Current & Future Members:

Greetings from the Kansas State University Band Program!

You are receiving this February newsletter because you have completed the Prospective Member form on a visit to campus, or through the on line portal.

This newsletter provides you with all the things you need to know and be aware of regarding participating in one of our ensembles this Fall 2023. Please read through this material, scan the QR codes where needed, and let us know if you have any questions. You can also check out the K-State Bands web site for more updated and detailed information pertaining to all ensembles. We are here to help you!

The K-State Bands are a great way to perform at the next level, meet some great new friends, and have the experience of your life!

Thank you, GO CATS, GO BAND!

Dr. Frank Tracz

2023 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

18 KSU DL Experience Camp 1

MARCH

- 4 Twirler In-Person Auditions
- 8 Wind Symphony/Wind Ensemble Concert
- 9 Concert Band/University Band Concert
- **18** KSU DL Experience Camp 2

APRIL

- 1 Color Guard Clinic
- 8 Color Guard Clinic
- 22 Color Guard Auditions KSU DL Experience Camp 3
- 23 Wind Symphony/Wind Ensemble Concert
- 26 Concert Band/University Band Concert
- 28-30 Classy Cat Auditions

MAY

- 6 High School Drumline Mini Camp
- **20** Drumline Auditions

JUNE

11-15 K-State Music Camp

JULY

- 9-12 Leadership & Auxiliary Camp
- **15** Marching Pride Classic

AUGUST

11-20 Marching Band Camp

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Purple Power Play
- **2** K-State Football v. SE Missouri State
- 8 TFBH Dedication
- 9 K-State Football v. Troy Alumni & Band Director Day
- 17 Wabash on the Prairie
- 23 K-State Football v. UCF All-Star Marching Band

OCTOBER

- 14 Central States Marching Festival
- 21 K-State Football v. TCU Harley Day
- 27 Homecoming Parade
- 28 K-State Football v. Houston Homecoming

NOVEMBER

- 11 K-State Football v. Baylor Fort Riley Day
- 18 K-State Football @ Kansas
- 25 K-State Football v. Iowa State Senior Day
- **26** Marching Band Concert

DECEMBER

- 2 Big XII Championship AT&T Stadium Arlington, TX
- 10 Band Banquet

TBD Bowl Game - Late Dec/Early Jan



Auditorium McCain, Manhattan, l 618-001



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IMPORTANT Audition Dates

More information at: <u>k-state.edu/band/auxiliary</u>

COLOR GUARD



Clinics

April 1st - 2:00 p.m. April 8th - 2:00 p.m.

Auditions

April 22nd - 11:30 a.m. K-State Rec Center

CLASSY CATS



Workshops

February 26th - 9:00 a.m. March 27th - 1:00 p.m.

Auditions

April 28th - 30th K-State Rec Center

DRUMLINE



Mini Camps

Feb 18th, March 18th, Aprill 22nd **High Schoolers:** May 6th

Auditions

May 20th - 8:00 a.m.

LEADERSHIP

Sign up on the Google Doc.

Brass/Percussion Section Leaders Tuesday, March 28th

Woodwind/Auxiliary Section Leaders Wednesday, March 29th

Drum Major & Student Staff Thursday, March 30th

2023 Band Camp Report Dates

Fri August 11th & Sat August 12th Section Leaders

Sun August 13thRookies, Color Guard, Classy Cats,
Twirlers, and Drumline

Mon August 14th - Sun August 20th All Members

Fall Ensemble Audition Information:

Marching Band:

Marching Band wind auditions will take place during the first two days of Band Camp. You will be sent an extensive newsletter in May which will include an online registration link. After completing the registration, we will send you the password to download the music from our web page so you can prepare for the playing audition. We will teach you our style of marching when you arrive for Band Camp. Cuts will be made in all sections the second night of auditions. We will have a set marching band with a number of alternates. The alternates are band members who require extra assistance to develop their marching/playing skills. Our staff will work with these members to develop their skills to earn a spot in the block band.

Drumline:

The Marching Band Drumline auditions will take place on Saturday, May 20th, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The auditions will take place in McCain Auditorium. For more information and updates please visit the Drumline Webpage at k-state.edu/band/drumline, or contact Jack Johnson by e-mail at jackjohnson@ksu.edu

Concert Ensembles:

Audition sign up times will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Band Office (226 McCain). The six to ten minute auditions will take place during the first week of classes. Excerpts will be available in August for students to prepare. Scales and sight-reading will also be required. Audition results will be posted a few days after the auditions.

Percussion for Concert Ensembles:

Auditions include the performance of prepared solos and/or etudes on snare drum, keyboard percussion, and timpani. Sightreading will also be a component of the audition process. Check the bulletin board outside room 130 McCain for audition information and times. Percussionists must demonstrate skills in 2-3 areas (keyboard, timpani, multiple percussion, concert snare drum, etc.). If you have questions, please contact Kurt Gartner at kgartner@k-state.edu.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

You are invited to any and all of the events in the newsletter. Each event has a time, place, and purpose that may be of interest to you.

QUESTIONS? 785-532-3816 <u>ftracz@ksu.edu</u> <u>k-state.edu/band</u>

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