



2025

High School Marching Band Competition



Murphysboro Apple Festival Corporate Partner



Saturday, September 13th, 2025
4:15 PM – E.L. “Doc” Bencini Field
Murphysboro High School

DRUMS AT APPLETIME 2025

NATIONAL ANTHEM & INTRODUCTIONS

4:15

WHITE DIVISION

East Prairie High School	4:30
Kelly High School	4:45
Pinckneyville Community High School	5:00
Nashville Community High School	5:15
Anna-Jonesboro Community High School	5:30
Sparta High School	5:45

RED DIVISION

Breese Central Community High School	6:15
Carterville High School	6:30
Potosi High School	6:45

SILVER DIVISION

Carbondale Community High School	7:15
Centralia High School	7:30
Paducah Tilghman High School	7:45
Waterloo High School	8:00

GOLD DIVISION

Northwest High School	8:15
Marion High School	8:45
Cape Central High School	9:00
McCracken County High School	9:15

EXHIBITIONS

Murphysboro High School	9:30
Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO)	9:45

AWARDS CEREMONY (Drum Majors Only)

10:00

COORDINATORS' MESSAGE

Good Evening,

It is our distinct honor to welcome you to Murphysboro High School and to Drums at Appletime 2025. Tradition, musicianship, and collaboration will once again take center stage as the bands compete this afternoon and evening here at Doc Bencini Field. Thanks to the dedication of many hardworking individuals, Drums at Appletime 2025 has once again become a reality. Crimson Express is proud to bring Drums at Appletime in its entirety, and we're especially excited to welcome any new schools that are joining us for the first time!

At this time, we would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to the Crimson Express & Company, the CE BANDS Parent Booster Organization and their incredible volunteers. We would also like to thank Murphysboro Apple Festival, Inc. and the Drums at Appletime Subcommittee, our Apple Festival sponsors, and our Crimson Express event sponsors. Your support makes it possible to host an event of this scale. We are deeply grateful to the businesses and community members who have stood by us from the beginning. Your contributions show that music, the arts, and youth programs remain a valued priority in our region.

Finally, thank you for being here and for supporting all the talented students and bands participating today. Your continued encouragement helps ensure that music education thrives in our schools for years to come.

We hope you enjoy the performances and look forward to welcoming you back next year!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Williams, Director, Crimson Express & CE BANDS
Murphysboro Apple Festival, Inc.
Kirk Caskey, Drums at Appletime Committee
Peggy Reiman, Drums at Appletime Committee
Nancy Caskey, Drums at Appletime Committee
Sarah Cunningham, Drums at Appletime Committee
Murl Reiman, Drums at Appletime Committee
Nicholas Blew, Drums at Appletime Committee
Jennie Snyder, Drums at Appletime Committee
Eric & Tricia Mueller, Drums at Appletime Committee
Joe & Sharon Fry, Drums at Appletime Committee

MEET YOUR HOST



CRIMSON EXPRESS – Murphysboro High School Marching Band

Murphysboro High School is home for the Crimson Express Marching Band. Crimson Express is a unique and wonderful blend of students, staff, parents, and community members devoted to the sustained success of the program. Crimson Express was formed thirty-six years ago by founding director, Mark Mikulay. He quickly transformed the High School band program from a highly accomplished concert band, to a program thriving in all areas. Today the band program at Murphysboro High School strives for excellence in marching, concert, and jazz, offering a large number of musical experiences for its students. During its 36-year existence, the Crimson Express has performed in local, national, and international contests and festivals, winning countless awards and making it one of the community's most well-known and valuable assets. The Band has toured/performed in the following cities: Washington D.C., New York City, NY, Lynn/Boston, MA, Disney World/Orlando, FL, Chicago, IL, Memphis, TN, Traverse City, MI, Toronto, Canada, Calgary Alberta, Canada, Regina, Canada, Niagara Falls, Denver, CO, St. Louis, MO, Racine, WI, Mt. Rushmore, Drum Corps Midwest Championships in Dekalb, IL, BOA Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, IN, and various other local and regional locations. The Crimson Express is under the direction of Nicholas Williams.

Crimson Express would like to thank its wonderful Band Boosters organization; Crimson Express & Co., without which many activities would not be possible. Crimson Express Special Staff includes Michael Moreland-Assistant Director, Dustin Kelley-Battery, Alex Kelley-Color Guard Design, Kayla Roach, Raegan Ripley-Color Guard/Auxiliary, and Mackenzie Riedy-Front Ensemble. Their Fall 2025 production is entitled **Danza Del Fuego**. The music is arranged by Assistant Director Michael Moreland. Drill is designed by Shannon Jeffreys. The band is led on the field by drum major Maddie Pulcher. Crimson welcomes you this evening and hopes you have an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Good luck to all of tonight's participating bands, have a great competition season, and we will see you next year!

WELCOME IN EXHIBITION:
THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY (SEMO)
PRIDE OF THE HEARTLAND MARCHING BAND



The SEMO Pride of the Heartland Marching Band has created powerful musical experiences since 1907. Founded just two years after Academic Hall was built, the marching band has more history than the Missouri State Flag and the University Alma Mater! The SEMO Marching Band is one of the largest student organizations on campus.

The band performs at all home football games, leads campus spirit rallies, marches in parades, and showcases their talents at special high school marching band festivals. They have continued their traditions of excellence with performances like those at the 2023 Bands of America Super Regional in Indianapolis, and the 2024 Bands of America Super Regional in St. Louis. SEMO band's storied history includes representing the university at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland and performing the halftime show at Super Bowl V in 1971!

The band is directed by Dr. Jim Daughters, Director of Bands at Southeast Missouri State University. Special staff includes Michael Chapa-Assistant Director, Shane Mizicko, Louie Pereira-Percussion Professors, Chris Loe-Drumline Instructor, Luke Christisen-Color Guard Coordinator, Jeffrey Turk-Color Guard Tech. Drum Majors are Nathan Anderson, Jae Childs, Isabel Belcher, and Luke Borchardt. Band Captains include Dyllan Day and Cole Van. **We welcome SEMO to their first ever Exhibition Performance at the Murphysboro Apple Festival and Drums at Appletime!**



*Shivelbine's Music Store proudly
supports all of the participating
marching bands!*

SHIVELBINE'S MUSIC STORE, INC.

535 BROADWAY ST.
CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO 63701
(573) 334-5216

SHIVELBINE'S BAND ROOM

901 N. CARBON ST. SUITE 7
MARION, IL 62959
(618) 993-8995

WWW.SHIVELBINEMUSICSTORE.COM

MEET THE JUDGES

Music Execution-William Martin

Music General Effect-Mark Mikulay

Visual Execution-Juan Black

Visual General Effect-Shannon Jeffreys

Percussion-Mike Davis

Color Guard -Alan Willingham

Drum Major-Lindsey Williams

TABULATORS

Monica May and Rob Yokom

ANNOUNCER

Will Stephens



CONCESSIONS



PLEASE VISIT OUR CONCESSION AREA

1/3lb Hamburgers

Hotdogs

Pat's BBQ Sandwiches

Pizza

Pickles

Candy

Chips

Soda

Water

Apple Cider

Fire and Ice-Shaved Ice and Cloud 9-Cotton Candy

DRUMS AT APPLETIME 2025 FIELD SHOW COMPETITION PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

3:30 PM GATES OPEN

4:15 PM INTRODUCTIONS & THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
Performed by Dakota Smith & Cameron Mitchell

4:30 PM – WHITE DIVISION

EAST PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING EAGLES-East Prairie, MO

Band Size: 36 School Size: 306

Director: Kylie Mitchell

Staff: Kandy Staples-Auxiliary

Drum Major(s): Kenzie Robison

Production: **There's a Monster Under My Bed**

4:45 PM – WHITE DIVISION

KELLY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING HAWKS-Benton, MO

Band Size: 32 School Size: 300

Director: Ethan Bartlett

Staff: Melissa Seiler-Auxiliary Director

Drum Major(s): Raegan Mason

Production: **TBA**

5:00 PM – WHITE DIVISION

PINCKNEYVILLE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING PANTHERS-Pinckneyville, IL

Band Size: 64 School Size: 375

Director: Amber Nichols Associate Director: Ellen Filkins

Staff: Karen O'Brien-Percussion Caption Head, Micaela Heine-Color Guard

Drum Major(s): Iris Zheng

Production: **Postcards from Paris**

5:15 PM – WHITE DIVISION

NASHVILLE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING HORNETS-Nashville, IL

Band Size: 65 School Size: 340

Director: Steve Browne Associate Director: Michele Goostree

Staff: Landon Urbanski-Drumline Leader

Drum Major(s): Grace Stein, Hanley Presswood

Production: **Dragon Hunt**

5:30 PM – WHITE DIVISION

ANNA-JONESBORO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING WILDCATS-Anna, IL

Band Size: 21 School Size: 450

Director: Ashley Followell

Staff: Will Brady-Percussion, Visual, Drum Majors, Genesis Martin-Color Guard

Drum Major(s): Danica Morgan

Production: **TBA**

5:45 PM – WHITE DIVISION

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BULLDOGS-Sparta, IL

Band Size: 43 School Size: 315

Director: Keith Shasteen

Staff: Ashley Reagan-Color Guard

Drum Major(s): Ava Bauer

Production: **Best of Taylor Swift**

6:00 PM – BREAK (15 Minutes)

Do not forget to visit our concession stand located behind the stadium!

6:15 PM – RED DIVISION

BREESE CENTRAL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING COUGARS-Breese, IL

Band Size: 59 School Size: 620

Director: Brodie Ordaz

Staff: Lisa Schulte, Brianne Smith, Yerian Perez Colon, and Leah Rau-Color Guard, Connor Cooper-Percussion

Drum Major(s): Journey Klasing, Xavier Knapp

Production: **Atlantis**

6:30 PM – RED DIVISION

CARTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PRIDE OF THE LIONS MARCHING BAND-Carterville, IL

Band Size: 71 School Size: 650

Director: Sarah Braddock

Staff: Jessica Cook-Color Guard

Drum Major(s): Karlie Jeralds, Evan Miranti

Production: **Heartland**

6:45 PM – RED DIVISION

POTOSI HIGH SCHOOL TROJAN MARCHING BAND-Potosi, MO

Band Size: 83 School Size: 625

Director: Jordan Simms Associate Director: Odell Jackson and Emily Cinciripini

Staff: Emily Lewis-Color Guard

Drum Major(s): Ruby Gibson, Maya Porter

Production: **Escaping Alcatraz**

7:00 PM – BREAK (15 Minutes)

Do not forget to visit our concession stand located behind the stadium!

7:15 PM – SILVER DIVISION

CARBONDALE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING TERRIERS-Carbondale, IL

Band Size: 76 School Size: 1000

Director(s): Rachel Norton & Katrina Wood

Staff: Jessica Clark-Color Guard, Keaton Jones-Percussion, Lorie Trexler-Drum Majors and Visual, Kristin Demos-Brass and Visual, Justin Laux-Sound Design and Low Brass

Drum Major(s): Gabriel Otey, Emma McBride

Production: **Grow-Movement 1-Strive, Movement 2-Become, Movement 3-Thrive**

7:30 PM – SILVER DIVISION

CENTRALIA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING SHOWCASE-Centralia, IL

Band Size: 52

School Size: 825

Director: Stephanie Aarons-Dennison

Staff: Mikey Beal- Percussion, Kirstin Altom-Color Guard, Alex Rademacher-Visual, Reed Mays

Marching Assistant, Mike Zahour-Brass

Drum Major(s): Matthew Rau

Production: **Diamonds in The Rough**

7:45 PM – SILVER DIVISION

PADUCAH TILGHMAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND OF BLUE-Paducah, KY

Band Size: 58

School Size: 850

Director: Caleb Hamlyn

Associate Director: Steven Page

Staff: Angelo Pastor-Color Guard, Liberty Guyette-Woodwind/Visual, Sawyer Hamlyn-Percussion, Sam Helle-Brass/Color Guard, Lymiah Vandry-Color Guard, Sydney Clevidence-Percussion

Drum Major(s): Keaton Thompson

Production: **The City Speaks: Inspired by Alex Thode's "X"**

8:00 PM – SILVER DIVISION

WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BULLDOGS-Waterloo, IL

Band Size: 82

School Size: 850

Director: Zachary Smith

Associate Director: Brianna Gaskin

Staff: Austin Herald - Brass/Visual, Brianna Smith-Front Ensemble, Joel Caskey - Battery, Joseph Spirakis-Low Brass, Winds, Mac Groh-Color Guard

Drum Major(s): Victoria Reams, Corinne Nolte, Paige Hotchkiss

Production: **Things Go Bump**

8:15 PM – GOLD DIVISION

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL THE SPIRIT OF NORTHWEST-Cedar Hill, MO

Band Size: 60

School Size: 1800

Director: Brett Dunsford

Associate Director: Nate Boxdorfer

Special Staff: Kate Schuller-Color Guard

Production: **Escape from the Rock**

8:30 PM – BREAK (15 Minutes)

Do not forget to visit our concession stand located behind the stadium!

8:45 PM – GOLD DIVISION

MARION HIGH SCHOOL WILDCAT BAND-Marion, IL

Band Size: 93 School Size: 1120

Director: Joel Kirby

Asst. Director: Andrea Francis

Staff: Tonya Mathews-Color Guard, Connor Vine-Drumline

Drum Major(s): Isabel Moore, Daniel Brame, Harlan Whiteford

Production: **Play!**

9:00 PM – GOLD DIVISION

CAPE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING TIGERS-Cape Girardeau, MO

Band Size: 91

School Size: 1100

Director: Josh LaMar

Associate Directors: Madison Jarrett, Michael Harr

Staff: Trisha Hensley - Color Guard

Drum Major(s): Nakyah Brown, Ethan Busch

Production: **Shine Through**

9:15 PM - GOLD DIVISION

MCCRACKEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANG MARCHING BAND-Paducah, KY

Band Size: 110

School Size: 1950

Director: John Lovell

Associate Director: Spencer Sullivan

Staff: Eli Case, Brandon Winter, Amanda Giroux

Drum Major(s): Ashtyn Thomas, Collin Surerus, Ella Moore

Production: **Rise of the Kraken**

9:30 PM – EXHIBITION

MURPHYSBORO HIGH SCHOOL CRIMSON EXPRESS-Murphysboro, IL

Band Size: 72

School Size: 585

Director: Nicholas Williams

Asst. Director: Michael Moreland

Staff: Dustin Kelley-Battery, Alex Kelley-Color Guard Design, Kayla Roach, Raegan Ripley-Color Guard/Auxiliary, Mackenzie Riedy-Front Ensemble

Drum Major(s): Maddie Pulcher

Production: **Danza Del Fuego**

9:45 PM – EXHIBITION

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY (SEMO) PRIDE OF THE HEARTLAND MARCHING BAND-Cape Girardeau, MO

Director: Dr. Jim Daughters

Staff: Michael Chapa-Assistant Director, Shane Mizicko, Louie Pereira-Percussion Professors, Chris Loe-Drumline Instructor, Luke Christisen-Color Guard Coordinator, Jeffrey Turk-Color Guard Tech

Drum Major(s): Nathan Anderson, Jae Childs, Isabel Belcher, and Luke Borchardt

Band Captains: Dyllan Day and Cole Van

Production: **TBA**

10:00 PM AWARDS CEREMONY (DRUM MAJORS ONLY)





AUDIENCE JUDGING FORM

CAPTION	WHITE/RED DIVISIONS	SILVER DIVISION	GOLD DIVISION
Outstanding Drum Major			
Outstanding Auxiliary			
Outstanding Percussion			
Outstanding Music Performance			
Outstanding Visual Performance			

TONY STEVENS AWARD

Band	Soloist (Best soloist regardless of Division)

DIVISION PLACEMENT

WHITE DIVISION	Time	My Score	Judges Score	Place
East Prairie High School Marching Eagles	4:30			
Kelly High School Marching Hawks	4:45			
Pinckneyville Community High School Marching Panthers	5:00			
Nashville Community High School Marching Hornets	5:15			
Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Marching Wildcats	5:30			
Sparta High School Marching Bulldogs	5:45			

RED DIVISION	Time	My Score	Judges Score	Place
Breese Central Community High School Marching Cougars	6:15			

Carterville High School Pride of the Lions Marching Band	6:30			
Potosi High School Trojan Marching Band	6:45			

SILVER DIVISION	Time	My Score	Judges Score	Place
Carbondale Community High School Marching Terriers	7:15			
Centralia High School Marching Showcase	7:30			
Paducah Tilghman High School Band of Blue	7:45			
Waterloo High School Marching Bulldogs	8:00			

GOLD DIVISION	Time	My Score	Judges Score	Place
Northwest High School Spirit of Northwest	8:15			
Marion High School Wildcat Band	8:45			
Cape Central High School Marching Tigers	9:00			
McCracken County High School Mustang Band	9:15			

MARION NASH GRAND CHAMPION AWARD (REGARDLESS OF DIVISION)	OVERALL FIELD SHOW COMPOSITE

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
FOR NEXT YEAR'S
MURPHYSBORO APPLE FESTIVAL &
DRUMS AT APPLETIME 2026!**
Saturday, September 12th, 2026





Follow Crimson Express to keep up with the band!
Crimsonexpress.org

Facebook:

CE BANDS

Instagram: @crimsonexpress



Molly's Pint wishes the best of luck to the Murphysboro Crimson Express for the upcoming band competition season. Molly's Pint helps support Drums at Appletime and music education in Murphysboro.

Molly's Pint Brew Pub

Murphysboro, IL



Fire And Ice is proud to support Crimson Express and Company. We are local, family operation ready to serve your fav flavor on top of shaved ice!



Big Muddy Peddler is supporting Crimson Express and Company with a one-of-a-kind candle just for Apple Festival 2025. Search Facebook for "Crumbs at Appletime"

Fire & Ice
Murphysboro, IL



Big Muddy Peddler

De Soto, IL



Bryant Insurance is proud to support Crimson Express and Company and music education in Murphysboro



Nine88
Is proud to support Crimson Express and Drums at Appletime

Americana/Bluegrass
Country/Irish/Gospel

Bryant Insurance Agency
Murphysboro, IL



Nine88
Murphysboro, IL



The Black Diamond Family of Businesses is proud to support Crimson Express and Company

**Outlaw Motorsports &
Black Diamond Harley Davidson**
Marion, IL



Cloud 9 Cotton Candy is a proud supporter of Crimson Express and Company.

We bring happiness to our customers one bite at a time.

Cloud 9 Cotton Candy
Murphysboro, IL





We are proud to support Crimson Express!
Fit for a King, Loved by All
Visit us in Murphysboro or Duquoin



Pat's BBQ is proud to support Crimson Express!
We do more than BBQ! Give us a call for all your
catering needs, from weddings to graduation and more!

Congratulations to the Crimson Express Class of 2026!

*Your hard work and dedication have brought you to this incredible
milestone. We are so proud of you!*



Alyssa Aichele
Nia Alexander
Sergio Garcia
Leo Hughes
Haydin Iman
Preston Moreland
Maddie Pulcher
Greta Snyder
Shane Starrick
Sarah Tincher
Amir Williams



*Go out there and make your final performance at Drums at
Appletime one to remember and have an absolute blast at your last
DRUMS!*