful 32-year career. During his tenure, the organization grew from two to five programs and from 120 to over 300 participants in grade 3 through age 21.

Orwoll was elected to the Drum Corp International (DCI) Hall of Fame in 2008 and was Drum Corps Midwest (DCM) Director of the Year in 1993 and 2003, and DCI Central Division Director of the Year in 2005.

He has served on the DCI Board of Directors for 22 years as the DCI finance committee member for 14 years, including 2 as finance committee chair. He was chair of Drum Corps Midwest for 11 consecutive years and DCI Central Division for 3 years.

He has been active since 1975 as a clinician, consultant, or visual designer for numerous high school bands in 1975 and staffed the visual program for the U.S. Army All American Marching Band in San Antonio in 2011. He has judged in sixteen states: Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Highlights include the Michigan State Championships, USSBA Regional Finals in Giants Stadium, Arizona State University Sun Devil Invitational, University of Kansas Championships, University of Missouri Finals, Indiana State District Championships, Kentucky State Championships, Arizona State High School Finals and New Mexico State Championships.

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