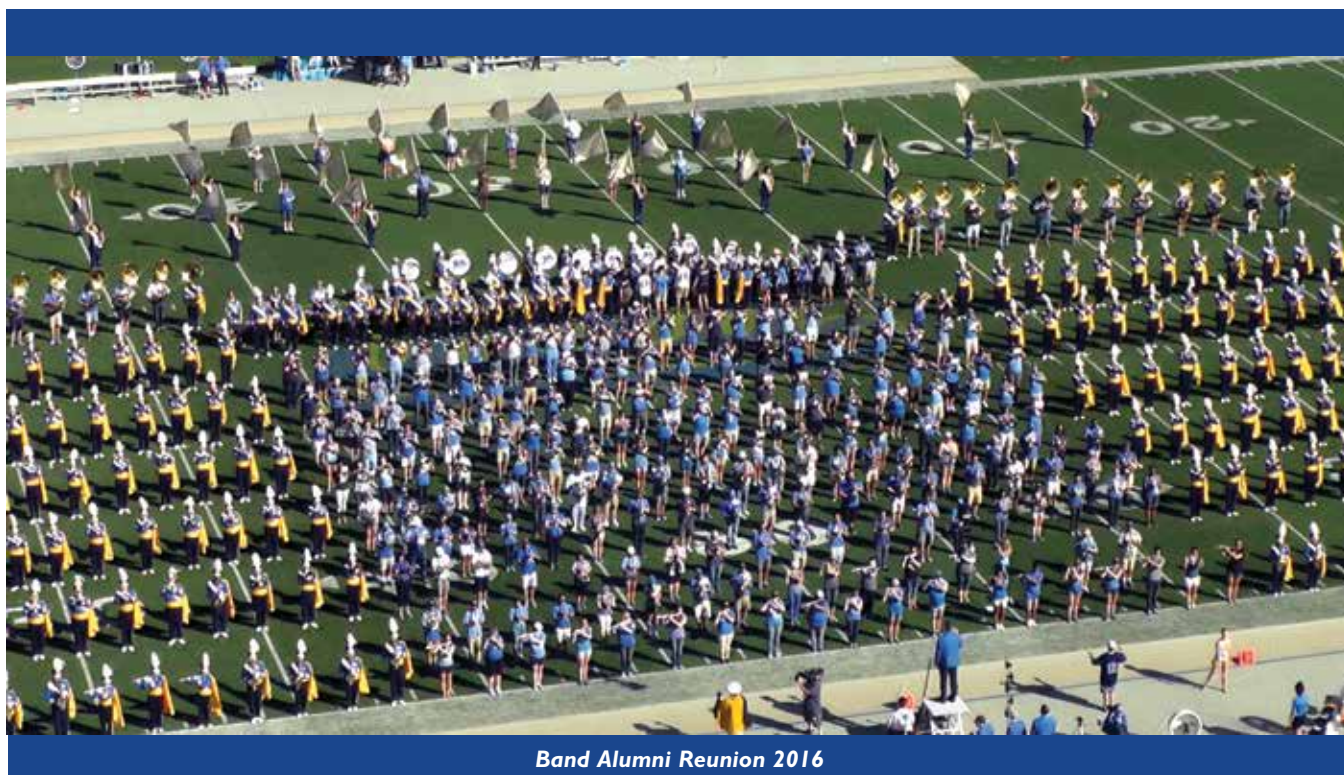


Solid Gold Sound Club Newsletter

The official UCLA support organization for the UCLA Bruin Marching Band

Summer 2018

Band Alumni Reunion – October 20, 2018



Band Alumni Reunion 2016

The 15th Biennial Band Alumni Reunion will be held this fall at the UCLA vs. Arizona football game on Saturday, October 20. Rehearsal will begin three and a half hours before the announced game time (which we may not know until the week before).

In 2016, a record 280 band alumni performed at halftime of the UCLA vs. Utah football game at the Rose Bowl. Let's surpass that record this fall!

Travel to Away Football Games

On September 8, the Band will take a pep band to the UCLA at Oklahoma football game in Oklahoma City, and the full Band will attend the UCLA at Cal football game in Berkeley on October 13.

Your donations have enabled the Band to travel to out-of-state games at Texas (1997), Miami (1998), Ohio State (1999), Alabama (2001), Colorado (2003), Illinois (2004), Notre Dame (2006 - the entire band!), Tennessee (2009), and Washington (2000, 2002 and 2017).

Japan Trip

Twenty members of the UCLA Bruin Marching Band appeared as the featured performers at the 35th annual Ekitopia Festival Parade in Nagoya, Japan, on May 4 and 5, 2018. The UCLA Drumline performed at this event in 2010.

The Ekitopia Festival is held in Nagoya each year during Japan's "Golden Week," which occurs in late April and early May, and includes a series of national holidays including The Emperor's Birthday, Constitution Memorial Day, Greenery Day, and Children's Day. Other performers in the Parade included several local high school bands and traditional Japanese dance troupes. The Governor of Aichi Prefecture, Hideaki Omura, was present to welcome the Band to Nagoya, a Los Angeles Sister City.

The Band arrived in Nagoya on May 2 and rehearsed on May 3 in preparation for the performance. On May 6, the Band traveled to Kyoto to visit several historical sites including Kinkaku-ji (The Golden Temple), the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, the monkeys at Kameyama-koen Park, and the ancient gates and shrines at Fushimi Inari-taisha. The Band arrived back to Los Angeles on the morning of May 7, and most of the students headed directly to classes.



Visiting Nagoya Castle that was first built in 1620



The end of the Ekitopia Parade Performance



Trumpet Section Leader John Malchar and Horn Section Leader Christina Martin at the Golden Temple in Kyoto



Ekitopia Festival Parade in downtown Nagoya



Kevin and Steven King with a few of the 300 frisbees they tossed out to the audience during the shows over two days



Tanya Alam and Erin Freise with Japanese dancers



Brandon Free and Jared Brock stand by a statue of one the foxes that protect Fushimi Inari-taisha in Kyoto



Poster in Nagoya mall



Late night trip to Mos Burger



Shabu Shabu dinner in Nagoya

Band Alumnus Profile – Dwayne Milburn

I entered UCLA in the summer of 1983 after spending two years as a Cadet at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. I knew I was in for a bit of a culture shock, but I couldn't have predicted the many great ways in which my membership in the Solid Gold Sound and the Music Department (now Herb Alpert School of Music) would continue to enrich my personal and professional life to this day.

The UCLA Music Department was in great flux when I first arrived. Mr. Henderson was in his second year as the director of the Bruin Band, Dr. Lee had yet to join the faculty, and the department was beginning to take steps to build a reputation for the study of applied music. In that atmosphere, it was possible to try your hand at any number of things with the encouragement of staff, faculty, and your fellow students. In my three years, I made the transition from okay clarinet player to okay trombone player while managing to hold on to my original keyboard skills. The school allowed me to polish my arranging/composition skills for the band and choral programs, and those contacts led to my work as an orchestrator and rehearsal conductor for the Special Projects Division of ABC-TV. To the confusion and consternation of some of my teachers and colleagues, none of those great experiences could diminish my love of the Bruin Band and UCLA sports. Along with my friend Anna Corral, we worked with Mr. Henderson to design early prototypes for the uniforms the band still proudly wears, and I'm happy to know my arrangement of "Hail to the Hills of Westwood" is still a part of major Bruin events.

Since completing my BFA in Music at UCLA (1986), the musical training I received and the idea that anything is possible has fueled my enjoyment and success in many different endeavors. From 1986-1990, I served as the Director of Cadet Music at West Point, leading the Cadet Glee Club and Cadet Band in national and international performances. In 1992, I graduated from the

Cleveland Institute of Music with an MM in Orchestral Conducting. Although my teacher was somewhat critical of my "drum major upbeat," he made opportunities for me to continue building on the arranging, composing, and conducting skills that I began to develop at UCLA.

In 1993, after attending Basic Training and US Army Officer Candidate School, I was commissioned into the Army Music Program as a Second Lieutenant, and it has been a great career. In addition to leading performances in 46 of 50 states (my apologies to Hawaii, Alaska, Idaho, and Oregon) and the District of Columbia, I've

been honored to represent the Nation in such diverse locations as China, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, the Baltic States, and the Balkan States, just to name a few. I've participated in two inaugurations and written music performed in the state funerals of Presidents Reagan and Ford, as well as that of Mrs. Betty Ford.

In the middle of my Army career, I returned to UCLA and earned an MFA (2006) and PhD (2009) in Music. This gave me the opportunity to witness, firsthand,

the incredible growth in the breadth of music making offered to students at the Herb Alpert School of Music. I was fortunate to renew longstanding friendships, forge new ones, as well as develop the professional relationships that have resulted in the publication of many of my works for concert band, chorus, and orchestra.

Currently, I hold the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and I'm finishing up my tour as the Commander and Conductor of the US Army Europe Band and Chorus, stationed in Sembach, Germany. When I retire this fall, I'm returning to the Southland as the Director of the St. Matthew's Music Guild in Pacific Palisades, California. In addition to these new duties and visiting my friends in real time, I'm looking forward to re-engaging music at UCLA. I'm grateful to the school for its role in my life and will always be proud to call myself a loyal Bruin.



LTC Milburn conducting a Holiday Concert, Wiesbaden, Germany, 2017



LTC Milburn conducting a ceremony for the 73rd Anniversary of D-Day, Normandy, France, 2017



Dwayne Milburn at the 1986 Rose Parade center of front row

LTC Milburn with the US Army Europe Band at the 350th Anniversary of the Citadel of Lille, France, 2018



Halftime Shows for Fall 2018

For Band Day at the Washington game on October 6, over 30 high school bands will join the UCLA Band on the field to perform the Grammy Award-winning song “Feel It Still” by the American rock band Portugal. The Man.

The 15th Biennial Band Alumni Reunion will be held at halftime of the UCLA vs. Arizona game on October 20. A medley of songs from the hit musical “Phantom of the Opera” will be performed by the combined group of the UCLA Band and alumni. The Band will present a patriotic themed show at the UCLA vs. Utah game on Friday, October 26.

At the UCLA vs. USC game, the Band’s halftime show will feature music by the legendary British rock band Queen, including “We Will Rock You,” “Don’t Stop Me Now,” “Crazy Little Thing Called Love,” and the iconic “Bohemian Rhapsody.”

For the Stanford game over Thanksgiving weekend, the Band will perform music from popular Pixar movies that will include the theme to *The Incredibles*, “Remember Me” from the movie *Coco*, and a medley of “Real Gone” and “Life Is a Highway” from the movie *Cars*.

Photos from 2017-18



Gig at the Los Angeles Convention Center



Band Camp Rehearsal in Drake Stadium



Bruin Day April 2018



Flute player Julianne Zingmond



Drum Major Jacob Hambalek

Performance List

From July 2017 through June 2018, the Band performed 106 times! Here's a complete list:

Football Season Games (10)

- Home games – 6
- Away games – 3 (Stanford, Washington, USC)
- Cactus Bowl in Phoenix, AZ 12/26/17

Men's Basketball Games (19)

- Home games – 17
- Pac-12 Tournament games – 2

Women's Basketball Games (21)

- Home games – 15
- Pac-12 Tournament games – 2
- NCAA Tournament games – 4

Olympic Sports (16)

- Women's Volleyball 10/13/17
- Men's Soccer 10/15/17
- Men's Water Polo 10/28/17
- Women's Soccer 11/3/17
- Men's Water Polo (NCAA Championship) 12/3/17
- Swim and Dive 2/9/18
- Men's Volleyball 2/14/18
- Gymnastics 2/18/18
- Men's Tennis 2/27/18
- Softball 4/3/18
- Women's Water Polo 4/7/18
- Baseball 4/20/18
- Women's Tennis 4/21/18
- Men's Volleyball (NCAA Play-in) 5/1/18
- Men's Volleyball (NCAA Semifinal) 5/3/18
- Men's Volleyball (NCAA Final) 5/5/18

Other Campus Events (28)

- Eight Summer Orientation performances throughout the summer of 2017
- Wasserman Football Center Opening 8/1/17
- "Champed Up" Rally in Pauley Pavilion 9/26/17
- UCLA Store Rally in Bruin Plaza 9/26/17
- Fall Open House in Pauley Pavilion 10/7/17
- Dribble for the Cure at Drake Stadium 10/15/17
- Family Weekend 10/20/17
- Krieger Child Care Center 11/3/17
- UCLA Lab School Carnival 11/5/17
- Anderson School Gala in Pauley Pavilion 11/13/17
- Beat SC Bonfire Rally in Wilson Plaza 11/15/17
- We Run the City 11/19/17
- Team USA Awards – Red Carpet Drumline 11/29/17
- Team USA Awards in Royce Hall 11/29/17
- Herb Alpert School of Music Open House 4/13/18
- Bruin Day Welcome in Pauley Pavilion 4/14/18
- Bruin Day Rally in Wilson Plaza 4/14/18
- Healthy Campus Initiative in Pauley Pavilion 5/9/18
- Bruin Transfer Day Welcome in Pauley Pavilion 5/12/18
- Evelyn and Mo Ostin Recording Studio Session 6/13/18
- Anderson School Beam Signing Ceremony 6/27/18

Off Campus Events (12)

- AHIMA Welcome Reception – LA Convention Center 10/8/17
- AHIMA General Session – LA Convention Center 10/9/17
- UCLA Engineering Alumni Event at Raytheon Corp 10/16/17
- Baldwin Park Field Tournament 10/21/17
- Hillcrest Country Club 11/10/17
- Citrix Convention – Anaheim Convention Center 1/8/18
- IMSH Convention – LA Convention Center 1/14/18
- "The Goldbergs" TV show 1/26/18
- Google Engage 2018 – Anaheim Convention Center 4/19/18
- Ekitopia Festival Parade – Nagoya, Japan 5/4/18 and 5/5/18
- Donor Event honoring Shari and Garen Staglin 6/1/18



Cymbal player Jareni Polanco



The Alto Saxophone Section Fall 2017

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Director of the Bruin Marching and Varsity Bands

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Conductor of the Wind Ensemble
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Assistant Director of the
Bruin Marching and Varsity Bands

Paul Addleman
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