

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 12, 2017



**Sacramento Mandarinins
Drum & Bugle Corps**

P.O. Box 22297
Sacramento, CA 95822

MEDIA CONTACT

Luis D. Sosa, ldsosa@gmail.com

Rebecca Miles, rebeccammiles@yahoo.com

“Celebrating Youth, Transforming Lives”

**Mandarins announce that the percussion, color guard and
visual caption heads will all return for the 2018 season**
Also announce Tim Snyder as the new Brass Caption Head

Sacramento, Calif. (9/12/2017) — The Sacramento Mandarinins are pleased to announce that the percussion, color guard and visual caption heads—as well as the program director—will be returning for the 2018 season, with Tim Snyder joining staff as the new Brass Caption Head.

Darren VanDerpoel will be leading percussion, Mario Ramirez with color guard, Michael Samson as the visual caption head, and Ike Jackson returning as Program Director.

“Last year was a monumental step for the Mandarinins organization, with the staff, the administration and the design team coming together for the very first time in 2017,” said Ike. “As the organization grows and the team gets stronger, there are always some small modifications that happen along the way. In 2018, Mandarinins will continue to move forward, and we ensure that we will bring a positive life-changing experience to not only the members, but to the fans and DCI alike.”

Snyder, the new brass caption head, is a freelance arranger, composer, educator and adjudicator, and is in-demand as a clinician throughout the country in brass pedagogy. His music has been performed on concert stages and football fields all across America and he has an extensive background in drum corps—teaching some of the most prestigious tuba lines in DCI including Carolina Crown and overseeing a 20-person tuba line with Madison Scouts. Most recently, Snyder was the brass caption manager for Oregon Crusaders, and he also worked with the Casper Troopers in 2014 and 2015.

“I am very excited to be part of this fantastic group of people and organization. I want to help build upon the excellence and tradition that make up the Mandarinins organization,” said Snyder.

For more information on our caption heads, please visit mandarins.org.

About Sacramento Mandarinins

Sacramento Mandarinins is the only American DCI competitive drum and bugle corps with an Asian heritage. The Mandarinins blend Asian traditions with drum corps to teach thousands of young men and women the values of respect, leadership, discipline, and good citizenship with a true sense of purpose. The 2018 season marks 55 years of providing a wholesome, worthwhile activity for community youth. Learn more at www.mandarins.org.