Marching Band Marks Beginning of ’24 Season

BAND CAMP INFORMATION
All marching band members are required to attend band camp the week of Aug 18th-24th. Scholarship and grant awardees are required to attend all rehearsals - failure to attend camp rehearsals will result in the forfeiture of awarded financial aid. Instrument checkout and placement auditions for marching band, auditions for jazz band(s) will be held during the week of band camp. (Please see the band camp schedule on page 4.)

EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS
All instrumentalists (except percussion and Sousaphones) are encouraged to bring a lyre. Individuals requiring a university-owned instrument should sign one out on Monday, August 19th (see full camp schedule on back page). There is a fee per instrument to check out university-owned instruments (Exception: Brass, and Marching Percussion).

PLACEMENT WITHIN SECTIONS
Although there are no auditions for entry into the group, section leaders will place players according to ability. Review your major and chromatic scales and be prepared to sight-read. Show off your strong points. All wind players renting instruments must have their own mouthpiece, reeds, and ligature. Snare drum and tenor players will purchase their own sticks.

Rebels Celebrations - UNLV football players celebrate keeping the Golden Pineapple Trophy after defeating the University of Hawaii 44-20 on September 30th. UNLV finished the season 9-4, earning a birth in the Mountain West Conference Championship Game and the Guaranteed Rate Bowl in Phoenix, Arizona.

Rebels On The Road - The Star of Nevada Marching Band cheers on the UNLV Football Team at Mackay Stadium at the University of Nevada, Reno. UNLV defeated UNR 45-27 on October 14th in the “Battle for Nevada” keeping the Fremont Cannon, the largest and most expensive trophy in college football.

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 8:50pm-10:00pm. After football has concluded the Pep Band will resume regular rehearsals using the Monday evening 7:00pm-9:00pm time slot. All rehearsals for the Runnin Rebels Pep Band take place in BMC 160.

Star of Nevada Annual Road Trip
On November 22nd, the UNLV Football team plays San Jose State in San Jose, CA - and we plan to be there! We leave Friday morning, November 22nd for a two-night hotel stay, free day in Santa Cruz, and return late Sunday, November 24th.
A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTORS

To the Members of the UNLV Wind Orchestra:

Congratulations on a significant year of accomplishments! Your performances including the annual “President’s Concert” were excellent and memorable. The newest UNLV Wind Orchestra recording, “Joe’s Tango” featuring the trombone concerto by jazz icon Chick Corea has been released on Parma Records and has been promoted worldwide, adding even more prestige to a “treasury” of commercial and archival recordings.

The Fall ’24 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 August!

Thomas Leslie, Director - UNLV Wind Orchestra

Dear UNLV Band Members:

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!) and Dr. David Coyner for their artistic leadership and superb collaboration in all of the above!

For those joining us in the Star of Nevada Marching Band, camp starts August 19th (Aug 18th for drumline members).

Enjoy yourselves till then!
Anthony LaBounty & Dr. David Coyner, Directors
UNLV Star of Nevada Marching Band

NEW! REGULAR REHEARSAL TIMES
Following the completion of Marching Band Camp on August 24th, REGULAR marching band rehearsals will begin August 26th (on Mondays) from 6:30pm-8:20pm, Thursday from 4:30pm-6:00pm and Friday from 4:30pm-6:00pm.

MONDAY NIGHT REHEARSALS
Regular Monday evening marching band rehearsals have increased significance in the overall grading scale. Please take special note of this in the marching band handbook which also serves as the course syllabus.

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 2024-2025 school year will be able to check in early to the dorms for Marching Band Camp. This special check-in will begin on August 17th. Students requiring early arrival housing must complete the “Early Arrival Request Form” at least one week before arriving and submit a per day fee of $60 per day which includes lodging and 3 meals a day in the dining commons area. This form will be included with the move in guide sent to you from the housing and residential life office. The form can also be accessed from http://unlv-housing.com/forms/ by clicking the “Forms” link.

Rebels In Action - The Star of Nevada hosts 100 CCSD high school band members from throughout the greater Las Vegas area. This UNLV Band Experience Day performance was highlighted during halftime of the UNLV vs. Wyoming game, November 10th at Allegiant Stadium.

Rebels In Concert - The UNLV Wind Orchestra performs for the annual “President’s Concert” celebrating service members and UNLV President, Dr. Keith E. Whitfield. The UNLV Wind Orchestra performed under the baton of Thomas G. Leslie, as well as notable guest maestri Col. John Bourgeois.
**Rebels on Record**

On November 6th 2023, the award-winning UNLV Wind Orchestra released its 23rd record album entitled, *Joe's Tango*. The wind orchestra accompanied the release with a live performance featuring several pieces from the CD including the *Concerto for Trombone* by legendary jazz pianist and multiple Grammy Award winner, Chick Corea. This piece was written for internationally reputed trombonist Joseph Alessi, Principal Trombonist of the New York Philharmonic, faculty member of The Juilliard School and now, artist in residence at UNLV. The concert followed with the world premiere of *Five Cities* by UNLV alumni, Jorge Machain, featuring the wildly acclaimed Boston Brass. Machain also wrote a finale for the performance, *Triumvirate*, to feature the Boston Brass, Maestro Alessi, and the UNLV Wind Orchestra. The performance also featured *Main Theme From ‘Captain Blood’* arranged by UNLV's Professor, Zane Douglass. The UNLV Wind Orchestra partnered with Parma Recordings to produce the album, with award-winning producer Jan Koudelka. *Espresso Express*, recorded in April 2022 is currently in post-production with release coming soon.

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**DRUM MAJOR ASSUMES LEADERSHIP DUTIES**

Following successful auditions in March, we are pleased to welcome back Christopher Ramirez as the returning drum major for the UNLV *Star of Nevada* Marching Band. Ramirez is majoring in music education. Auditions for drum majors position are held annually in the Spring Semester. Interested students must have sophomore standing or higher to audition.

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**GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS AND INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF**

We are pleased to announce the return of graduate teaching assistants Ocean Akaka (DMA) and Keegan Carter (MM). We also welcome new graduate teaching assistants Tyler Cranor (DMA), Micheal Lewis (DMA), and Marianna Ruggiero (MM). Returning as staff operations assistant is Jimmy Smerek. We are also welcoming Davey Martinez as the new Drumline Instructor. Drummers are encouraged to direct inquiries to Mr. Martinez at unlvdrumline@unlv.edu. We welcome back returning Scarlet Dance Line coach, Madison Engle! Engle is a former SDL member and is a member of the Las Vegas Raiderettes.

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### UNLV “STAR OF NEVADA” MARCHING BAND 2024 EVENTS SCHEDULE

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**Rebels Release Record** - The latest addition to the UNLV Wind Orchestra Series, *Joe’s Tango*, is available on iTunes, Spotify, and more.
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University instrument checkout: HFA 236; Questions regarding the use of university rental instruments should be directed to Robert Mitchell prior to August 18th at robert.mitchell@unlv.edu

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| **Sunday, August 18** | 1:00pm – 4:00pm Drumline Placement Auditions BMC 160  
5:00pm – 8:00pm Drumline Rehearsal, BMC 160 |
| **Monday, August 19** | 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 20** | 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/Woodwinds Music Rehearsal, Rando Recital Hall  
2:00pm-4:00pm Drumline Rehearsal [sectionals], BMC 160  
2:30pm – 3:30pm Brass/Woodwind Sectional Rehearsals [same locations]  
4:00pm – 6:00pm Brass/Woodwind Uniform Check-out, MPE 316  
4:00pm – 6:00pm Percussion Large Ensemble Auditions, HFA 235  
6:00pm – 9:00pm Drumline Rehearsal, BMC 160  
6:00pm – 9:00pm FULL BAND, Marching Rehearsal [FIELD]  
9:00pm – 10:00pm Brass/Woodwind Uniform Check-out, MPE 316 |
| **Wednesday, August 21** | 9:00am–11:00am Drumline Rehearsal, BMC 160  
1:00pm – 3:30pm Brass/Woodwinds Music Rehearsal, Rando Recital Hall  
12:00pm – 2:00pm Wind Orchestra Percussion Audition Prep  
2:00pm - 5:00pm Wind Orchestra/School of Music Perc Auditions HFA 235  
2:00pm – 4:00pm Drumline Rehearsal [sectionals], BMC 160  
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| **Thursday, August 22** | 8:00am – 11:00am FULL BAND Marching Rehearsal, [FIELD]  
1:00pm – 3:30pm Brass/Woodwinds Music Rehearsal, Rando Recital Hall  
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] |

**Rebels Build Community** - Members of the *Star of Nevada* Marching Band perform for the United Way of Southern Nevada Volunteer Kick-off event on September 22nd at Stoney’s Rockin’ Country in Las Vegas, Nevada.