

### **HOW WE'RE** RECOGNIZED

Minnesota Brass is one of the most successful drum corps in the country. We have 70 years of history behind us and a great legacy to uphold. We are a leader in the all-ages DCA (Drum **Corps Associates) circuit** and compete at the very highest levels of our activity. Minnesota Brass is the 2011 DCA World Champion and in the last ten years we have achieved high percussion, high color guard and high brass honors. We are really good at what we do.

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## WHO WE ARE

We're a drum and bugle corps! That means we have brass, percussion and color guard performers. Minnesota Brass is an independent, non-profit arts organization which means we are not affiliated with any school or college. We have members of varying ability levels and believe most dedicated performers who commit to rehearsals and athome practice can successfully achieve excellence in our program. Our minimum age is 16 and there

is no upper age limit. As you consider joining, your attitude and commitment are just as important as your raw talent. The best way to learn more about us is to come check out rehearsal.

# WHAT WE DO

We rehearse weekly between February and August. We also rehearse on weekends starting in May through August. (complete schedule on reverse side). We compete at DCI and DCA drum corps shows in the Midwest and at the **DCA World Championships** over Labor Day weekend. We travel throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin and to Rochester, New York. We perform at parades throughout the greater Twin Cities. We also make life-long friends, have lots of fun creating something wonderful together and develop our skills as performers.





CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

## **HOW MUCH TIME IS REQUIRED**

Our schedule (see sidebar) allows members to work, be in school or have a summer job. Roughly speaking, members attend weekly rehearsals on Wednesday nights; attend all-weekend camps in May, June and July and be spend five days traveling/performing with the corps the weekend before Labor Day. We work hard to accommodate members from outside of the Twin Cities area. High School and college students should be prepared to negotiate time commitments that may conflict with the start of the school year and band camps.

### WHAT IT COSTS

Member dues for 2016 are \$800. There is a potential to earn a \$100 discount by paying dues in full by the early summer. Partial scholarships are available through our donors and board of directors. Members may also choose to participate in various fundraisers throughout the season to help earn their dues. There are no additional tour, equipment or uniform fees. Member dues cover the full cost of instruction, uniforms, transportation, hotel room at our world championships, and meals at camps. Members are responsible for some meals while traveling and transportation to and from rehearsals and some performances.

### **2016 SCHEDULE**

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Summer Audition/Kick Off Spring Preview with Winter Ensembles Full Corps Camp Full Corps Camp Full Corps Camp **Full Corps Camp** Full Corps Camp + FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY Full Corps Camp (overnight @ Alexandria) **ALEXANDRIA EXHIBITION PERFORMANCE** INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADES DCI MANKATO SHOW **Full Corps Camp** Full Corps Camp DCI ROCHESTER SHOW DCI MN SHOW **Full Corps Rehearsal** DCI OPEN CLASS SHOW Full Corps Camp Travel to Racine (leave in the evening) DCA RACINE SHOW **RED WING PARADE** DCA SOUNDS OF MINNESOTA SHOW DCA ST. PETER SHOW Full Corps Camp Full Corps Camp Depart for DCA (leave in the evening) DCA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DCA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DCA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DCA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Return from DCA (return in the evening) EDEN PRAIRIE BAND SHOW EXHIBITION

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