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 online 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 website 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

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**Current & Future Members:**

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**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 vs. SE Missouri State

8 TFBH Dedication

9 K-State Football vs. Troy - Alumni & Band Director Day

17 Wabash on the Prairie

23 K-State Football vs. UCF - All-Star Marching Band

**OCTOBER**

14 Central States Marching Festival

21 K-State Football vs. TCU - Harley Day

27 Homecoming Parade

28 K-State Football vs. Houston - Homecoming

**NOVEMBER**

11 K-State Football vs. Baylor - Fort Riley Day

18 K-State Football vs. Kansas

25 K-State Football vs. 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

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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.

**IMPORTANT Audition Dates**

**2023 Band Camp Report Dates**

**Fall Ensemble Audition Information:**

**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, April 22nd
  - High Schoolers: May 6th
- Auditions
  - May 20th - 8:00 a.m.

**LEADERSHIP**
- Sign up on the Google Doc.

**CONCERT ENSEMBLES**
- Brass/Percussion Section Leaders
  - Tuesday, March 28th
- Woodwind/Auxiliary Section Leaders
  - Wednesday, March 29th
- Drum Major & Student Staff
  - Thursday, March 30th

**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 ftracz@ksu.edu k-state.edu/band

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