

21st Annual

SPARTAN Southern Classic

October 12th, 2024

Hosted by South Caldwell Spartan Bands at South Caldwell High School Hudson, NC

SPARTAN Southern Classic

Dear Participants,

We are excited to welcome you to our 21st Annual Spartan Southern Classic Marching Band Competition. Much planning and anticipation has gone into our event this year to make this a successful competition for everyone involved. Our competition has grown throughout the years and we are honored that you have chosen to be our guests for a special anniversary year.

Congratulations on your dedication and commitment in preparation for your show this season. There is great work being done in band rooms across the region, and this is evident by your participation here today. Your directors, your parents, your teachers, and your friends all respect your commitment to music and know the sacrifices that you have made to come this far.

We trust that your visit to Spartan Country will prove to be both rewarding and educational as you begin to fine-tune your show. If you need assistance in any way today, simply ask a South Caldwell Band Booster for help; we will do our best to meet your needs. Again, thank you for your participation today, and best wishes throughout the 2023 marching season.

Sincerely, Jason Childers *Director of Bands-SCHS*

Scott & Stephanie Raines Spartan Southern Classic Co-Chairs

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FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Concession Stand Located to the left on the home side as you enter the stadium

> Restrooms Located beside the concession stand

Lost & Found/Emergency Announcements Press Box

Air-Grams \$5.00

Raffle Basket Tickets\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

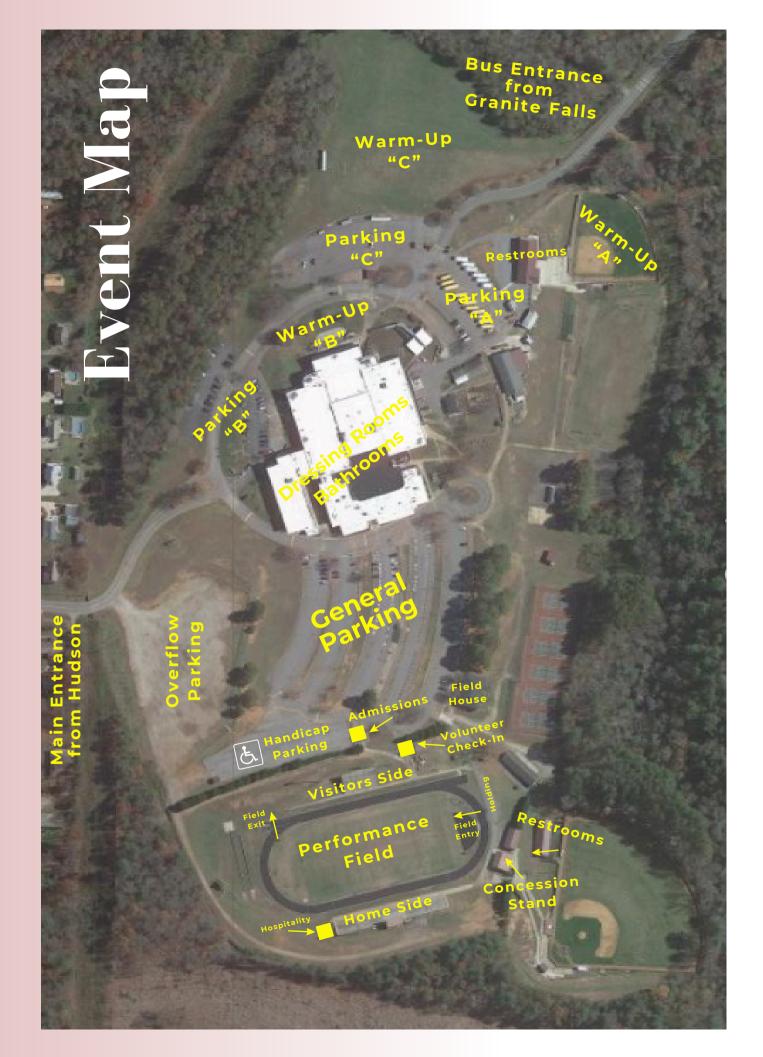
Half & Half Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Ugliest Director Contest\$1.00

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Hamburger	\$6.00
Cheeseburger	\$6.00
Hotdog	\$3.00
Corndog	\$3.00
Walking Taco Seasoned Ground Beef, Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa, and Sour Cream	
Nachos	\$3.00
Chips, Cheese Sauce, Jalapenos	
French Fries	\$3.00
Popcorn	\$2.00
Candy	\$1.00
Chips	\$1.00
Takis (Fuego, Blue Heat, Intense Nacho))
Whole Dill Pickle	\$1.00
Pizza	\$3.00
Drinks, 20 oz Pepsi	
Products	\$3.00
Treats & Desserts	\$1.00
Hot Chocolate	\$1.00
In a Mug	\$2.00
Coffee	\$1.00
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Many communities in western North Carolina have been impacted by Hurricane Helene. The American Music Education Network, a North Carolina based 501(c)3 has established the Notes for Hope campaign to raise funds to help music programs recover from the storm. Please take a moment to find their QR code in your program and give as you are able. Please share this opportunity with others in your community and on social media to support our friends in the western part of the state.

Learn more at AmericanMusicEducationNetwork.org.



Awards Ceremony

8:00pm

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Gates Open	11:00am
Welcome	12:15pm
National Anthem	12:20pm
South Caldwell Saxophone Choir	

SHOWCASE	<u>CLASS</u>	TIME
Avery High School	1A	12:30pm
South Davidson High School	1A	12:45pm
East Surry High School	1A	1:00pm
Surry Central High School	1A	1:15pm
Wilkes Central High School	1A	1:30pm
Ashe County High School	2A	2:05pm
Glenn High School	2A	2:20pm
East Wilkes High School	2A	2:35pm
Forbush High School	2A	2:50pm
Maiden High School	2A	3:05pm
Freedom High School	3 A	3:40pm
Draughn High School	3 A	3:58pm
North Iredell High School	3 A	4:16pm
Lincolnton High School	3 A	4:34pm
Bandys High School	3 A	4:52pm
DINNER BREAK		
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Patton High School	4A	5:52pm
Newton-Conover High School	4A	6:10pm
Lake Norman High School	4·A	6:28pm
East Davidson High School	$4 \mathbf{A}$	6:46pm 7 0.4
		7:04pm
EXHIBITIONS		
South Caldwell High School	EXH	7:22pm
"Spirit" of LR	EXH	7:40pm



Chris Mayhew

Chris Mayhew is the Percussion Professor at Lenoir-Rhyne University where he runs the percussion studio, percussion ensemble, and marching percussion groups. Chris is also the music teacher at Happy Valley Elementary School where he teaches students from kindergarten through eighth grade. He is a recent graduate with a Masters of Music degree in Percussion Performance at the Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State University. This is his eighth year as the Director of Marching Percussion at Lenoir-Rhyne University and his sixth year as a public school teacher formerly at Lincolnton Middle School where he spent five years as the Band Director. Chris also currently serves as a delegate on the Percussive Arts Society's University Student Committee and is a Liaison for the Drum Set Committee.

Dr. Michael E. Matheny

Michael Matheny began as assistant band director of East Rutherford High School in 1973 while finishing his undergrad degree at Gardner Webb College. In 1974, Matheny served as director of the Burns High School Band, Lawndale North Carolina. While under his direction, the Burns band won numerous awards in both marching and concert competition. The band was invited by United States President Gerald Ford to perform for his visit to Charlotte North Carolina. Named band director of Wilkes Central High School, Wilkesboro, NC. in the Fall of 1977 Matheny served through 1986 until he entered educational administration as a school principal. While at Wilkes Central as band director, Matheny's bands performed in national competition with Marching Bands of America Contests and claimed third place in the prestigious Festival of States Marching Band Contest, St. Petersburg Florida in 1979 and once again in 1985. The Wilkes Central High School Marching Band represented North Carolina in the Macy^{*}s Thanksgiving Parade in New York City (Nov. 1982). Matheny has arranged music and marching field drill for various University, College and High School bands across America. He has served as clinician, guest conductor, an adjudicator for regional and National marching and concert band contests for the past 38 years. In 2002, Dr. Matheny was named the National Association of Secondary Schools Administrators "North Carolina Middle School Principal of the Year" at the call of the United States Department of Education in Washington, DC. Matheny retired from service as an administrator and principal in the North Carolina Public School System in

SPARTAN Southern Classic ADJUDICATION

Donald Peach

Mr. Donald Peach, former Director of Bands and Music Coordinator at Hickory High School, recently served for the second time as the Interim Associate Director of bands at Appalachian State University, where he was Director of the Marching Mountaineers and Symphony Band. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education. Mr. Peach was the Lincolnton High School Band Director from 1973 to 1994. During that time, his bands received numerous Superior and Excellent ratings and attended the 1985 Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C. After formally retiring from public school teaching, he was an Educational Representative for Music & Arts Centers for six years. He rehearsed the Pride of the Mountains Marching Band at Western Carolina University during their camps for 14 years. Mr. Peach carries a flame of energy, fun, and dedication in all his roles. He has been past president of the Northwestern District Band Directors Association. He is a Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia member, the American School Band Director Association, and the North Carolina Music Educators Association. He has served as an adjudicator and presented various band clinics and workshops nationwide. Mr. Peach also served as the Curriculum Section Chair on the state task force that revised the music curriculum in North Carolina. In addition, he was the Assistant Director of the Spirit of America National Honors Band and Freedom Singers, which performed throughout Europe in the summer of 2001. He also enjoyed directing the orchestra for the Lincoln County Theatre Guild during their summer productions of Hello Dolly, The Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, Oklahoma, and Music Man from 1981-1986. Mr. Peach is a member of The North Carolina Bandmasters Hall of Fame. Don informally mentors young band directors and is formally an Academic Music Supervisor for student teachers and practicum interns at Appalachian State University's Hayes School of Music. He resides in Lincolnton with his wife, Anita, and remains active in his community. He has two children, Drew (a USMC veteran) and Anna, and a grandson, Braylon.

Tuck Tucker

Tuck Tucker is currently the Colorguard Director for Ronald W. Reagan High School in Pfafftown NC. He has been with this program successfully for many years in the past with both Winterguard and Fall guard programs. His passion for the activity began with his time with Drum Corps in his earlier years. He started teaching Colorguard camps throughout Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia. Tuck has consulted and directed many colorguard programs with numerous schools across North Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia. He consults with both guard staff and band directors to help achieve their goal for an overall visual package. Tuck is from Winston Salem, NC and works full time for Pepsico.



Neil Underwood

Mr. Underwood served as the Associate and Interim Director of Bands/Director of Athletic Bands at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, NC from 2015-2024. Prior to his appointment at Lenoir-Rhyne he served as Director of Bands at North Lincoln High School in Lincolnton, NC (2003-2015) and at East Lincoln High School in Denver, NC (1983-2003). During his tenure, his bands twice performed in Carnegie Hall, once at the Lincoln Center, twice at North Carolina Music Educator's Conference, and for the 60 th anniversary of the ending of WWII in Washington DC. His bands marched in the National Memorial Day Parade, the Hollywood Christmas Parade, and won the Gator Bowl National Band Championship. His bands have been finalists at regional Bands of America Championships and have attended Grand Nationals. His concert and marching bands won numerous state and regional competitions in concert band, marching band, jazz band, winterguard and indoor percussion. Serving as President of the North Carolina Bandmaster's Association 2002-04, Mr. Underwood previously served as President of the South-Central District, and was honored with the Award of Excellence in 2003. He was Teacher of the Year for Lincoln County Schools in 2002 and received the 2008 NC Citizenship Teacher of the Year. In 2013 Mr. Underwood was recognized as one of SBO (School Band and Orchestra) Magazine's 50 Directors Who Make a Difference.

In 2021, Mr. Underwood was inducted into the North Carolina Bandmaster's Hall of Fame. He is a member of ASBDA, NAfME, NCBA, and CBDNA.

Dr. Tim Brewer

Dr. Tim Brewer lives in Charlotte, NC. He holds a Bachelor's in Music Education from Berry College and a Master's in Music Education from Winthrop University, and an earned Doctorate in Counseling. He did additional graduate study at VanderCook College of Music. Dr. Brewer spent twenty years in education teaching middle school, high school, and adjunctly at UNC- Charlotte as the athletic band director. His bands received many Superior ratings and awards in concert and marching contests. In 1995, he was elected to the prestigious American School Band Directors Association. In addition to teaching, he specialized in writing and designing curriculum for instrumental music education. After his tenure as a teacher, he spent eighteen years as a representative for local, regional, and national music companies. Later in his career, he had a desire to become a counselor and went back and completed a Doctorate to achieve that goal. In 2017, he and his wife founded Judah Care Center, a counseling practice in Fort Mill, SC. Dr. Brewer is active as a public speaker for counseling and marriage conferences. He remains active and is sought after as an adjudicator, clinician, and judge for his first love, instrumental music.



Mekel Rogers

Mekel Rogers has been involved in music education as a middle school band director and orchestra conductor since 1995. He is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Appalachian State University, a charter member of the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps, and the founding conductor of the Union Symphony Youth Orchestra. Mekel is also active as a frequent guest clinician and adjudicator for both concert band and orchestral events. Mekel's music for concert band is published by the FJH Music Company and Alfred Music Publishing. Mekel's music for string orchestra is published by Grand Mesa Strings and TUX People's Music. Mekel's concert band and string orchestra compositions have received several Editors Choice Awards from the J. W. Pepper Music Company. Mekel's works have been performed at various district and state honor band events, music educator association conferences, adjudicated festivals, and the Midwest Clinic in Chicago. International performances include concert festivals in Canada, Japan, Australia, and the United Kingdom as well as world premieres in both London, England and Paris, France. Mekel was inducted into the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA) in 2008 and is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP).

Michelle Beekman

Michelle Beekman began working with drum majors during college, after three years of being drum major in high school. Years after graduating from Miami University (2001) with a degree in
Elementary and Special Education, Michelle moved to North Carolina and began judging drum majors shortly after. Michelle is married and has two middle school children. Michelle has worked with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System since 2004. She is currently working as a tutor with the WSFCS Virtual Academy.

SPARTAN Southern Classic Trophy Sponsors

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Overall Trophies

Pits Choice Unifour Crown Spartan Cup Grand Champion Sponsorship By: Anonymous

Jon Stafford Chapman Instrument Repair Jason & Missy Childers In honor / (memory) of:

(memory of) CJ Swanson (Class of 2007) Sarah, Ellie, Nate, Samuel Stafford Band Students everywhere All Spartan Band Students

Class Rank Trophies

Class	5 1-A 1st place 2nd place 3rd place	Ms. Walsh's Comprehensive Skills Class 양 Unified Champions Melissa Walsh Caitlin Shelley	Michael Walsh, 11th grade euphonium & Low Brass section (memory of) Robin Price (memory of) Mary Ravenelle
Class	-	Cory & Erin Hamby	Corbin Hamby, 9th grade percussion 양 Spartan Band Members
Class	5 3-A 1st place 3rd place 4th place	Dwayne & Trina Bryant Tim Sanders Katie & Marell Deel	SCHS Saxophones - Bailey, Quentin, & Abbey (memory of) Jeanna Sanders Abbey Bryant, 10th grade saxophone

Class 4-A 1st-5th place

Neil & Dawn Bowman

Jayna Dellinger, 11th grade clarinet

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Caption Trophies

Music 4A (1st - 3rd Place) Robbie, Miranda, & Mackenzie Denning Major

Peyton Denning, 12th grade Drum

Marching

4A (1st) trumpet Mom & Dad

Grayson Bumgarner, 12th grade

Effect

4A (1st = 3rd place) Sue Townsend 3A (1st = 3rd place) Sue Townsend Parker Coffey, 10th grade guard Parker Coffey, 10th grade guard

Visual Ensemble (Guard)

4A (1st place)	<i>Mom & Dad</i>
4A (2nd - 3rd Place)	Sue Townsend
3A (1st, 2nd, 3rd)	Scott & Stephanie Raines
2A (1st, 2nd, 3rd)	Scott & Stephanie Raines
1A (1st, 2nd, 3rd)	Bush Cars

Danika Bumgarner, 9th grade guard Parker Coffey, 10th grade guard Emily Raines, 10th grade guard Emily Raines, 10th grade guard Emily Raines, 10th grade guard

Percussion

4A (1st)Ashley Oliver4A (2nd)Ashley Oliver3A (1st - 3rd Place)John, Sheena, Allie, & BraydenpercussionPercussion

2A (1st - 3rd Place) John, Sheena, Allie, & Brayden percussion

James Oliver, 12th grade percussion (memory of) JaKari Phillips Brayden Jernigan, 10th grade

> & SCHS Drumline Brayden Jernigan, 10th grade

Peyton Denning, 12th grade Drum

& SCHS Drumline

Drum Major

4A (1st - 3rd Place) Robbie, Miranda, & Mackenzie Denning Major

Rating Plaques

4A Bands

Julie Callahan

3A Bands

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Kevin Callahan, 10th grade trumpet & Spartan Band Members Emily Raines, 10th grade guard

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AVERY HIGH SCHOOL





Jeff Hodges, Band Director **Madison Corbliss, Assistant Director**



SOUTH DAVIDSON **HIGH SCHOOL**



MARCHING WILDCATS

Denton, NC

Show Title: The Greatest Show

Stepp Thomason, Drum Major

Maeghan Hearn, Director

Band Staff:Brandon Hearn - Brass Tech, Ger Vang - Woodwind Tech, Shelby Perez Hendricks - Percussion Tech, Cori Dunn -**Colorguard Tech**



EAST SURRY HIGH SCHOOL



CARDINAL FLIGHT MARCHING BAND

Pilot Mountain, NC

Show Title: True Colors

Taylor Sutphin, Drum Major

Matthew Trice, Band Director

Band Staff: Kirsten McCord, Guard Instructor: Patrick Trice, Visual Instructor; Gage Simmons, Percussion Arranger



SURRY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



GOLDEN EAGLE MARCHING BAND

Dobson, NC

Show Title: Records of Motown

Elliot Richardson, Drum Major

Nathan Cox, Band Director

Band Staff: Sarah Forrest



WILKES CENTRAL **HIGH SCHOOL**



MARCHING EAGLES

Wilkesboro, NC

Show Title: Heist!

Hope Ortiz and Kyrie Reid, Drum Majors

Gage Simmons, Band Director

Band Staff: "Will Rivers- Brass/Visual Tech, Kathryn Ezzelle-Woodwind/ Marching Tech, Halen Mcmorris and Kat Romanish-Guard instructors"



ASHE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL



HUSKY VANGUARD MARCHING BAND

West Jefferson, NC

Parker Dula, Band Director



GLENN **HIGH SCHOOL**



MARCHING BOBCATS

Kernersville, NC

Show Title: H20

Nevaeh Vandergrift, Drum Major

Jonathan Miller, Band Director

Band Staff: Sadye Fuller Colorguard, Richard Jicalan Percussion



EAST WILKES **HIGH SCHOOL**



CARDINAL PRIDE MARCHING BAND

Ronda NC

Show Title: The Grid

Shelby Springfield and Phebe Eller, Drum Majors

Colin Whiteley, Band Director

Band Staff: DeShaune Turner, Callie Phillips, Erin Foster, Jonathan Sale



FORBUSH **HIGH SCHOOL**



MARCHING BAND

East Bend, NC

Show Title: Dreams of the Silk Road

Emery Brown & Bailey Poindexter, Drum Majors

Donald Dohm, Band Director

Band Staff: Anna Peterson, Nate Litwin, Melissa Moxley, Alexis Angel



MAIDEN HIGH SCHOOL



BLUE DEVIL **MARCHING BAND**

Maiden, NC

Show Title: Aurora

Xander Stikeleather, Drum Major

David Lee, Band Director

Band Staff: Erin Bixby - Color Guard Caption Head, Brandon Lee -**Percussion Caption Head**



FREEDOM **HIGH SCHOOL**



FREEDOM HIGH

Morganton, NC

Show Title: American Teen

Aydan Pacheco, Alyssa Biggs, and Caleb Waters, Drum Majors

Jonathan Chesson, Band Director

Band Staff: Kayla Davis, Chesley Streater, James Foster, Alex Reigler, Gerson Hipolito, Mary-Katherine Taylor, Elijah Roscoe







MARCHING WILDCAT BAND

Valdese, NC

Show Title: Double Agent

Ryley Bridges, Drum Major

Avery Gifford, Band Director

Band Staff: Donna Simmons - Color Guard Instructor, Gale Bordner - Majorette Instructor, Mary Jo Gifford - Drum Major and Woodwind Instructor



NORTH IREDELL HIGH SCHOOL



MARCHING RAIDERS Olin, NC

Show Title: And on the 8th Day

Lesley Morataya, Drum Major

Charlie Brantley, Band Director

Band Staff: Sarah Montagnino - Guard Instructor, Abi Hill - Winds



LINCOLNTON **HIGH SCHOOL**



WOLFPACK BAND

Lincolnton, NC

Show Title:

Primary

Ellie Miller, Nate Spears, and Samantha Lawrence, Drum Majors

William Fisher, Band Director

Band Staff: Joshua Belvin- Assistant Director, Zachary Bailey-Percussion Instructor, Mike Gibson- Battery Instructor, Xander Bohannon- Percussion Tech, Kaitlyn Wilt- Woodwind Instructor, Collin Clinch- Woodwind Tech, Brysen Rodriguez- Brass Tech, Jenn Cendejas- Color Guard Instructor, Mariah Hamilton- Color Guard Tech, Åreli Patterson- Color Guard Tech, Sabur Mannsur- "D List"



BANDYS **HIGH SCHOOL**



MARCHING TROJAN BAND

Catawba, NC

Show Title: Shades of Latin

Elijah Tillmon, Drum Majors

Nickey Horner, Band Director

Band Staff: Assistant Director: Clint Long, Colorguard Instructor: Whitney McIntosh, Brass Instructor: Joe Elliott, Percussion Instructor: Matt Brotherton, Bass Drum Tech: Stephanie Wilson



PATTON **HIGH SCHOOL**



PANTHER REGIMENT

Morganton, NC

Show Title: Bollywood

Chloe Higdon and Miles Kurzer, Drum Majors

Chad Higdon, Band Director

Band Staff: Gina Beach Color Guard Instructor



NEWTON-CONOVER HIGH SCHOOL



RED DEVIL MARCHING BAND

Newton, NC

Show Title: The Black Swan

Hailey Collins, Joshua Gordon, and Zoe Kaylor, Drum Majors

Andy Escamilla, Band Director

Band Staff Robbie Gonzalez, Haskew Smith, Darin Morrow, Ben Carter, Lex Hummings, Tim Phillips, Ben Kiesler, Michael Haynes and Carlos Basille.



LAKE NORMAN **HIGH SCHOOL**



WILDCAT COMPETTITION ENSEMBLE

Mooresville, NC

Show Title:

Respice ad Lucem (Look to the Light)

Jamil El Mawass & John Harman, Drum Majors

Christopher Brown, Band Director Band Staff: Kyle Campbell, Mike Gomez, Jordan McCray



NORTHWEST GUILFORD **HIGH SCHOOL**



MARCHING VIKING BAND

Greensboro, NC

Show Title: Just Smile

Riley Cassidy & Brigid McKinney, Drum Majors

Brian McMath and Drew Brooks, Band Directors

Band Staff: Katie Martin, Charlotte Davis, Tyson Sessoms, Taylor Meredith, JJ Cranford, Kevin Greene, Will Church, Brandon Agee, **Douglas Stevens**



EAST DAVIDSON **HIGH SCHOOL**



EDGEBAND Thomasville, NC

Show Title: **Dia de los Muertos**

Renee Poole, Drum Majors

David Deese, Levi Moffe, and Christina Carter, Band Directors

Band Staff: Olivia Kinney and Jayden Watts, guard instructors. Eli Lamar. front ensemble.



SOUTH CALDWELL HIGH SCHOOL



SPARTAN REGIMENT

Hudson, NC

Show Title: Vampyre

Peyton Denning & Trina Hurtato, Drum Majors

Jason Childers & Jon Stafford, Band Directors

Band Staff: Maura Shaffer-Greer, Ian Chapman, Dalton Sigmon, Melissa Sullivan. Samone



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SOUTH CALDWELL BAND BOOSTERS Jason Childers, Director of Bands Jon Stafford, Associate Director of Bands

We are super proud of all our students in each of our bands for your continued dedication and tireless efforts towards self-improvement.

Thank you for all of the volunteers that gave their time and talents today. This event is a huge undertaking and it would not be possible without YOU!

PARENTS

We need your support more than ever as we continue to grow. If you have a student in the band, that automatically makes you a "Band Booster." No registration required. Band Boosters meetings are generally the first Monday of every month in the band room. Please join us!

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