

HOW WE'RE RECOGNIZED

Minnesota Brass is one of the most successful drum corps in the country. We have 70 years of history behind us and a great legacy to uphold. We are a leader in the all-ages DCA (Drum **Corps Associates) circuit** and compete at the very highest levels of our activity. Minnesota Brass is the 2011 DCA World Champion and in the last ten years we have achieved high percussion, high color guard and high brass honors. We are really good at what we do.

We're a drum and bugle corps! That means we have brass, percussion and color guard performers. Minnesota Brass is an independent, non-profit arts organization which means we are not affiliated with any school or college. We have members of varying ability levels and believe most dedicated performers who commit to rehearsals and athome practice can successfully achieve excellence in our program. Our minimum age is 16 and there is no upper age limit. As you consider joining, your attitude and commitment are just as important as your raw talent. The best way to learn more about us is to come check out rehearsal.

WHAT WE DO

We rehearse weekly between February and August. We also rehearse on weekends starting in May through August. (complete schedule on reverse side). We compete at DCI and DCA drum corps shows in the Midwest and at the **DCA World Championships** over Labor Day weekend. We travel throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin and to Rochester, New York. We perform at parades throughout the greater Twin Cities. We also make life-long friends, have lots of fun creating something wonderful together and develop our skills as performers.





CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

2016 SCHEDULE

HOW MUCH TIME IS REQUIRED

Our schedule (see sidebar) allows members to work, be in school or have a summer job. Roughly speaking, members attend weekly rehearsals on Wednesday nights; attend all-weekend camps in May, June and July and spend five days traveling/performing with the corps the weekend before Labor Day. We work hard to accommodate members from outside of the Twin Cities area. High School and college students should be prepared to negotiate time commitments that may conflict with the start of the school year and band camps.

WHAT IT COSTS

Member dues for 2016 are \$800. There is a potential to earn a \$100 discount by paying dues in full by the early summer. Partial scholarships are available through our donors and board of directors. Members may also choose to participate in various fundraisers throughout the season to help earn their dues. There are no additional tour, equipment or uniform fees. Member dues cover the full cost of instruction, uniforms, transportation, hotel room at our world championships, and meals at camps. Members are responsible for some meals while traveling and transportation to and from rehearsals and some performances.

04/20/16 Wednesday CG Auditions (Brooklyn Cntr HS, 6:30-10pm)
04/27/16 Wednesday CG Final Auditions (Brooklyn Cntr HS, 6:30-10pm)
Attendance required at both audition dates. Final spots awarded on 4/27.
04/30/16 Saturday Full Corps Camp

Sunday Full Corps Camp

Weekly Wednesday night rehearsals begin 5/4/16

Full Corps Camp 05/14/16 Saturday 05/15/16 Sunday **Full Corps Camp** 05/21/16 Saturday **Full Corps Camp** 05/22/16 Sunday **Full Corps Camp Full Corps Camp** 06/04/16 Saturday 06/05/16 Sunday **Full Corps Camp** 06/11/16 **Full Corps Camp** Saturday

05/01/16 Sunday

06/12/16 Sunday Full Corps Camp + FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY
06/25/16 Saturday Full Corps Camp (overnight @ Alexandria)
06/26/16 Sunday ALEXANDRIA EXHIBITION PERFORMANCE

07/04/16 Monday INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADES

07/06/16 Wednesday DCI MANKATO SHOW 07/09/16 Saturday Full Corps Camp 07/10/16 Sunday Full Corps Camp 07/15/16 Friday DCI ROCHESTER SHOW

07/16/16 Saturday DCI MN SHOW
07/17/16 Sunday Full Corps Rehearsal
07/30/16 Saturday DCI OPEN CLASS SHOW

07/31/16 Sunday Full Corps Camp

08/05/16 Friday Travel to Racine (leave in the evening)

08/06/16 Saturday DCA RACINE SHOW 08/07/16 Sunday RED WING PARADE

08/19/16 Friday DCA SOUNDS OF MINNESOTA SHOW

08/20/16 Saturday DCA ST. PETER SHOW 08/27/16 Saturday Full Corps Camp 08/28/16 Sunday Full Corps Camp

08/31/16 Wednesday Depart for DCA (leave in the evening)
09/01/16 Thursday DCA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
09/02/16 Friday DCA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
09/03/16 Saturday DCA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
09/04/16 Sunday DCA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
09/05/16 Monday Return from DCA (return in the evening)

09/10/16 Saturday EDEN PRAIRIE BAND SHOW EXHIBITION





