

Appalachian State University's Marching Mountaineers



APPlause! Series Performance October 13, 2015

As an integral part of the Performing Arts Series, APPlause! offers a variety of performances at venues across the Appalachian State University campus that feature university-based artists as well as local, regional and world-renowned professional artists. These affordable performances offer access to a wide variety of art disciplines for K-12 students. The series also offers the opportunity for students from the Reich College of Education to view a field trip in action without having to leave campus.

Among the 2015-2016 series performers, you will find those who will also be featured in the [The Schaefer Center Presents](#) along with professional artists chosen specifically for our student audience as well as performances by campus groups.

Before you arrive:

Familiarize your students with what it means to be a great audience member by introducing these theatre etiquette basics:

- Arrive early enough to find your seats and settle in before the show begins (20-30 minutes).
- Remember to turn your electronic devices OFF so they do not disturb the performers or other audience members.
- Remember to sit appropriately and to stay quiet so that the audience members around you can enjoy the show too.

PLEASE NOTE:

***All audience members arriving by car should plan to park in the Rivers Street Parking Deck. There is a small charge for parking in the deck. Buses should plan to park along the side of Rivers Street – Please indicate to the Parking and Traffic Officer when you plan to move your bus (i.e. right after the show, or after lunch) so that they can help keep everyone safe.**

***Adults meeting a school group at the show will be asked to sign in at the lobby and wait to be escorted to their group by an usher.**





About the Performance:

At 285 members strong, the Appalachian State University Marching Mountaineers are a source of pride and "Mountaineer spirit" for the ASU community. The Marching Mountaineers perform for over 20,000 fans at each home football game, provide support for the Mountaineers at select away games, and perform in exhibition at high school festivals. With a strong commitment to excellence in performance, the members of the band take great pride in being known as North Carolina's Band of Distinction!

What makes a marching band a marching band?

Marching bands are typically found in the United States at football games, helping to cheer on the home team, or performing an exciting halftime show! The earliest marching bands, however, began as military bands helping to send a message to the soldiers as to what their instructions from their commander were on the battlefield. As time went on, military bands' role changed from being primarily used on the battlefield to primarily acting in a ceremonial role. Many military bands exist in this configuration today. Modern day marching bands tend to dress in a military- like uniform (generally with school colors) and continue to use such commands as, "attention," "about face," and "forward march."

Marching bands also use the field to march in unique patterns on the field as they play, keeping precision in mind.

The auxiliary adds a visual element to the band – sometimes in the form of a traditional color guard, other times with dance lines and majorettes twirling batons, flags, and mock rifles.

Parts of a marching band:

You will find these instruments and more when you see the Marching Mountaineers:

Brass – trumpets, trombones, French horns, alto horns, cornets

Woodwinds – flutes, piccolos, saxophones, clarinets

Marching Percussion – snare drums, tenor drums, bass drums, cymbals

Front Line – xylophones, timpani, maracas, congas, cowbells, marimbas

The leader of the marching band is called the **Drum Major**.

About our Marching Mountaineers:

285 total members - you can expect to hear from a smaller number of those during our indoor concert!

All are Appalachian State University students.

A sample of what you can expect to hear at the APPlause! Series concert at the Schaefer Center for the Performing Arts:

App State Pre-Game Show

Decades of Funk

- ***"Let's Groove" by Earth, Wind and Fire***
- ***"Attitude Dance" by Tower of Power***
- ***"Uptown Funk" by Bruno Mars***

Music from the Star Wars movies

Halloween Show

- ***"Phantom of the Opera"***
- ***"Thriller" by Michael Jackson***

On your own:

- List the similarities and differences between a marching band and another type of band.
- Listen to an audio clip of a marching band – how many different types of instruments can you hear?
- After the concert, ask your students, “Did you recognize familiar songs played? Why or why not?”