

COLTS

YOUTH ORGANIZATION

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

August 2, 2022

Dear Colts Supporter,

Our journey down *The Silk Road* is nearly complete. What a year it's been! The Colts design team dusted off the program originally scheduled to debut in 2020 — looking at the production with a fresh set of eyes and ears. The wait paid off as the Colts have been a fan favorite from Minnesota to Alabama and all roads in between.

We witnessed what we believe was the largest crowd in our history with over 3,500 in attendance at our show in Olathe, Kansas. Ankeny welcomed back drum corps for the first time since 2019, and the Dubuque show saw dozens of alumni gather with the rest of the hometown fans. Cedar Rapids rounds out our schedule of hosted shows in just a couple days.

The summer has not been without its random "inconveniences." Vicki and the admin team have been dealing with the continued presence of COVID-19 in the ranks. All in all, we feel like we've been successful in minimizing its effects on tour life. Apparently fleet troubles are equally contagious as we've had vehicle after vehicle in the shop for one reason or another. **And have you seen the price of food and fuel?**

But enough of the business...LET'S TALK ABOUT THE KIDS. The members of the Colts and Colt Cadets are having a summer to remember. With just over a week to go before the 2022 DCI World Championships in Indianapolis, the Colts are in contention to make their first trip to the Saturday night competition since their appearance in Pasadena in 2007. Exciting days ahead, to be sure!

On the enclosed flier, we've included a photo montage of the Colts season thanks in part to our summer media team who are on the road capturing the moments. Special thanks to our uniform and costume providers, **Fruhauf Uniforms** (*corps proper*) and **Creative Costuming** (*guard*), for making us look spectacular this summer. And, of course, we wouldn't sound as good as we do without our dependable **Yamaha** brass and percussion instruments!

If you've already made a donation online this summer, or dropped a check in the mail to us, THANK YOU! If you have the means to do so, **we're hoping you can send a donation as we return from Indianapolis and begin preparations for the coming season.**

We have SO much to be thankful for including the long list of amazing volunteers who help us make it through the season, our incredible instructional staff, and, of course, all the students who have been relentless in their drive to be great!

Please email or call with any questions you may have, and thanks for all you do to support the Colts Youth Organization. We hope to see you in 2023 for our 60th Anniversary season!

Jeff MacFarlane
Executive Director

P.S. Catch *Big Loud & Live 17* at a theater near you on Thursday, Aug. 11, including Dubuque and throughout Iowa. Or stream all three nights in Indy with a **FloMarching** subscription.

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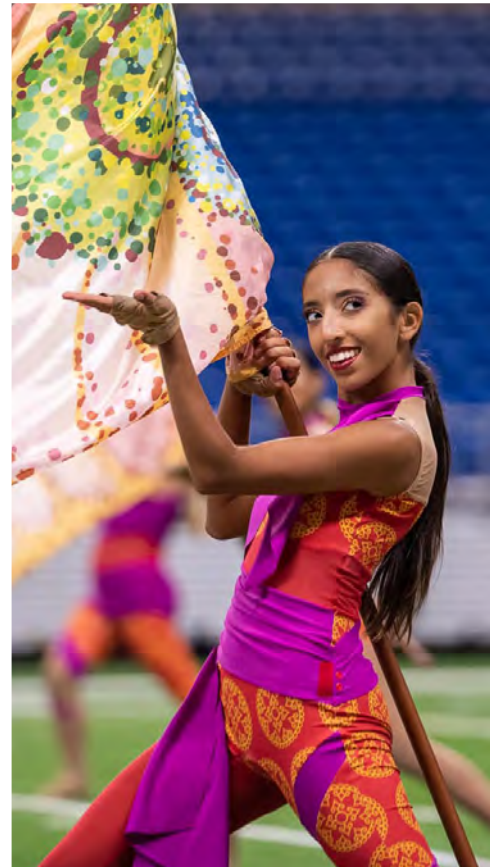
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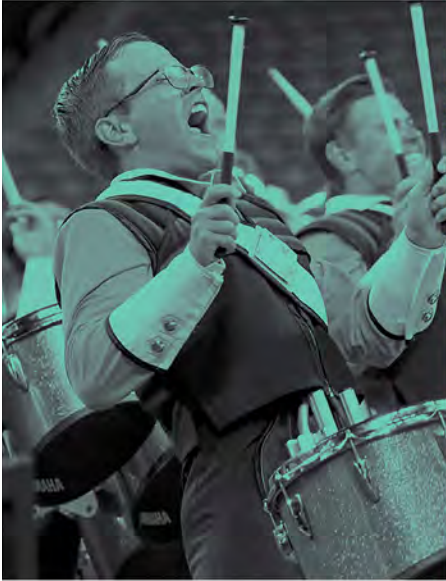
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