

THIRTIETH ANNUAL

West Memphis Marching Classic

October 13, 2018

Judges:

- Steve Warner – Jonesboro AR – Band
- George Pokorski – Olive Branch, MS – Band
- Brady Massey – Pocahontas, AR – Band
- Corey Smith – Southaven, MS – Color Guard
- Tyler Worsham – Forrest City, AR – Percussion
- Marie Milliken – Olive Branch, MS – Field Commander

Eligibility

Any high school band in Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, or Mississippi that is a member of its State Band Association is invited to participate. This event has been sanctioned by the Arkansas Activities Association.

Registration

Follow this link to the registration form: <https://goo.gl/forms/3XoxER8gbjoEcAZL2>

The non-refundable entry fee is \$200. Make checks payable to **West Memphis Band Boosters and send to:**

West Memphis Band Boosters
Attn. Randal Box
501 W. Broadway
West Memphis, AR 72301

Deadline for Receipt of Entry Fee is September 24, 2018.

Your registration will be “official” when your \$200 entry fee is received.

Performance order will be based on postmark of entry fee. Earliest postmarks perform last.

In the event two or more bands in a classification have the same postmark, order will be determined by random draw.

Admission: \$5.00 adults \$3.00 students. Chaperones riding the bus or driving equipment trucks will have their hands stamped for admission. All others must purchase a ticket.

Concession Stand: Our Concession Stand will be open, so please encourage your students to use it. The food will include home baked goods, grilled hamburgers, pizza etc. plus regular concession items.

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Classification

Classification will be based on the total number of wind and percussion musicians performing. Bands may enter a higher classification but not a lower. Changing classification after registration will not be allowed. Postmark of registration materials will determine performance order with the class; earlier postmarks will perform later in their class. In the event two or more bands have the same postmark, performance times will be determined by random draw.

Classifications and Divisions

WINDS plus ALL PERCUSSION

RED DIVISION

Class D

1 – 35 Musicians

Class C

36 – 55 Musicians

BLUE DIVISION

Class B

56 – 85 Musicians

Class A

86 musicians or larger

Schedule: Performances are slated to begin at noon. A maximum of 15 bands will be accepted. The WMHS Marching Band will march in exhibition at 3:45 with awards at 4:15.

Show Length and Time Limit

There is no minimum or maximum show length. Each band will have 15 minutes of "field time." This time begins when the first member of the band crosses the entry goal line, with the exception of pit and props, who will be allowed to pre-set equipment, provided the field is cleared of performers from the previous band. Timing will end when the last person, whether band member or other personnel removing pit, props, etc. exits across the endzone. Bands that go over the 15-minute time limit will penalized one-tenth of a point for every 10 seconds, or fraction thereof, over time.

Field: The field at Hamilton-Schultz stadium is field turf. Large pieces of equipment and props such as stages, platforms and backdrops are permitted only if the equipment does not damage the field.

No fire or fireworks will be allowed in the stadium, nor will any prop or effect that could potentially damage or leave residue on the contest field such as confetti, baby powder, etc. Bands who violate this rule will be DISQUALIFIED, and no refund given.

Electricity: A single outlet will be available at the 50 – yard line on the performance side. Bands needing to plug in more than one cord should provide their own power strip.

Adjudication: Three band judges will score all aspects of the band’s performance. Total available to each judge is 100 points, broken down as follows:

MUSIC:	40 points
VISUAL:	30 points
EFFECT:	30 points

The three band scores will be averaged and ratings assigned based on the following scale:

75 – 100	First Division
50 – 74.99	Second Division
25 – 49.99	Third Division
0 – 24.99	Fourth Division

There is one judge each for PERCUSSION, COLORGUARD and FIELD COMMANDERS. These judges determine placement and awards within their captions; they do not affect the band's score or placement.

TIE SCORES: In the event of a tie, the combined music scores of the three band judges will be used to determine placement. Should there still be a tie after music scores are considered, the combined effect scores will be used to determine placement. Should there still be a tie, that tie shall be judged to be conclusive and duplicate awards presented.

AWARDS

Trophies to be awarded:

Bands receiving First and Second Division ratings will receive trophies.

Class Awards: First, second and third place trophies will be presented in the A, B, C, and D classes

Division Awards

Percussion: Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place percussion scores in each division will be awarded, without regard to classification.

Color Guard: Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place color guard scores in each division will be awarded, without regard to classification.

Field Commander: Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place field commander scores in each division will be awarded, without regard to classification.

Soloist Award: The outstanding soloist in each division, as determined by the three band judges, will be presented a medal recognizing their achievement.

Outstanding Music Performance: The band in each division with the highest combined music score from the three band judges will receive the Overall Outstanding Music Performance Award

Outstanding Visual Performance: The band in each division with the highest combined visual score from the three band judges will receive the Overall Outstanding Visual Performance Award

Outstanding General Effect: The band in each division with the highest combined effect score from the three band judges will receive the Overall Outstanding General Effect Performance Award

Grand Champion: The highest scoring band in each division will be awarded a trophy and named the West Memphis Marching Classic Grand Champion.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The contest may be delayed should weather conditions so warrant. If the contest director deems weather conditions are unlikely to clear or are serious enough to make it unsafe to continue with the contest, the contest may be declared a "rainout." Unsafe conditions may include, among others, extremely heavy rain, lightning, and the issuance of severe weather warnings.