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"Transforming Lives Through Musical Performance"

Joseph Hayes returns as Visual Caption Manager, Bringing Along Talented Educators

2019 Season Auditions Begin in California and Texas (Brass)

Sacramento, Calif. (11/10/2018) –

Mandarins are thrilled to welcome back Visual Caption Manager, Joseph Hayes. Hayes is bringing in a team of visual instructors that will catapult the Mandarins to new heights.

His first year as Visual Caption Manager in 2018, Joseph brought the corps to another level focusing heavily on the education and quality experience for the members, and will continue to do so in the 2019 season. "I am incredibly grateful to teach alongside this phenomenal group of well rounded experienced educators," says Hayes. "We've brought some amazing instructors back and added some new faces to the mix. As a visual team, we strive to uphold the quality of the technique and mechanics program as well as push the boundaries of creativity and innovation every step of the way. This team will hit the ground running and bring the Mandarins to new heights in 2019."

Program Director Ike Jackson has a lot of faith in the returning visual staff. "I'm extremely excited to have Joseph Hayes on board this year as our Visual Caption Manager," says Jackson. "Last year Joseph took on a humongous task for our organization and showed himself to be a force to be reckoned with in the visual world of drum corps. This year with his team, I believe that this will be the strongest visual program that this organization has ever had."

Corps Director JW Koester is looking forward to the brighter future for the Mandarins. "The visual team was outstanding in 2018 and they absolutely earned the right to return in 2019 to continue their high level of excellence while training the 2019 corps to achieve at the next level of competition," Koester explains. "I am confident that Joseph and his team will continue to hold the corps to a higher standard as the design team provides even greater challenges and opportunities for 2019."

The Mandarins 2019 Visual Staff is composed of:

Joseph Hayes – Visual Caption Manger

Robert Boucher- Visual Instructor

Ted Chang- Visual Instructor

Nicole Davis- Visual Instructor

Kevin Harrell- Visual Instructor

Chris Huebschle- Visual Instructor

Justin Mons- Visual Instructor

Sena Narottama- Visual Instructor

Jonathan Victorino- Visual Instructor

Alex Wallace- Visual Instructor

If you would like to play a part in the Mandarins 2019 Visual Program, 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 10th 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.