



# TUMB Notes

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More student musicians keep that TUMB number growing, with a 16% surge in membership for fall 2016. Thanks to a large freshman class entering the program and great retention of veterans, the band enrolled 95 students - up from 82 the previous year - for the largest ever ensemble for Tulane University. This boost provides greater impact and enjoyment for our audiences on campus and throughout the community. It also brings out the best from our *Friends of the Band* who help provide additional instruments, equipment, supplies and training for the membership. (Read about *Friends* on page 5.)

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# SEASON IN REVIEW

## BUILDING A MARCHING BAND

How do you prepare a marching band for the fall football season? For the TUMB it requires planning, dedication, creativity, resilience, spirit and enthusiasm from everyone involved. It all begins the previous spring, with recruitment of our incoming freshman class while, at the same time, the staff is researching and creating field show ideas. After May 1<sup>st</sup>, halftime show concepts are developed into musical arrangements and field drill designs. During the summer, members download their instrumental parts to begin memorizing the music. Mid-August band camp is the first time that all band members are together. 14-hour days of music and marching form the crucible in which the band culture, technique and spirit is set for the year ahead. Having fun is also vital for a successful band program. President Fitts stopped by during band camp for a group selfie (*top right*). Winners of our annual end-of-camp "march-off" posed with their victors' Pokemon caps for a photo op (*at right, from left*): Wes Bollinger, Ted Hoeller, Annie Tir and Casey Kotowski.

Once the football season begins, hard work pays off with dynamic performances at halftime (*at right, tribute to music legend David Bowie*). Seniors form life-long bonds during their time together, and cherish their final rehearsal in Yulman Stadium before the last home game (*bottom right*). But fun is a constant theme with the TUMB. Unexpected moments are often memorable, like Wes Bollinger catching a promotional shirt with his cymbals (*bottom left*) that was launched from the field up to the top row!





**FLORIDA ... FINALLY!** Originally scheduled for early October, the TUMB's fall road trip to Florida was delayed due to Hurricane Matthew's impact on the east coast. Fortunately, we were able to reschedule for early November. Departing Tulane late Thursday night, the TUMB arrived in St. Petersburg Friday morning for hotel check-in and some free time on the beach. After lunch we spent the afternoon at the Salvador Dali Museum (*top right*). It was truly an eye opening, educational and artistic experience for all. Band members then enjoyed a delicious café box dinner on the way to downtown Tampa to hear an evening concert by The Florida Orchestra, featuring a rare performance of *Symphony in C* by Igor Stravinsky.

On Saturday morning we had a bit more beach time, then bused to Orlando for lunch and a pep rally at the Tulane Alumni tent (*at right*) for all those who arrived on

the UCF campus for the football game to cheer on the Green Wave. During the game, TUMB members kept spirits high (*right*), to the pleasure of the fans and also the UCF Marching Knights. After the game ended and alma maters were performed, both bands took turns playing their best music for each other, across the wide expanse of the stadium.

Our annual fall road trip is a highlight of the year, bringing students closer together, enjoying new experiences, and sharing their love of Tulane with alumni across the region.



**FOLLOW THE SHAKO ... TO TAMPA!** In sync with the TUMB trip to Florida, director of bands Barry Spanier hosted a dinner for Tampa/St. Petersburg alumni. It was a great opportunity meet new friends and get re-acquainted with familiar ones. Everyone learned about the progress of the TUMB program, and had the opportunity to "be a band member for the night" by donning a TUMB shako. Among the guests were (*from left to right*) (1) Nina Bernstien (with Barry Spanier), (2) Duke, Beck & Nathan Shienle (Green Wave football alumnus), (3) Cindy Matthews with Patrick & Marian Maguire, and (4) guest Jamie Goertler with alumni friends Laina Caltagirone and Jennifer Bernd (with Barry Spanier). Very special thanks to our colleagues in the Office of Alumni Affairs for co-sponsoring this event.







# SPOTLIGHT

## SHOCKWAVE SHINES!

Our Shockwave Dance Team continues to grow and has developed into one of the premier spirit groups on campus. The dance team has existed as a student run club for many years, pre-dating the modern TUMB. In 2007, the TUMB partnered with the club in order to more fully support the students and their performance goals. By combining resources and common goals, the dance team has thrived, gaining in membership and ever-higher standards of performance under the instruction of Ashley Iserman. Current club president Eleya Langley (double major in Communications and Dance, with SLA Management Minor) has been a four-year member of the dance team, experiencing the group's evolution first hand, and playing a vital leadership role. All members of the dance team are eligible to enroll in the one-credit marching band course, and perform at football games, in Mardi Gras parades and at special events. As members of the dance team club, they also perform at Green Wave basketball games and other related activities. NOTE: The Shockwave Dance Team is a different organization from the Green Wave Cheerleaders. While both groups provide spirit to university athletic events, Shockwave incorporates and emphasizes a wide variety of dance choreography that is central to their presentations.



## INTRODUCING JAKKI

The TUMB is pleased to welcome new color guard instructor Jakki Kalogridis to our team. Jakki discovered her passion for colorguard in high school and trained and performed with some of the top drum & bugle corps in the nation. After receiving her BFA in Design with a minor in Dance from UNC Greensboro, she returned as a graduate student to continue her studies in Dance. Jakki taught, choreographed and designed for colorguard and winterguard programs of all levels around North Carolina, and co-founded and directed an independent winterguard, The Proposition. Jakki relocated to New Orleans in 2013, and has since had the pleasure of teaching and choreographing for the Denham Springs High School Winterguard and the Louisiana Stars Drum and Bugle Corps Colorguard. She founded the New Orleans Spin Club parading Krewe in 2015, which strives to make colorguard fun and accessible for all ages and skill levels. Jakki teaches classes and workshops, and performs professionally in New Orleans.





## YOU GOTTA HAVE FRIENDS

With support from individuals and organizations, the TUMB has been able to keep pace with our 16% membership increase this fall. Amongst the many supporters, we would like to thank:

- *Greenie Gals* for funding a dance team training camp specialist, a home cooked dinner for band camp, and purchase of a new trumpet and bass drum.
- *Mr. Louis Jung* for the largest single gift ever to the TUMB, for new instruments and endowment funds for band student service awards.
- *Dr. Tom and Patricia Graves* for their continuous leadership, as the greatest supporters of the TUMB since its inception in 2003.
- *Band parents* for providing meals and special equipment needs throughout the year.
- *Hire Tulane and Barnes & Noble* for sponsorship of uniform shirts and pep rally shirts.
- *Whole Foods* for providing nutritious food and beverages for band camp & Mardi Gras parades.
- *Creole Creamery* for the BEST EVER ice cream, keeping our lips cool during August band camp!
- *Ray Hester Club* for terrific Louisiana food and welcome during band camp.
- *The Tulane Administration and SLA Dean's Office* for their steadfast support and guidance, every year.



**SUPPORT THE TUMB!**



Visit [tulaneband.org/support/](http://tulaneband.org/support/) to make your tax-deductible donation today!

**TUMB Endowment leaps above \$123,000 with recent gifts**

Thanks to the largest single gift in the recent history of the TUMB, and other significant contributions from many others, our endowment fund has moved past \$123,000. The generosity of our *Friends* provides long-term support for our student experience. The TUMB delivers a great return on investment: excellent entertainment value, community engagement, extending the university brand, all the while developing enthusiastic and skilled leaders for the future. Contact director of bands Barry Spanier at [bspanier@tulane.edu](mailto:bspanier@tulane.edu) or (504) 865-5139 to talk about how you can help enhance the band student experience, for the benefit of the greater Tulane community.

## FRIENDS OF THE BAND

Please consider a gift of any size to the TUMB Annual Fund. This provides immediate support for band activities during the academic year, and helps the staff and students respond to events and opportunities as they happen. Being a **Friend of the Band** means that you will receive our bi-annual newsletter delivered to your inbox or mailbox, and an invitation to our annual spring **Friends of the Band** dinner and spring concert on April 26, 2017.







## ALUMNI BAND

Our Alumni Band adds to the homecoming festivities each year by participating and performing. Accessing music a few weeks earlier, they gather on campus the Friday afternoon of homecoming weekend to rehearse as a group, and then together with the TUMB in preparation for the homecoming halftime show. The result is a reconnection with New Orleans and the joy of performing together, plus an extra boost for the audience. This fall the Alumni Band performed the NOLA classic **Hey Pocky A-Way** with the TUMB, plus the **Tulane Fight Song** (right). At the end of the game, band alumni gather together to savor the moment while singing the Alma Mater (top right).



## TUMBAA CONNECTIONS

The Tulane University Marching Band Alumni Association provides continuity and connections for new band graduates, as they begin their lives after college and after band. TUMBAA hosts a tailgating tent for home football games, coordinates alumni Band activities for homecoming, and volunteers for Mardi Gras parades to help usher the TUMB through the enthusiastic mobs on St. Charles Avenue. To learn more about upcoming events and how to stay connected, contact TUMBAA at [tulanealumniband@gmail.com](mailto:tulanealumniband@gmail.com).

## TAKING THE LEAP!

For the fourth time in recent years, a TUMB couple has tied the knot. Paul Cripe and Laura Sosa were married in August 2016. Paul had played the bottom bass drum for all four of his years in the TUMB, anchoring the drumline and the rhythm of the entire ensemble. Laura started in the TUMB as a cross-registered freshman from Loyola University and then transferred to Tulane for the start of her sophomore year, sharing her talents in the tenor saxophone section. (Laura's older brother Martin was also a member of the TUMB on trumpet.) A strong contingent from Tulane shared the festivities with family and friends. Here's wishing everyone the very best and happiness for the future!!!





# COMMUNITY

**BAND DAY** Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Band Day took place in Yulman Stadium on November 19th. The weather was cool and clear, and our guest students provided a wonderful performance, to punctuate the end of the home football schedule. The school groups arrived hours before kickoff to rehearse with members of the TUMB on the field, first in instrumental sectionals, followed by time as a full ensemble to put it all together. The performance featured *At the Foot of Canal Street* by John Boutte, followed by a rousing rendition of the *Tulane Fight Song*. One of the most rewarding aspects of this experience is the direct interaction between our band students and the young performers who participate. It is an opportunity to mentor and provide support and technical expertise to a future generation of college musicians. Many thanks to the schools and their teachers and administrators for facilitating this great annual event: Patrick F Taylor Science and Technology Academy, Ursuline Academy of New Orleans, St. Ann Catholic School, Christian Brothers School, Lakeshore High School, and Bonnabel High School.



**“ROLL” (WAVE) MODELS** Band members leave a lasting impression on their audiences as they parade past, before football games and on Mardi Gras parade routes. No one is more delighted and inspired than the very young. Is it ever too early to recruit?







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**Mardi Gras parades:**

**ALL NEW PARADES FOR THE TUMB:**

2/17 Excalibur - 2/22 Nyx - 2/25 Endymion - 2/27 Orpheus  
plus Soundwave Pep Band rolls on 2/19 with King Arthur

**nienteForte Contemporary Music Festival:**

April 3-6: featuring the TAK Ensemble

**KKPsi RHOcital:**

April 9: TUMB students produce/present/perform

**Tulane Concert Band:**

April 26: Spring Concert – ¡Música del Mundo Latino!  
Co-sponsored by The Stone Center for Latin American Studies



**ENCORE**  
**SPRING**  
**2017**  
**EVENTS**



**SPECIAL INVITATION** to BAND ALUMNI, DONORS and PARENTS:

To our annual **FRIENDS OF THE BAND DINNER**

on **APRIL 26** at 5:30pm, followed by the  
Tulane Concert Band **SPRING CONCERT**.

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