

# COLTS

YOUTH ORGANIZATION

*We use music & excellence to teach each other about success in life.*

June 21, 2023

So...is June 21st really the longest day of the year? ANSWER: *Actually, every day is twenty-four hours long.* 😊 But on drum corps tour, the days certainly do feel longer with all the hard work being put in by the members, staff and volunteers. We're just wrapping up our "spring training" days for both the Colts and Colt Cadets, and the students are getting set to deliver the performance of a lifetime.

We celebrate our 60th anniversary this summer — an amazing accomplishment for the Colts organization. It is truly **a credit to all who have come before** and established the foundation on which we still stand today. We look forward to meeting up with old friends, and developing new ones along the way. We hope you'll join us at one of our upcoming summer events. For a list of what the alumni have planned for the 60th celebration, visit: [colts.org/alumni-events](https://colts.org/alumni-events)

The Colts program this year, *Where The Heart Is*, captures the very essence of who we are as an organization. Home can mean so many things to each of us. But no matter your definition, the common thread is truly feeling the love and support of your chosen family. The drum corps experience is such a wonderful opportunity for young people to expand their family and find their home within.

HELP US REALIZE AN INCREDIBLE SUMMER WITH A GIFT TO OUR ANNUAL APPEAL.

At your home, you've certainly noticed a shrinking wallet when making trips to the grocery store. *Imagine feeding about 280 people\* four meals per day!* We will face many challenges this summer. Keeping the members well-nourished is always a top priority. A donation to our Annual Appeal will go a long way toward helping us achieve our goals.

We will soon be welcoming **Home Show Week** with hosted shows in Ankeny (7/12), Olathe (7/17) and, of course, **MUSIC ON THE MARCH** in Dubuque (7/14). And in early August, we'll arrive at a new home on *Friday, August 4, at Prairie High School Stadium in Cedar Rapids, IA*, where the Colt Cadets will host **TOURNAMENT OF DRUMS**.

There is so much in our past to be proud of, but it's also our future that has everyone filled with anticipation. Our journey continues into a new decade — *and where will it lead?*

Here's to a fantastic season ahead for all members of the Red Team. Thank you for your support!

Best regards,



Jeff MacFarlane  
Executive Director



*Thank You!*

P.S. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter (@dcicolts), Instagram (@dcicolts), Facebook (dcicolts and coltcadets), and on the Colts Virtual Cooktruck ([coltscooktruck.blogspot.com](https://coltscooktruck.blogspot.com)) for all the latest updates from the road!

\* Combined Colts and Colt Cadets along with staff and volunteers

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Sixty years ago,

young performers traveled across town in Dubuque, Iowa, to join the local drum and bugle corps. Now these talented students

find their way to Dubuque from over half the states in America, and often overseas from Japan, Great Britain, or The Netherlands. The Colts have evolved...the name has changed...but the lessons learned by those early Legionnaires are, in so many ways, similar to what today's members experience decades later.

Drum corps in Dubuque is alive and well because *you* have made it so. Your continued support — whether with a donation, the purchase of a ticket or souvenir, or by volunteering your time — will allow us to continue shaping the lives of young adults just as we did back in 1963.

**We invite you to help us by making a contribution to our 2023 Annual Appeal.** Your donation goes a long way toward making our programs the best they can be, especially as the cost of providing an incredible member experience continues to climb. We are committed to continuing our legacy of providing one of the best food programs in DCI — and we are always looking to create an environment where our students choose to return year after year.

Join us this summer at a performance near you. And rekindle your love for the family that's made us who we are.

Welcome Home!



2022 Colts  
"The Silk Road"

# "All The World's A Stage"

- William Shakespeare

A perfect balance of art, athleticism and musicianship. SEE IT LIVE!



## CELEBRATION IN BRASS

Wednesday 7/12 • Ankeny, IA



## MUSIC ON THE MARCH

Friday 7/14 • Dubuque, IA



## BRASS IMPACT

Monday 7/17 • Olathe, KS



## TOURNAMENT OF DRUMS

Friday 8/4 • Cedar Rapids, IA

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