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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023**  
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For these **14 bands**, this competition  
provides an opportunity to show their peers, parents,  
and community the result of all their hard work.  
We hope you'll join us in congratulating **all** of today's  
young musicians and performers.

**Enjoy today's competition!**

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# Community High School District 99

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Arwen Lyp  
Principal

October 1, 2023

Dear Marching Mustang Music Bowl Participants and Fans,

On behalf of the entire community, it is my privilege to welcome you to Downers Grove South High School. We host many events in the stadium at South High, but none involving more student participants than the Marching Mustang Music Bowl. We hope this experience is energizing for all involved.

I am in awe each year of the dedication and work ethic that the members of the Marching Mustangs exhibit. With rehearsals beginning in the spring and extending through the summer, along with a week-long camp in August, they put considerable work in through the hottest times of the year. As a cohesive unit, they learn their steps, master their music, and then choreograph it all together into an incredible musical and visual production. At South High School, we are not only proud of the members of our band for their musical talents and their dedication to their craft. We are also proud of their contributions to our collective spirit and the way in which they represent themselves and our school community. I am sure that the principals of the competing schools share a similar pride in their student representatives here today.

Creating high school experiences of this magnitude does not happen easily. They are the result of the combined efforts of many working towards a common goal. Our Mustang Band Boosters support our programs and provide volunteers while our Custodial, Maintenance, and Grounds (CMG) Department takes care of many of the set-up and clean-up tasks. Providing guidance to those groups is our Director of Student Activities, Jennifer Martinez, our Fine Arts Department chairperson Jerry Lowrey, and our Marching Band Directors Aaron Kennedy and Robbi Hicks, who lead a caring and dedicated staff. On behalf of all of the participants and the spectators who will undoubtedly enjoy the performances, we extend our gratitude to this group for their leadership and efforts.

To our student participants – enjoy the spirit of friendly competition! Know that your musical performances will be appreciated by everyone in attendance and know that we are proud to have you represent your community. Enjoy the performances and we hope our motto of “You Belong Here” welcomes you into our community today.

Sincerely yours in #DGSPride,

Arwen Lyp  
Principal

To the Students, Friends, Family and Staff participating in the 2023 Marching Mustang Music Bowl,

Welcome to Community High School District 99 and South High!

South High School and Community High School District 99 are excited to have all of our performers, staff, and families joined together today to celebrate the arts. Today you are going to have the opportunity to see students from a wide variety of schools combine their talents of mind, body, and heart to create a unique experience. I participated in marching band as a musician and band director; I was also a marching band and color guard parent. In each of these settings I have always been amazed at the special bonds that are formed in this activity. The skills and experiences gained through the competition and camaraderie of marching band set students up for success in high school and in whatever path comes next.

For those students that are performing today, give it everything you have and make every single moment memorable. Today is your opportunity to combine all of your gifts to create a unique experience for the audience. This is a day to mark the progress you have made as an individual, and as a group, since band camp started over the summer. I am sure when you reflect on your growth you are proud of the work you have done. You should be! When you are done today, find a way to recognize a fellow performer (in your band or another), to thank a staff member, and to let your parents know that you are thankful for all of the times they asked you to practice your instrument and kept you playing - even when you didn't want to.

To those of you that are here to cheer on your friends, family, or kids - be prepared to be amazed! This is a different kind of performance than what you may have seen before - one where you should watch and listen carefully - but also get to cheer wildly at the moments when a band makes an impact on you. Although today is a competition, each band is competing against itself, so please support all of the performers today as if they were your own. Every child on the field today has earned the right to be celebrated and appreciated.

Putting together an event like today's Music Bowl takes hundreds of hours and careful planning. I appreciate the dedication of our Mustang Band Boosters leading up to the competition and throughout the day's events. I am also thankful for the professionalism and dedication displayed by our South High Marching Band Staff, Fine Arts Department, Administration, and the Custodial, Maintenance, and Grounds Department throughout the season to help make this a special experience for our students. Enjoy this incredible day!

Your Friend in Music,



Dr. Hank Thiele  
Superintendent  
Community High School District 99



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# PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

## 2023 MARCHING MUSTANGS MUSIC BOWL PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

CLASS	TIME	SCHOOL	LOCATION
	<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>OPENING REMARKS, National Anthem</b>	
A	3:30 PM	Glenbrook South High School	Glenview, IL
A	3:45 PM	Amos Alonzo Stagg High School	Palos Hills, IL
A	4:00 PM	Waukegan High School	Waukegan, IL
A	4:15 PM	Buffalo Grove High School	Buffalo Grove, IL
A	4:30 PM	Lemont High School	Lemont, IL
	<b>4:45 - 5:15</b>	<b>JUDGES' BREAK</b>	
AA	5:15 PM	Huntley High School	Huntley, IL
AA	5:30 PM	Oak Park and River Forest High School	Oak Park, IL
AA	5:45 PM	Joliet West High School	Joliet, IL
	<b>6:00 - 6:30</b>	<b>JUDGES' BREAK / DINNER</b>	
AAA	6:30 PM	Minooka Community High School	Minooka, IL
AAA	6:45 PM	Downers Grove North High School	Downers Grove, IL
AAA	7:00 PM	Plainfield North High School	Plainfield, IL
AAA	7:15 PM	Greendale High School	Greendale, WI
AAA	7:30 PM	John Hersey High School	Arlington Heights, IL
	<b>7:45 - 8:00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
EX	8:00 PM	Downers Grove South High School	Downers Grove, IL
	<b>8:15 PM</b>	<b>Announcements, Raffle Winners</b>	
	<b>8:30 PM</b>	<b>AWARDS PRESENTATION</b>	





# Good Luck to the Downers Grove South Marching Mustangs

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## PARTICIPATING BANDS

### GLENBROOK SOUTH MARCHING TITANS

**Director:** Brian Boron    **Assistant Director:** Nick Krejci

**Instructional Staff:** Bryan Hughey, Spencer Peterson, Leah Maskin, Will Kirby, Andrew Magosky, Kaitlin Gaynor, Karen Graves

**Drum Majors:** Fiona Doherty, Evan McClung, Keira Read

**Guard Captain:** Ray Williams

**Program: "Data Breach"** - *Data Breach* takes the audience into cyberspace, but the system becomes compromised when it becomes infected with a virus.

Selections include: *Overture from Tron: Legacy*, *In Motion*, *Uninvited*, *Finish the Fight*.

**Notes:** The Glenbrook South Band has traveled and performed all over the country. This spring, they will be performing in Disney World.

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### AMOS ALONZO STAGG MARCHING CHARGERS

**Directors:** Bob Mecozzi and Jim Colombo

**Instructional Staff:** Ryan Bigeck, Matt Bufis, Eric Johnson, MacKenzie Kazin, Christian Ponte, Dan Romano - Music and Visual Staff; Rob Diaz, Kabir Dalawari, Taylor Munoz - Percussion Staff; Christina Schmidt - Color Guard Director; Samantha Houlihan, Julia Popper - Color Guard Staff

**Drum Majors:** Grant Gaskill, Mia Lewandowski, Samantha Padgurskis

**Program: "A Place Where We Belong!"** - *It's a Beautiful Day* - Michael Buble; *I'm a Believer* - Neil Diamond. Music arranged by Thomas Bough; percussion arrangements by Jonathon Kurecki.

**Notes:** The Marching Chargers would like to thank Downers Grove South High School and the Downers Grove South High School Music Boosters for their hospitality, and would like to wish all of the competing bands best of luck on the remainder of their seasons!





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## PARTICIPATING BANDS

### WAUKEGAN BULLDOG MARCHING BAND

**Director:** David Grayson and Michael Kennedy    **Assistant Director:** Larry Goltz

**Instructional Staff:** Nathan Osborn - Low Brass Instructor; Marissa Grayson and Frankie Paredes - Percussion Instructors; Helene Duda - Color Guard Instructor

**Drum Majors:** Alejandro Lopez and Celeste Smith

**Guard Captains:** Melissa Hernandez and Elizabeth Mendez

**Program: "Led Zeppelin"** - The Bulldog Marching Band will be performing a tribute to Led Zeppelin, featuring the music of *Black Dog*, *Kashmir*, *Immigrant Song*, and *Stairway to Heaven*. The show features select musicians, starting with a strong trumpet solo into a flugelhorn solo. The second movement features a jazzy tenor sax solo and our drumline. Movement three starts with a ballad featuring guitar and baritone, moving into a trombone solo, and ending with a powerful ending with tenor sax playing the guitar solo from the record.

**Notes:** Members of the Bulldog Marching Band represent the Waukegan High School Band program. The Historic Waukegan High School Bands is part of the Waukegan Public School District 60. Established in 1916, and in its 107th year of performing for the community, the WHS Bands include the Waukegan High School Bulldog Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, two jazz ensembles, the Bulldog Big Band and Bulldog Lab Band, Basketball Pep Bands, and Musical Pit Orchestra. Each one of these ensembles plays an important role in the student's education, the Band Program, Waukegan High School, WPS District #60, and the Waukegan Community.

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### BUFFALO GROVE BISON MARCHING BAND

**Director:** Vince Genualdi

**Instructional Staff:** Alyssa Arkin, Cesar Mendoza, Ron Roth, Colin Rambert, Angela Andolfi, Quincy Cowell, Chris Buti

**Drum Majors:** Kamila Pabijan and Onyx Romanski

**Guard Captains:** Gina Deckowitz and Orli Argentar

**Program: "It's Jazz"** - *Zip Gun Bop*, *Everlasting*, and *Hey Pachuco*.

**Notes:** *It's Jazz* is a lively and energetic show featuring the music of Gordon Goodwin and the Royal Crown Revue.





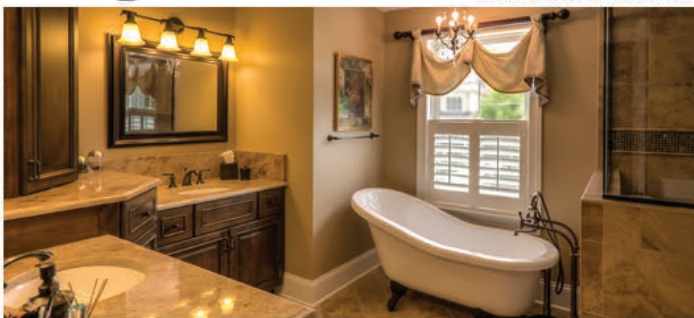
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## PARTICIPATING BANDS

### LEMONT HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

**Directors:** Dave Nommensen    **Assistant Director:** Matt Doherty

**Instructional Staff:** Calvin Chao - Percussion Staff and Sound Design; Ari Corbin and Vanessa Jobbe - Color Guard Staff; Jordan Fandrey - Visual Staff; Kara Kirkus, Katelyn Luckett, Jeremy Svoboda, Annie Ternes - Wind Staff; Ryan Tripp - Percussion Staff

**Drum Majors:** Destina Sarussi and Luke Rupert

**Guard Captain:** Teagan Lee

**Program: "Loves Me, Loves Me Not"** - The fate of being loved left to the last picked flower petal. Selections include: *Romeo and Juliet* by Tchaikovsky, *Flower Duet* by Delibes, and *Tainted Love* by Cobb.

**Notes:** The Lemont High School Marching Band is comprised of students from all high school levels. Previously, the marching band has captured eight class 3A state championships and numerous local contest awards. The band would like to thank the Lemont High School School Board, Administration, Staff, and Students for their unwavering support of the entire band program. The band would also like to thank the Lemont community for their continued wonderful financial support of the music program. This upcoming Thanksgiving, the marching band has been chosen to participate in Disney's Thanksgiving Parade of Bands at the Magic Kingdom. Finally, the band would like to thank all of the parents for helping to make the Lemont Band Program what it is today!

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### HUNTLEY RED RAIDER MARCHING BAND

**Director:** Daniel Jack    **Assistant Director:** Tyler Guthrie

**Instructional Staff:** Josh Vezina and Tyler Stewart - Percussion Instructors; Katie Klipstein - Front Ensemble Instructor; Bryan Jamison - Front Ensemble Instructor/Sound Designer; Payton Falco - Color Guard Instructor

**Drum Majors:** Iain Pontious, Gray Edelstein, Mia Kaltenecker

**Guard Captains:** Ainsley Robbins and Kayleigh Rosinski

**Program: "State Of Mind"** - Huntley's 2023 Production takes the audience on a journey through the various states of mind that we encounter throughout life: Calm, Thoughtfulness, Dissonance, Groove, Peace, and Triumph. Selections include: *Because* by The Beatles, *Kaleidoscope of Mathematics* by James Horner, *Breathe (2 AM)* by Anna Nalick, and *Golden Hour* by JVKE.

**Notes:** The Huntley Bands will be traveling to Disney World in November and performing at Magic Kingdom on Thanksgiving morning.



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# PARTICIPATING BANDS

## OAK PARK & RIVER FOREST MARCHING HUSKIES

**Director:** Anthony Svejda    **Assistant Director:** Andrew Fredrickson

**Instructional Staff:** Patrick Pearson and Melissa Majnarich - Colorguard Instructors;  
Joe Mroczek - Drumline Instructor; Andrew Pilacoutas - Frontline Instructor;  
Jordan Fandrey - Visuals

**Drum Majors:** Lindsay Chyna, Henry Lloyd, Trevor Schonman

**Guard Captains:** Bailey Ivey and Persephone Hartrich

**Program: "Travels to Brazil"** - I. *Magalenha*, II. *Mas Que Nada*, III. *Girl from Ipanema*, IV. *Aquarela do Brasil*. *Travels to Brazil* starts off with a call to action (*Magalenha*). The main character is sad and bored and is looking for something new and hears the call, then decides to travel to Brazil. The second movement is the traveling to Brazil moment (*Mas Que Nada*). During their stay in Brazil they find love (*Girl from Ipanema*). The conclusion of the show alludes to the initially bored and sad character at the start of the show having now found happiness (*Aquarela do Brasil*).

**Notes:** The Marching Huskies performs for 4-5 football games, 3-4 competitions, and 1 local parade a year. They have performed for many local festivals including Downers Grove South, Prospect Knight of Champions, Lake Park Lancer Joust, Geneseo Maple Leaf Classic, Black & Red Fall Classic at NIU, and the Wheaton Marching Band Festival. Previous performances also include The University of Illinois Festival, Illinois State University Marching Festival, Chicago Half-Marathon, Deerpark Mall (grand opening), the Magic Kingdom Parade at Disney World in Orlando, Florida, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade in Honolulu, Hawaii, Peach Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia, St. Patricks Day Parade in Chicago and one of the Bands of America Regional preview shows. Last year they received 3rd place at the Stagg Marching Band Jamboree and 3rd at Downers Grove South Music Bowl. They have won best colorguard and best drum major numerous times. They are excited to be back to the DGS Music Bowl. We hope you enjoyed the show "Travels to Brazil".





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## PARTICIPATING BANDS

### JOLIET WEST MARCHING TIGERS

**Director:** Eric Wellman    **Assistant Director:** Alyson Bauman

**Instructional Staff:** Michael Jeske - Student Teacher; Danielle Cahue, Kyle Singer - Percussion; Jessica Kalkofen and Jack Hoving - Guard

**Drum Majors:** Finn Chellios, Maddy Warren, Kelly Angeles

**Program:** "*Unidentified*" - Original music by Rob Stein

**Notes:** The Joliet West Marching Band is part of the music department that offers a wide array of performance ensembles and classes at its campus in Joliet, IL. The music program includes three curricular bands, two percussion classes, two curricular orchestras, three curricular choirs, music appreciation, and AP Music Theory. Co-curricular opportunities also include jazz band, pep band, symphony orchestra, a spring musical, and various other choral and instrumental performance opportunities. The band has performed at the ILMEA Convention in Peoria, at the Superstate Concert Band Festival on several occasions, and at the Music for All National Concert Band Festival. The Marching Tigers will perform at various high schools throughout Illinois this fall, as well as at the Illinois State University Marching Band Championships and the Light Up the Holidays Parade in Downtown Joliet. The band is led by drum majors Finn Chellino, Maddy Warren and Kelly Angeles.

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### MINOOKA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

**Director:** Kyle Adelman    **Assistant Director:** Nick Curatolo

**Instructional Staff:** Aidan Madonia, Rois Connelan, Izzy Malic, Tyler Norris - Percussion Staff; Sarah Danielson, Georgia Kaminsky, Victoria Chaidez - Color Guard Staff; Kade Frieders, Dylan Witte, Kevin Kuempel - Wind Staff; Pete Weber - Drill Writer; Clif Smith - Music Arranger

**Drum Majors:** Michelle Babyak, Noelle Klima, Rhiannon Curiel, Elliott Kimbarovsky

**Guard Captains:** Emma McMillin and Cassidy VanDyke

**Program:** "*Masqued*" - Enjoy our tribute to the longest running show on Broadway, *THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA!* The MCHS Marching Band will be playing the greatest hits such as '*Think of Me*' and '*All I Ask of You*' as they tip their hats to the Santa Clara Vanguard productions of the late 1980s. Selections include: *Phantom of the Opera Main Theme, Think of Me, Masquerade, Music of the Night, All I Ask of You.*



## PARTICIPATING BANDS

### DOWNERS GROVE NORTH TROJAN MARCHING BAND

**Director:** Jessen T. Smith    **Assistant Director:** Gina Wych

**Instructional Staff:** Amanda Zall - Asst. Director; Liam Jackson - Band Staff; Crystal Zaragoza - Color Guard Director; Jen Bell - Asst. Color Guard Director; Gabriel Prado - Color Guard Staff; Peggy Sue Casey - Drumline Director; Ben Heppner - Asst. Drumline Director; Kyle Johnson - Student Teacher

**Drum Majors:** Angelina Antonio, John Fiotti, Owen Halfpenny, Norah Rajesh

**Guard Captains:** Cara Fleming, Josh Ronquillo, Olivia Zambreno

**Program: "State of Mind"** - A musical journey through the states in our country and the states of mind they evoke. Selections include: *Georgia on My Mind*, *Carolina in my Mind*, *Empire State of Mind*.

**Notes:** The Trojan Marching Band is comprised of students from all three concert bands, the orchestra program, and the choir program at DGN. This is their first performance in competition in recent years, and the students and staff are very grateful to perform with our friends from Downers Grove South!

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### PLAINFIELD NORTH MARCHING TIGERS

**Director:** Tim Hatcher

**Instructional Staff:** Jason La Vallee, Omar Elmusa, Kaela Bonow, Eric Caldwell, Chris Vosburgh, Kade Frieders - Winds; Justin Leggero, Tony Cable, Jalen Bell - Percussion; Rebecca Aguilar, Uriel Herrera - Colorguard; Issy Malic - Electronics

**Drum Majors:** Timothy Przybylski, Gabriella Pedraza, Chloe Vasilakis

**Guard Captains:** Katrina Nalle and Cassidy Stephenson

**Program: "Valkyrie"** - The story of how the Norse mythological beings, the Valkyrie, are the choosers of the slain soldiers on earth, and bring them to Valhalla in preparation for the battle of Ragnarok. Part 1- A New World, Part 2-A Thousand Year, Part 3-Winged Victory. Selections include: *Symphony No. 9* From the New World by Antonin Dvorak; *A Thousand Years* by Christina Perri; *Valkyrie* by Variesby C.

**Notes:** The Plainfield North Marching Tigers have several caption awards and Grand Champion honors in local competitions, they have been State of Illinois Marching Championship Finalists, and they are regular participants in Bands of America Regional and Super Regional Championships. Among the membership of the Marching Tigers are All-State musicians, 5.0 students, National Honor Society members, AP Scholars, National Merit Finalists, and numerous student athletes. The Plainfield North Bands are dedicated to building leadership and character through performance. The Marching Tigers wish to thank the Plainfield North administration and parents for making performances like this possible.



## PARTICIPATING BANDS

### GREENDALE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

**Director:** Tom Reifenberg    **Assistant Director:** Liz Parsons

**Instructional Staff:** Evan Hinds, Jeff Chambers, Tim Mitchell, Brandon Fink, Chad Quamme - Designers; Tami Reifenberg, Brooke Kais - Colorguard; Dave Muencheberg, Bradley Fremder, Trevor Maliborski - Percussion; Marcus Wrobel, Mark Wrobel, Brian Gregg, Eliora Dauer, Lucas Bartaczewicz, Tyler Wrightsman - Visual; Ryan Barry - Sound/tech

**Drum Majors:** Keira Block, Valerie Brockmann, Lillyanne Doss, Amy Jozwiak

**Program: "The Circle"** - Featuring selections from *The Lion King* and music by Justin Timberlake.

**Notes:** The Greendale High School Marching Band has won 17 consecutive Wisconsin state championships and appears regularly at the Bands of America Grand National championships. The band appeared in the 2016 Macy's Parade and the 2020 Rose Parade and will return to New York this November to march in the 97th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Greendale was also awarded the 2017 Sudler Shield, given annually by the John Philip Sousa Foundation to the top marching bands in the country.

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### JOHN HERSEY MARCHING HUSKIES

**Director:** Spencer Hile

**Instructional Staff:** Ilona Hutter, Sara Reich, Curt Schwarzkopf, Leah Murawska, Chris Kenney, Matt Kaempfe, Adam Mead, Claudia Rejowski

**Drum Majors:** Annabelle Temple, Jia Jakubiec, Abby Homoly

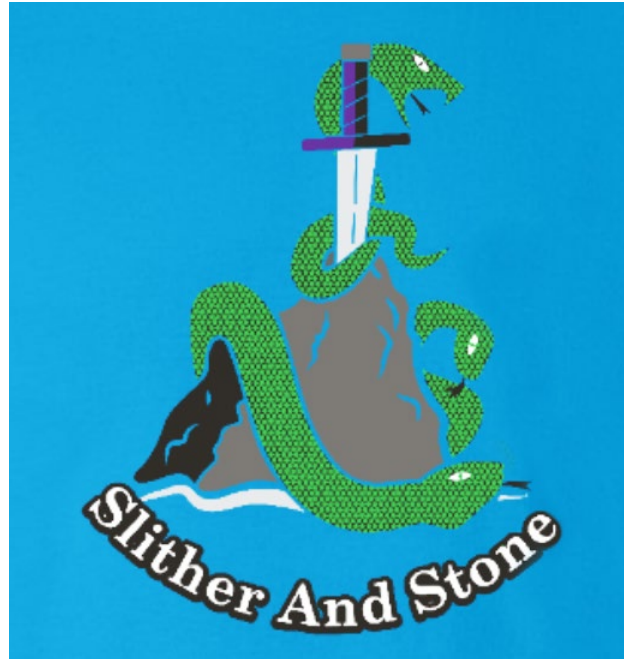
**Guard Captains:** Stephanie Bennett and Lilly Radack

**Program: "It Can't Rain All The Time"** - Sometimes in our lives we find ourselves lost in a storm. Life can spin out of control and we get lost. Sometimes we need a friend to lend a hand and help us remember that the sun will come up tomorrow and that it can't rain all the time. Selections include: *Four Sea Interludes* - Benjamin Britten, *Claire De Lune* - Claude Debussy, *Somewhere Over The Rainbow* - Arlen/Yarburg, and *Umbrella* - Rihanna.

**Notes:** The Marching Huskies would like to send a big thank you to all the parents and students that worked to make today possible. Thank you for your time and support of the arts!



# 2023 DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH MARCHING MUSTANGS



The Downers Grove South Marching Mustangs are excited to present their 2023 show, titled "**Slither and Stone**." Pulling inspiration from the story of Medusa, we hope you are so impressed that you turn to stone! This production was designed, composed, and arranged by Shane Gwaltney, CJ Barrow, and Jeremy Thompson. The drill was written by Jessen Smith. On the field today you'll hear featured soloists Becca Snouffer on clarinet and Anthony Lopez on trumpet.

*Please enjoy the "Slither and Stone" presented by the DGS Marching Mustangs.*

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## Downers Grove South Marching Mustangs Faculty and Staff

Jerry Lowrey – Fine Arts Department Chair

Aaron Kennedy – Director of Bands

Robbi Hicks – Associate Director of Bands

Jake Burrows – Winds Technician

Joe Perillo – Percussion Instructor

Abby Fasullo – Guard Instructor

Tyler Norris – Front Ensemble Technician

Christina Coyle – Nurse and Physical Welfare



# 2023 DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH MARCHING MUSTANGS

## DRUM MAJORS

Rebecca Snouffer  
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Hailey Aldrich\*  
Madison Beecham  
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Bri Mariottini  
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## TRUMPET

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Anthony Lopez  
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Eliza Monjes  
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Miranda Szwed  
Julia Weinholtz

Equipment Managers: Patrick Maier

Uniform Helper: Mason Mungerson and Eris Kenyeri

\* denotes section leader

+ denotes squad captain

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*The Marching Mustangs are extremely grateful to all of the band programs, students, staff members, and families for spending your Saturday with us here at Downers Grove South High School. The Marching Mustang Music Bowl is a great event and honored tradition that we love hosting. We hope to see you next year and wish all of the bands a successful rest of their season.*



Aidan,  
We knew that you had great rhythm from the time you were young. You have developed such a tremendous love for music. We are so proud of all your accomplishments and know that you will “Rock” this competition! Good Luck to you and the Marching Mustangs!

Love,  
Grandpa and Grandma



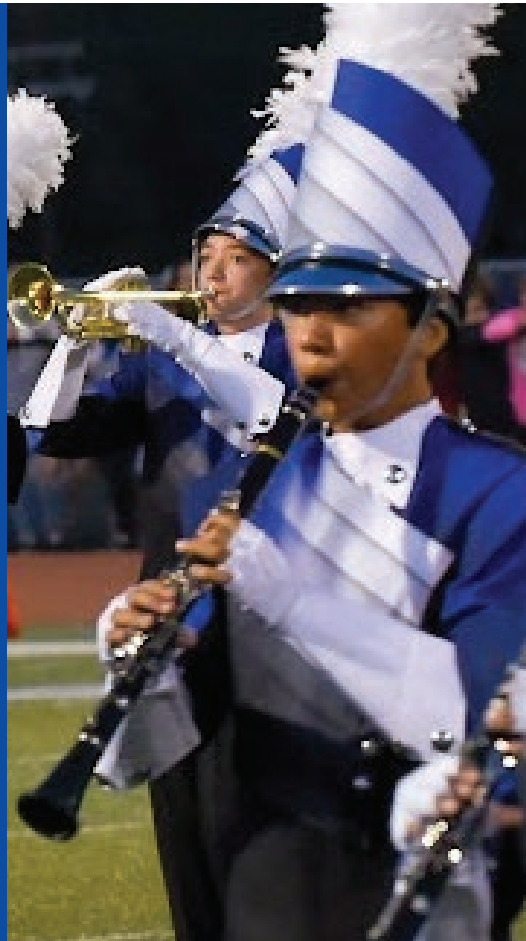
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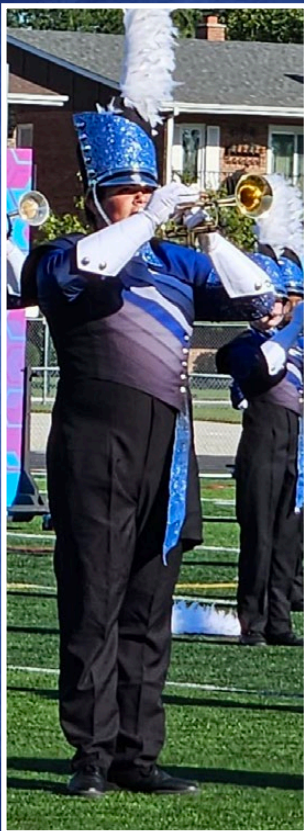
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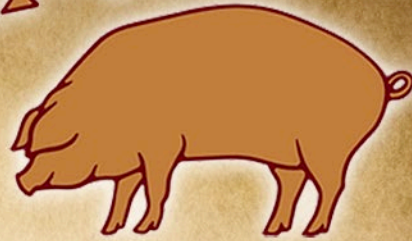
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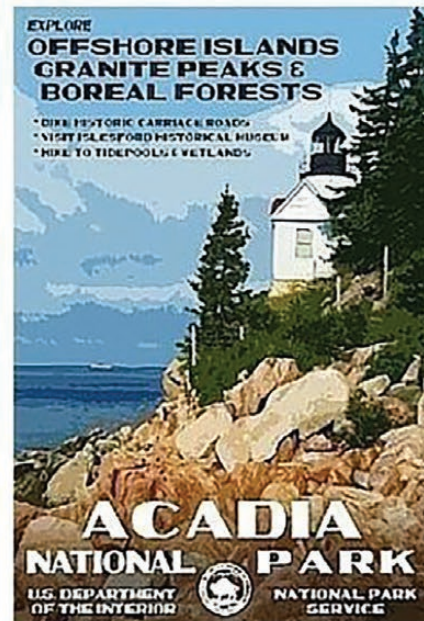
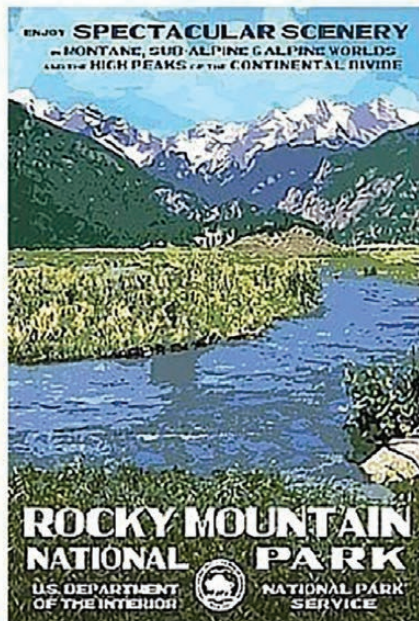
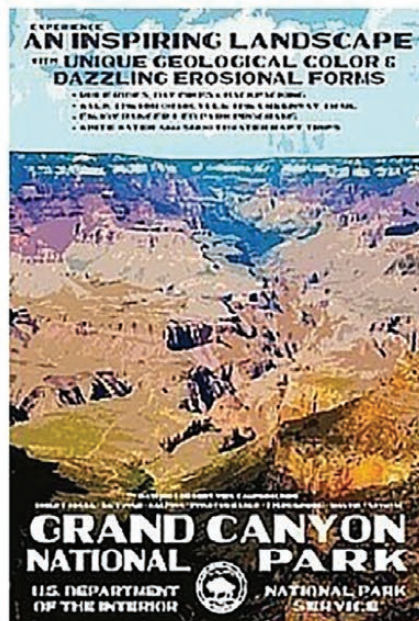
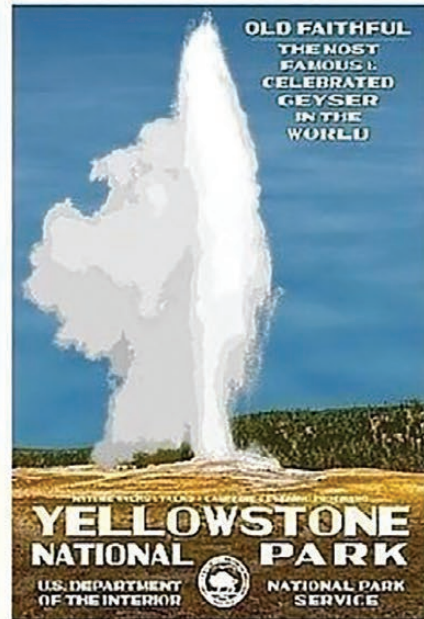
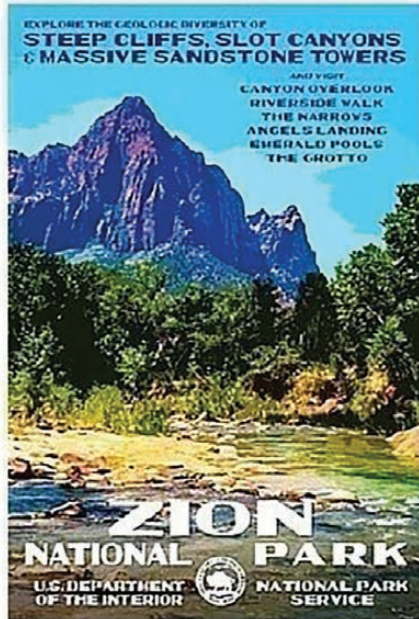
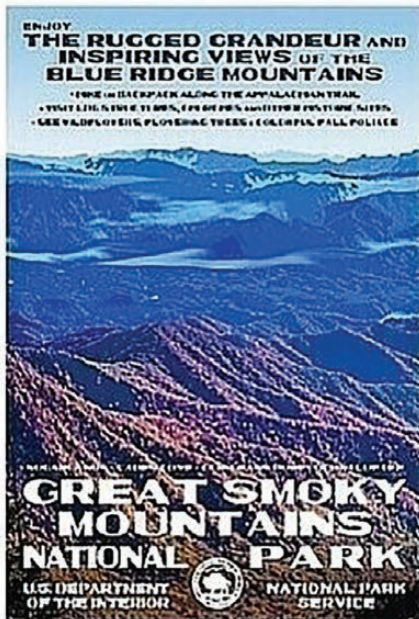
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## How the Bands are Judged

The **2023 Marching Mustang Music Bowl** will utilize the Bands of America System and Judges Sheets. Of the seven judges in the six categories listed below, two judges will evaluate Music General Effect, and one for each of the other five categories. In addition, we will provide comments, scores and caption awards for Outstanding General Effect, Best Auxiliary, and Best Percussion. These scores will not be considered in the placement of the bands. Our judging panel's credentials are listed in the following pages of this program and incorporate a wide variety of backgrounds and expertise from academic and drum corps arenas.

### Music Categories

**Music Execution Individual** – Done by a judge at the field level that is listening for the individual performance level of the band members from a musical standpoint. Qualities including intonation, articulation, rhythmic and pitch accuracy, and dynamic response will be considered. This score is averaged with the Music Execution Ensemble score to comprise 20% of the total score.

**Music Execution Ensemble** – Done by a judge in the press box that is listening for the total group and section performance levels of the band members from a musical standpoint. Qualities including intonation/blend, articulation, rhythmic alignment, balance, and dynamic response will be considered. This score is averaged with the Music Execution Individual score to comprise 20% of the total score.

**Music General Effect** of the entire ensemble (brass, woodwind and percussion) is evaluated by two judges at press box level in the categories of repertoire, staging and showmanship. This category takes into account not only how effective the music sounds to the listener, but how it is incorporated into the visual presentation by both the entire ensemble to bring about the highest effect to the audience. The points of each judge are added together to comprise 40% of the total score.

### Visual Categories

**Visual Execution Individual** – Done by a judge at the field level that is watching for the individual performance level of the band and color guard members from a physical and visual standpoint. Qualities including posture, foot technique, tempo maintenance, form and interval awareness and showmanship will be considered. This score is averaged with the Visual Execution Ensemble score to comprise 20% of the total score.

**Visual Execution Ensemble** – Done by a judge in the press box that is watching for the total group and section performance levels of the band and color guard members from a visual standpoint. Qualities including form, staging and field coverage, transition and showmanship will be considered. This score is averaged with the Music Execution Individual score to comprise 20% of the total score.

**Visual General Effect** of the entire ensemble including color guard is evaluated by one judge at press box level in the categories of design and coordination. The degree to which the visual design effectively represents the music, and how these are coordinated is the principal concept of this category. These points comprise 20% of the total score.

### Other Considerations

The timing judge on the field instills the discipline of marching band competition to keep the entire show moving and executed according to schedule. Bands are required to perform a minimum of seven and a maximum of eleven minutes.



## 2023 Marching Mustang Bowl Judging Assignments

### Music

**Music General Effect** - Alex Kaminsky

**Music General Effect** - Sean Kelley

**Music Performance Ensemble** - Mike Madonia

**Music Performance Individual** - Scott Oliver

### Visual

**Visual General Effect** - Paul Wiercioch

**Visual Performance Ensemble** - Dean DeKemper

**Visual Performance Individual** - Justin Clintsman

### Captions

**Auxiliary** - Bennie Waddlington

**Percussion** - Jessie Backes

### Other

**Tabulator** - Pietro Pisello

**Announcer** - Jerry Lowrey





# JUDGES

## **Jesse Backes....**

Jesse Backes has been a member of the educational team at The Cavaliers since 2017 and is the percussion director at Fishers High School in Fishers, Indiana. He spent many years with the Cavaliers Indoor Percussion, Phantom Regiment, and has served dozens of scholastic and independent ensembles around the country as an educator, arranger, and consultant for the last 10 years.

## **Justin Clintsman....**

Justin Clintsman is a designer, adjudicator and choreographer that's based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Focusing on the visual artistry across central midwest, he has had a hand in the success of many high schools, collegiate marching band and winterguard (Carroll University Marching Pioneers) as well as Drum Corps such as (River City Rhythm, Pioneer and Kilties). He has performed with Star United, Blue Stars, Phantom Regiment and CWi Winterguard. Justin aspires to invest in every area of the marching arts and values the individual's growth no matter the skill level or background. Justin has judged and has been apart of WSMA in Wisconsin and Festivals of Music within the midwest.

## **Dean DeKemper**

Dean DeKemper, from Salem, Indiana, is a fifteen-year member of the Tri-State Judges Association, specializing in General Effect, Visual Performance and Color Guard. He is a former American Musical Ambassador, a Charter and three-year performing member of the Star of Indiana Drum and Bugle Corps of Bloomington, Indiana, a Drum Corps Midwest All-Star Corps member, former Visual Coordinator for Evansville Central High School, and former Visual Caption Head for Ubiquity Winterguard, a consistent Tri-State Marching Arts Finalist Medalist and Winter Guard International Regional Finalist Medalist. He was formerly the Director of Pep Band at the University of Southern Indiana. He has consulted with many outstanding high school and independent programs in Indiana and Kentucky and has adjudicated marching bands, winter guards and drum lines throughout the United States. He is a twenty-eight year Early Intervention Specialist and System Supervisor for First Steps, Indiana's Early Childhood Development Intervention Program, holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Southern Indiana and is a certified LifeCourse Ambassador.

## **Alex Kaminsky**

Alex Kaminsky is Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at VanderCook College of Music in Chicago. He holds degrees from the University of Florida and Indiana University, is active as an adjudicator, and is in demand as a guest conductor and clinician across the country. Prior to coming to VanderCook, Kaminsky's high school bands performed at many prestigious events and national conferences including the American Bandmasters Association, College Band Directors National Association, National Band Association, Music for All National Concert Band Festival, Carnegie Hall, and 4 times at the Midwest Clinic. Professor Kaminsky's marching bands consistently placed in the Florida Marching Band State Championship Finals, winning the FMBC State Championship 4 of his last 6 years as a high school band director, as well as placing in finals at BOA regional competitions.



# JUDGES

## **Sean Kelley**

Dr. Sean Kelley is Associate Director of Band, Coordinator of Music Education, and Supervisor of Athletic Bands at North Central College in Naperville, IL. Sean holds degrees in music education from Wittenberg University and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and degrees in conducting from Wright State University and the University of Oklahoma. Sean is also the founder and music director of the 85-member professional-level wind band, The Naperville Winds.

## **Mike Madonia**

Mr. Madonia is the director of the College of Lake County Concert band and has served as director of bands at Robert Morris University. He has also been the applied trumpet instructor for South Suburban College, St. Xavier University and College of Lake County. During his tenure at these schools, he simultaneously served as Brass Staff or Caption Head at the following Drum and Bugle Corps.: Pioneer, Spirit of Atlanta, New Jersey Surf, Colts and Kilties. Having taught at the high school level for 36 years, his bands were consistently winning multiple contests throughout the year including Bands of America Summer National Finalist, Bands of America Regional Finalist, Illinois State Marching Band Finalist as well as hundreds of awards for Concert band and Jazz Band. Mr. Madonia serves as chief judge today.

## **Scott Oliver**

Scott Oliver is a graduate of the University of Illinois. He has been a band director at Marian Catholic High School, Metea Valley High School, and is currently a band director at Neuqua Valley High School. Scott was a brass tech with the Madison Scouts from 2010-2014 and brass caption head from 2015-2017.

## **Pietro Pisello**

Pietro Pisello is in his 11th year of music education. He is currently the Director of Bands at Thornton Fractional North High School in Calumet City, Illinois. Previously, he was a band director at Rich Township High School in Matteson and Washington Elementary School in Waukegan. He has served as the Conductor and Artistic Director of the Arlington Heights Community Concert band for the past 2 years.

During his tenure at these schools, his marching, concert, pep and jazz bands have won several awards at festivals including the Chicago Football Classic, Jazz in the Meadows, and IHSA Organizational, Solo and Ensemble, and Pep Band Contests. Several of his students have also been selected to ILMEA District and All State Ensembles.

Pietro graduated from Ridgewood High School in Norridge, IL and then attended Trinity International University in Deerfield, where he received his Bachelor's degree in music education. He received his Masters of Music Education Degree from VanderCook College of Music in 2020. Peter is also active in The Sicilian Band of Chicago where he plays trombone.



# JUDGES

## **Bennie Waddlington**

Bennie Waddlington is a seasoned figure in the marching arts community, boasting an impressive career spanning over two decades. With an unwavering passion for the art form, Bennie has left an indelible mark on the world of marching arts through his dedicated instruction and judging.

Bennie's instructional journey has taken him to high schools and independent units in both Wisconsin and Illinois, where he has shared his wealth of knowledge and expertise. He has had the privilege of working with renowned units such as Allegiance Winterguard, Kinetic Winterguard, Novella D Winterguard, Montage Winterguard, Mundelein High School, and Evolution A Winterguard.

In addition to his instructional roles, Bennie Waddlington has emerged as a respected judge within the Midwest Colorguard Circuit. For the past three years, he has lent his critical eye and keen insights to the judging panel, specializing in the evaluation of General Effect. Bennie's discerning judgment and commitment to the marching arts community continue to inspire and elevate the performances of countless individuals and units.

## **Paul Wiercioch**

Paul Wiercioch has been involved in the marching arts since 2001 as a performer, educator, clinician, and adjudicator. Most notably, eleven years over 2007-2018 as a Designer, Manager, and Visual Coordinator of Green Thunder Percussion, and the Independent World Percussion group, Cavaliers Indoor Percussion. Prior to his tenure with Cavaliers Indoor, Mr. Wiercioch was a member of the Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps contra section (2001-2004) and visual staff (2011-2013). In addition to his work with the drum corps, Mr. Wiercioch has worked extensively with marching band and winter guard programs throughout the state of Illinois for the past twenty years.

Mr. Wiercioch attended Illinois State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. During the week, he works as a Team lead for Sentinel Technologies, and he lives in Woodridge with his wife Gail and their two kids, Evan and Thea.



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