



Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival





Welcome!

We are very excited to have you join us for the Annual Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival! This is a bands only parade so there will be no floats or anyone handing out candy. The participating bands will be playing at three different locations throughout the parade route. The last play zone they will be getting judged!

Our first band will be stepping off at 11:00am, following the parade route down Lincoln Ave. past Trinity Lutheran Church and taking a left turn on to Main street.

The order of the bands are as follows:

1. Owatonna High School
2. Fergus Falls
3. Dover Eyota
4. St. Peter
5. Richfield
6. Winona Cotter
7. Lake City
8. Dassel Cokato
9. Worthington
10. Champlin Park
11. 728 Cadets
12. Waconia

The awards ceremony will follow the conclusion of the parade and will be held in Central Park.

We hope you enjoy your time at the Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival!

Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival Map



May 23, 2023



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Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival

Along with our patrons and sponsors we could not have a successful festival without all of our volunteers! If you see anyone wearing a blue volunteer shirt, we encourage you to say thank you! They do so much for our festival and we really appreciate them.

If you are wondering what volunteering looks like at a marching band festival, here are some things that our volunteers do.

- Band hosts (this one is important!)
- Work at our patron brunch
- Hand out lunches in Central Park to band students
- Help with our banner carriers at the start and the end of the parade route

If you would like to volunteer for our 2024 festival, please go to our website: <http://www.owatonnabandfestival.com/>

Owatonna High School Marching Band

The Owatonna High School Marching Band is a co-curricular offering in the summer. This year's 100 piece ensemble is comprised of junior high and high school band members. The band marches in several regional parades in the month of June, and has performed at Walt Disney World, Disneyland, the National Independence Day Parade, and 4th of July Celebrations in Bristol, Rhode Island, and Boston, Massachusetts. They have numerous championships in their respective class every summer they compete in Minnesota. Last year, the band performed for the 50th Anniversary of Walt Disney World at Magic Kingdom. The band's 2023 show is entitled Level UP, a creative interpretation of the classic and modern video game.

Director: Peter Guenther

Assistant Director: Ethan Wightkin

Colorguard Instructors: Madelyn Ruemping, Jodie DeKam, Gary Swanson

Colorguard Design: Gary Swanson, Madelyn Ruemping

Drumline Instructor: Lee Sackett

Brass Instructor: Ethan Wightkin, Peter Guenther

Woodwind Instructor: Holly Guenther

Visual Instruction: Ethan Wightkin

Visual Design: Joel Matuzak

Music Arrangement: Joel Matuzak

Percussion Arrangement: Joel Matuzak

Drum Majors: Riley Kalbach Liam Melgaard

Repertoire: "Pinball Wizard" by Pete Townshend

"The Angry Birds Theme" by Ari Pulkkinen

"Naruto" by Yasuharu Takanashi

"Super Mario Brothers" by Koji Kondo

"Sogno di Volare" by Christopher Tin

Number of Members: 102





Fergus Falls

The Fergus Falls High School Marching Band has performed twice for President Barack Obama in his 2009 and 2013 Inaugural Parades. The band has performed in the National Independence Day Parade in Philadelphia, PA and was prepared to marching in the 2020 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C. The band has marched in four International Lions Parade (Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis and Seattle).

In 2023, the band will be starting their season at Summerfest in their hometown of Fergus Falls. Following that the band will perform at Pioneerland Band Festival (Benson), Montevideo Fiesta, Owatonna H Wenger Marching Band Festival, Hutchinson Water Carnival Parade, and the Vikingland Band Festival (Alexandria). Additionally, the band will be travelling to Chicago this summer to march in the Michigan City, IN Patriotic Parade.

This year the band is performing a show based off of the folk song Shenandoah. The band members, Fergus Falls High School, and the community of Fergus Falls all take pride in the Fergus Falls High School Marching Band. With today's performance the band members hope that you "Share The Pride."

Band Director: Mickaela Pasch and Joshua McGowan

Color Guard Instructor: Ashley Sands

Drumline Instructor: Jeff Sands

Honor Guard Instructor: Justine Hutchins

Drum Majors: Alaina Bailly, Gabe Samuelson

Color Guard Captains: Sara Johnson, Clara Stephan

Drumline Captains: Naomi Dummer, Holly Gutzmer



Dover Eyota

The Dover-Eyota High School a high school of 296 students, grades 9-12 with a band program of state and national recognition. The Dover-Eyota high school band program involves Marching Band, Concert Band, Pep Band and Jazz Ensembles. There is a tradition of excellence in the Dover-Eyota band program, with years of leading the region in soloist and small ensemble contest awards.



Saint Peter

The Saints Marching Band of St. Peter, MN is making their first appearance at the Harry Wenger Marching Band Festival, and are excited to perform for you today. Led by drum majors Grace Tollefson and Eli Stoll, the Saints are performing music from the James Bond movies arranged by Victor Lopez.



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Richfield

The 2023 Richfield High School “Marching Spartans” are pleased to present this year’s competitive show titled “Metrodance”. The show celebrates Richfield High School’s unique connection to the Metro area with the use of synthesized sounds, unique costuming and authentic approach to urban dance movement. The 2023 Marching Spartans are led by Drum Major George Illes. This year’s group will appear in 14 parades, concerts and special appearances throughout Minnesota. Richfield High School is proud to offer a comprehensive band program including 2 Concert Bands, Jazz Band, Percussion Studio and Marching Band. The Marching Band is under the direction of Chad Armbruster and Jeffrey Peterson. Hornline staff includes Pete Dysart and Owen Tucker. Percussion staff includes Ryan Larson and Calvin Millet, Colorguard staff includes Laryssa Euteneuer and Karly Allison. Show Design by Joel Matuzak. The Richfield High School Marching Spartans would like to thank their volunteers, transportation team and school administration for their outstanding support.



Winona Cotter

The Cotter High School Marching Band is a competitive parade unit who has performed across MN for over 40 years. This year's show is titled "The Candy Shop" and depicts the childish joy that all ages can feel when given a sweet piece of candy to enjoy. Including selections from "Pure Imagination", "The Candy Man", and "I Want Candy", this sweet show is sure to make you want to get up and dance! The 2023 staff includes band director Andy Meurer, assistant director Ian Schultz, colorguard choreographer and instructor Jenna Rickoff, drumline instructor Sam Wantock, and visual tech Paige Stanislawski. Drum Majors are Francis Koll and Sophia Carlson.





Lake City

The Lake City Tiger Marching Band is an organization that is dedicated to teaching the marching arts and developing students' life-long skills. These include leadership skills, self-discipline, cooperation, enthusiasm, and esprit-de-core.

The Tiger Marching Band tradition continues into its 53rd year of activity and excellence. This marching band is composed of students in grades 7-12 from Lincoln High School in Lake City, Minnesota.

The Lake City Tiger Marching Band has participated in many regional and National Festivals including: Walt Disney World's Magic Music Days; Universal Studios Stars Music Festival; Traverse City, Michigan National Cherry Festival; Cody, Wyoming Stampede; Cheyenne, Wyoming Frontier Days; and the Minnesota State Fair Celebration.

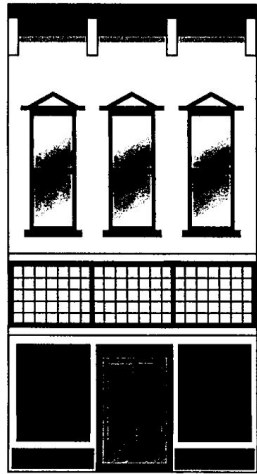
Recent Events & Awards for the Tiger Marching Band include;

- 2022 Montevideo, Minnesota 1st Place Class A, Best Overall Winds, People's Choice Award
- 2022 Waconia, Minnesota 1st Place Class A, Best Winds, Best Color Guard
- 2019 Owatonna Wenger Marching Band Festival: 1st Place Class A, People Choice Award
- 2018 Cody Wyoming Stampede: Grand Champion Marching Band
- 2018 Milaca Gateway to the North Parade: 1st Place Class A
- 2017 Rochester, Minnesota: Grand Champion

The 2023 Tiger Band is led by;

- Director: Eric Stashek
- Assistant Director: Willy Leafblad
- Brass Director: Ari Carlson
- Drum Major: Lucy Weist, Sophia Huber
- Guard Captain: Taeryn Kessler
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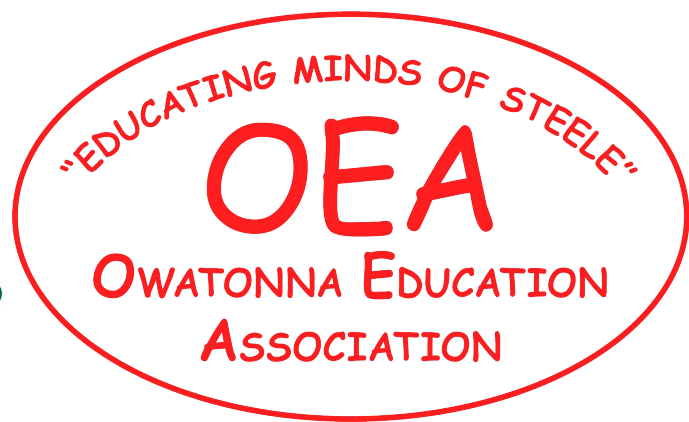




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Dassel Cokato

The Dassel-Cokato Marching Chargers have been competing in the Minnesota parade circuit since Dassel and Cokato combined High Schools in 1972 and is part of a comprehensive music program that includes 2 concert bands, marching band, jazz bands, pit orchestra for musicals, and winter drumline. They have appeared in parades across the United States including: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Florida, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Missouri, Colorado, Nevada, and the Dakotas. In the Minnesota circuit, the National Cherry Festival, and the Parade Of Nations Lions Parade the band has received numerous caption awards for Best Colorguard, Drumline, Drum Major, Winds, and top finishes in competition. The DC Marching Band includes 8th - 12th grade students from the DC community. Many of these students change instruments for the marching season to help balance the band. DC students in the band live by the mantra of Pride, Excellence, & Commitment and they are excited to present this year's show, 'Abracadabra!,' to audiences across the state of Minnesota.



Worthington

The "Spirit of Worthington" Trojan marching band is from Worthington, MN. Composed of roughly 170 members, the band is proud to present its 2023 show "NYC!" This show will take us on a tour of New York City, hitting some of the highlights. The music selections include In the Heights by Lin-Manuel Miranda, an original work composed by Dr. Ward Miller, and Roaring 20's by Panic! At the Disco. The band is lead by (see note) *Commanders Mery Ramos, Quinn Benz, *Soe Nay Htoo, and Hannah McNab and trumpet soloists are Anthony Jimenez and Donaldo Soto Velasquez. This year, the band will be traveling to San Diego, California to perform at the halftime show of the Holiday Bowl! Under the direction of Mike Thompson, Asst. Director Zach Brandt, Percussion Instructor Ashley Hoefker, and Colorguard Instructor Aryana Baccam, please welcome the "Spirit of Worthington" Trojan Marching Band.



Champlin Park

The Champlin Park Marching Rebels consists of 70 dedicated musicians who pride themselves in being highly active in the many summer and fall marching venues. Over the last 31 years the band has performed and competed across the country in parades as well as field competitions in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and California. In 2016, the Marching Rebels made an appearance at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis Tennessee, winning Grand Champion in both the Parade and Field Competitions and just this year participated in the 2022 New Orleans Sugar Bowl parade and halftime performance.

Featuring Somebody to Love by Queen, Love Story by Taylor Swift and I'm a Believer by the Monkees; The Marching Rebels are proud to present their 2023 Summer program, "When I First Saw You".

Staff:

Directors: Steve Johnson & Amanda Mastrian

Music and Visual Staff: Davis Bitterman, Nic Englin, Ethan Goulson, Grant Goulson & Carly Mastrian

Percussion Staff: Tyler Hague & Elias Taylor

Color Guard Staff: Addie Guenther, Bailey Engberg & Emily Erickson, Benny Constant

Musical Arrangements: Steve Johnson & Patrick Lyons

Drill Design: Kara Metzger

The Marching Rebels are led by Drum Majors Mikey Beasley & Amara Kolles.





728 Cadets

The 728 Cadets are made up of students from Elk River, Rogers, Zimmerman and Otsego. The band was formed in 2008, and is under the direction of Joe Jaeger, Shannon Curtis, and Natalie Sterner. Their show this year is entitled “Heist” and features music by Billie Eilish, Michael Jackson, Lalo Schiffrin, and John Barry.



Waconia

Celebrating their 50th Anniversary Season, the Waconia High School Marching Band is made up of roughly 170 members. The WMB is a part of a comprehensive instrumental music department at Waconia High School in Waconia, MN consisting of four concert bands, three jazz bands, a pep band, a musical pit, two show choir bands, and numerous chamber ensembles. The Waconia Marching Band has performed across Minnesota, the larger Midwest region, as well as across the country at various 4th of July parades throughout the years. We are excited to be back at the 2023 H. Wenger Marching Festival again this year!



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