



UNLV BAND NOTES

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Marching Band Marks Beginning of '25 Season

BAND CAMP INFORMATION

2025 Band Camp for the UNLV "Star of Nevada" Marching Band will take place Aug. 18th-23rd (Drumline, Aug. 16-23). A detailed schedule for Camp, including times and locations can be found on pg 4. Attendance at camp rehearsals is required for any student enrolled marching band for the fall semester.

EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS

Silver Brass and drumline instruments are provided to all students in the UNLV Marching Band. Woodwind players requiring a university- owned instrument should contact Robert Mitchell (robert.mitchell@unlv.edu) prior to the start of camp. All wind instruments will be issued Monday, August 18th. (See camp schedule (page 4).

PLACEMENT WITHIN SECTIONS

Although there are no auditions for entry into the group, students looking to play lead parts (i.e. Trumpet 1 & Low Brass 1) will be asked to submit videos prior to band camp performing extended range scales as well as provided excerpts.



STAR OF NEVADA ANNUAL ROAD TRIP

With a record of three road trips in Fall 2024, the "Star of Nevada" Marching Band will be hitting the road again this year as we head to Idaho to support the Rebels as they face a fierce conference rival, Boise State! We will depart on Friday October 17th, and return on Sunday the 19th.

Rebels On The Road - The UNLV Marching Band performs at the 2024 LA Bowl. The Rebels defeated the University of California Golden Bears 24-13, en route to their first bowl win since 2000, and their first 11 win season in program history.



BASKETBALL PEP BAND Marching Band (MUSE 415) is a prerequisite ensemble for the Basketball Pep Band (MUSE 416) spring semester. In October, the Pep Band will begin rehearsing Monday evenings (immediately following marching band rehearsals) from 7:00-9:00pm. After football has concluded the Pep Band will continue regular rehearsals using the same Monday evening time slot. All rehearsals for the *Runnin' Rebels* Pep Band take place in BMC 160.

Rebel Celebrations - Marching Band members pose with the Fremont Cannon after defeating The University of Nevada - Reno 38-14 on November 30th, 2024 in the annual "Battle for the Fremont Cannon."

Announcements

To the Members of the UNLV Wind Orchestra:

Congratulations on a significant year of accomplishments! Your performances including the world premiere of "Banzai Pipeline" were excellent and memorable. The UNLV Wind Orchestra recorded under the baton of Christian Lindberg, who was voted the greatest brass player in history by ClassicFM.

This Summer, the Wind Orchestra will represent UNLV abroad as they travel to La Croix-Valmer to perform at the *Festival des Anches d'Azur*.

The Fall '25 season also promises to be great with world premiere performances and esteemed guest artists! Get some rest and enjoy the rest of your summer. As always, check out the band website for audition material by early June!

Thomas Leslie, Director - UNLV Wind Orchestra

To All UNLV Band Members:

After 37 years, Prof. LaBounty will move away from athletic bands to concentrate on the UNLV Division of Wind Bands' concert ensembles and classroom teaching duties within the music degree programs. LaBounty will continue to spearhead the Black Hole/Raiders Band and off-campus corporate band performances. Dr. David Coyner takes the helm of the Star of Nevada Marching Band and Runnin' Rebels Basketball Pep Band assisted by former GA, UNLV alumnus and Visiting Professor of Music Dr. Ocean Akaka.

Thank you for your excellent contributions to the seven UNLV Bands: (Brass Band, New Horizons Band, Community Band, Wind Orchestra, Symphonic Winds, Star of Nevada Marching Band and Basketball Pep Band). Special thanks to Dr. Zane Douglass (Dr. Z!) for artistic leadership and superb collaboration in all of the above!

For those joining us in the Star of Nevada Marching Band, camp starts August 18th (Aug 16th for drumline members).



Rebels and Music Royalty: On November 21st, 2024 the UNLV Wind Orchestra had the privilege of performing the world premiere of **Banzai Pipeline** alongside some of the world's greatest musicians: Grammy winner Eric Marienthal, Bernie Dresel, Mitchel Forman and Kevin Axt.



Rebels Take Center Stage: The UNLV Marching Band joins in on the tailgate party outside Allegiant Stadium. The band and crowd brought the energy and cheered on the Rebel football team to a convincing victory against San Diego State on Military Appreciation Night, November 16th, 2024.

REGULAR REHEARSAL TIMES

Following the completion of Marching Band Camp on August 23rd, REGULAR marching band rehearsals will begin August 25th. Rehearsals this year will be Monday, Thursday and Friday from 4:05-6:05pm. Monday and Friday will be full rehearsals at the track field, while Thursdays music rehearsals will once again be in the shaded green space by MPE.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms will be provided to all marching band members at no cost. Students are required to purchase black marching shoes and black gloves.

DORM RESIDENTS

All Marching Band members staying in the residence halls for the 2025-2026 school year will be able to check in early to the dorms for Marching Band Camp. This special check-in will begin on August 16th. Students requiring early arrival must contact Housing and Residential Life prior to August via email at housing@unlv.edu. Students arriving earlier will be charged a \$60 per day fee which includes lodging and 3 meals a day in the dining commons area. .

Rebels on Record

From April 5–12, the UNLV Wind Orchestra had the extraordinary honor of recording and performing with internationally renowned trombonist and conductor Christian Lindberg. The week-long collaboration culminated in a thrilling concert on April 12 at Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall, where a large audience responded with overwhelming enthusiasm. The program featured powerful works by Rossini, Bizet, and selections inspired by legendary tenor Jussi Björling, showcasing both virtuosic solo moments and the ensemble's expressive depth.

This project marks yet another exceptional addition to the acclaimed recording catalog of the UNLV Wind Orchestra under the direction of Professor Thomas Leslie. Known for its precision, musicality, and commitment to artistic excellence, the ensemble continues to set new standards in wind band performance. The partnership with Lindberg not only elevated the ensemble's artistic profile but also provided an unforgettable experience for performers and audience alike.



Rebels Record: The UNLV Wind Orchestra had the pleasure of hosting renowned Swedish conductor and trombone virtuoso, Christian Lindberg. A week was spent recording with the legend, culminating with a concert on April 12th, 2025.

DRUM MAJORS ASSUMES LEADERSHIP DUTIES

Following successful auditions in April, we are pleased to welcome Carter Williams and Jillian Campbell as drum majors for the UNLV *Star of Nevada* Marching Band. Williams is majoring in Chemistry, and Campbell is majoring in Applied Health Sciences. Auditions for drum majors position are held annually in the Spring Semester. Interested students must have sophomore standing or higher to audition.

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS AND INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

We are pleased to announce the return of graduate teaching assistants Tyler Cranor (DMA) and Michael Lewis (DMA). We also welcome new graduate teaching assistants Nolan Koslovsky (DMA), Daniel Cox (DMA) and Alexander Felix (MM). Returning as staff operations assistant is Jimmy Smerek and Davey Martinez as the drumline instructor. Drummers are encouraged to direct inquiries to Mr. Martinez at unlvdrumline@unlv.edu. Madison Engle returns as coach of the Scarlet Dance Line. All inquiries regarding the Scarlet Dance Line should be directed to Madison at unlvscarlettdanceline@gmail.com.

UNLV "STAR OF NEVADA" MARCHING BAND 2025 EVENTS SCHEDULE	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
	August 17-23	Band Camp	See Band	Camp Schedule
	August 21	UNLV Creates	10:00am	Thomas & Mack
	August 27	Premier UNLV	TBD	Intramural Field
	Sept. 6	UNLV vs. UCLA	5:00pm	Allegiant Stadium
	Sept. 13	UNLV vs. Idaho St.	TBD	Allegiant Stadium
	TBD	Homecoming Parade	TBD	UNLV Campus
	Oct. 11	UNLV vs. Air Force	12:30pm	Allegiant Stadium
	Oct. 17-19	UNLV AT Boise St.	TBD	Boise, ID
	Nov. 1	UNLV vs. New Mexico	TBD	Allegiant Stadium
	Nov. 8	NMBC Exhibition	TBD	TBD
	Nov. 15	UNLV vs. Utah State	4:00pm	Allegiant Stadium
	Nov. 21	UNLV vs. Hawaii	7:30pm	Allegiant Stadium
	Dec. 5	MW Championship Game	TBD	TBD
	Dec. 8	Marching Band Banquet	6:30pm	TBD



Rebels Build Community: Members of the Runnin' Rebels Pep Band perform for music students at Valley High School on April 17th, 2025.

BAND CAMP ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

All band members are **required** to attend Band Camp. Regular semester grading policy begins on August 19th. All scholarship and grant recipients are **required** to attend all rehearsals. Failure to attend rehearsals will also result in forfeiture of financial aid.

Questions regarding the use of university rental instruments should be directed to Robert Mitchell prior to August 17th at robert.mitchell@unlv.edu

Saturday, August 16

1:00pm – 4:00pm: Drumline Placement Auditions BMC 160
5:00pm – 8:00pm: Drumline Rehearsal, BMC 160

Sunday, August 17

1:00pm – 4:00pm: Drumline Rehearsal BMC 160
5:00pm – 8:00pm: Drumline Rehearsal, BMC 160

Monday, August 18

9:00am–11:00am: Drumline Rehearsal, BMC 160
11:00am–12:30pm: University Instrument Check-out, BMC 160
11:30am–12:45pm: Percussion Masterclass, HFA 235
[for music major percussionists]
1:00pm – 2:00pm: FULL BAND Required Meeting, Doc Rando
Recital Hall, Beam Music Center
2:00pm – 3:30pm: Sectional Rehearsals (locations
announced at 1 o'clock meeting)
2:00pm – 4:00pm: Drumline BMC 160
6:00pm - 9:00pm: Drumline Rehearsal, BMC 160
6:00pm – 9:00pm: FULL BAND – Marching Rehearsal [FIELD]

Tuesday, August 19

9:00am–11:00am: Drumline Rehearsal, BMC 160
11:30am–12:45pm: Percussion Masterclass, HFA 235 [for music
major percussionists]
1:00pm-2:30pm: Brass/WW rehearsal, Doc Rando
2:00pm-4:00pm: Drumline rehearsal (sectionals)
2:30pm-3:30pm: Sectionals (same rooms as Monday)
4:00pm-6:00pm: Brass/WW uniform checkout, MPE 316
4:00pm-6:00pm: Percussion Large Ensemble Auditions, HFA 235
6:00pm-9:00pm: FULL BAND Marching Rehearsal
6:00pm-9:00pm: Drumline Rehearsal, BMC 160
9:00pm-10:00pm: Brass/WW Uniform Checkout, MPE 316

Wednesday, August 21

9:00am–11:00am: Drumline Rehearsal, BMC 160
1:00pm – 2:30pm: Brass/Woodwinds Music Rehearsal, Doc Rando
12:00pm – 2:00pm: Wind Orchestra Percussion Audition Prep
2:00pm - 5:00pm: Wind Orchestra/School of Music Perc Auditions
2:30pm-3:30pm: Sectionals (same rooms as Tuesday)
2:00pm – 4:00pm: Drumline Rehearsal [sectionals], BMC 160
4:00pm – 6:00pm: Brass/Woodwind Uniform Check-out, MPE 316
6:00pm – 9:00pm: FULL BAND, Marching Rehearsal, [FIELD]
9:00pm – 10:00pm: Brass/Woodwind Uniform Check-out, MPE 316

Thursday, August 22

8:00am – 11:00am: FULL BAND Marching Rehearsal, [FIELD]
1:00pm – 3:30pm: Brass/Woodwinds Music Rehearsal, Doc Rando
2:00pm – 4:00pm: Drumline Rehearsal [sectionals], BMC 160
4:00pm – 6:00pm: Drumline Uniform Check-out, MPE 316
6:00pm – 9:00pm: FULL BAND, Marching Rehearsal [FIELD]

Friday, August 23

8:00am – 9:30am FULL BAND, Marching Rehearsal, [FIELD]
10:15am-11:30am “UNLV CREATES” [Thomas & Mack Center]
2:00pm – 4:00pm Drumline Rehearsal [sectionals], BMC 160
4:00pm – 6:00pm Brass/Woodwind Uniform Check-out, MPE 316
6:00pm - 9:00pm FULL BAND, Marching Rehearsal, [FIELD]

Saturday, August 24

8:00am – 11:00am FULL BAND Marching Rehearsal, [FIELD]
6:00pm – 9:00pm FULL BAND, Marching Rehearsal, [FIELD]



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