



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE BANDS

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Greetings from the band office,

As we enter summer and some much-deserved time to relax and rejuvenate, we want to let you know that the band staff and student leadership is hard at work preparing for what will be an exciting 2023-2024. We will welcome a large, talented class of new students to the program and have many exciting musical events planned for you.

We have a full calendar of events in place and are very excited to welcome the 2023 edition of The “Pride” Marching Band and share with you the plans for concert and jazz ensemble concerts. The important dates for “Pride” Week, as well as audition dates for concert and jazz ensembles are listed later in this packet.

The “Pride” will open its performance season on the first Thursday of class (August 31st) against a new out-of-state opponent (UC-Davis from California). Go Lions! In addition to our home games, we have several exciting exhibitions scheduled to allow you to perform for all of our “band fans” and showcase power and precision of The “Pride” Marching Band. Note the show description at the end of this packet.

The concert and jazz ensembles have a full slate of concerts planned. In addition to our normal concerts, we are excited to host guest composer Julie Giroux for the October Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band concert and to welcome the world-renowned Boston Brass to perform with the Wind Ensemble in April. The Department will also once again return to downtown Dallas in March for a special gala concert at the Moody Performing Arts Center. This packet includes some very important information, and it is critical that you take the time to carefully read all the enclosed materials. Information on concert and jazz auditions, instrument check-out, and all of the marching band details are contained within. Everyone needs to be sure to regularly check your MyLeo e-mail for updates so that you have the most up-to-date information from the band office.

If you are a returning student, be sure to check the Charms Office System, which will allow you to update your contact information, view issued instrument information, MP3s and other important documents. Should you need additional information or have any questions, please contact us using information below. We eagerly await the opportunity to make music with you and further our wonderful tradition of performance excellence. We hope you enjoy your summer, stay safe, and we look forward to a great year and to seeing you soon!

Go Lions,

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FALL 2023 CONCERT ENSEMBLE AUDITION INFORMATION

(WIND ENSEMBLE, SYMPHONIC BAND, CONCERT BAND)

Our concert ensembles, the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band, will meet using the following schedule in the fall semester:

Wind Ensemble	MUS 300W-005	M-W-F 12:00-1:50 PM
Symphonic Band	MUS 100B-011	M-W 2:00-2:50 PM & F 2:00-3:50 PM
Concert Band	MUS 100B-012	M-W-F 3:00-3:50 PM

Auditions for the Fall semester will be held on Saturday, August 26th. Specific times will be available closer to the audition date. When registering for classes, we ask that new students enroll in Symphonic Band (MUS 100B-011). After the auditions are completed, your schedule will automatically be changed to reflect your ensemble placement, as necessary.

Audition Material

Woodwind and Brass

1. Scales
 - The panel will choose up to three full-range scales
 - Scales should be performed in sixteenth notes at Quarter Note = 92-104
 - A full-range chromatic scale may also be requested
2. Prepared Excerpts
 - Audition excerpts will be available for **download on July 1st** from the Department of Music website under the current student resources tab.
 - You will be sent an e-mail with the information for your instrument and download instructions
3. Sight-reading
 - There will be a short sight-reading excerpt. For practice during the Summer, we recommend that you make use of www.sightreadingfactory.com or similar option.

Percussion

1. Performance excerpt on Snare Drum
 - The audition excerpt will be available for **in late July** from on the Department of Music website
 - You will also be sent an e-mail with the information by Dr. Zator
2. Sight-reading
 - There will be a short sight-reading excerpt on marimba and timpani.

2023 JAZZ ENSEMBLE AUDITION INFORMATION

All students (regardless of jazz background) are encouraged to audition for one of our two jazz ensembles which will meet on the following schedule in the Fall semester:

Jazz Ensemble I	MUS 300-002	M-W-F	11:00 – 11:50 AM
Jazz Ensemble II	MUS 100J-003	M-W	5:00 – 5:50 PM

Auditions will be held on Sunday, August 27th. Audition excerpts will be available for **download on July 1st** from the Department of Music website under the current student resources tab. You will be sent an e-mail with the information for your instrument and download instructions. Please contact the band office at tamucbands@tamuc.edu with any additional questions regarding jazz auditions.

UNIVERSITY-OWNED INSTRUMENT CHECKOUT

(Please read all details carefully)

Instrument Check-out: If you require a concert ensemble instrument (oboe, bassoon, French horn, bass trombone, euphonium, tuba, etc.) or a wind instrument for marching season (alto saxophone, mellophone, baritone), you may check out an instrument at the following times: (Note: Sousaphones will be checked out on August 16th or 19th during registration at the start of the pre-season camp, called “Pride” Week).

Friday, June 9th (2:00 PM-7:00 PM)

Saturday June 10th (1:00 PM-5:00 PM)

Friday July 7th (2:00 PM-7:00 PM)

Saturday July 8th (1:00 PM-5:00 PM)

Note: If you absolutely cannot attend one of the times listed above, please contact Jonathen Griffin (jgriffin@leomail.tamuc.edu) (214) 794-6254), Graduate Teaching Assistant, to schedule a date/time to check out an instrument during the summer.

A limited number of additional instruments (i.e. trombones, trumpets, plastic clarinets, etc.) may be available as needed. These additional instruments will only be checked out on August 16th or 19th and are subject to the same instrument rental fee. Please note: mellophones come with required mouthpieces. All other players renting brass instruments must supply their own mouthpieces. Feel free to check with the marching band faculty for recommendations. Some, but not all, university-owned woodwind instruments come with stock mouthpieces.

Fee Payment and pickup: The cost of the instrument rental is \$50.00 per long semester, per instrument (i.e. a tuba student will be checking out a Sousaphone and concert Tuba, unless a personal concert instrument is owned, at a cost of \$100.00). Summer rental cost is \$25.00 per summer, per instrument. The fee may be paid by accessing marketplace at marketplace.tamuc.edu (Scroll down to find the appropriate rental fee-Fall or Summer). Students picking up instruments in the Summer are encouraged to pay for the summer rental and fall rental simultaneously. Instrument check out and pickup will be in the PIE lounge in the music building (East side of the building inside the sliding glass doors).

Note to Percussionists: All percussionists will be expected to pay the instrument rental fee by Wednesday, August 16th.

“PRIDE” MARCHING BAND RESIDENCE HALL MOVE-IN INFORMATION

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL MARCHING BAND MEMBERS WHO WILL BE LIVING IN ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALLS THIS FALL!

In order for you to move into the residence halls during your assigned marching band camp move-in time, we must provide Residential Living & Learning (RLL) with a comprehensive list. This includes new and returning members. Please follow the steps below as soon as possible, and no later than **Friday, July 14th**:

Go to the following link: <https://forms.gle/MULogKYgB7C84mqb9>

Have the following information ready:

- CWID (Campus Wide ID Number)
- Residence Hall Assignment
- Best Contact Phone and Email
- Marching Band Instrument
- Major

You must do this in order to be able to move in during band camp!
Please see detailed move-in information on page 6.

NOTE: If you do not complete the registration process via the link above AND all of the required Fall housing forms from RLL, you may be assessed a \$30.00 per night charge during “Pride Week” by RLL.

RETURNING MEMBERS, please update all your personal information in Charms by logging onto:

www.charmsoffice.com

For instructions on using the Charms system, log onto:
www.tamuc.edu/music

- 1) Click “Student/Faculty Resources”
- 2) Click “Charms Office Assistant”
- 3) Click “Charms Instructions”

Please contact the band office with any questions at tamucbands.tamuc.edu

2023 “Pride” Marching Band Information Sheet

Downloading Music

All woodwind and brass students can download the 2023 stand and spirit music packet for their instrument at this [LINK](#). A subsequent e-mail will be sent out with download instructions for additional stand and show music. It is important, especially for **new members**, to begin learning all of the traditional pregame, field, and stand music so that pre-season camp can be devoted primarily to the learning of show music. Returning members should also download this packet, as there may be several new pieces for this fall.

Fall Rehearsal Schedule

Marching Band meets on Monday nights from 7:00–9:00 PM, Tuesdays from 12:30–2:45 PM, and Thursdays from 12:30–2:45 PM. Drumline and front ensemble will meet for an additional sectional hour from 6–7 PM on Monday. Color Guard sectional is on Wednesday from 6:00–7:00 PM as needed.

2023 Marching Band Student Leadership

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- Registration and Rehearsal Times:** Please note that all students must be enrolled in the correct ensemble in order to participate. Also, be aware that the online university course schedule may show slightly different rehearsal times (the times below are correct). If you are participating in Marching Band and Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band/Concert Band, please make sure that you register for **BOTH** classes. If you are in the drumline or color guard, enroll for the designated course only - do not enroll for the marching band course. The marching band course is designated for brass and woodwind players only. The course numbers for these ensembles are as follows:

Marching Band	MUS 100M-004	M 7-9 PM,	T-TH	12:30-2:45 PM
Drumline/Front Ens	MUS 100D-013	M 6-9 PM,	T-TH	12:30-2:45 PM
Color Guard	MUS 100G-003	M 7-9 PM,	T-TH	12:30-2:45 PM
		W 6-7 PM		
Wind Ensemble	MUS 300W-005	M-W-F		12:00-1:50 PM
Symphonic Band	MUS 100B-011	M-W		2:00-2:50 PM
		and F		2:00-3:50 PM
Concert Band	MUS 100B-012	M-W-F		3:00-3:50 PM

Note: Additional Marching Band stadium walk-through rehearsals will be scheduled on game and exhibition days in preparation for the event. Do not plan activities on performance days until you are given the final schedule for the day.

When registering for classes, we ask that new students enroll in Symphonic Band (MUS 100B-011). After the auditions are completed, your schedule will be automatically changed to reflect your ensemble placement as necessary.

- Performances/Rehearsals:** All students accepted into The “Pride” Marching Band are expected to participate in all pre-season rehearsals as well as all regular season rehearsals and performances. Please make sure that job or family-related obligations are planned around this calendar to avoid absences. Please see the enclosed Rehearsal Schedule and Preliminary Performance Calendar to help you plan around this schedule. Please note that additional performances may be scheduled and posted times are subject to change.
- Housing for Pre-Season Camp:** If you will be living in a university residence hall during the Fall semester, arrangements will be made for you to move into your room early. All percussion, color guard and student leaders in The “Pride” will move in on Wednesday, August 16th. All other will move in on Saturday, August 19th. (Final check-in details will be sent later this summer). Because residence hall registration is planned months in advance, all marching band students living in the residence halls ***MUST*** in move in on the assigned days (no exceptions). **In addition, you must fill out the early move-in information page by following the link on page 4 by Friday, July 14th to be put on the early move in list. You must also complete all the required fall housing forms from RLL. Those students who fail to complete all required forms may be assessed a \$30.00 per night charge during “Pride Week” by RLL. If you do not know your Fall housing assignment, please contact Residential Living and Learning @ 903-886-5797 or ResidenceLife@tamuc.edu.** During move-in, please make sure to have your student ID with you and report to the front desk of the residence hall you are assigned to for the Fall semester. Your student ID will serve as a key to the building for the check-in process.
- Marching Band Auditions:** (Students who have not previously auditioned for the Department may audition via video for the marching band. After reviewing the information below you please submit your video using this [LINK](#)).

WWs/Brass: Students who have auditioned for and been accepted into the Department of Music, or who have been auditioned in the spring to participate in ensembles are automatically accepted into The “Pride.” For those new students who have not completed a formal audition with the Department of Music, please click [HERE](#) to view the requirements for an informal video audition for WWs/Brass.

Percussion: All new members of the Battery and Front Ensemble need to submit a video in order to help determine initial instrument placement for the fall. Please click [HERE](#) (select percussion) to view the requirements for the video audition. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Teel, Marching Percussion Instructor Lauren.Teel@tamuc.edu or Dr. Brian Zator, Professor of Percussion Brian.Zator@tamuc.edu. Additional details will be sent to percussionists this summer.

Color Guard: Prospective members of the Color Guard are asked submit a video audition. Any students interested in the Color Guard should contact the Director of The “Pride,” Prof. Allan Goodwin allan.goodwin@tamuc.edu to express interest in becoming a member. In most instances, auditioning students with high school color guard and/or dance experience are accepted. Audition information and a video sample (which is based on a portion of the pre-game show routine and select universal fundamentals) is available by clicking [HERE](#) (select Color Guard). Returning members do not need to complete an audition video.

In addition, all Color Guard students (new and returning) are expected to attend Pre-season camp which begins on August 16th. Final placement will be completed during camp.

5. **Fees/Costs:** Please see details below as well as the summary of costs on the next page and below for details.

Band Fee: All members of The “Pride”, with the exception of the Color Guard, must pay a band fee that includes uniform cleanings, dry-fit t-shirt (to be worn under the uniform), 1 pair of Seavine gloves (WWs and Brass), wristbands (Percussion), dry-fit polo shirt (to be worn for travel and certain informal performances), water jug, drawstring bag, and the cost of the end-of-season banquet. The fee also includes a subscription to Ultimate Drill Book Pro. **The “Pride” Marching Band Fee is \$125.00.** In addition, all non-Color Guard students must purchase the “Pride” Baseball-style hat to wear during games and for other informal performances. Returning students repurchase a hat if needed to ensure proper appearance with the uniform.

Guard Fees: Members of the Color Guard will also be responsible for paying uniform and equipment related fees. **The “Pride” Color Guard fee is \$125.00 for the season.** The equipment/uniform fee covers the following items: use of university equipment, use and cleaning of uniforms, marching band dry-fit polo shirt, black uniform leggings, water jug, and the cost of the end-of-season banquet. The fee also includes a subscription to Ultimate Drill Book Pro. **Additionally, new members will need to purchase black dance sneakers.** The shoes used are Capezio Split-Sole Dance Sneakers. The projected cost is \$60.00 per pair. **The cost of shoes is not included in the guard fee.** If you wish to use your own dance sneaker, bring them with you to camp registration for approval (**your shoes must be approved by a staff member**).

Shoes (Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion): Please note that The “Pride” Marching Band (winds and percussion) wears solid **BLACK** marching shoes. If you have black marching shoes (i.e. Dinkles, Drillmasters, MTX, etc.) that are in good condition, you may not need to purchase new ones. If you wish to use your own marching shoes, bring them with you to camp registration for approval (**your shoes must be approved by a staff member**). All other students must purchase new marching shoes. The “Viper” split-soled marching shoe is worn by The “Pride.” The projected cost of shoes is \$45.00 per pair. **The cost of shoes is not included in the band fee.** Black tennis shoes or dress shoes are NOT acceptable.

Hats/Beanies Baseball-style hats are **required** for all woodwind, brass, and percussion students to wear during games and for other informal performances. All members are encouraged, but not required to also purchase an official beanie (for cold weather) to wear during games, to combat sun and temperature extremes. The official “Pride” hat/beanie are the only hats allowed in the stands or at any marching band function or performance. The projected cost is \$15.00 per hat and \$12.50 per beanie.

6. **Meals:** For those on a university meal plan, the cafeteria (located in the Student Center) will be honoring meal plans beginning on Wednesday, August 23rd with lunch service. The University will again provide funds to help cover the cost of meals for all members from move-in until campus meal plans begin on August 23rd.
7. **Rehearsal Gear:** Flat, rubber-soled, low-top, closed-toed, laced athletic shoes that cover the entire foot are required for all marching band rehearsals (no skateboard shoes, high-tops, 3/4-tops, crocs, or sandals please). Half-gallon, insulated water bottles will be provided for all members (issued during band registration). A hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, and insect repellent are also strongly suggested. Bring your instruments to all rehearsals, except where noted. **Please make sure you have a pair of modest khaki shorts (and belt) to wear during the University Pride Walk Performance on Friday, August 25th. NO OTHER COLOR IS ACCEPTABLE.**

Summary of Expenses

A great many of the expenses associated with band are covered by funds from the University including costs of transportation, housing (hotels), most meals, and equipment. There are certain items for which each student is responsible. The following information is provided as a summary of those expenses.

- **Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Members:**

Required:

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| 1) Band Fee (See above for details) | \$125.00 |
| 2) Official "Pride" Hat (for new members) | \$15.00 each |

If Needed:

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| 3) Shoes | \$45.00 |
| 4) Instrument Rental / Checkout | \$50.00 (per instrument/per semester) |

Note: Summer instrument rental is \$25.00 per instrument.

Note: Percussionists must pay the instrument use fee during both Fall and Spring.

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| 5) Official "Pride" Hat (if needed for those returning) | \$15.00 each |
| 6) Official "Pride" Beanie | \$12.50 each |

- **Color Guard Members:**

Required:

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| 1) Color Guard Fee (See guard section on page 7 for details on fee and additional needed items) | \$125.00 |
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If Needed:

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| 3) Dance Sneakers (est. cost) | \$60.00 |
| 4) Official "Pride" Hat/Beanie | \$15.00/12.50 each |

Fee Payment

NOTE: All fees should be paid by AUGUST 1ST. This will GREATLY expedite registration

See the Marketplace link below to pay your fees with a credit/debit card. Please contact Christi Condor with any questions regarding fee payment: tamucbands@tamuc.edu or (903) 886-5248.

TAMUC Marketplace Link (Choose the appropriate link or links)

https://secure.touchnet.com/C20206_ustores/web/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=8&CATID=460

IMPORTANT SUMMER DATES

Please make note of these important **SUMMER** dates and deadlines. A full preliminary Fall/Spring Calendar is included in this packet.

- **June 9th** Instrument Check-out for students needing a University-owned Instrument.
(2:00-7:00 PM) (See information on page 3)
- **June 10th** Instrument Check-out for students needing a University-owned Instrument.
(1:00-5:00 PM) (See information on page 3)
- **July 1ST** Concert Ensemble (Woodwind and Brass) and Jazz Ensemble Placement Audition Music will be posted on the Department of Music Website (Under the current student resources tab): Note: Percussion Snare Etude will be released in late July and posted in the same location.
- **July 14TH** Deadline to submit your information for early marching band residence hall move-in
(Link is listed on page 4)
- **July 7TH** Instrument Check-out for students needing a University-owned Instrument.
(2:00-7:00 PM) (See information on page 3)
- **July 8th** Instrument Check-out for students needing a University-owned Instrument.
(1:00-5:00 PM) (See information on page 3)
- **August 1ST** All Marching Band Fees should be paid and permission forms submitted (except instrument fees). Fees details are on page 8 and form information will be sent via email later this summer.
- **August 16TH** Move-in and Beginning of Rehearsals for Percussion, Color Guard and Student Leadership
- **August 19th** Move-in and Beginning of Rehearsals for Remaining Brass and Woodwind Players
- **August 25TH** Marching Band Pre-semester rehearsals conclude
- **August 26TH** Concert Ensemble Placement Auditions
- **August 27TH** Jazz Ensemble Auditions
- **August 28TH** First Day of Regular Classes

PRIDE WEEK SCHEDULE

**In 2023, due to a limited September home game schedule we will be utilizing a staggered move-in and start to “Pride” Week. *This schedule is provided as an overview-a final schedule will be available at move-in and times and locations may change slightly.*

Wednesday August 16th: Student Leaders, Percussion and Color Guard will move-in and begin rehearsals.

Saturday August 19th: All other band members will move-in and begin rehearsals

The University will again provide funds to help cover the cost of meals for all members from move-in until campus meal plans begin on August 23rd. We so appreciate the support our university administration shows for the members of The “Pride” Marching Band! Please find detailed scheduling information below.

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Wednesday, August 16th (Student Leaders, Percussion and Color Guard ONLY)

Student Leader and Percussion Schedule (including graduate staff)

9:00 – 10:00 AM	Check into residence halls (only those living on campus during the Fall semester)
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Registration/Fee payment (Music Building Lobby)
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Information meeting (Concert Hall)
2:00 – 6:00 PM	Training session/Rehearsal

Colorguard Schedule

9:00 – 10:00 AM	Check into residence halls (only those living on campus during the Fall semester)
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Registration/Fee payment (Music Building Lobby)
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Information meeting (Concert Hall)
2:00 – 6:00 PM	Uniform fittings and equipment preparation

Thursday, August 17th (Student Leaders, Percussion and Colorguard ONLY)

Student Leader Schedule

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Training session
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 – 4:00 PM	Training session

Percussion Schedule

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Rehearsal
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Rehearsal
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 – 8:30 PM	Rehearsal

Colorguard Schedule

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Rehearsal
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Rehearsal
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 – 8:30 PM	Rehearsal

Friday, August 18th (Student Leaders, Percussion and Colorguard ONLY)

Student Leader Schedule

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Training session
12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch
1:30 – 4:00 PM Training session

Percussion Schedule

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Rehearsal
12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch
1:00 – 5:00 PM Rehearsal
5:00 – 6:30 PM Dinner
6:30 – 8:30 PM Rehearsal

Color Guard Schedule

1:30 – 5:00 PM Rehearsal
5:00 – 6:30 PM Dinner
6:30 – 8:30 PM Rehearsal

MORNING OFF

Saturday, August 19th (All remaining band members move-in and begin rehearsals)

8:00-10:00 AM KKY/TBS Meeting (BandHall)
10:00-10:30 AM Student Leader and KKY/TBS Registration Preparation

Woodwind & Brass Schedule

11:00 AM-1:00 PM Move into residence halls (only those living on campus during the Fall semester)
2:00 – 4:00 PM Registration/Fee payment and Instrument Checkout (Music Building Lobby)
4:00 – 5:15 PM Full band meeting (Concert Hall – Music Building)
5:15 – 6:30 PM Dinner (cookout provided by KKΨ and TBΣ Service Organizations)
6:30 – 9:30 PM Music rehearsal (**Bring instruments to rehearsal**)
9:30 – 10:00 PM Meeting for all returning members of the “Pride”

Percussion Schedule

1:00 – 5:00 PM Rehearsal
5:00 – 5:15 PM Join full band meeting (Concert Hall – Music Building)
5:15 – 6:30 PM Dinner (cookout provided by KKΨ and TBΣ Service Organizations)
6:30 – 9:30 PM Music rehearsal
9:30 – 10:00 PM Meeting for all returning members of the “Pride”

Color Guard Schedule

9:00 – 12:00 PM Rehearsal
12:00 – 5:00 PM Afternoon off (no rehearsal – subject to change)
5:00 – 5:15 PM Join full band meeting (Concert Hall – Music Building)
5:15 – 6:30 PM Dinner (cookout provided by KKΨ and TBΣ Service Organizations)
6:30 – 9:30 PM Rehearsal
9:30 – 10:00 PM Meeting for all returning members of the “Pride”

Sunday, August 20th

All Pride Members

1:00 – 5:00 PM Sectionals/Music Rehearsal
5:00 – 6:30 PM Dinner

6:30 – 9:30 PM Marching Rehearsal

Monday, August 21st - Tuesday, August 22nd - Wednesday, August 23rd

All Pride Members

8:30 – 11:30 AM Marching rehearsal
11:30 – 1:00 PM Lunch
1:00 – 4:30 PM Sectionals / Music rehearsal
4:30 – 6:00 PM Dinner
6:00 – 8:00 PM Full ensemble rehearsal
8:30 – 10:00 PM Evening activity (TBA)

We are thrilled to welcome Mike Tarr, (Former Visual Caption Head for the Cavaliers and Boston Crusaders) DCI Visual Judge, back to campus for Pride Week in 2023!!

Thursday, Aug 24th

All Pride Members

8:30 – 11:00 AM Marching rehearsal
11:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch Break
1:00 – 4:00 PM Sectionals/Music Rehearsal
4:00 – 6:00 PM Dinner Break
6:00 – 8:00 PM Full ensemble rehearsal
8:30 – 9:30 PM Evening activity (Monday & Wednesday TBA)
(Thursday: Induction Ceremony – Attendance Required of All Members/Staff)

Friday, August 25th

All Pride Members

8:30 – 10:30 AM Music Rehearsal in Band Hall (Arrive in KHAKI SHORTS and “Pride” Polo Shirt)
10:30 – 10:45 AM Move to Student Center
10:45 – 11:30 AM **Performance** for “Lion Walk” (University Orientation)
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Final Meeting (Concert Hall)
1:00 – 4:00 PM End of Camp Festivities (Morris Recreation Center)

*****PRIDE WEEK CONCLUDES*****



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE BANDS
CALENDAR 2023-2024 (6-1-23)

** This schedule is subject to change **

August

- 16th Marching Band: Percussion, Colorguard, Leadership Move-in and Rehearsals
- 19th Marching Band: All Members: Pre-season Band Camp (Pride Week)
- 26th Concert Ensemble Auditions (Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band)
- 27th Jazz Ensemble Auditions
- 28th Classes Begin
- 31st Marching Band: Home Football Game (Evening Game) (Thursday)

September

- 4th Labor Day Holiday (Marching Band will rehearse!!) (Monday)
- 14th Music Department Faculty Showcase Recital – 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- 28th Jazz Ensembles: Jazz Ensembles Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)

October

- 5th Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band Concert (Julie Giroux Guest Composer)-7:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- 7th Marching Band: Home Football Game-(Time TBA) (Saturday)
- 9th Wind Ensemble/Panitation Performance for Greenville ISD (Greenville Municipal Auditorium) (AM) (Monday)
- 14th Pep Band: Mane Event (Saturday a.m.)
- 14th Marching Band: Exhibitions (Afternoon and Evening performances) (Saturday)
- 20th Marching Band/Pep Band: Bonfire (Evening Performance) (Friday).
- 21st Marching Band: Home Football Game-(Homecoming!) (Time TBA) (Saturday)
- 28th Marching Band: Exhibitions (Afternoon and Evening performances) (Saturday)

November

- 1st Percussion Ensemble II & III: Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Wednesday)
- 2nd Percussion Ensemble I Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- 5th Wind Ensemble/Chorale Concert – 6:00 p.m. (Sunday)
- 11th Marching Band: Home: Football Game (Time TBA) (Saturday)
- 13th Marching Band Banquet – 7:00 p.m. (Monday)
- 16th Symphonic Band/Concert Band Concert– 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- 17th Wind Ensemble: Concert for Jr/Sr Honor Band 6:00 p.m. (Friday)
- 18th JR/SR Honor Band-(Michael Markowski Guest Composer) (Saturday)
- 20th Jazz Ensembles: Jazz Ensembles Concert– 7:30 p.m. (Monday)
- 23-24th Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 2nd Tuba Christmas (Morning Rehearsals-Performance at Noon)
- 5th Gala Processional Rehearsal (Personnel TBA) – 7:15-9:30 p.m. (Tuesday)
- 7th All Ensembles except Marching Band: Departmental Holiday Gala Concert (Dress Rehearsal-PM times TBA) (Thursday)
- 8th All Ensembles except Marching Band: Departmental Holiday Gala Concert (Night 1) 7:30 p.m. (Friday)
- 9th All Ensembles except Marching Band: Departmental Holiday Gala Concert (Night 2) 7:30 p.m. (Saturday)
- 15th Graduate Commencement Ceremony
- 16th Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies

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CALENDAR 2023-2024

** This schedule is subject to change **

January

- 13th Concert Ensemble Auditions (Saturday) (Times TBA)
- 14th Jazz Ensemble Auditions (Sunday)(early afternoon)
- 15th MLK Holiday-no daily rehearsals or classes (Monday)
- 16th Classes Begin (Tuesday)
- 29th Instrumental Concerto Competition Finals (Monday) (Late Aft/Evening)

February

- 1st Faculty Showcase Concert (Thursday) – 7:30 p.m.
- 7th-10th TMEA (Wed Eve-Saturday) (Classes and Ensembles WILL meet on Wed)
- 18th Honors Recital: Concerto Division Winners & Endowed Scholarship recipients 3:00 p.m. (Sun)
- 19th All Instrumental Music Education Majors: Music Education Forum (Monday)-Evening
- 22nd Jazz Ensembles Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- 25th Percussion Ensembles Concert – 3:00 p.m. (Sunday)
- 29th Symphonic and Concert Band Concert – 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)

March

- 2nd Basketball Band: Mane Event (Saturday a.m.)
- 2nd Clarinet Studio: Clarinet Colloquim (Saturday-All Day)
- 5th “Music at the Moody” (Wind Ensemble/Chorale Concert) 7:30 p.m. (Tuesday)-Moody Performing Arts Center (Dallas). Departure est. Noon
- 6th-9th Basketball Band: Potential Conference Tournament Games (Tentative Dates) (Location) (Wed-Sat) (Times TBA)
- 11-15 Spring Break
- 25th All Instrumental Music Education Majors: Music Education Forum (Monday)-Evening
- 29th Good Friday

April

- 7th Chamber Music Concert 3:00 p.m. (Sunday)
- 8th All Instrumental Music Education Majors: Music Education Forum (Monday)-Evening
- 11th Jazz Ensembles Concert 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- 15th Percussion Ensembles Concert 7:30 p.m. (Monday)
- 18th Wind Ensemble Concert (Guest Artists: *The Boston Brass*) 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- 20th Basketball Band: Admitted Students Day (Saturday)-Date Tentative
- 25th Symphonic and Concert Band Concert 7:30 p.m. (Thursday)

May

- 10th Graduate Commencement (Friday)
- 11th Undergraduate Commencement (Saturday)

Watching You



STING AND THE POLICE'S "EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE" BECAME ONE OF THE BIGGEST RADIO HITS OF ALL TIME IN 1983 WITH THE TAGLINE, "I'LL BE WATCHING YOU." THE "PRIDE" MARCHING BAND (V.2023) PRESENTS THEIR UNIQUE INTERPRETATION OF THIS CLASSIC LINE, TAKING THE FIELD WITH AN EERIE MINOR SPIN, CAPPED BY AN OPENING IMPACT DRAWN FROM THE CHORUS OF ALICE IN CHAINS' "DEAF EARS, BLIND EYES." THE SHOW CONTINUES WITH THE BROKEN-RELATIONSHIP ANTHEM "BEHIND THESE HAZEL EYES," FROM KELLY CLARKSON'S 2ND STUDIO ALBUM.

NEXT, A DRIVING, HARD-ROCK ADAPTATION OF TAYLOR SWIFT'S 2017 ELECTROPOP HIT, "LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO," WITH A HINT OF "TOXIC," FROM POP PRINCESS BRITTANY SPEARS. THE GOD GOD DOLLS ICONIC ROCK WALTZ "IRIS" FOLLOWS. FINALLY, THE SHOW CONCLUDES WITH A FUSION OF TOTO'S "HYDRA," "VIZIER: THE ALL-SEEING EYE," AN ORIGINAL WORK FROM EAST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS KEY POULAN, AND THE ROCK-OUT CHORUS FROM "I AM MACHINE," BY TORONTO-BASED CANADIAN ROCK BAND THREE DAYS GRACE. SPRINKLE IN SOME TASTY QUOTES FROM "PRIDE" FAVORITE BLACK STONE CHERRY'S "BLIND MAN" AMONG OTHERS, AND THE 2023 EDITION OF THE "PRIDE" WILL THRILL AUDIENCES AROUND THE METROPLEX AS THEY ENJOY "WATCHING YOU" DO WHAT YOU DO BEST!



Kappa Kappa Psi and

Tau Beta Sigma



The Zeta Kappa chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi and the Epsilon Beta chapter of Tau Beta Sigma would like to welcome you to the Texas A&M University Commerce band program! We are excited to see you join our incredible group of musicians this fall!

Who are we and what do we do?

We are a National Honorary Fraternity and Sorority that serves to better the band through service. Both organizations promote leadership, service, and musicianship. There are numerous opportunities for our members to attend leadership workshops and conferences throughout the state and nation. We strive to support our music department, band program, and community and we establish a high standard of academic success and musical excellence in our members.

Our organizations are comprised of students who typically help leadership positions in their high school bands or were to type of students who loved to help the band. We work together to make every band activity run smoothly. From setting up for concerts and marching practices, to providing snacks for band trips, to planning marching band banquet, Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma handle many of the important jobs that give our band the best possibility for success. We provide our members with a life long opportunity to be part of a fun, fulfilling, and enriching bond of brotherhood and sisterhood. Throughout our time at the university, we are given an outlet to better our band program and help in a way that goes above and beyond an average student. If you are interested in learning more about either organization, feel free to contact any member to ask questions, and join us for fun events like game nights in the upcoming fall semester. Both organizations are coed and open to any band member regardless of their major!