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**Sacramento Mandarins
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"Transforming Lives Through Musical Performance"

Mandarins Staff Up for Brass Educational Excellence

2019 Season Auditions Begin in California and Texas (Brass)

Sacramento, Calif. (10/18/2018) –

We are pleased to announce the Mandarins 2019 Brass Staff with a focus on Brass Educational Excellence. Once again leading this team will be returning Brass Caption Manager Tim Snyder.

Corps Director JW Koester shared his views that "The Mandarins 2018's brass staff was exceptional in their educational approach to teaching brass. They were able to convey the right message at the right time as they taught the members their fundamentals and show music. Tim and his team have earned the opportunity to take the brass line to even higher levels of excellence in 2019. "

Snyder commented, "I'm extremely fortunate to have these talented educators here at the Mandarins. Our brass team embraces the tradition of excellence we are striving to achieve. The Mandarins brass staff is composed of dedicated, selfless individuals, committed to growing our brass membership through an educationally based philosophy rich in drum corps tradition mixed with current trends in educational philosophy. Our entire team has a wealth of knowledge that spans decades in the activity. I'm proud to call them my friends, colleagues and mentors."

The Mandarins 2019 Brass Staff is composed of

Tim Snyder – Brass Caption Manager

Aaron Wells – Brass Consultant

Seth Murphy - Brass Consultant

Patrick Keeley - Trumpet Tech

Connor Vaughn - Trumpet Tech

Brandt Mackinzey - Mellophone Tech

Christian DeJongh - Mellophone Tech

Carol Weirich - High Brass Intern

Shane Montoya - Euphonium Tech

Dexx Moore - Euphonium Tech

Jeremy Basso - Euphonium Tech

Gordon Janda - Tuba Tech

Mary Duerkop - Tuba Tech

Dan Herrick - Tuba Tech

Gabe Gallegos - Low Brass Intern

As a former Mandarins brass player and instructor, I was treated first hand to experience the dramatic improvements in our brass quality of sound. I am excited to hear what this team can produce in 2019" stated Jim Tabuchi, Mandarins Executive Director.

The first 2019 audition camps will begin in November and December in California and Texas (Brass Only). For a full 2019 audition schedule and a list of all staff bios, visit www.mandarins.org.

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.