

Damonte Marching Invitational

Damonte Ranch High School
Reno, Nevada

November 6, 2021



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Welcome



Dear DMI Audience and Participants,
On behalf of the Damonte Ranch High School Band Community, I would like to welcome you back to our annual Damonte Marching Invitational. We are so excited to be your host this afternoon as over 350 performers take the field to share the product of many rigorous hours devoted to perfecting their craft. These performers will also compete for the top Sweepstakes Award in each category and overall placement. I am incredibly grateful to the students, staff and parents of the Damonte Ranch Band, as they have worked incredibly hard to ensure that this day is a fun, successful and educational event for all involved.

Every band performing today has dedicated a tremendous amount of time and sacrifice to continually strive for excellence throughout this Marching Band season. Marching Band is back, and we could not be more excited! Please do not hesitate to show your admiration for all bands performing today through your cheers and applause. I wish all schools good luck with their performances today and throughout the remainder of the band season!

Sincerely,

Christi Robinson

Director of Bands
Performance Arts Center
Damonte Ranch High School



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To the 2021 Damonte Marching Invitational Participants:

Welcome to the Ranch! On behalf of the students, teachers, staff, and families of Damonte Ranch High School, I proudly welcome you to the Damonte Marching invitational. We are thrilled to host the exceptional bands here today and finally provide the opportunity for our talented students to perform. The commitment of time, talent, and effort is fundamental to your presence today, and we are confident you will have an outstanding competition experience. We value the skills and integrity of all performances as each directly impacts the overall collaborative efforts of the competition and musical education of all participants.

Music is the heart of every High School. In the words of Beyonce, "I cannot imagine my life if I didn't have a music program in my school." Each one of you are the heart of your school as you perform in many realms. You bring the energy and enthusiasm to sporting events, musicals, and school assemblies. You surround the neighborhoods with your melodious rhythms as you practice tirelessly for these events and competitions like the one here today. You are valued and appreciated, and today we celebrate YOU! We encourage you to enjoy this day and relish in the enthusiasm created by the music and energy in each performance.

With that said, I hope you all feel connected to true beauty of each musical performance today. We wish each of you the best of luck today and in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Performance Lineup

Class A

- 1:00 pm Carson High School Blue Thunder Marching Band
- 1:15 pm Spring Creek High School Marching Spartans
- 1:30 pm Sparks High School
- 1:45 pm Break

Class AA Blue

- 2:00 pm Churchill County High School
- 2:15 pm Douglas High School
- 2:30 pm Spanish Springs High School
- 2:45 pm Robert McQueen High School
- 3:00 pm Galena High School
- 3:15 pm Break

Class AA Silver

- 3:30 pm Fernley High School
- 3:45 pm Edward C. Reed Raider Band
- 4:00 pm North Valleys High School

Class AAA

- 4:15 pm Damonte Ranch High School
- 4:30 pm Break

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- 4:45 pm Awards
 - 4:45 pm Critique Round 1 – First 4 Units
 - 5:00 pm Critique Round 2 – First 4 Units
 - 5:15 pm Critique Round 3 – Last 4 Units



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Dan Barthel

Daniel Barthel has been teaching band in the Reno area since 2004. He helped open Depoali Middle School in 2009 and since that time, The Depoali band program has experience consistent participation and success. The program serves around 300 students every year, offering jazz band, concert bands, winterguard, percussion ensemble and other chamber ensembles. Depoali bands have consistently earned Superior Ratings in Concert Band Festivals in the Northern Nevada and Northern California areas.

Barthel is also active in the band community, Serving as the Washoe County School District Honor Band Coordinator. He has also served as the Nevada Music Educators Association (NMEA) President, Zone Representative, and MS All-State Band Coordinator, in 2018





Drum Major

Kosette Cote
Alex Josephson
Hayley Williams

Flute

Anna Fugal
Emma Josephson
Jas Huang
Logan Smithson

Baritone

Alex Angeles
Brennan Kincannon
Brian Wyrch
Jack Zockoll
Owen Howey
Raihan Stuart
Ronaldo Gonzalez
Ryan Norega
Seth Harris
Valeria Arredondas

Sousa

Izzy Kirby
Mathew Eckart
Peter Schuapp
Ronald Adams

Clarinet

Destiny Spears
Ella Brown
Heidi Wilson
Maddy Trehal
Preston Penrose
Trestin Houchins
Violet Wilhelm

Mello

Ashlyn Collins
Aubrey Barthel
Carter Allison
Eric Olivarez
Lesley Vidales

Battery

Noah Kitchingman
Adam Schifferdecker
Sophie Parlane
Liam Watson
Aiden Chauvin
Kylie Canchola
Corbin Stewart
Jackson Strawn
Sam Wilhelm
Issaac Dowdle
Kilika Drake

Saxophone

Bradyen Barlow
Christian Beaston
Devin Haverly
Ezra Nolasco
Finn Adams
Harley Slattengren
Jaden Ta
Lawson Bryant
Nathan Dunphy
Sam Linder
Tyler Walker

Guard

Aspen Kieckhefer
Butterfly (Rory) Hall
Cameron Larson
Cedar Culley
Emma Culbert
Kathryn Raubolt
Kaylee Lu
Lily Houghton
Maddy Elliot
Madison Siegrist
Matthew Ortega
Mya Hemerson
Noah Sisteck
Rylie Habberstad

Trumpet

Aiden Hale
Diego Drake
Hector Barrera
Ian Silvestre
Jeff Davis
Jenny Chen
Joshua Mouridian
Marco Bisio
Trent Curtis
Tyler Nash
Xavier Alvarado

Pit Percussion

Allison Marshall
Ben Miles
Clara Kidd
Jillian Szostak
Kaitlyn Green
Liam Johnson
Mindy Jones
Naomi Ramstad
Noah Dunphy
Connor Pruitt

Your Hosts Cont.



Leadership Team

Drum Majors:

Kosette Cote – Head Drum Major
Alex Josephson
Hayley Williams

Saxophone Section Leader:

Brayden Barlow & T. Walker

Mellophone Section Leader:

Eric Olivarez

Assistant Drum Major/Brass

Captain:

Brennan Kincannon

Trumpet Section Leader:

Marco Bisio & Joshua Mouradian

Woodwind Captain:

Harley Slattengren

Low Brass Section Leader:

Ryan Noriega

Percussion Captain:

Sophie Parlane

Front Ensemble Section Leader:

Jillian Szostak & Clara Kidd

Management Team

Guard Captain:

Matthew Ortega

Battery Section Leader:

Noah Kitchingman

&

Adam Schifferdecker

Secretary:

Kaitlyn Green

Clarinet Section Leader:

Heidi Wilson

Field/Truck Crew Team:

Devin Haverly – *Captain*

Owen Howey

Seth Harris

Historian:

Lesley Vidales Garcia

Morale Team:

Mindy Jones – *Captain*

Rylie Habbestad

Madison Elliott

Management Assistants:

Ashlyn Collins

Emma Josephson



Adjudicators



Diane Koutsulis

Diane Koutsulis has recently retired as the Director of Bands and Arts Department Chair at Green Valley High School. From Chicago, Diane has been teaching in Las Vegas for 35 years. She received a BA in Music from Western Illinois University. After teaching junior high band in Oswego, Illinois, for three years, she went on to complete the MEd at Louisiana State University, where she studied with Frank Wickes.

During her tenure in Las Vegas, Diane has built fine band programs at both Las Vegas High School (1982-91) and Green Valley High School (1991-2017). Her groups have consistently garnered recognition for fine performances, and she has served as guest clinician and conductor at various conferences and honor bands throughout the US. Diane was named the 1999 Nevada Teacher of the Year and received the 1999 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. In 2004, the GVHS Symphonic Band performed at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago, IL. The Green Valley High School Marching Band performed in the 2010 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, as well as the 2009 and 1993 Presidential Inaugural Parades. Diane is honored to be a member of the prestigious American Bandmasters Association (ABA).

Javier Sosa



Javier Sosa lives in Reno, Nevada where he is currently the Program Coordinator/Color Guard caption head at Damonte Ranch High School. He began his judging career with Marching Band Open Series and West Texas Color Guard Circuit in 2014. Javier has served as Program Coordinator/Choreographer/Color Guard Director for winter guards, marching bands and drum corps in Florida, Pennsylvania and Nevada. In the Winter Guard activity, he has produced Winter Guard International finalists and Winter Guard Association of Southern California finalists and champions. As a performer he marched with the Drum Corp International World Champions the Cadets of Bergen County.



Adjudicators



Brian Mora

Brian Mora is visual consultant from Miami, FL, and has been involved in the marching arts for over 25 years. He is an accomplished instructor/consultant/adjudicator throughout the US. Brian has had the honor of working with several of the top drum corps, marching bands, winterguards, indoor percussion units, and winds at all levels of activity. His affiliations include WGI, DCI, USBands, WBA, TCGC, FMBC, ADLA and many others.

From the beginning, Brian has been a proponent of the positive lessons and effects the activity can have on its members. He continues to provide all levels, organizations, and their students with the tools to reach the pinnacle of their abilities. Brian currently resides in Roseville, CA. His continued message, "The Marching Arts are a sport, an art, and an education in life."



J.W. Koester has served as director or manager with several top-tier corps such as: Phantom Regiment during the 2008 DCI World Championship season, Santa Clara Vanguard during the 1999 DCI World Championship season, Vanguard Cadets during the 1991 and 1993 Division II finalist seasons, and most recently as the Corps Director for Spirit of Atlanta. He also worked with Drum Corps International (DCI) as the national coordinator for Division II & III corps. In 2018, he was inducted into the Santa Clara Vanguard Hall of Fame.

In his 30 years as a designer, instructor and consultant, Koester has worked with performing ensembles throughout eight states. A percussionist since 1967, he has performed with groups including the Santa Clara Vanguard (winning three DCI World Championships and five Best Percussion Section Awards), the San Jose State University Marching Band, the West Valley College Wind and Percussion Ensembles, and numerous community theater musical productions. Koester is currently Lead Instructor for the Price Charter School Winter Percussion Ensemble, Percussion Coordinator for Oak Grove High School Marching Band and Winter Percussion Ensemble, and also a Project Engineer with a semi-conductor capital equipment company.

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C O N S T R U C T I O N



Classification & Performance Order

- Class A:** 1-60 Total Performers
- Class AA:** 61-75 Total Performers
- Class AAA:** 76-90 Total Performers
- Class AAAA:** 91+ Total Performers

Total number of members is the sum of all performers: woodwind, brass, percussion, front ensemble, guard/auxiliary and drum major(s).

At the discretion of the band director, bands may move up to any division, but not down a division.

Performance order by class is determined by blind and random draw.

Scoring

Bands will receive a score based on a total possible 100 points computed to the nearest tenth of a point.

DMI will be utilizing the Western Band Association (WBA) Class 1-2-3 A score sheets.

The percentage of the total score for each caption is:

- **Music Effect: 30%** (10% Program/10% Performance/10% Coordination)
- **Visual Effect: 30%** (10% Program/10% Performance/10% Coordination)
- **Ensemble Music: 20%** (5% Balance & Timing/5% - Tone Quality and Intonation/10% Musicianship)
- **Visual Ensemble: 20%** (10% Program/10% Performance/10% Coordination)

Music Effect: Music General Effect is the utilization of all elements to bring about maximum effectiveness of the musical performance. Evaluation is done on what is being performed simultaneously with how well it is performed. Since achievement is judged, this judge must understand that the construction and content of a program, in combination with the performance level, which is being demonstrated, will determine the achievement level. The music General Effect sheet has two sub-captains: Effectiveness of the repertoire and Effectiveness of the performers.

Visual Effect: Visual General Effect is the utilization of all elements to bring about maximum effectiveness the visual representation of the music performance. Evaluation is done on what is being performed simultaneously with how it is being performed. Since achievement is judged, this judge must understand that the construction and content of a program, in combination with the performance level, which is being demonstrated, will determine the achievement level. The Visual General Effect sheet has two sub-captains: Effectiveness of the Repertoire and Effectiveness of the Performers.

Music Ensemble: The purpose and evaluation on this sheet is to determine the best, second best, etc. musical performance based on accuracy and uniformity of a performance as perceived from the vantage point of the audience. The judgement of technical accuracy, intonation accuracy and tone quality is to be made with the consideration of content – that is, demand and exposure of the performers. The effectiveness of the production is not to be considered. The Ensemble Music sheet has two sub-captains: Achievement of Musicianship and Sound/Tuning/Technique.

Visual Ensemble: The purpose of evaluation in this captain is to determine the most technically proficient marching group from the vantage point of the audience. The evaluation is composed of excellence identification, balanced with the judgement of technical demand, and the exposure to that demand on ensemble, with the consideration of content and construction. The effectiveness of the performance is not to be considered. The Visual Ensemble sheet has two sub-captains: Composing and Achievement of Excellence and Technique.



Carson High School
Blue Thunder Marching Band

Colors

- I. Fury
- II. The Royal Blues
- III. Life

Class: A

Total Members: 44

Director: Nick Jacques

Color Guard: Raychel Roylance

Drumline: Nathan Thorton

Drum Major: Emma Thomsen & Jasmine Won-Fortunato



Spring Creek High School
Marching Spartans

Rock Classics

- I. Paint it Black
- II. Shambala
- III. Old Time Rock and Roll

Class: A

Total Members: 30

Director: Christopher Hansen

Color Guard: Raychel Roylance

Drumline: Nathan Thorton

Drum Major: Emma Thomsen & Jasmine Won-Fortunato



Sparks High School

Class: A

Total Members: 30

Director: Blair Williams



Churchill County High School

SUERTE!

- I. La Suerte de los Tontos
- II. Pegasus
- III. Spain
- IV. One more time Chuck Correa

Class: AA Blue

Total Members: 57

Director: Scott Parker

Color Guard: Kristina Lee & Ashley Rhodes

Drumline: Nathan Lords, Savanna Regli & Britney McArthur

Drum Major: Zoe Brown, Kenny Coval & Anjela Letourneau



Douglas High School
Tiger Marching Band

Fathoms

- I. Majesty and Adventure
- II. Open Waters
- III. Danger and Discovery

Class: AA Blue

Total Members: 58

Director: Mark Porter

Color Guard: Jordan Martz

Percussion: Cotton Weaver



Spanish Springs High School

Ludwig: The Music of Beethoven

- I. Mvt. I – Symphony No. 5
- II. Mvt. II – Moonlight Sonata - Symphony No. 7
- III. Mvt. III – Into the Light - Symphony No. 9

Class: AA Blue

Total Members: 61

Director: David E. Morris and Quinlan Skinner

Band Captain: AJ Hallert

Percussion Captain: Nick Stahl

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Robert McQueen High School

Postcards from Spain

- I. Parts 1, 2 & 3

Class: AA Blue

Total Members: 48

Director: Nathan Williams

Color Guard: Courtney Barnett and Willow Valdez



Galena High School

Forty Thieves

- I. Mvmt 1: 2 Brothers
- II. Mvmt 2: Thieves
- III. Mvmt 3: The Cave
- IV. Mvmt 4: Conflict and Resolution

Class: AA Blue

Total Members: 54

Director: Jason Smith

Color Guard: Emma Johnson

Percussion: Hannah Heffernen



Fernley High School

The Music of Journey

- I. Mvmt 2: Thieves
- II. Mvmt 3: The Cave
- III. Mvmt 4: Conflict and Resolution

Class: AA Silver

Total Members: 60

Director: Amber Vendova

Color Guard: Alex Funcannon & True Brabant



Edward C. Reed High School
Edward C. Reed High School Raider Band

How to become a Junior Ranger

Original Music by Aaron Hines and Steve Martin

Class: AA Silver

Total Members: 65

Director: Ron Eichstedt

Color Guard: Nicky Mendoza

Percussion: Emily Hudson

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North Valley's High School

Welcome to the Black Parade

- I. Welcome to the Black Parade
- II. Black Bird
- III. Blackhole Sun

Class: AA Silver

Total Members: 68

Director: Greg Canfield

Color Guard: Grace Kinney



Damonte Ranch High School
Marching Band



The Music of Aaron Copland

Director of Bands: Christi Blahnik

Assistant Director: Casey Smith

Program Coordinator: Javier Sosa

Staff: Percussion - Kyle Zive & Sydney Lu
Guard - Dan Miller & Jane Strawn
Brass/Visual - Marshall Jones, & Alex Fanetti & Katherine May
Battery - Steve Spreber, Alen Woo, Nathan Tilley
Woodwind: Ryan Stewart

Drum Majors: Kosette Cote, Alex Josephson, Hayley Williams

Assistant Drum Major: Brennan Kincannon

Captains: Brass – Brennan Kincannon,
Woodwinds – Harley Slattengren,
Percussion – Sophie Parlane,
Guard – Matthew Ortega



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Awards

Class A

Class A 1st Place _____

Class A 2nd Place _____

Class A 3rd Place _____

Outstanding Visual _____

Outstanding Music _____

Class AA Blue

Class AA Silver 1st Place _____

Class AA Silver 2nd Place _____

Class AA Silver 3rd Place _____

Class AA Silver Participation _____

Class AA Silver Participation _____

Outstanding Visual _____

Outstanding Music _____

Class AA Silver

Class AA Silver 1st Place _____

Class AA Silver 2nd Place _____

Class AA Silver 3rd Place _____

Outstanding Visual _____

Outstanding Music _____

Sensational Spirit _____

Best Parent Pit Crew _____



Sweepstakes Awards

Visual Sweepstakes

Music Sweepstakes

3rd Place Sweepstakes

2nd Place Sweepstakes

Sweepstakes Award

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Thank you to our sponsors and supporters who are listed below, it is their generosity that allows us to compete in contests with productions we are proud to perform. We are immensely grateful for the talents, fun, dedication, and guidance our director, Christi Blahnik, has brought to our program: she is building a tight-knit group of friends and teammates. Our thanks to the administration of Damonte Ranch High School, our amazing marching band and color guard staff and the village it takes to make sure we shine.

Thanks to everyone for coming today and showing your support!

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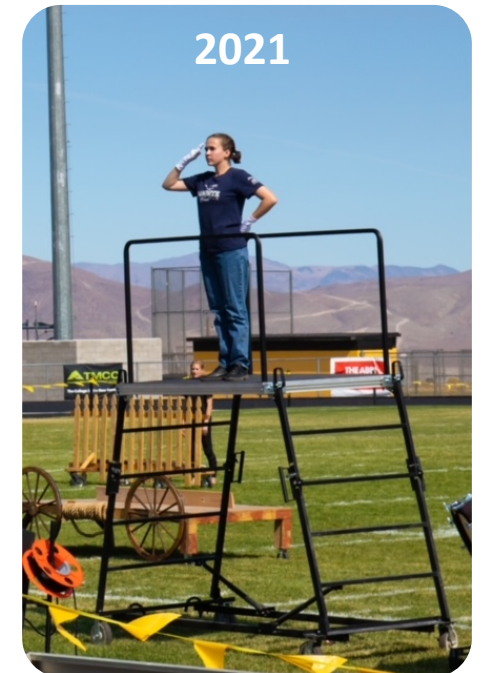


KOSETTE CÔTÉ



Congratulations on your last DMI performance! We are so very proud of the music accomplishments and the leader you've become at DaRanch. Your authenticity, tenacity, determination, humor and kindness are traits that will continue to help you to reach the stars. We are so excited to see you end your marching career when you march in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day- 60 years later after your grandpa did the same! We love you! Enjoy the "ride" tonight!

Love, Mom, Grandma, Grandpa, Alex and Luc





Brayden Barlow



Rosette Cote



Mathew Eckart



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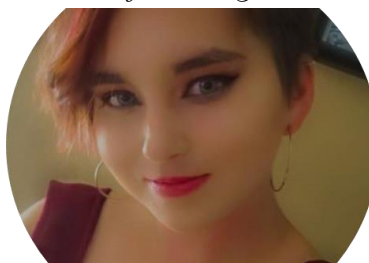
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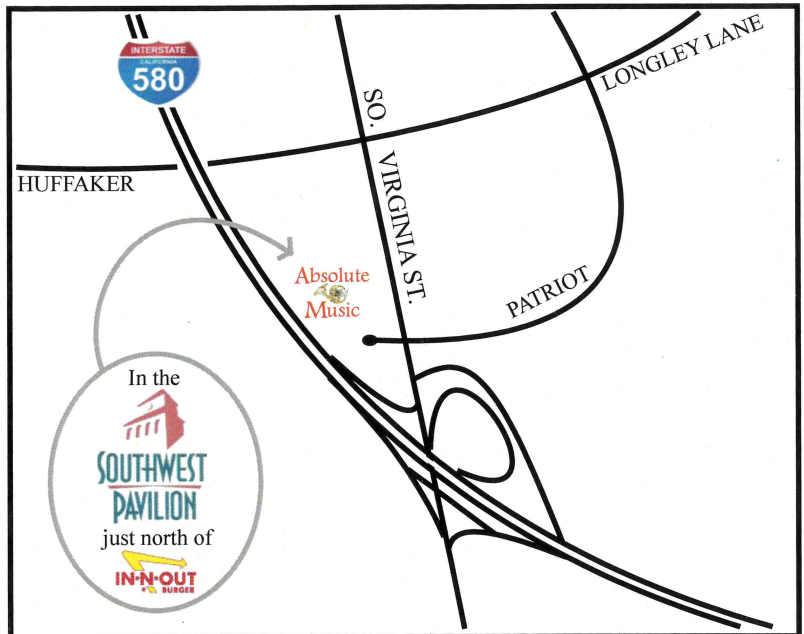


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