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# MINNESOTA BRASS: 2011 DCA WORLD CHAMPION



*King John Cedergren (top). Eric Molho, Joel Matuzak (right). 2011 World Champion Hornline (below).*

It was a night Minnesota Brass members and alumni will always remember. After 65 years of hard work and dedication the corps reached the highest level of achievement. On September 5, Minnesota Brass won its first-ever DCA Open Class World Championship and became the first corps from outside the east coast to take home the Open Class title since DCA's founding in 1965.

The corps scored a 97.73 at prelims, ending the six-year undefeated streak of the Buccaneers from Reading Pennsylvania. At finals, Brass retained the top spot with a score of 98.35 and high caption awards in Brass and Color Guard.

This marked the second consecutive high Brass trophy for the corps and our first ever high Color Guard award.

"2011 will be remembered as a very special year," said corps director Eric Molho. "Our members achieved at a new level of excellence and were rewarded accordingly. The entire Brass family should take immense pride in the decades of hard work that allowed the 2011 edition of the corps to reach this milestone!"



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON ERIN VANBURKLEO

By Susan Fisher

The spotlight for this issue of Quarter Notes is on a talented and energetic member of “the pit,” Erin VanBurkleo. Like many of the members of the pit, Erin’s mallets fly across the marimbas during practices and performances.



Erin started playing percussion early in her life, during the summer after 4th grade and has continued ever since.

During her teen years in Eagan, she was a member of the Eagan High School Winter Drumline until her graduation in 2004. Throughout that time, Joel Matuzak, Brass’ longtime percussion arranger and show coordinator, was directing the Eagan drumline. Fortunately, he recruited Erin to Minnesota Brass and she has been with us ever since.

In addition to playing with Brass, Erin took on the duties of teaching the Eagan frontline in 2005 and the frontline of the Rosemount High School Marching Band in 2006. She has continued in both of these positions to date.

Erin took a hiatus from Brass in 2007 to pursue an opportunity to march for one year with a junior corps. Brass encourages its young members to march with a junior corps if they have the chance, not only for the great experience to the member, but also for the many skills and discipline they bring back to Brass when they return. Her summer with The Academy Drum and Bugle Corps of Tempe, Arizona, gave her the chance to live the unique junior corps nomadic lifestyle during her last year of eligibility, her “age out” year, before coming back to Brass.

Erin has performed with Minnesota Brass since she joined in 2005, with the exception of 2007 when she marched in The Academy. Erin says that Brass is a family to her because she loves the people, loves being with many of the members and loves the opportunity to play the marimba with her musical family. Erin lost her parents during her teen years and especially treasures the family attitude of Brass. Several members have always been there for her to provide



support when she has needed it. Like many other members, Erin really enjoys the hugs of Jodi Pawlenty, who liberally spreads her love to many in the corps.

As the frontline members are unloading the instruments from the truck to start rehearsal -- no matter the weather – sun, rain, snow or even tornadoes – someone from the pit shouts “It’s a beautiful day for drum corps!” It is a lovely way to start a great rehearsal and set a mental attitude to carry the group through any circumstance. While the pit members are each supposed to have “one job” besides performing, it seems like everyone has about six “one jobs” with all the extra tasks that come with large instruments and multiple percussion pieces.



One memorable performance for Erin was at DCA Championships in Rochester, New York, in 2006. Over that Labor Day weekend, Rochester was deluged with the tail end of Hurricane Ernesto. While



downgraded to a tropical depression, the weather brought multiple challenges for all of the competing corps. Everything was soaked, there were no lines on the fields, and the rains continued to bear relentlessly on the stadium. The frontline “warmed up” in the tuba bays on the truck and used hard mallets to save the show mallets for the competition. Smiling performers on the field and

shivering fans in the stands braved through the competition. Erin says that now she looks back on Ernesto with fondness although she said every chance to perform with 120 of her best friends is special.

In her life away from Brass, Erin is the Development Assistant for Mount Olivet Lutheran Church – a job she secured just recently. She finds it fulfilling to work for a nonprofit and to experience the wonderful feeling of knowing that someone is being helped by the work she is doing.

Erin is very close to her family and spends as much time as she can with her sisters, aunts and uncles. In addition, she has lots of interests such as gardening (fresh tomatoes, anyone?) and crafts. She also likes to fish whenever she gets a chance and wants her friends to know that she baits her own hook – no shrinking violet is she.

Minnesota Brass is fortunate to have Erin as a talented and loyal member of our large and growing family.

**Congrats to Erin for winning the 2011 Caliguri Award, and drumline member of the year!**



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# MBI SIDELINERS

## 2011 SIDELINERS YEAR IN REVIEW

By Paul Mordorski

MBI Sideliners congratulate all marching members, staff, and instructors involved with helping Minnesota Brass win their first DCA Championship in the corps' history. MBI Sideliners were in attendance at the end of the year BBQ at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills, which was quite a championship celebration. Many lined up to take pictures with the two DCA Championship trophies, which are spectacular. Thanks to Jodi Pawlenty, Gwynne Byrne and Penny O'Kane for their efforts in making this a wonderful end of the season event.

### SUMMER REHEARSAL GATHERINGS

MBI Sideliners social gatherings at MN Brass rehearsals were a bit improbable, due to threatening weather and changing rehearsal location. Though North Heights Church lot in Arden Hills was spacious and landscaped stunningly, it wasn't always available. The National Sports Center in Blaine turned out to be an excellent end of the year site, with the August 24 final Wednesday rehearsal turning out to be a festive activity.

The highlight Wednesday event was the third annual Classic Car night on July 6, which again featured cars from the North Star Ford Galaxie Club. Many alumni, fans and friends were on hand to enjoy a near perfect night of rehearsal and socializing.

### NEW SOM FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

\$480.00 was raised as a new fund raising activity to support Minnesota Brass' DCA Central Show, Sounds of Minnesota. 48 people donated \$10, with the goal for 2012 continuing to be set at 100 names to help underwrite show costs. These late August weekend shows are becoming critical in helping MBI place a high mark to qualify for a late DCA Prelim Show slot. Thanks to all who donated in 2011.

### MBI SIDELINERS AT SUMMIT BREWERY

Over 30 people were in attendance to enjoy complimentary Summit beer, 1910 root beer and appetizers at MBI Sideliners' second annual social event, this year at the Summit Brewery Ratskeller on May 26 in Saint Paul. Due to a Summit Brewery's requirement of making the facility available for fund raising events only, over \$100 was raised, which will be donated to Minnesota Brass for Quarter Notes and to support Sounds of Minnesota. Thanks to Kayla Erbach of Summit Brewery for her effort in making this an enjoyable evening.

### 65TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

The culmination of 2011 was the sponsorship of the combined DCA Championship Celebration/65th Year Reunion on September 26, 2011 at the Moose Lodge in Maplewood. Over 50 people attended this celebration of Minnesota Brass' recent monumental DCA accomplishment and the corps six plus decades of musical excellence. Many notable alumni were in attendance, and all enjoyed viewing and taking photos of the championship trophies, viewing the 2011 Valhalla show on DVD, prepared by Dave Pratt, and the Past Minnesota Brass field shows DVD, produced by Scott Benson. Full Attendee and Section photos can be viewed on various Minnesota Brass Alumni and MBI Sideliner Facebook sites. Thanks to Penny Pray, Sherry Duggan, Jodi Pawlenty, Dave Pratt, Rhonda Dooley, Delores Mordorski, Tim Christensen, Jim Duggan, Cindy Bach and Pam Rueckert for all the time and effort into making this a enjoyable and entertaining evening. MBI Sideliners look forward to sponsoring many more alumni, marching member, staff, and corps-supporter related events throughout the years.

### MBI Sideliner 2011 Patron Members

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**2011 UNDER THE LIGHTS  
CONTRIBUTORS:**

MBI would like to thank the following people who made a contribution so far to this year's Under The Lights drive.

**Director's Circle - \$1500**

Gavin & Kathy Burnham  
Pat and Gwynne Byrne  
Ed Eishen  
Susan Fisher  
Dick & Bunny Maki  
Mike & Judi Palmquist  
Vicki Stanton in memory of  
Steve Stanton  
Todd & Patti Tanji  
Dave & Becki Whitaker  
Curt Zoerhof

**Board of Director's Level - \$800**

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**Caption Head Level - \$500**

Art Paulson  
William Horst

**Drum Major Level - \$250**

Roger Grupp & Tina Cavitt  
Matt & Jamie Verkuilen  
Michael & Jan Wagner

**Field Show Supporter - \$100**

Scott Benson  
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Judi Larson  
Heather Muller  
Scott Palmer  
Rachel Romansky  
Bob & Jean Schiebel in honor of  
Kurt Schiebel  
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**Parade Corps Supporter - \$50**

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**MBI Family and Friends - \$25**

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# SUPPORT MINNESOTA BRASS IN THE GREAT MINNESOTA GIVE TOGETHER!

By Eric Molho

## Give to the Max Day is November 16, 2011

What if you could help Minnesota Brass win \$1,000 or \$15,000 just by giving 10 bucks? On November 16, Give to the Max Day, you can!

As you consider your charitable end-of-year giving, please consider participating in Give to the Max Day November 16. By making your gift on this day, you will help Minnesota Brass in our quest to win a \$15,000 bonus for the corps!

Here's how it works: On November 16, non-profits from across Minnesota are raising money for important services, arts and non-profit agencies. If we are one of the top ten small non-profits in the number of dollars we raise, Minnesota Brass will win an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000!

Like every arts organization and non-profit, Minnesota Brass runs on a tight, frugal budget. Each year our fans and alumni provide key financial support to keep the corps dues low and make the experience of drum corps accessible. As 2011 comes to a close, we hope you will choose to celebrate our first DCA World Championship by making a gift on November 16 during Give to the Max Day!

Give to the Max Day amplifies your giving impact in a number of ways:

- Win a Golden Ticket! \$1,000 will be given to a random donor's charity every hour. You could be that donor!
- Put us on the Leader Board! \$15,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 prize grants will be awarded to the top three small nonprofit organizations (large non-profits compete separately) which receive the most dollars in 24 hours during Give to the Max Day. We have a real shot at winning one of these bonus grants!
- November 16! Make your gift in support of Minnesota Brass online at:  
<http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Mnbrass2011>

Your gift to Minnesota Brass will make a huge difference to our ongoing work. Gifts to Minnesota Brass are tax-deductible.



## MNBRASS.ORG

The MBI website is the best way to stay connected to the corps. Keep up with the latest news, find out where to see the corps perform via the calendar, and follow as the season progresses on the forums.

## GET YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING DONE!

The souvie store is now online. Get the new Minnesota Sweep shirt while supplies last. Also keep an eye out for the coming MBI World Champion shirt, coming soon.

## UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

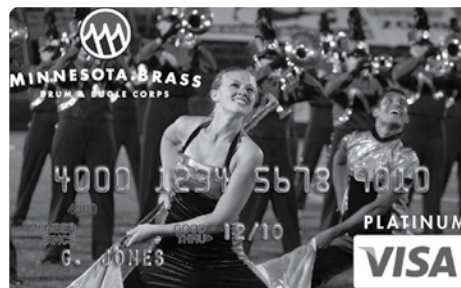
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## MBI CREDIT CARD

Help MBI earn \$50 – and it doesn't cost you anything!


By Judy Glewwe

Here is a free and easy way to raise \$50 for Minnesota Brass. Just start using the new Minnesota Brass, Inc. Drum & Bugle Corps Visa Platinum Rewards card for your everyday purchases. The first time you use it, the bank will donate \$50 to Minnesota Brass, Inc. Drum & Bugle Corps, and MBI will continue to receive a percentage of all future purchases.



Support MBI by requesting your credit card at:  
[www.cardpartner.com/app/mbi](http://www.cardpartner.com/app/mbi)

# GARY SWANSON WINS BRASSY

At the corps banquet on October 28, long-time color guard instructor Gary Swanson was given the corps' highest honor as the 2011 Brassy winner. This season Gary led the color guard to their first caption award at the DCA World Championships but his service to the corps spans back to the 1980's. He has been an influential teacher and designer in the marching band, winter guard and drum corps circuits. In addition to his fantastic work at Minnesota Brass, Gary also serves as the director of Irondale High School's extensive color guard program. Gary is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a B.S. in Apparel Design. 



*Brassy Winners (top). Jesse Taylor, speaking for Raphael Oldham, presents Caliguiri award to Becci O'Kane (above). Pete Wagner presents Lou Raitch award to Erin Vanburkleo (left).*

## 2011 Minnesota Brass Award Winners

<b>Brassy</b>	Gary Swanson
<b>Lou Raitch Spirit of MBI</b>	Becci O'Kane
<b>Caliguiri Award</b>	Erin VanBurkleo
<b>Directors Appreciation</b>	Todd Tanji
<b><u>Color Guard</u></b>	
Rookie of the Year	Rachel Graack
Most Improved	Emily Tunison
Member of the Year	Lisa Rodenkirchen
<b><u>Visual</u></b>	
Rookie of the Year	Cole Hanton
Most Improved	Neil Plaistow
Member of the Year	Grant Brinkmeyer
<b><u>Horn Line</u></b>	
Rookie of the Year	Randy Salas
Most Improved	John Roy
Member of the Year	Bryan Borg
<b><u>Drum Line</u></b>	
Rookie of the Year	Eric Palmer
Most Improved	Tenor Section
Member of the Year	Erin VanBurkleo

## FOR ALL WE KNOW

*By Kurt Schiebel*


Steven 'Booger' Staton lost his battle with pancreatic cancer Thursday morning, May 5th, 2011. He was 41.


Steven marched in the drumline (Tenor/Bass) from 1989 - 1996. He was part of the initial influx of U of MN band members from that time. After leaving the marching field, he entered the administration side of the corps as a Board member from 1997 - 2001. Later he became an integral part of our gaming operation, overseeing our growth in the pull tab operation as our Gaming Manager from 1998 - 2005.



May 9th. The corps was able to provide a representation to perform May You Never Walk Alone, one of Steven's last requests. We then all joined in singing "For All We Know" to end the service.

A significant portion of the memorials collected at Steven's service was presented by his wife, Vicky, to the corps on Wednesday evening, May 18th.

We wish Steven's family and friends strength during this difficult time. He will continue to be remembered as one of the giants that helped put Minnesota Brass in the position it is today! 

A Celebration of Life was held on Monday 



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## Mark your calendar as the 2012 seasons begin!



**WINTER GUARD**

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### MBI Winter Guard

The MBI winter guard returns in 2012 after an amazing inaugural season with a promotion to Open Class and 11th place finish at the WGI World Championships. Auditions were held October 22 and 29. For more information contact Wil Furnstahl at [wilf@mnbrass.org](mailto:wilf@mnbrass.org).

### Minnesota Brass Indoor

The Minnesota Brass Indoor drumline launches their season with auditions on November 5 and 12. After placing fifth in WGI Independent Open Class competition in 2011, the drumline is ready for a fantastic season in 2012. For more information contact Nick Moreno at [nickm@mnbrass.org](mailto:nickm@mnbrass.org).



### Minnesota Brass 2012

Membership night for the defending DCA World Champion Minnesota Brass drum and bugle corps is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Join us as we begin learning the 2012 production, "Bonnie and Clyde." This year's show will feature music of George Gershwin ("Summertime"), Duke Ellington ("It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got That Swing") and Samuel Barber ("Medea's Dance of Vengeance). For more information email [membership@mnbrass.org](mailto:membership@mnbrass.org).