



## 2023 Marching Bands



### **All Gifu Honor Green Band** – Gifu, Japan

Japan's Honor Green Band is a composite brass band whose members are selected from students in and around Gifu, Japan. Most of this year's band members are college students, with a few lucky highschoolers. The band was established in 1998 at Sendai in the Tohoku region of Japan and aims to increase green plants on our planet. Its members travel overseas to perform and hold the "Green Concert."

### **Banda de Música La Primavera** – Santiago, Veraguas, Panamá

The Bilingual Educational Center of Santiago de Veraguas in Panamá brings us La Banda de Música la Primavera. It is the flagship musical delegation from the School Educational Center of the country and includes elementary, middle and high school students. Its high level of musicality and cultural reach has been supported by the cultural ambassadors of Panamá, the President of the Republic of Panamá and the Archdiocese of Panamá.

### **Brookwood Bronco Marching Band** – Snellville, Georgia

The Bronco Marching Band has nearly 300 students representing all the band classes in their high school. Their philosophy is to be an all-inclusive band and represent the Brookwood Community, which has supported their program every step of the way. The Bronco Marching Band's primary focus is to provide entertaining music enhanced by entertaining visuals.

### **Buhos Marching Band** – Veracruz, Mexico

Buhos Marching Band is proud of its choreography and versatility in melodies. They play national and international music, combined with popular and traditional music, creating an atmosphere that emanates the joy and emotion of Mexican culture. Established in 1999 as part of Escuela Secundaria Técnica No. 3, the Buhos Marching Band is comprised of more than 250 musicians and dancers.

### **Foothills Falcon Band** – Tucson, Arizona

The Foothills Falcon Band is the largest marching band in the state of Arizona. While the band program has a strong representation, the instrumental music program is known for providing a comprehensive list of courses including concert, jazz, chamber, steel, and guitar. The band travels widely having journeyed across the country and globe. Renee Shane-Boyd has been the only lead director of the band for its entire existence of 28 years.

**Fresno State Bulldog Marching Band** – Fresno, California

The Bulldog Marching Band is a performance and entertainment ensemble that is a vital part of Fresno State, Fresno State Athletics and the Central Valley of California. The Bulldogs represent the state of California as the largest college marching band of its kind, having been recognized by the College Band Directors National Association as one of the top eight college marching bands in the country.

**LAUSD All District High School Honor Band** – Los Angeles, California

The LAUSD All District High School Honor Band has been participating in the Rose Parade since 1973. Throughout the years, the band has performed in a variety of events across the greater Los Angeles area including NFL Super Bowls and Major League Baseball World Series. Band Directors Tony White and Art Duardo, plus a talented staff, will work together with more than 300 students from approximately 75 high schools for their 50th Rose Parade performance.

**Pasadena City College Herald Trumpets** – Pasadena, California

For the 40th consecutive year, the Pasadena City College Herald Trumpets announces the Rose Queen and her Royal Court. This elite unit is comprised of nine trumpeters and one snare drummer who were selected from current PCC trumpeters and over 70 Southern California auditioned high school musicians. In addition to their appearance in the Rose Parade, the group also participates in other Tournament of Roses' events throughout the year such as the Royal Court Announcement.

**Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band** – Pasadena, California

The Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band has marched in every Rose Parade since 1930. The band is comprised of current PCC Lancer Marching Band members and select auditioned high school students from throughout Southern California. Over 400 high school music students auditioned for the 185 spots in the band. The PCC Lancer Band performs for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Royal Court Announcement Ceremony, The Pasadena Latino Heritage Parade and the Pasadena Black History Parade.

**The Pella Marching Dutch** – Pella, Iowa

The Marching Dutch band was established in 1937 as an all-inclusive school band with a tradition of excellence that spans more than 80 years. Their innovative show designs, excellent musical command and outstanding marching technique have earned them numerous first place awards. The Marching Dutch possess a generational tradition of excellence, as students in the current ensemble have parents and grandparents who have marched in this band. Their historic tradition is second to none in the state of Iowa, with the band finishing first or second in every competition since 1978!

**Rockford High School Marching Band** – Rockford, Michigan

The Rockford Marching Band is the largest competitive band in the state of Michigan, with nearly 275 students performing. Over 40% of their band students are also athletes, which is rare for a school of their size and population. Instead of making students choose between athletics and marching band, they limit their extra-curricular rehearsals so they can successfully participate in both.

**Rosemount High School Marching Band** – Rosemount, Minnesota

The Rosemount High School Marching Band is the largest competitive marching band in the state of Minnesota and the Rosemount community is proud of its Irish heritage. Students and staff of strive to live the values of the "Irish Way" which include Community, Empathy, Compassion, Gratitude, Acceptance, Integrity, Honesty, Respect and Perseverance. Not to mention, the band's massive musical talent.

**The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band** – Long Beach, California

The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band celebrated their 100th march down Colorado Boulevard as they participated in the 2019 Rose Parade. They will once again have a "band within a band" as a special guest ensemble will join them. With their marching Timbrellists and uplifting music, parade spectators can expect to see them entertaining along the parade route. Salvation Army music ministries provide participants with a lifetime of fulfillment through musical excellence with spiritual purpose.

**Spartan "Legion" Marching Band** – Norfolk, Virginia

The Spartan "Legion" Marching Band's uniforms are reminiscent of the legendary 300 Spartan Warriors, including a protective guard auxiliary unit and shiny gold helmets, and the drum major helmets are replicas from the original Spartan Warrior design. The band's recognizable music selections will sound mighty and balanced, boasting a huge brass sound and driving percussion that utilizes three marching styles: the glide step, the 45-degree leg lift and the 90-degree leg lift.

**Taipei First Girls High School Marching Band, Honor Guard and Color Guard** – Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

Established in 1959, the Taipei First Girls High School Marching Band includes 45 Honor Guards, 10 Color Guards and 15 assistant teachers. To remain in the band, all members must maintain high academic grades resulting in a 98% admission rate to four-year colleges. The late Band Director was Master H.F. Bee, who directed the band for almost 50 years, led the band to the Rose Parade in 1996 and 2005. Under new leadership, the marching band continues to compete nationally in Taiwan and continue to win top honors.

**Triuggio Marching Band** – Triuggio, Monza and Brianza, Italy

Founded in 2004, the Triuggio Marching Band was one of the first marching bands in Italy. The goal of the group is to continually improve both musically and as people. They believe in the education of their members by staying connected and inviting instructors from Great Britain and the Netherlands. The band is composed of 60 people, teenagers and young adults who are deeply motivated by the spirit of fellowship, friendship and performing together. Their repertoire includes pop songs, rock songs, movie soundtracks and classical pieces.

**United States Marine Corps West Coast Composite** – Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and Camp Pendleton, California

The United States Marine Corps West Coast Composite Band is a combined military band comprised of U.S. Marines from the 1st Marine Division Band, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band and Marine Band San Diego. Donning the dress blue uniform, these marine musicians are fully combat trained, and many have completed military tours overseas. Although these bands perform individually over 300 times a year, the Rose Parade is the only event that brings these elite musicians together at the same time.

**Vista Ridge High School Ranger Marching Band** – Cedar Park, Texas

Vista Ridge was the Bands of America finalist, selected from the Grand Nationals competition to perform in the 2023 Rose Parade. They are an award-winning marching band comprised of All-Region band students, All-State band and orchestra students, and First Division soloists. These students are also Ridge Scholars, top of their class, National Merit finalists, State Science Fair award winners and National Honors Society students. Vista Ridge High School Ranger Band members continue to flourish individually as well as a unit, having continually competed successfully in state and local competitions.

**Wisconsin Northwoods Marching Band** – Minocqua, Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Northwoods Marching Band is a composite band of eleven high schools across north central Wisconsin. This first-of-a-kind composite band was the idea of 2023 Pasadena Tournament of Roses President Amy Wainscott. She contacted her alma mater, Northland Pines High School in Eagle River, with an idea for a marching band to represent the small towns she calls home. Schools marching in the Rose Parade include Lakeland High School, Northland Pines High School, Rhinelander High School, Three Lakes High School, Medford High School, Merrill High School, Antigo High School, Wausau West High School, Wausau East High School, DC Everest High School and Mosinee High School.