

BLUE DEVILS

“DEVIL’S PRIDE”

Booster Club Newsletter

May 2010



WE'RE ON OUR WAY -- WE NOW HAVE A SHOW TITLE:

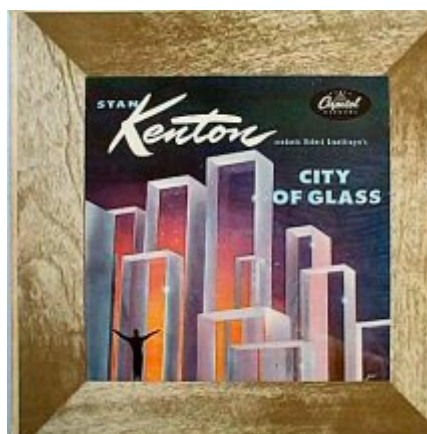
2010 – "Through a Glass, Darkly"

A private sneak preview of the show was held for the Blue Devil donors and sponsors at the Blue Devils hall in Concord.

Scott Chandler and Dave Glyde spoke on what the thinking was for this year's show and how it was put together. A question and answer session was very informative.

Afterwards, the Corps gave a short performance and the guests were treated to an official "drum corps lunch" served from our food truck, Devil's Food.

Sandy Gist and Carol Vargas put together a great meal, and it appeared everyone was having a good time and was enjoying going through the food line in the same manner as the Corps members on tour. A big thank you to everyone who helped put this event together.



A small excerpt from the great article on the BD web site giving some of the background of the show: "Ultimately, it is the sensibility of the entire 'City of Glass' album that informs the 2010 Blue Devils production of 'Through A Glass, Darkly.' Performing in an ever-changing city of glass and mirror, the Blue Devils continue to explore and discover visual possibilities outside the norm. Through reflected light and the prism of color, the future unfolds. The Blue Devils honor Graettinger and Kenton's innovation with a reflection of the past that defines our present and heralds the future."

The 2010 musical selections:
City of Glass Suite (Bob Graettinger),
Conflict, Mirage (both Pete Ruggolo),
Trajectories (Franklyn Marks),
Incident In Jazz (Bob Graettinger),
Laura (David Raksin)
and **La Suerte De Los Tontos** (Johnny Richards).

With the special and very unique props for the show and what we are guessing the guard uniforms are going to look like, this is most definitely going to be a year that the Blue Devils will be the talk of the drum corps activity.

Are we excited? You betcha!!

CORPS UPDATE

We know time is starting to get short when the rehearsals start at our practice field "Mars" and members of the guard join the Corps. Because of the expense of travel, our weekend rehearsals have been more than a bit shy of a full Corps.

However, members are starting to arrive in the area and will be here until the Corps leaves on tour. We have been able to

watch some of the drill and we think it is definitely going to be another exciting and talked-about year.

Even with so many members not in attendance, we have been totally blown away with how good the Corps sounds. If you live in the Concord area, try to stop by to watch one of the rehearsals. Only warning: If you come during the evening practice, bring very warm clothing as Mars has a habit of trying to freeze everyone at night.

HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE

It would be very difficult to believe any drum corps could possibly be as fortunate as the Blue Devils to have three absolutely awesome drum majors at the same time.

All three demonstrate maturity beyond their years, knowledge of their duties as drum majors and are all around wonderful people. We hate to say it, but after leading the Corps for the past few years in such an outstanding manner, this will be Brian's last year as this is his age-out year.

We will, however, have Andrew and Tania for the 2011 season -

- when they both age out! Don't know what more to say except that we are extremely proud to have the three of them as representatives of the Blue Devils.



Our newest drum major, Tania, is originally from Chicago, IL and is currently living in Arkansas while attending the University of Arkansas -- Majoring in pre-law, International Business (concentration in economics) with minors in Japanese and Music.

This is Tania's first year in drum corps but past experience includes 3 years as a high school drum major, 4 years studying at the Drum Major Academy, 1 year as a Drum Major Academy Teacher/Counselor, 2007 DM March-Off Champion, and 2009 drum major of the National Honor Band of America.

There's more, but this gives you an idea of Tania's qualifications. After drum corps, Tania is working on plans to take a year to study in Japan, obtaining her JD and MBA in a joint Law/Business program.

Ultimate goal is to work as a corporate attorney for an international company. We understand there was a major East Coast corps wanting Tania as their drum major, but the Blue Devils were the lucky ones. (We won't name the corps as we are never sure they haven't changed their name again!)

Asked about her experience as a Blue Devil so far, Tania stated, *"Everyone has been extremely welcoming and receptive. I haven't met a single person I don't like."*



CORPS BREAKDOWN AS OF NOW

The 2010 Corps will have 150 members: *(Subject to change at any given moment)*

Drum Majors:

2 Males / 1 Female

Bass Line (5): 5 Males

Snare Line (9): 9 Males

Tenor Line (4): 4 Males

Pit (13): 7 Males / 6 Females

Euphonium Line (24):

22 Males / 2 Females

Mellophone Line (16):

13 Males / 3 Females

Trumpet Line (24):

20 Males / 4 Females

Tuba Line (12): 12 Males

Color Guard (40):

20 Males / 20 Females

100% of the Guard information has not been received yet.



Brian Howard, Tania Schmit Franz & Andrew Rogers



SHOW SCHEDULE FOR JUNE:

- 6/20 – Family Day
- 6/25 – Clovis, CA
- 6/26 – Stanford (Palo Alto, CA)
- 6/27 – Stockton, CA

Call the Blue Devil Hall for information re tickets - (925) 689-2918

Our annual Family Day will start early in the morning with pictures taken by Jolesch Photographer Alan Parker and his crew, a fantastic and fun BBQ at the park across from Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill and then the performances at DVC's Viking Stadium.

Tickets for the show are \$10. Let's get these corps 'season started with a sold-out and enthusiastic event.



COUNTDOWN

From what we have heard, attendance at the various theaters ranged from small to large with members and fans from many of the corps.

We just happened to be in Theater #14 – which started our evening in a very upbeat mood! Of course, we cheered for all the corps once again just as if we were at a regular show.

With popcorn, a soda and great corps on the screen, who could

ask for a better evening? If you won't be able to make it to Indy in August, remember to mark your calendar for the August 12 Live Quarterfinals show at a theater near you.

MAIL STOPS / TOUR HOUSING

As of right now, housing in Indiana has not been determined and we are unable to finalize a couple of things that are normally set by now. One is the list of mail stops where Corps members will be able to receive ever-welcome letters and care packages.

The mail stop list will be available on the BD site fairly soon. If anything is mailed, please allow plenty of time to arrive at the selected post office. There are times when letters and packages are not mailed in time and they make it to every post office listed and wind up at the Blue Devils office in Concord.

We can't say enough how important mail is while on tour. Even if you don't have anyone in the Corps, a note or simple care package to a section or the Corps in general would be welcome.



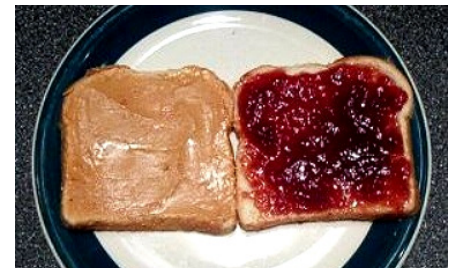
The time for the Booster Club-sponsored brunch to be held on **Sunday, August 15th** most likely will be 11:00 to around 12:30. We try to keep the event simple and just make it a time for the Corps members to have a sit-down meal (*with real silverware and plates*) and say

their goodbyes to their fellow Corps members.

Pre-paid reservations may be made through August 4 (**\$35**). If there are any questions, please contact Sonja at williamssonjab@hotmail.com (*being sure to indicate Blue Devils in the subject line*) or (925) 683-1598.

OUR PB&J QUEST FOR ALL-DAY REHEARSALS:

A sincere thank you to everyone contributing to our PB&J stock either by way of jars of peanut butter and jelly or donations.



The Booster Club provides PB&J at Mars during the all-day rehearsals as many of the members just don't have enough money to buy lunch/snacks each day. Last year we spent approximately \$350, plus the items and money donated.

AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE BLUE DEVILS BOOSTER CLUB:

We have a very limited number of baseball hats available to members of the Booster Club. If



you are interested in having one of the hats, please let us know.

The cost is \$10/each. We thank member Karen Skinner for making these hats available to use as a fund raiser.



PAUL PERNICIARO

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Paul Perniciaro.

Paul was an instructor for the Blue Devils from 1991-1996 and worked with the Open Winter Guard from 1991-1992.

The Booster Club sends its deepest sympathy to Paul's wife, Tracie Branch Perniciaro (former BD guard member) and family.

A service was held on May 22 in Los Gatos, CA and another will be held later in Paul's home of New Orleans.

REMINDERS

- Newsletters available via e-mail if preferred (usually in color)
- BD VISA card a great way to help BD financially (information on the BD site)



NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

**I-HOP Restaurant
Martinez, CA
7:00 P.M.**

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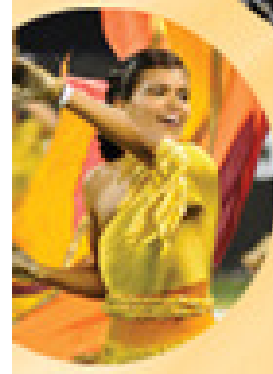
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**2010
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Saturday, June 26th
6:30pm



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