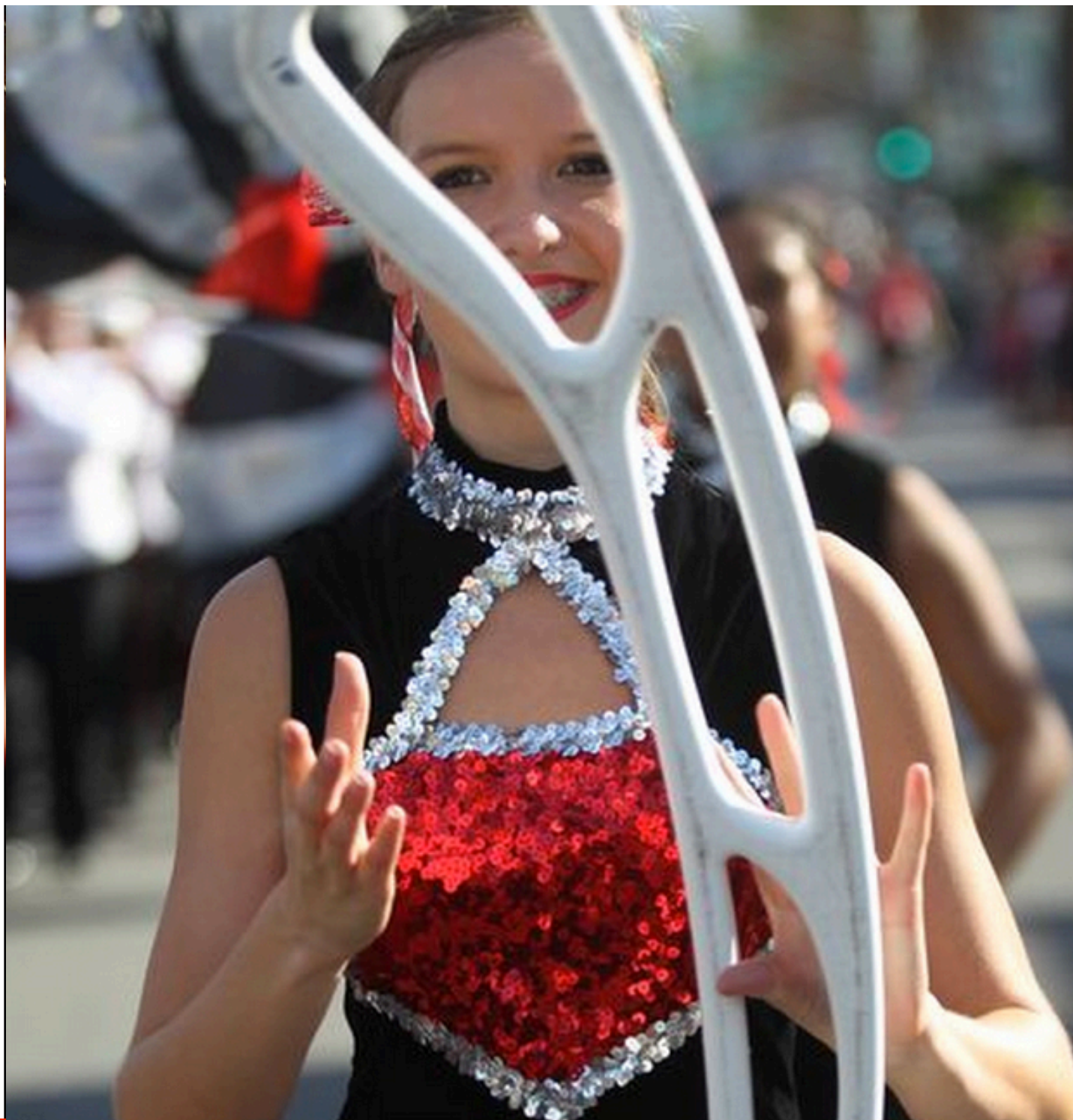


WORLD ASSOCIATION OF MARCHING SHOW BANDS

# *World Championships*

PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA



NOVEMBER 28- DECEMBER 3, 2017







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# Mission Statement



## Mission Statement

- ♪ To enhance the performance and interaction of Marching Show Bands at a world wide level.
- ♪ To encourage the development of "World Class Band Events" held in conjunction with "Internationally" recognized events throughout the world.
- ♪ To sanction "World Class Events" which will allow Marching Show Bands from anywhere in the world to be performance rated on their individual form and style.
- ♪ To establish the required standards for the judgment and performance rating of Marching Show Bands at such sanctioned events.
- ♪ To approve standards of operations used at sanctioned events.
- ♪ To consult with, and be a resource for such sanctioned events.
- ♪ To convene meetings, conventions and other projects to assist in the development of these projects.
- ♪ The Association aims to encourage active participation in marching show bands universally, to strengthen the movement internationally and to stimulate the staging of world class band events.



# When is the WASBE World Championships?

November 28- December 3, 2017

The World Association of Marching Show Bands (WAMSB) World Championships in Palm Springs is dedicated to providing a world class educational and performance experience with constructive positive feedback to marching, concert, and jazz music ensembles. Ensembles perform in the newly renovated 1000 seat Palm Springs Auditorium and are adjudicated by outstanding judges from around the world. The Championships are designed to give all music students an extraordinary experience. Judging will take place according to the rules and regulations established by WAMSB. Ensembles will receive participation plaques in addition to the judges comments and earned awards.



# Where will the World Championships be held?

All Festival events, including the World Championship, will take place in PALM SPRINGS and the COACHELLA VALLEY area. Concert and Jazz groups will perform in the newly renovated 1,000 seat Palm Springs Auditorium where some of the greatest musicians have performed over the past 60 years. Field Show events will take place at the James Watt Stadium.



With its stunning mountain backdrop, lush palm oases, healing waters, mid-century modern architectural gems, world-class art museum, and one of North America's largest film festivals, Palm Springs is more than just a pretty playground with sunshine and blue skies 350 days a year.

not just a dramatic visual backdrop that turns from golden to rose purple with the changing afternoon light, but a place to ascend the heights for cooler air and stunning views. The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway utilizes the world's largest rotating tramcars on an eye-catching 10-minute 2.5 mile journey up the sheer cliffs of Chino Canyon.

Southern California also offers iconic sightseeing opportunities including Universal Studios-Hollywood, Knott's Berry Farm, The Queen Mary, Pacific Aquarium, San Diego, Walt Disney Music Hall, Grammy Museum, Disneyland and so much more!

Nature, history, art and design play a key role in defining the resort experience of several million visitors each year. The San Jacinto Mountains, rising to almost 11,000 feet, provide





# Who may participate at the World Championships?

The Festival will include opportunities for Symphonic Bands, Wind Ensembles, Jazz Bands, Drum Lines, Parade Bands, and of course, Marching Bands to compete and/or perform at the Festival. Band may also request “comments only” .



## Educational Focus

### Workshops, Clinics, and Demonstrations

It is the desire of this Festival to also include an Educational Component to the competition. Possible workshop participants include Alvin Taylor, Alan Goodman, Barry Manilow, amongst others. It is the intent of the organizers to not only host a premiere competitive event, but to provide educational opportunities and an exchange of cultural and experiences to further promote growth of all participants of the Festival and to encourage future involvement in WAMSB trainings and events.

# Questions... and Answers!

## **When should we plan to arrive and depart?**

The opening ceremony will be in the evening on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28th, with the closing ceremony projected to be in the late afternoon/early evening on Sunday, December 3rd.

## **Will it be possible to extend our stay?**

With that said, we recommend that participating bands plan on arriving on Sunday or Monday November 25th, and/or departing on Tuesday, December 5th in order to enjoy some of Southern California's exceptional visitor offerings including Disneyland Resort (Walt Disney's original park and vision), Hollywood and Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm ( California original theme park with thrill rides), San Diego, Outlet Shopping, and so much more. Festival organizers will be pleased to work with you in customizing your visit to make this the ultimate California experience for your band members.

## **What if we cannot stay for the entire event?**

Naturally, we hope that all participating bands will be present for the entire event, but should school schedules or other conflicts necessitate a late arrival or early departure,

we will do our best to schedule your band's performances accordingly to ensure that your experience is worthwhile. This holds especially true for local and/or regional participants.

## **Who's the local host organization in PALM SPRINGS?**

The local PALM SPRINGS INSTRUMENTAL BAND ASSOCIATION - The Academy of Performing Arts, the Palm Springs Tourist and Convention Association, and the CITY OF PALM SPRINGS will be working to make this a phenomenal experience for all of the participants.

## **When will registration open?**

Shortly after the press release an e-mail communication will be sent out, announcing and outlining the registration process.

## **Will there be a band registration fee?**

Yes, each participating band will be required to pay a registration fee of \$500.00 per group to participate and compete at the 2015 World Championship. (Local and Regional Bands may receive a sponsorship credit to help offset their participation fee)

## **What is included in the band registration fee?**

- > The opportunity to perform and compete representing their country, organization, school, city state, and/ or province
- > Evaluation from an international professional judging panel with recorded feedback on your performance (s)
- > A participation award for your band
- > An event keepsake for each performing band member
- > A predetermined # of executive VIP access passes
- > A predetermined # of staff access passes
- > Complimentary general admission for bus drivers
- > Free general admission to all World Championship competitions for all band members, including the World Championship Finals
- > An assigned local guide to all participating international bands





# Travel Arrangement Assistance

## **Is there assistance with travel, tour, and itinerary preparation**

Although many groups work with local travel operators for air, we have the ability to build this in to customize a package. We are also working with airlines and affiliates that serve Palm Springs to offer reduced rates. Our event team will help organize customized accommodation and meal packages for participating bands with a variety of possibilities (ie. hotel, home stays (limited), etc. We are working diligently with local partners and sponsors to reduce costs as much as possible.

Palm Springs is uniquely served by several international airports including LAX (Los Angeles), ONT (Ontario, CA), SAN (San Diego International-Lindbergh Field), and LAS (Las Vegas McCarran International) are all available for international arrivals and departures in addition to many more regional airports. Las Vegas is only a 4 1/2 hour drive to Palm Springs and Las Vegas sightseeing is available for extended tour possibilities.

## **Will special arrangements be made for international bands arriving by air?**

Our event team will work with each participating band arriving by air to ensure that all the necessary arrangements and logistics are in place, i.e. equipment transport, airport transfers, etc.

## **Will there be an event website?**

Most definitely!! An official World Championship web hub will be integrated into the new Festival website, which is expected to go online shortly after the press release. Here you will be able to access all World Championship and Festival particulars and updates, while families, friends and fans enjoy the ease of customizing their experience by booking accommodations, all-inclusive packages, event tickets, and much more.

## **How will event updates and pertinent information be communicated?**

Once you are on the mailing list, you will receive updates via e-mail communications as well as direct mailings.



# SAMPLE EXTENDED ITINERARY

## OVERVIEW

Day 0 – Sunday, ARRIVAL LAX overnight in Studio City

Day 1– Monday, UNIVERSAL STUDIOS then transfer to Palm Springs

Day 2- Opening Ceremonies- Palm Springs City Hall

Day 3– Wednesday Day 2 – Concert Festival, Sightseeing, Workshops, Evening Concert

Day 4– Thursday Sightseeing, – Preliminary Parade Event- Village Fest: Possible Drumline Competition

Day 5 – Friday Workshop- Sightseeing, Field Show Preliminaries at James Watt Stadium

Day 6 - Saturday - Field Show Preliminaries at James Watt Stadium -Parade Finals at Festival of Lights Parade

Day 7 – Sunday- Field Show Finals and Closing Ceremonies

Day 8 Monday- Transfer to Disneyland (Possible performance opportunity)

Day 9 Tuesday, Day in San Diego

Day 10 Wednesday- DEPART LAX

*Tours may be customized to your needs*

## TRAVEL CONSULTANTS

Due to the varied types of hotels in the region and the different needs of each group we have arranged with Travel Gallery to block rooms at hotels with reduced price points. They will be able to offer these hotels to you and provide other travel services such as coaches, guides, etc. for your stay. They are also available for assistance with your international or domestic travel arrangements specializing in international band and orchestra travel including visa and custom Information. They will also work in conjunction with your travel operator.



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