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**Sacramento Mandarins  
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*"Transforming Lives Through Musical Performance"*

## **Mandarins Bring Unified Energy and Fire with 2019 Percussion Staff**

### ***2019 Season Auditions Begin in California and Texas(Brass)***

**Sacramento, Calif. (10/30/2018) –**

Mandarins are excited to announce their Percussion team, consisting of new and returning faces of some of the most influential instructors and designers in the marching activity. The percussion caption will continue to be headed by Caption Manager Darren VanDerpoel.

Corps Director JW Koester is excited to continue the momentum from the 2018 season. "After a successful 2018 season I am looking forward to see the 2019 percussion team in action. Darren has assembled a strong staff to push the percussion section to greater heights in 2019," stated Koester. "The percussion section has an opportunity to build on last years' achievements and I believe that the percussion members will benefit greatly from the experience and talent of the 2019 staff."

Percussion Caption Manager Darren VanDerpoel is also enthralled to return for the 2019 season. "I am excited to have back several of our talented staff members for the 2019 season, as well as welcome in some new faces to our percussion team at the Mandarins. Going into the new season I feel our team is becoming stronger and more cohesive. There is a unified energy and fire to build upon the success of the last two seasons and set new records for the Mandarins," says VanDerpoel.

The Mandarins 2019 Percussion Staff is composed of:

Darren VanDerpoel - Percussion Caption Manager / Battery Arranger

Jazper Saldana -Front Ensemble Manager

Dalia Berman – Front Ensemble Tech

Jimmy Nguyen- Front Ensemble Tech

Connie Truong – Front Ensemble Tech

Jonathan Wicks - Battery Manager/Primary Tenor Tech

Rudy Arzaga – Percussion Advisor

Chris Cyr – Visual Instructor/Ensemble Consultant

Richard Ramos – Battery Manager/Primary Snare Tech

Chris Morales – Snare Tech

Zachary Watson – Snare Tech

Zakk Hollander – Tenor Tech

Shubham Gupta – Tenor Tech

Otto Peralta – Primary Bass Tech

Elliot Duran – Bass Tech

Vanessa Ramos – Bass Tech

If you would like to play a part in the Mandarins 2019 Percussion, the first 2019 audition camps will begin in November and December in California. For a full 2019 audition schedule and a list of all staff bios, visit <http://mandarins.org/auditions/signup.php>.

**The Sacramento Mandarins** for the first time in the corps 55 year history achieved its highest ranking, finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in Drum Corps International Finals Competition. The Mandarins are proud to have impacted the lives of thousands of youth, teaching them the values of respect, leadership, discipline, and good citizenship with a true sense of purpose. Learn more at [www.mandarins.org](http://www.mandarins.org).