



WHAT'S the SCORE?

Summer 2012

Tulane University Marching Band

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**For Band Alumni,
Friends of the Band
& Band Parents**

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Recruitment Update

Recruitment trends remain solid as the TUMB is set to present its largest membership to date. Growth has been particularly strong in woodwinds and low brass sections. Working closely with Tulane Office of Admissions, we are attracting very talented new members to join our veterans.

Retaining students throughout their collegiate careers is also vital to the long-term growth of the program, and significant support in this regard is being provided by the new Richard B. Graves Marching Band Student Awards. [See related story on page 4.](#)

Band Camp 2012

Plans for the fall season are already in place, and it all gets rolling when band members arrive on campus for training camp in mid-August. Drumline, color guard and dance team arrive on August 13, with the brass and woodwinds joining in from August 17-25. Twelve-hour days in the Louisiana heat and humidity provide a crucible in which the TUMB is forged for the year ahead. If you would like to witness the rehearsal process and meet the band during camp, contact Barry Spanier, director of bands, at bspanier@tulane.edu or 504.481.6235

Save the Dates!

9/29

Band Day

Registration of middle and high school bands is underway. For information contact Mark Lighthiser 504.495.6885 mdligh@tulane.edu

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Alumni Band @Homecoming

[See details, page 3](#)

11/19

Fall Concert

Join us in Dixon Hall, 7pm for TUMB's 4th Annual Fall Concert **Free & open to the public**

*TUMB performs at
Spring Concert
April 4, 2012*

[See related stories
on pages 2 & 4](#)

Photo by Zack Smith



Service Learning

This past Spring semester TUMB's service learning students mentored Roots of Music's young musicians, and worked with them at Jazz Fest and French Quarter Fest.

Roots of Music is a nonprofit music education and academic mentoring program for New Orleans school children. Visit <http://therootsofmusic.com/>

RIGHT: Young musicians of Roots Of Music at the Cabildo, their home base, ready to rock the French Quarter Festival in April



TUMB freshmen with Roots of Music at Jazz Fest in May: Matthew Keys in green cap and JJ Houston in sunglasses

Both photos by Sally Asher



Spring 2012 Concert

The ever-versatile Tulane Band Program took to the Dixon Hall stage for a spring concert on April 4. The presentation featured the TUMB, Concert Band, Green Wave Brass Band, a wind quintet, tuba trio, Shock Wave dance team, color guard and twirler. See the video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=MDpL7YQdc24#

Former band members were invited to an early dinner with TUMB staff prior to the concert.

See related photos on page 4

Audience and performers enjoyed a post concert reception. Both events were sponsored by Newcomb-Tulane College with additional refreshments donated by the Provost and by friends of Mr. Brown in honor of his love of Tulane.

Twirler Wins!

Over Spring Break, Erin Ketterman, TUMB's Featured Twirler, competed in California at the National Baton Twirling Association's All West Regionals. Among over 150 competitors from Arizona, California, New Mexico, Nevada, & Hawaii, Erin won seven NBTA titles. The result was her over-all win as **2012 All West Region College Miss Majorette**. This entitles her to compete in America's Youth on Parade (AYOP - NBTA Baton Twirling Nationals) in July, vying for their ultimate title of College Miss Majorette of America.



Concert Band performs at Spring Concert April 4, 2012.

Photo by Zack Smith

Join Alumni Band @ Homecoming!

Calling all former band members: Join the Alumni Band and perform with the TUMB at the Homecoming game half-time show! **Rehearse Friday, November 2nd, 3:30-6:30pm**, Westfeldt Field, between Willow & Claiborne. **Perform Saturday, November 3rd** at the Homecoming game in the Mercedes Benz Superdome, kickoff at 2:30pm. Alumni Band Tailgating Tent starts 11am - pot-luck donations welcome, more details tba.

REGISTER with the TUMB office: Patricia at patmcwbr@tulane.edu or call 504.314.2263.

TUMB provides:

- Game tickets
- Music will be posted online
- Alumni Band Homecoming shirts to wear at the game & yours to keep
- Large instruments to borrow (low brass, percussion, etc.)

FREE PARKING on campus in honor of Homecoming!

Watch for details and updates on the TUMB website. Under menu item "Meet the TUMB" find "Ensembles" and then go to "Alumni Band" at: <http://www.tulaneband.org/about/ensembles/alumni-band/>

Notable Band Alumnus: Russell Steele, MD (1961-7, trombone) received the 2011 Tulane Owl Club Award for 'Best Pediatrician,' from the Tulane University School of Medicine student organization for academic excellence.

Foggy on who your band-mates were? Jamabalaya Yearbooks are available on-line: http://tuarchives.tulane.edu/collections/digital/yearbook_jamabalaya

*Pictured at right, in the Jamabalaya, is the 1932 TU band—this year is their 80th anniversary: members still in touch with the Alumni Band include **John C. Soares, MD**, saxophone.*



TUMB has received a very generous donation from former band director **Bruce Pollock** and Alumni Band member **Robin Pollock**: Eight reels of 16mm film and other media from the TU Marching Band in the 1970s. These will be catalogued and archivally housed in Tulane's Maxwell Music Library and ultimately converted to digital format.



Left: Ted DeMuth & Bruce Pollock ca. 1971 (photo courtesy of the latter, on the right)

Tulane Maxwell Music Library has recently launched a Digital Library program and plans to add our Band LP collection, which would make them available via streaming access through the University. Most of these recordings were made during the tenures of band directors John Morrissey and Ted DeMuth, between 1956–1981. There are currently 46 LPs in the Tulane University Band Collection, some with jackets.

Other albums and jackets, programs, posters, photos and other band ephemera of all eras are welcome.

Got TU Email? TU graduates since 2009 still have their Tulane.edu accounts available, HOWEVER the link changed for all Wavemail users to: <https://outlook.com/tulane.edu> Alumni from any era may create tulanealumni.net accounts, by completing the form at: <http://tulane.edu/alumni/emailforlife.cfm>

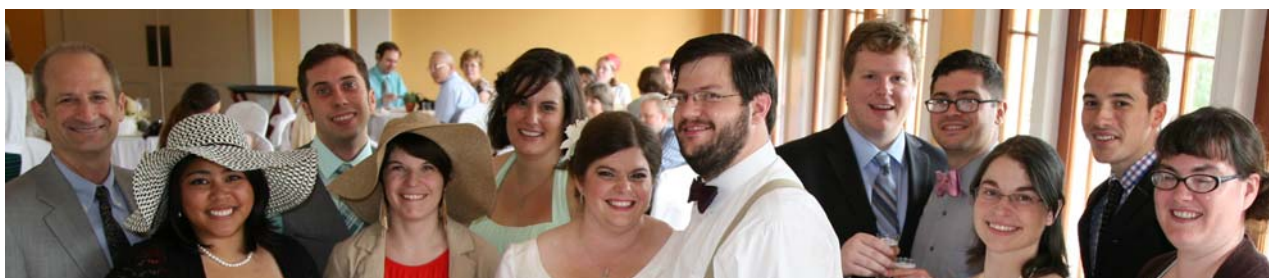
Band Alumni at Pre-Concert Dinner April 4



Photos, L to R: ABOVE: Left: Director Barry Spanier; Carlotta Amos, clarinet 1976-80; Ricky Howe, alto sax 1967-9, 1974-88; Center: Judy Weaver, percussion 2009; Neill Aguiluz, mellophone 2007-9; Right: Dale Caplan; Dorothy Caplan; Alvin Caplan, clarinet 1932-6. BELOW: Left: James Lancaster, sousaphone 2006; Amanda Mahnke, trumpet 2005-9; Center: Patricia Graves; Nancy Helmke; Right: Georgia & George Horne, percussion 1956-65. Band alumni & guests present but not pictured: Bobby McIntyre, percussion 1949-52; Tom Graves, MD, clarinet 1954-5; Harold Helmke, clarinet 1954-8; faculty member Bill Brumfield, bass clarinet 1964-5; Eric Wilder, mellophone 2005-9; Andy Lade, percussion 2007-10; Allie Feibus, alto sax 2007-11; Martin Sosa, trumpet 2007-11; Ray Friere, sax 2008-9; Debbie Vigil and Brad LeBlanc.



Wedding Bells The June wedding of former TUMB krewe "ninjas" Chris Fannin & Arynne Sherouse generated a TUMB mini-reunion, another sign that TUMB friendships are FOREVER!



Photo, L to R: Barry Spanier, Nicole Perez, Eric Wilder, Katie McPherson, Amanda Mahnke, bride & groom, Travis Norman, Kris Gonzales,

Jenae Guinn, Neill Aguiluz & Allison Flanagan. Music was by Russell Steele, MD, trombone 1961-67, also known as "Dr. Jazz." Officiating was Pastor Ken Babin, a former Tulane Orchestra trumpet player.

Friends of the Band The RICHARD B. GRAVES MARCHING BAND STUDENT AWARDS have now been presented for two semesters: 22 Long Service Awards to Juniors, Seniors and '5th Year' members, and 26 Leadership Awards to section leaders and drum majors. These awards are critical in retaining upperclassmen and developing leadership among members.

Thanks to all our generous donors who together have contributed more than **\$48,000** this fiscal year. You can join **FRIENDS OF THE BAND** via credit card donation through the "Support the TUMB!" page on www.tulaneband.org OR with a check payable to "Tulane University Marching Band," mailed to:

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