2025 Marching Bands

605 All Star Band–Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Lakewood, Norwalk, CA
The high school bands of Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District will join with those of ABC Unified to represent the schools residing along the 605 Freeway at the 2025 Rose Parade. After the pandemic downsized each of these music programs, the group realized the power in numbers and came together to build a unique composite band that had never been done before in California. The 605 All-Star Band consists of 407 students, 360 in the marching band and 47 in the color guard. It will be one of the largest bands to ever march in the Rose Parade with students from Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Gahr, John Glenn, La Mirada, Mayfair and Norwalk high schools. The ensemble – now known as the 605 All Star Band – was the concept of Mayfair High School's band director, Tom Philips, before he retires in 2025. Rehearsals are primarily done separately, including both musical practice and physical conditioning. All schools did come together to record their audition for the 136th Rose Parade.

All Star Marching Band Mexico–Puebla, Mexico
All-Star Marching Band de México es una banda única en México ya que nace desde un principio como la banda más grande y la de mayor nivel en todo el país. Es un grupo comprometido con juntar todo el talento que existe en México y desarrollarlo al máximo nivel. Esta marching band es creada con la finalidad de reunir todo el talento que egresa de las bandas de todas las High School's, debido a que en México los programas universitarios de marching band son escasos y están en etapas tempranas, sin embargo el nivel musical de nuestras bandas en México es alto, por lo tanto la All Star Marching Band de MÉxico, reúne a los mejores músicos de las marching band's mexicanas.

All-Star Marching Band from Mexico is the largest and highest ranked band in the entire country of Mexico. The band and its members are committed to bringing together the various talents across the country and developing a cohesive sound to the band. Because in Mexico the university marching band programs are so few and are between with undeveloped music programs, the All-Star Marching Band from Mexico utilizes high school graduates and their talent to bring together the best musicians of the Mexican marching bands.

Banda de Música Herberto López Colegio José Daniel Crespo–Chitré, Herrera, Panama
La Banda de Música Herberto López Colegio José Daniel Crespo pertenece a un colegio secundario, la conforman jóvenes entre 12 y 19 años. 10 percente de los estudiantes del colegio pertenecen al programa de banda de música. Es la banda escolar más numerosa de todo el país y se encuentra en la provincia más pequeña de la República de Panamá. De los integrantes actuales solo el 2 percente participó en alguna de las versiones anteriores del Rose Parade que hemos estado, eso incluyendo al director de la banda. 94 percente de los estudiantes actuales nunca han visitado Estados Unidos. La banda es conocida por adaptar música panameña en arreglos para banda de marcha y homenajeado musicalmente a todas las regiones de nuestro país.

Banda de Música Herberto López Colegio José Daniel Crespo, comprised of dedicated students aged 12 to 19, represents an impressive 10 percent of the school's enrollment, marking it as the largest school band across Panama. Notably stationed in the nation's smallest province, this ensemble stands as a beacon of musical excellence and cultural pride. Despite 94 percent of its members never having set foot in the United States, the band excels in creatively adapting Panamanian music for the marching band format, paying homage to every corner of their beloved country. Their performances are not just musical acts, but a powerful expression of national heritage and unity for the country of Panama.

Banda de Música Herberto López Colegio José Daniel Crespo is the nation’s largest school band and comes from the smallest province in Panama. Band members range in age from 12-19 years and make up 10 percent of the school’s student body. They honor all regions of the country by adapting Panamanian music into their marching band musical arrangements. Banda de Música Herberto López Colegio José Daniel Crespo has marched in the Rose Parade twice; however, only 2 percent of the current members, including the band director, participated. Another interesting stat, nearly 100 percent of the band will be visiting the United States for the first time.

Fresno State Bulldog Marching Band–Fresno, California
The Bulldog Marching Band is a performance and entertainment ensemble vital to Fresno State, Fresno State Athletics and the Central Valley of California. The band represents the state of California as the largest and winningest college marching band of its kind, having been recognized by the College Band Directors National Association as one of the country’s top eight college marching bands. The Bulldog Marching Band comprises members from every major on campus at Fresno State. The band started in 1926 and grew to more than 200 members in the mid-80s, now at its largest membership with more than 250 members. The Bulldog Marching Band is always on a new adventure, whether performing in the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland or ringing in the new year at the Rose Parade for the second time.

Helsingør Pigegarde (Elsinore Girls Marching Band)–Hornbaek, Denmar**k**
Hailing from the Scandinavian country of Denmark, the Helsingør Pigegarde (Elsinore Girls Marching Band) has been merging traditional military music with modern melodies since 1957. Traveling globally, they perform at 60 to 80 events annually, under the guidance of only three leaders in nearly 65 years. After Major Hansen's impactful 19-year tenure, the baton was passed to Herdis and Karl Koudahl, who shaped the band's direction until 2000. Leadership then transitioned seamlessly to Sanne Koudahl Bergsaker, the daughter of Herdis and Karl, ensuring the legacy continued. In Denmark, the concept of "*hygge*" (hyoo·guh)—denoting a warm, communal togetherness and a cherished sense of comfort and belonging—is a cornerstone of cultural identity. It's this spirit of "*hygge*" that the Elsinore Girls Marching Band embodies and brings to life in their performances.

Homestead High School Mighty Mustang Marching Band and Colorguard–Cupertino, California
Founded in 1963, Homestead High School's award-winning Mighty Mustang Marching Band and Color Guard travel all over California to perform in marching band competitions and festivals, including the 2025 Rose Parade. Throughout its history, the band has established itself as an innovative and entertaining performance group, developing its shows and style with

a modern drum corps approach. Often playing with contemporary and popular themes mixed with eclectic varieties of music, the marching band demonstrates an incredibly unique thematic style. Band members learn and perform a new show each year with new music, fresh choreography, vibrant costumes and unique props. Unlike many other distinguished high school bands e, the 200-person marching band program at Homestead High School is open to all music students without requiring auditions. Though not in the marching band, Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, the founders of Apple, graduated from Homestead High in the 70's.

Kyoto Tachibana High School Green Band–Kyoto, Japan
Fondly nicknamed "Orange Devils" (オレンジの悪魔), Kyoto Tachibana High School Concert Band (京都橘高等高校 吹奏楽部) was founded by professor Hisashi Hiramatsu in 1961 and has 16 members. With the intent of improving the girls' health, it soon evolved into one of the oldest female marching bands in Japan. The band has been invited to participate in several wide-scale entertainment projects, including playing the background band for the promotional song of the 100th Summer Kōshien (Japanese High School Baseball Championship) in 2018. They collaborated with J-Pop singer Kalen Anzai in her music video in 2019, and they played on the soundtrack of the anime movie "Belle" in 2021. The music the band plays is almost entirely Western, from gospel and big band era classics to evergreen pop songs and recent chart hits with heavy dose of Disney tunes interspersed. The band motto is "Full of Energy, Smiles and Dreams" or" Genki Ippai, Egao Ippai, Yume Ippai" (元気いっぱい！笑顔いっぱい！夢いっぱい!).

LAUSD All District High School Honor Band–Los Angeles, California
Since established in 1973, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) All-District Honor Band has provided an unparalleled opportunity for musical excellence and community representation for more than 14,000 students in the country's second-largest school district. Most of the music teachers began their careers in LAUSD and participated in the band when they were in high school. The band works with more than 300 students from approximately 75 high schools, composed of brass and percussion musicians, drum majors, shield carriers and tall flags. They've performed for various national events, including NFL Super Bowl championships, MLB World Series games, and with such artists as Ringo Starr and Jon Batiste. The band's uniforms feature the colors of America—red, white and blue—and the distinctive West Point-style military shako. Their performances inspire audiences with uplifting music and energy that will kickstart the new year.

Pasadena City College Herald Trumpets–Pasadena, California
For the 45th consecutive year, the Pasadena City College Herald Trumpets will triumphantly announce the Royal Court in the Rose Parade. This elite unit comprises nine trumpeters and one snare drummer, selected from current PCC trumpeters and more than 70 Southern California high school musicians. The PCC Herald Trumpets date back to their first appearance in the 1930 Rose Parade, and having reformed as a unit in 1981, with Director Kevin Brown instructing the group since 1983. In addition to their yearly appearance in the Rose Parade, the group also participates in other Tournament of Roses' events throughout the year, such as the Royal Court Announcement and the flag raising at Tournament House at the break of dawn on the morning of the Parade.

Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band–Pasadena, California
The Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band has marched in the Rose Parade since 1930 and proudly claims the name “The Official Band of the Tournament of Roses.” Comprising current PCC Lancer Marching Band members and select high school students from throughout Southern California, more than 500 high school music students auditioned for the 225 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. Other accolades include features in commercials for ESPN, a music video with Mariah Carey and a performance on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. The group is dressed in red military-style jackets with the iconic Tournament of Roses logo on the left chest, white pants, white shoes and red shako with white plumes. Parade viewers can expect lively singing and dancing along the way.

Pebble Hills High School Spartan Marching Band–El Paso, Texas
Marching in uniforms of all black with silver and teal accents, the sleek and commanding presence of the Spartan Marching Band proudly represents Pebble Hills High School from El Paso, Texas. The band’s motto is, “Excellence is an art by training and habituation. This is reflected as in only the 8th year of the band’s existence; this is the first time any group from the area has been part of the Rose Parade. Composed of nearly 300 students, the band has a repertoire of accolades under its belt as most recently the marching band advanced to the UIL 6A Texas State Marching Contest, the flute choir was invited to perform at the National Flute Association conference and the group performed at the Music For All National Festival in March 2024.

Rancho Verde Crimson Regiment–Moreno Valley, California
The Rancho Verde band believes that no matter the adversities, every student can succeed if given the opportunity and resources. Most of the students of Rancho Verde High School are 1st generation high school graduates and will be 1st generation college students. Rancho Verde High School is a low-income Title I school, but the students and their families are hardworking, family oriented and driven. The band is one the largest competitive field bands in Riverside County, located adjacent to March Air Force Reserve Base and Lake Perris, future home for the 2028 Olympics. Many students go on to serve in the armed forces as the band has strong ties to the military due to its close proximity to a military base, with 25 percent of students having a parent or sibling in the military. The band members have a collective diversity with 8 different languages spoken at home. In the last two decades, the group has seen tremendous growth with a small but mighty 45-person band in 2003 to more than 275 students today. The trophies fill the band room, but the lessons taught in the process last a lifetime.

Salesians of Don Bosco Southern California High School Band–Rosemead, Bellflower, Boyle Heights/Los Angeles, CA
Salesians of Don Bosco Southern California High School Band is ready to celebrate the “Best Day Ever” with a triumphant composite band featuring private school marching bands hailing locally from Los Angeles, California. President Ed Morales is proud to have attended one of the three high schools represented in this composite band: Don Bosco Technical Institute.

Seminole High School Warhawk Marching Band–Seminole, Florida

The Seminole High School Warhawk Marching Band comes from a characteristically “tight” community. The city of Seminole, with its 19,000 residents, is regarded as a small city with an active spirit nestled in the big and busy Tampa Bay area. While some students in Seminole choose hobbies and past-times that bring them closer to the beach or fishing, the band kids affirm their passion for performing, as well as each other, by choosing the marching band. In 2017, after the devastating rampage of Hurricane Irma, the Warhawk Marching Band coordinated a city-wide “block party” that included more than 500 residents, community stakeholders and vendors to feed the lineman who had come to Florida from all over the southeast region of the nation, and who were working around the clock to restore power to homes. With over half of the city going on their 5th day without electricity, the band was able to bring the entire town together to honor these silent heroes. With the marching band playing music at the center of it all, the solidarity and gratitude of this celebration became a lasting symbol of hope as we recovered from disaster. The Seminole High School Warhawk Marching Band marches proudly representing the strength of their hometown community in the 2025 Rose Parade.

The Jackson State University "Sonic Boom of the South"–Jackson, Mississippi
Right off the heels of the 2024 NFL Super Bowl LVIII halftime show with Usher and Alicia Keys, the Jackson State marching band, “Sonic Boom of the South” is loud and proud to march in the 136th Rose Parade donning their signature blue and white uniforms. The marching band began in the 1940s consisting of students from both Jackson State College and Lanier High School under the direction of Mr. Kermit Holly, Sr. Known for intricate, precision marching and the big band sound, the “Sonic Boom” is referred to as “Hollywood’s Band of Choice,” having performed many halftime appearances for the NFL/NBA including the Atlanta Falcons, Detroit Lions, New Orleans Saints, Cincinnati Bengals and the NBA All-Star game in 1991. The group was featured in a television special for Motown's 30th Anniversary and the 34th NAACP Image Awards, with a guest performance by “Cedric the Entertainer.” The Jackson State University Program is world renowned, steeped in lustrous history and rich traditions, and what better place to steep rich traditions on January 1 than America’s New Year’s Day tradition of the Rose Parade.

The Lincoln-Way Marching Band–Frankfort, Illinois
The history of the Lincoln-Way Bands dates to the 1950s with one high school in a small rural bedroom community in the south suburbs of Chicago. Through the years one high school turned into two in 2002 and then two into four in 2008. Through the years the Lincoln-Way Marching Band became the center of the community as students at the different schools were forced to be placed at varied schools under the direction of the school district’s ruling. The Lincoln-Way Marching Band is a district marching band composed of the students from three Lincoln-Way High Schools across 105 square miles in the Lincoln-Way Community High School District 210 located in the south suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. The students attend Lincoln-Way Central, Lincoln-Way East and Lincoln-Way West High School and are from the communities of New Lenox, Manhattan, Mokena, Frankfort Square, Frankfort and Tinley Park Illinois. As an homage to the band’s past, a logo was created showing four pillars using the “L.W.” and the four school colors: red, blue, gold and orange. This band represents the willingness of students to be brave and build a community to find hope in the face of extreme change.

The New England Honors Marching Band–Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine

The New England Honors Marching Band is a composite band comprising the best college and high school musicians from New England. The band is a 200-piece ensemble with winds, percussion, and a flag and dance team. Representing 15 colleges from across New England, the group's first time being together occurs less than a week before the 2025 Rose Parade. The band will don uniforms handcrafted to resemble that of the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, similar to those used by military musicians of the Continental Army during the American Revolution. The Continental Army was the army of the United Colonies representing the Thirteen Colonies which included the New England Colonies consisting of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Alongside Maine and Vermont, these states are represented in this comprised honors band brought together just for the 2025 Rose Parade.

The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band–Ranchos Palos Verdes, California
The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band is celebrating its 103rd march down Colorado Boulevard in the Rose Parade. The group will again have a "band within a band," including a special guest Salvation Army Band ensemble from Bromley, a large town in Greater London, England. The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band consists of Salvation Army musicians from across the United States, meeting for the first time during the week of the Rose Parade. 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.

The University of Wyoming "Western Thunder" Marching Band–Laramie, Wyoming
The University of Wyoming "Western Thunder" Marching Band is the only college band in the state. The band is made up of students from nearly every academic major on campus and represents 13 different states. A unique attribute to the group's band uniform is their custom modified Resistol cowboy hats with the branded initials of Western Thunder Marching Band representing the cowboy and cowgirl culture in the state. After some recent years of director turnover and membership struggle, the band hired Joe Carver in 2019, its 4th director in 5 years. Entering the 5th season under the program's longest leadership direction in a while, the students, faculty, staff and community of the University of Wyoming are thrilled to show the world about the pride of the State of Wyoming. The University of Wyoming is the cultural center for music education and provides many in-reach and outreach opportunities to remain active in the community and the state.

The Woodlands High School Marching Band–The Woodlands, Texas
The Woodlands High School Marching Band performs for 35,000-50,000 live audience members annually and countless more online. The marching band's ensemble includes more than 300 students, marking it as one of the largest bands in the 2025 Rose Parade. The band is a consistent Bands of America Regional and Super Regional Finalist and won Grand Nationals in 2013. The marching band has also earned seven straight appearances in the Texas UIL State Marching Contest.

United States Marine Corps West Coast Composite Band–San Diego and Camp Pendleton, California
The United States Marine Corps West Coast Composite Band is a combined military band composed 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. To become a musician in the Marine Corps, recruits go through an extensive audition process and additional schooling. Although these bands perform individually more than 300 times a year, the Rose Parade is the only event that brings these elite musicians together at the same time. The drum major for the United States Marine Corps West Coast Composite Band is Gunnery Sergeant Geoffrey A. Parks.

111th Rose Bowl Game Band A
Representing their school down the parade route playing loud and proud, this university marching band will also showcase their school colors and talent during the pregame and halftime show for the 111th Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential.

111th Rose Bowl Game Band B
All roads have led this university marching band to this moment. They find themselves among the crowds, ready to play along the 5 1/2-mile parade route and inside the iconic Rose Bowl Stadium. It will be a day to remember as the band plays during the pregame and halftime show for the 111th Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential.