2027 Marching Bands

Aguiluchos Marching Band, Puebla, Mexico
Founded in 1960, the Aguiluchos Marching Band of Puebla, Mexico is one of the country's most historic and influential marching ensembles and a pioneer of Mexico's marching band tradition. Based at the Centro Escolar Niños Héroes de Chapultepec—one of the largest public schools in Mexico—the band proudly represents its school, state and nation on international stages. A multi-time national marching competition champion and current titleholder in Puebla, the Aguiluchos are known for musical excellence, leadership development and commitment to tradition. Their performances blend traditional Mexican music with contemporary marching techniques, celebrating cultural heritage while inspiring new generations of student leaders. The 220-member ensemble has performed across Europe, Asia and the United States, earning top honors in Italy and representing Mexico at the China International Wind Music Festival. Distinctive uniforms inspired by Mexico's heroic military academy and traditional charro attire reflect both discipline and national pride. With previous appearances in the Rose Parade in 2004, 2013 and 2020, the Aguiluchos return to share Mexico's rich musical culture with audiences worldwide.

Asahi University and Gifusho Green Band, Kyoto, Japan
The Japan Green Band is a special honor ensemble primarily comprised of students from Asahi University and Gifu Shogyo High School, joined by select musicians from schools across Japan who have previously participated in the Rose Parade. Formed specifically for this appearance, the band brings together experienced Rose Parade performers, who previously participated in the 2017 and 2023 Rose Parades, to represent the precision, discipline and musical excellence of Japanese marching bands. As the final Japan Green Band to apply for the Rose Parade, the ensemble celebrates more than two decades of Green Band tradition since its first appearance in 2008, uniting seasoned alumni to deliver a meaningful and climactic performance for parade audiences. In keeping with the Green Band's mission, the group participates in charity concerts in both Japan and the United States, with proceeds benefiting disaster-relief and humanitarian efforts. Participation costs are largely family-funded, with additional support raised through crowdfunding initiatives to assist with travel, instrument transportation and meals during the band's stay in the United States.

Banda CEDES Don Bosco, Alajuelita, San Jose, Costa Rica
Founded more than 60 years ago, Banda CEDES Don Bosco is one of Costa Rica's most iconic and impactful youth music programs, serving more than 250 young musicians each year. The ensemble serves as a home and transformative platform for students from vulnerable and at-risk communities, using music as a tool for education, social integration and personal growth. In addition to its renowned marching band, the program includes four concert bands, jazz ensembles and specialized groups, offering comprehensive training across musical styles and genres. Under the direction of Luis Solano, the 275-member organization has earned top placements at national championships and international competitions, including the Costa Rica Performing Arts Championships and Latin American Drum Corps events. The band performs

regularly at major parades, cultural festivals and national celebrations, combining symphonic power with parade precision and dynamic choreography. Rooted in Salesian values of service and character formation, Banda CEDES Don Bosco proudly represents Costa Rica with discipline, passion and an unwavering mission to inspire the next generation through the life-changing power of music.

Blue Springs High School Marching Band, Blue Springs, Missouri
Known for innovation, artistry and exceptional entertainment value, the Blue Springs High School Marching Band has earned a national reputation for producing imaginative, high-impact performances that blend music, movement and storytelling. Often called the "Disney Band" of Bands of America, Blue Springs is recognized for uplifting productions that make the impossible possible. On the street, the band incorporates moving turns and instrument choreography, while performers and color guard members wear costumes designed to reflect each show's theme rather than a traditional uniform. The 230-member ensemble features accomplished dancers and musicians performing custom musical arrangements that span orchestral, jazz, funk and rock styles. Blue Springs is the only band from Missouri to earn both Bands of America Grand National Finalist honors and a Class 3A National Championship, and the only Missouri recipient of the Sousa Foundation's Sudler Shield. A 32-time BOA Super Regional Finalist, the band also emphasizes character and leadership through its motto, "A Culture of Unstoppable Commitment," reinforced by daily culture-building sessions during summer camp.

Carmel High School Marching Band, Carmel, Indiana
The Carmel High School Marching Band is one of the most highly decorated and respected marching band programs in the United States. They are known for blending symphonic musical excellence with an exceptionally athletic and visually dynamic performance style. A six-time Bands of America Grand National Champion, the Marching Greyhounds have achieved sustained national success. This success remains unmatched among U.S. high school programs. The band is also a two-time recipient of the John Philip Sousa Foundation's Sudler Shield and maintains one of the longest active streaks of BOA Grand National Final appearances. Carmel's award-winning color guard and concert ensembles further reflect the program's depth and versatility. The band has performed at major national and international events, including the Rose Parade and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, as well as on stages across Europe. The Carmel High School Marching Band continues to set the standard for musical artistry, precision and excellence.

Falcon Marching Band, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio
The Falcon Marching Band is the largest student organization at Bowling Green State University and one of the nation's premier collegiate marching ensembles. With a 102-year history of music-making, the band draws students from every academic college across campus, with approximately 80 percent representing majors outside of music. This broad representation reflects a culture of inclusivity, excellence and school pride that is integral to the fabric of the university. Known for its high-energy performances and rich symphonic sound, the 450-member ensemble performs in major collegiate football venues, national and international parades and professional stadiums across the country. U.S. News & World Report has recognized the Falcon Marching Band as one of the top standout collegiate marching bands in the nation. The band recently celebrated its 100th anniversary by welcoming more than 700

alumni back to campus. Deeply rooted in service and leadership, the ensemble supports local organizations, hospitals and community initiatives while proudly representing Bowling Green State University on the national stage.

LAUSD All District High School Honor Band, Los Angeles, California
The LAUSD All-District High School Honor Band has been a proud part of the Rose Parade since 1973, becoming a celebrated New Year's Day tradition for generations of Los Angeles students. Created to provide musicians from the nation's second-largest school district with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, the band represents the highest level of musical achievement within the Los Angeles Unified School District. Since its inception, the program has served more than 14,000 students, many of whom return as educators and mentors. Comprised of outstanding brass and percussion musicians, drum majors, shield carriers and tall flags, the 365-member ensemble delivers high-energy performances marked by precision, pride and pageantry. Beyond the Rose Parade, the band has appeared at NFL Super Bowls, Major League Baseball World Series and alongside legendary artists including Etta James, Lou Rawls, Ringo Starr and Jon Batiste. With uniforms reflecting the red, white and blue of America, the LAUSD Honor Band continues to uplift audiences and set a powerful, celebratory tone for the year ahead.

Pasadena City College Herald Trumpets, Pasadena, California
For the 47th consecutive year, the Pasadena City College Herald Trumpets will proudly announce the Rose Court at the Rose Parade, continuing a tradition that dates back nearly a century. The Herald Trumpets first appeared in the Rose Parade in 1930 and were reformed as a dedicated unit in 1981. Since 1983, the ensemble has been led by Director Kevin Brown, whose steady leadership has preserved its precision and pageantry. This elite ceremonial unit consists of nine trumpeters and one snare drummer, selected from Pasadena City College and more than 70 Southern California high school musicians. Beyond their annual Rose Parade appearance, the Herald Trumpets perform at numerous Tournament of Roses events throughout the year, including the Rose Court Announcement and the dawn flag raising at Tournament House on Parade morning. With brilliant fanfares and exacting musical standards, the PCC Herald Trumpets mark moments of honor and celebration, providing a distinctive and time-honored soundtrack to New Year's Day in Pasadena.

Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band, Pasadena, California
The Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band, known as "The Official Band of the Tournament of Roses," has marched in every Rose Parade since 1930, making 2027 its 97th consecutive appearance. Comprised of members of the PCC Lancer Marching Band and select auditioned high school students from throughout Southern California, the ensemble is highly competitive, with more than 400 students vying annually for approximately 185 coveted positions. Under the direction of Dr. Peter Huerta, the band performs a dynamic repertoire that has included its signature theme, "Everything's Coming Up Roses," classic Sousa marches and patriotic favorites. Beyond the Rose Parade, the PCC Lancer Band appears at the Rose Court Announcement, the Pasadena Latino Heritage Parade, the Pasadena Black History Parade and Veterans Day ceremonies. The band has also been featured in ESPN commercials, a music video with Mariah Carey and on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." Dressed in red military-style jackets with white pants and red shakos topped with white plumes, the Honor Band delights audiences with spirited singing and choreography along the parade route.

Pasadena Unified School District All Star Band, Pasadena, California
Formed in 2021, the Pasadena Unified School District All Star Band represents the City of Pasadena in its hometown Rose Parade while strengthening and uniting music programs across all four PUSD high schools. Featuring top student musicians selected for their musical excellence and showmanship, the ensemble delivers an energetic performance blending fanfare, jazz, and popular music with dynamic movement and visual flair. Since its Rose Parade debut in 2022, the All-Star Band has played a vital role in elevating student musicianship districtwide. Pasadena High School has earned championships in the SCSBOA marching circuit, along with recognition in drumline, color guard and winter competitions. John Muir High School consistently earns high ratings at SCSBOA festivals, while Blair High School has received gold ratings at Forum Festivals and national recognition as a Grammy Signature School for its innovative integration of performance and digital music. Following the Eaton Fire, band members dedicated weeks to relief efforts supporting displaced families in their community.

Pride Bands Alliance, Washington, D.C.
Pride Bands Alliance is a global collective of LGBTQ+ community concert and marching bands that unite musicians from across the United States, Canada, Australia and England. Founded in 1982 as the Lesbian and Gay Band Association, the organization has grown into a powerful network representing nearly forty member ensembles dedicated to music, visibility, pride, and community. Drawing musicians from diverse backgrounds and locations, Pride Bands Alliance creates inclusive, high-energy performances that celebrate individuality while showcasing collective strength. Their bands have appeared at major cultural and civic events, including the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, New Orleans Southern Decadence, New York City's Halloween Parade, the Gay Games, and international music competitions. Through commissioning new works, hosting annual conferences, and honoring excellence through its Pillars of Pride Awards, Pride Bands Alliance continues to elevate artistic expression while fostering unity and belonging. Guided by its motto, "We Are Who We Are," the organization uses music as a universal language to inspire connection, resilience and pride—making its presence a meaningful addition to the Rose Parade.

Rosemount High School Marching Band, Rosemount, Minnesota
The Rosemount High School Marching Band is the largest competitive marching band in the State of Minnesota, representing a proud tradition of excellence as Rosemount High School enters its second century. Supported by Independent School District 196 and a deeply invested community, the program continues to thrive through modern facilities, innovative programming and a steadfast commitment to student achievement. Rooted in the community's Irish heritage—reflected in Rosemount's name, traditions and values—the band emphasizes what it calls the "Irish Way," highlighting community, empathy, integrity, respect and perseverance. The marching band is part of a comprehensive instrumental music curriculum serving nearly 500 students across six concert bands, three jazz ensembles, percussion, winter guard, winter drumline and composition studies. A 17-time Minnesota State Marching Band Champion, Rosemount has also earned recognition at Bands of America regionals and super regionals. A seasoned Rose Parade participant, the band previously appeared in the 2014 and 2023 Rose Parade and Bandfest and has performed in nationally recognized events including the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Santa Clara Vanguard Drum & Bugle Corps, Santa Clara, California
Founded in 1967 in Santa Clara, California, the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum & Bugle Corps is one of the most celebrated ensembles in the world of drum corps. Operating under Vanguard Music and Performing Arts, the corps is renowned for artistic excellence, innovation and the development of young performers, building a legacy of distinction within the Drum Corps International community. Santa Clara Vanguard holds the unique distinction of being the only organization to reach the finals of every Drum Corps International World Championship since the competition's inception in 1972. The corps has earned seven DCI World Championship titles and received the prestigious Fred Sanford Award for Best Percussion 15 times, including multiple honors in recent years. Vanguard was also the first organization in DCI history to field both World Class and Open Class corps at the World Championship level simultaneously. A past Rose Parade participant in 2004 and 2017, Santa Clara Vanguard will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2027, marking six decades of musical excellence, education and community impact nationwide.

The Clovis High School Golden Cougar Marching Band and Color Guard, Clovis, California
Known as "The Original," The Clovis High School Golden Cougar Marching Band and Color Guard is the flagship music program of Clovis Unified School District, with a proud tradition of excellence that includes an appearance in the 1986 Rose Parade. As the district's pioneering high school ensemble, Clovis High has long set the standard for music education, balancing deep-rooted tradition with forward-thinking innovation. Guided by a philosophy of love, service and leadership, the Golden Cougar program extends beyond performance to cultivate character, mentorship and personal growth. Students are empowered as leaders and role models, with multiple pathways for participation that include competitive field shows, Friday night football games and year-round community parades. The ensemble is the only band in Clovis Unified to perform in every local parade, including the Red Ribbon, Homecoming, Children's Electric and Clovis Rodeo Parades. Recent achievements include multiple Western Band Association regional championships and consistent top three finishes at state class championships, reflecting a program defined by pride, unity and excellence.

The Majestic Marching Cardinals of Jonesboro High School, Jonesboro, Georgia
The Majestic Marching Cardinals of Jonesboro High School are a high-stepping, electrifying ensemble known for commanding performances that captivate audiences in parades, halftime showcases and field productions. Under the direction of Lynel Goodwin since 2016, the program has grown from just 15 students to more than 150 performers, becoming a cultural cornerstone of its community. Celebrated for precision, power and showmanship, the Cardinals have gained widespread recognition through viral performances and praise from artists and public figures including Estelle, Victoria Monét, Silkk and Desi Banks. The band has performed on major stages such as the New Orleans Saints Halftime Show, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the White House Easter Egg Roll and the London New Year's Day Parade and was named ESPN Band of the Year in 2024. As a Title I school where many students face economic challenges, the Majestic Marching Cardinals exemplify excellence through opportunity, discipline and vision, remaining deeply committed to service through annual toy drives and community partnerships supporting families in need.

The Marching Southerners, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama
Established in 1956, the Jacksonville State University Marching Southerners are one of the most iconic and nationally recognized collegiate marching bands in the United States. Representing Jacksonville State University in northeast Alabama, the Southerners are celebrated for their precision, power, and pageantry, along with a steadfast commitment to excellence, tradition and innovation. A signature hallmark of the band is the world-famous Marching Ballerinas, a precision dance line inspired by the Radio City Rockettes, as well as the distinctive sound of antique Conn 20-J tubas that create a unique musical presence. With membership exceeding 500 students, the program serves as a premier teaching and leadership laboratory for future music educators while fostering discipline, artistry and school pride. Nearly 40 percent of members major in music, and approximately 70 percent of the JSU student body participates in the program each year. The Marching Southerners have performed on prestigious international stages, including the 80th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, the World Peace Parade in Rome, and the London New Year's Day Parade, proudly representing JSU through performance, education and community outreach.

The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band, Carson, California
The Salvation Army Tournament of Roses Band is the longest-serving band in the Rose Parade, having marched continuously since 1920. This marks the organization's 107th consecutive appearance, a remarkable New Year's Day tradition spanning more than a century. Comprising Salvation Army musicians from across the United States, the 223-member ensemble unites performers of all ages who meet for the first time during Rose Parade week to form a cohesive and inspiring musical force. Each musician actively serves in a local Salvation Army worship center, providing music for services and community events throughout the year. Members often span multiple generations within the same family, embodying a legacy of faith and fellowship. Non-playing participants, including timbrel players and flag bearers, add vibrant visual tradition to the band's distinctive red jackets and black headwear. Representing an international movement active in more than 130 countries, the Salvation Army Rose Parade Band stands as a living symbol of service, unity and hope for audiences around the world.

Timber Creek High School Falcon Band, Fort Worth, Texas
The Timber Creek High School Falcon Band is one of the largest and most dynamic student organizations on campus, representing a rapidly growing program known for its competitive excellence and strong student-driven culture. A consistent Bands of America regional finalist, the Falcon Band earned its first-ever Super Regional finals placement with a seventh-place finish at the BOA St. Louis Super Regional. In recent seasons, the program has recorded its strongest results across marching band, concert band, percussion, and color guard, advancing to the UIL State Marching Contest and earning national recognition through Music for All National Festival invitations. The Timber Creek color guard—one of the largest in the DFW Metroplex—has also achieved finalist placements at NTCA and WGI competitions. On the field, the band presents a polished visual identity with uniforms featuring primarily grey designs accented by black, white, and gold elements that complement the ensemble's modern performance style. With more than 250 students currently enrolled and continued projected growth, the Falcon Band remains committed to excellence, inclusivity, and community pride.

United States Marine Corps West Coast Composite Band, San Diego, California
A symbol of musical excellence and Marine esprit de corps, the United States Marine Corps West Coast Composite Band unites musicians from the 1st Marine Division Band, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band and Marine Band San Diego. Each of these units performs more than 300 engagements annually, serving as musical ambassadors for the Marine Corps at military ceremonies, public concerts and parades across the nation. The Rose Parade is the only occasion that brings these distinguished West Coast Marine musicians together as a single ensemble. Clad in the iconic Marine Corps Dress Blue uniform, these 83 Marines are fully combat trained, with many having completed overseas tours of duty. Earning a place in a Marine Corps band requires a highly competitive audition process, followed by rigorous military and musical training. With more than 20 consecutive Rose Parade appearances, the West Coast Composite Band exemplifies precision, discipline and honor. Led by Gunnery Sergeant Wesley Hayes as drum major, the ensemble proudly represents the professionalism and tradition of the United States Marine Corps.

CFP Quarterfinal at the 113th Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential—Participating University Marching Band
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 today's CFP Quarterfinal at the Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential.

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All roads have led this university marching band to this moment. They find themselves among the crowd, ready to play along the 5 1/2-mile Parade route and inside the iconic Rose Bowl Stadium for the CFP Quarterfinal at the Rose Bowl Game presented by Prudential. It will truly be a day to remember.