February 28, 2017

To all prospective USA Jaguar Marching Band Drumline/Front Ensemble Auditionees:

Greetings from the campus of the University of South Alabama!! The purpose of this packet is to provide you with the information regarding auditions, important dates and philosophies, as well as to inform you about what is expected and what should be addressed in your preparation for the 2017 USA Jag Drumline and Front Ensemble. With the audition camp date approaching, it is now time for you to begin the process of preparing for the camp and what promises to be another successful year at USA.

FREE Audition Clinic: Saturday, March 25th (8:00 am to 12:30pm)
Preparation for the 2017 Audition Camp. This clinic is open to incoming freshman or transfer students (beginning Fall 2017). Visit www.jaguarmarchingband.org to register for the Audition Clinic.

Audition Camp: (Battery and Front Ensemble)
Saturday, April 29 through Sunday, April 30 – Detailed itinerary TBA

Jag Drumline Camp:
Exact schedule TBA.

In order to audition (in April), students MUST APPLY ONLINE on the JagSpot Portal and be enrolled as a FULL-TIME student at USA. Current students must present their JAG ID and a copy of their FALL 2017 CLASS SCHEDULE at the time of auditions in April. New/Transfer students must show acceptance letter to USA at the time of auditions in April.

You DO NOT have to be a music major or minor to participate in the Jaguar Marching Band. ALL percussionists must audition / re-audition for the Jag Drumline each year.

Every percussionist who gains membership in the USA Jaguar Marching Band will receive an average of a $2,000.00 annually renewable scholarship. As a member, you will enjoy the excitement and pride of being a part of the USA Jaguar Marching Band.

Please be sure to periodically check back on our website for any new music that is added between April 1 and the time of auditions. We look forward to you becoming a valuable and contributing member of this organization. Do not hesitate to call or email us if you have any further questions regarding camps or the music in this packet.

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FREE – AUDITION CLINIC

When:
Saturday, March 25th: 8:00am – 12:30pm

Where:
University of South Alabama – Health, Physical Education and Liberal Studies (HPELS) Building

Who:
Incoming Freshmen and Transfer students ONLY (beginning Fall 2017).

What:
Preparation for the 2017 Jag Drumline/Front Ensemble Audition Camp

How:
Visit www.jaguarmarchingband.org to register for the Audition Clinic

WHAT TO BRING TO THE CLINIC

1. Printed Audition Packet in 3 ring binder with clear, plastic sleeves
2. Sticks and Mallets (Bass Drum mallets are provided)
3. Practice Pad / (Pit and Cymbals included)
4. Pencils
5. Highlighter (BD and Cym.)
6. Water Bottle

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO THE CLINIC

1. Your own drum (only practice pads are allowed).
2. Non-auditioning personnel (friends, family)

PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy for the USA Jag’ Drumline is based on leadership, musicianship, teamwork, preparation, responsibility and commitment. We strive to teach and work BEYOND just the drumline. Buying into and demonstrating these qualities throughout the entire season will be the key to our success. In addition, you must have a positive attitude and be able to get along with others.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

PREPARATION
Preparation refers to how much and how well your practice. It also refers to whether you have spent time reading and studying the entire packet in detail. Your preparation will determine how confident you are when you play and how well you know the material.

TECHNIQUE
Technique refers to grip, stroke, control, and hands. We utilize a RELAXED and REBOUNDED philosophy of technique which produces a quality sound at all levels, speeds, mediums, and playing philosophies that transcend more than just the activity of marching percussion (TRANSFER VALUE).
READING
Reading is NOT optional. With the large quantity of music that college drumlines play, the ability to visually read and verbally count rhythms as well as understand standard stickings is required. We will perform approximately 50 charts including exercises, cadences, cheers, stand tunes, pre-game, and multiple half time shows.

MEMORIZATION
Memorization demonstrates attitude and confidence. It shows that a person is dedicated to being a part of the drumline and has thoroughly prepared. Given that auditions are held close to the beginning of the Jag’ Drumline Camp and USA Jaguar Marching Band Camp, memorization becomes even more valued.

COLLEGIALITY
Students are expected to treat other students and staff with respect.

TEAMWORK
A team player is someone who is not only willing, but eager to do what is best for the group. Team players embrace their role, regardless of what section they make, and they put the interests of the marching band and drumline ahead of their own.

AUDITIONS
Students MUST be enrolled as a FULL-TIME student at USA and present a valid JAG ID and copy of a FALL 2017 CLASS SCHEDULE at the time of the audition. Each section will audition together as an entire marching percussion section on a rotating basis, trying various player combinations. Following that, students will be asked to sight read and play individually. Results will be posted at various points during the camp. It is highly encouraged that you prepare to audition on various instruments based on your experiences and strengths (i.e. bass drum / front ensemble or cymbals / snare drum). Students are placed according to their personal strengths AND NEEDS of the section. Be prepared to audition on multiple instruments within the section. If you are auditioning for the Front Ensemble, please be comfortable playing all exercises/excerpts on marimba, vibraphone, and xylophone. If you are asked to play something that you have not prepared, then do your best. The staff knows this and is more interested in seeing how quickly you learn, your musical aptitude and most importantly, your ATTITUDE towards doing it.

Students auditioning on bass drum should prepare multiple parts (#1-5). Cymbal players should pick one of the split parts marked as A (above the line) and B (below the line) in the parts. The cymbal line performs various techniques including crashes, chokes, hi-hats, sizzles, slams, slides, zings, and taps. If you are unfamiliar with these, just do your best. We will work with you upon arrival.

JDL EQUIPMENT (What we use)
The Jaguar Drumline is sponsored by Pearl marching percussion instruments, Remo drumheads, Vic Firth sticks and mallets, and Zildjian cymbals. JDL marches custom shell, chrome hardware, red-sparkle drums. JDL will field up to 9 snares, 4 tenors, 5 bass drums, 8 cymbals as well as up to 12 members in the Front Ensemble including 4 marimbas, 2 vibraphones, and 1 xylophone.
NOTE: ALL sticks and mallets are provided for JDL members by the USA Jaguar Marching Band and supporting sponsors. You WILL need to bring your own sticks and mallets for auditioning purposes with the exception of those auditioning for bass drum. All cymbals will be provided for cymbal auditionees.

PERCUSSION AT USA

Percussion studies at the University of South Alabama are designed to develop percussionists at the highest level of musicianship and at an appropriate competency in performance and teaching.

Percussion students at the university have the opportunity to experience a wide array of performance opportunities within the percussion department, including the USA Percussion Ensemble, World Music Ensemble, Steel Drum Ensemble, as well as the USA Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, and Basketball Pep Band. You DO NOT have to be a major or minor in music to participate in these ensembles. For more information about the USA Percussion Studio and the Department of Music, please visit: http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/music/percussion/index.html
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Xylophone

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2-Mallet Exercises

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"Green" Scale

1A. Double Stops - Spreading- L.H.

1B. Double Stops - Spreading- R.H.

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2. Chromatics

3. Thirds

4A. Arpeggios (Ascending)

4B. Arpeggios (Descending)
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4 - Mallet Exercises

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SINGLE INDEPENDENT STROKE

DOUBLE VERTICAL STROKE

SINGLE ALTERNATING

DOUBLE LATERAL

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Wrist Twisters

Played in all 12 Major Keys and in various intervals between hands

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