

WELCOME ABOARD!



**20TH CENTURY LIMITED
DRUM & BUGLE CORPS**

HIGHLAND, NY

TEAM TCL

2016 MEMBER HANDBOOK

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TEAM TCL MISSION

*TO PLAY GOOD MUSIC
WITH GOOD PEOPLE
FOR GOOD PEOPLE*

*“To provide a fun, team oriented, family environment for its members
in order to produce a quality, entertaining marching musical organization.”*

TEAM TCL Guiding Principles

Pride, Dignity, Respect, Commitment, Enthusiasm, Loyalty, Comradery



TCL ORGANIZATION

Originally founded in 1993 as a senior corps, 20th Century Limited (TCL) is now an ALL AGE corps. TCL boasts nearly a quarter century as the Mid-Hudson Valley's "Hometown" premier parade and exhibition corps, representing the devotion and pride of the region's drum and bugle corps, past and present.

TCL is a community-based marching arts organization dedicated to the development of teamwork, sportsmanship, civic pride and musicianship through a musical marching activity. TCL's main objective is to provide its members with an enjoyable, fun drum corps experience while putting out a high quality musical unit. With this in mind, the corps maintains a moderate performance schedule with just one rehearsal a week on Friday nights in Highland, NY.

TCL's membership is a diverse and talented group of musicians varying in musical backgrounds and walks of life. All are welcome to become part of our musical family.



TCL FEES

Registration Fee: \$0

Participation Fee: \$0

Bus Trips: \$5 per seat; payable at sign-up

Annual TCL Awards Banquet [optional]: ~\$30 per person (friends & family are welcome)

Additional Costs: Members are responsible for the cost of their personal materials, which include, but are not limited to the following REQUIRED and optional items:

- **Performance T-Shirts** (available at rehearsals from the *TEAM TCL Info Table*): \$12 each (silks ONLY wear an Official TCL Logo BLACK tank. All other sections are REQUIRED to wear the Official TCL Logo BLACK short-sleeve T-Shirt)
- **Black Gloves** (available at rehearsals from the *TEAM TCL Info Table*)
 - Brass: \$2
 - Guard: \$4
- **Marching Shoes.** Sneakers are NOT permissible. The corps will place a bulk order in January. Otherwise, members must obtain their own shoes via www.bandshoppe.com or another comparable source. Please purchase one of the following styles (approximate price below includes tax and shipping):
 - DSI Viper (leather): ~\$52
 - Dinkles Edge (non-leather): ~\$45
 - Speedster Band Shoe (vinyl): ~\$38
- **Black ANKLE socks:** Members must purchase their own black ankle socks. No-shows are NOT permissible.
- **Water:** Members are responsible for maintaining their own hydration levels at all times. The corps sells water for 50 cents per bottle at rehearsals and provides water at no cost to performing members and auxiliary personnel (water carriers) for performances. PLEASE AVOID SPORTS DRINKS!
- **Meals:** Members should plan to pack adequate meals for each event. Some events will provide light refreshments. The corps may elect to provide meals and/or snacks for some events. Meal logistics will be included with other information provided for each event.
- **Corps Merchandise:** Members may OPTIONALLY order/purchase TCL logo merchandise and additional performance t-shirts from the *TEAM TCL Info Table*.



TCL PROGRAM DESIGN TEAM 2016

BRASS

Henry “Hank” Mikolajeski, Brass Arranger/Instructor - Hank found his passion for music at age nine and began his drum corps marching career with the Colonial Cavaliers of Port Ewen in 1958. At age 17, Hank began arranging for and instructing local drum corps including the Poughkeepsie Pacers, the Poughkeepsie Vagabonds, and the Kingston Indians. Hank joined the staff of 20th Century Limited in 1993. Hank also played saxophone with the Starlighters band from 1971 to 1993 and is co-founder of D&M Music in Pleasant Valley. Hank is well known in the drum corps arena for his outstanding brass arrangements.

Ron Mackey, Brass Ensemble Instructor - Ron earned a bachelor’s degree in Music Therapy from SUNY New Paltz. While at New Paltz, Ron played with the wind ensemble, jazz band, and the college chorale. Ron performed in North Rockland High School’s marching band, jazz ensemble, and orchestra and received the John Phillip Sousa Award. His drum corps experience began with the New City Commanders and the Westchester Brassmen. Ron is also a founding member of the Tappan Zee Bridgemen Marching Band. In addition to TCL, his drum corps music instruction experience includes JH Ketcham, the Hudson Valley All Stars, the Mid-Hudson Rivermen, and Tarrytown VFW. Ron also served as Interim Bandmaster at New York Military Academy and is the organist for the Garnerville United Methodist Church.

MARCHING

Patricia “Pat” Mikolajeski, Visual Coordinator - Pat’s affiliation with drum corps began at age eight when she became a member of the Poughkeepsie Pacers flag line. She later joined the Poughkeepsie Vagabonds on rifle and was drum major until age 21. Pat was a color guard instructor for the Pacers and the Bridge City Cadets, and currently is a marching instructor for TCL and the Hudson Valley Alumni Guard. Pat has been working with special needs and at-risk youth as a teaching assistant with Dutchess County BOCES since 1987 and has also served as a sign language instructor for the Marist College Upward Bound Program. As visual coordinator, Pat is responsible for TCL’s marching program.

PERCUSSION

Greg Morgan, Percussion Arranger/Instructor - Greg has been a drum corps percussionist for over 40 years and has a long history of teaching community and world class drum lines. He began as the youngest snare drummer in what was once the world’s oldest continuously active drum corps, Chanler Drum and Bugle Corps of Beacon. Greg has been a marching member of several drum corps including the Newburgh Criteria, the New York Skyliners, and Fusion Core, and is a founding member of TCL. In addition to TCL, Greg has served as percussion arranger and/or instructor for Mohonasen High School Marching Band, Arlington High School Marching Band, Capital Brass Drum and Bugle Corps, and Excelsior Drum and Bugle Corps. He has also provided private music instruction, including a world class client. Greg is currently a board member of Fusion Core and is president and co-founder of Hudson Valley Music, Inc., which provides sponsorship to musical units in the Mid-Hudson Valley, including 20th Century Limited.



SILKS

Bob Griffin, Silks Choreographer/Instructor - Bob brings to TCL over 41 years of experience in drum corps performance, instruction and management. Bob began his drum corps career in 1974 with the Hudson Raiders Color Guard (two-time NYS Champion VFW Color Guard), where he participated as a marching member, instructor and staff. He added snare drum and mellophone to his list of talents as a member and instructor of the Newburgh Criterions, where he also served as part of the management staff. Bob was a part of the Hawthorne Caballeros Alumni Drum & Bugle Corps mellophone line. He is a founding member of TCL and has held various management positions within the corps, in addition to playing the mellophone. Bob currently serves on TCL's Steering Committee and as its silks (color guard) choreographer and instructor.



TCL TEAM MEMBER GUIDING PRINCIPLES

It is up to all of us to set the standard of excellence and teamwork for TCL. Commitment to TEAM TCL must be shared by everyone involved with the corps from performers to support members.

Maintaining our strong quality organization is dependent on each team member's commitment to the following tenets:

Pride

Through the contributions that our members make to TEAM TCL, satisfaction is derived from one's individual achievements as well as those accomplished by the organization as a whole.

Dignity

TCL members earn honor and respect from their fellow corpsmen and spectators through continued demonstration of selflessness and dedication to the organization's goals, as well as their dedication to the drum and bugle corps activity.

Respect

20th Century Limited has an established history of being a highly regarded and reputable organization both internally and in the public eye. Every member has a responsibility to respect themselves, their peers, their instructors, and other organizations that TCL performs with. Respect is earned in everything we do, from the way we rehearse, to the way we wear our uniforms, to the way we conduct ourselves while representing TCL.

Commitment

Commitment is defined by the seriousness you place on your personal success, as well as that of TEAM TCL. Commitment means accepting the responsibility to attend all scheduled rehearsals, parades, exhibitions, and community performances. You make a commitment not only to yourself, but to your fellow corpsmen as well.

Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm breeds energy and if you are energetic, nothing is impossible. Your level of enthusiasm helps to bring out a higher level of excitement and interest from those around you.

Loyalty

You represent TCL at all times. It doesn't matter where you are -- rehearsals, performances or other non-corps related functions. If someone knows you are a member of the corps, then you represent the entire organization. Make that action happen with pride and class! The loyalty to hold for our corps drives your lasting impressions on others.

Comradery

20th Century Limited is a family; a fraternity. As TEAM TCL members our family includes: Currently active TCL Members, our TCL Alumni, the Hudson Valley Alumni Corps, our fans and families.



TCL TEAM MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Check In

Members required to check in at the *TEAM TCL Info Table* before every rehearsal to pick up informational handouts, complete sign-up sheets, and review the weekly slideshow. Table hours are 7:45pm – 10pm during Friday evening rehearsals. Youth member parents are also asked to check in to ensure that they have received all of the latest information.

Rehearsal Etiquette

- Have a positive attitude
- Be on time – be PRESENT
- Turn cell phones off
- Visit *TEAM TCL Info Table* BEFORE rehearsal
- Respect Instructors & Teammates
 - Stay in section room
 - Listen
 - Don't interrupt or disrupt
 - Be patient & respectful
 - Limit side conversations
- No Smoking on school property

Rehearsals

TCL sectional and ensemble rehearsal is held EVERY Friday evening with some scheduled breaks throughout the calendar year. Marching rehearsals are scheduled monthly. Sneakers and comfortable, weather-appropriate attire are required for all marching rehearsals.

Attendance

Although TCL does not strictly enforce attendance requirements like many other similar organizations, TEAM consensus suggests that missing 1-2 rehearsals per month on a regular basis sends a message to your teammates that you're not committed to the team. Furthermore, missing rehearsals regularly inhibits progress of the entire team and often prevents us from adding planned embellishments to our show. Members are expected to communicate absences to both their section instructor as well as the TCL Membership Coordinator, Rick DeCandio.

Transportation

All members, regardless of age, are responsible for arranging their own transportation to/from rehearsals and events.

Busses are generally chartered for events more than 60 miles from Highland, NY. The main departure point is Thruway Exit 18 Park & Ride in New Paltz. Depending on the direction travelled, additional stops



may be added. Bus departure times and locations will be announced in advance of the event. Members sign up to ride and reserve their seats by paying \$5 in advance to cover bus driver gratuity and administrative costs. Friends and family are welcome to ride! Minors riding without a parent must provide a permission slip signed by their parent/legal guardian at least one week in advance of each trip.

Equipment

Brass players Brass players who do not own their own silver-tone bell front instrument may be issued a corps instrument at no charge (if available). With the exception of tubas, brass instruments may be taken home by the member once the appropriate paperwork is completed. Tubas and Percussion equipment are stored on the corps' equipment truck and may not be taken home.

Uniforms

TCL members are eligible to be issued a uniform once s/he has attended a sufficient number of rehearsals and has obtained approval from his/her section instructor and marching instructor. Once eligible, the member will receive a Uniform Responsibility Form with instructions to arrange for your fitting & member orientation. Uniforms are issued by appointment only at 145 Pancake Hollow Road, Highland. Uniform issue/orientation days will be scheduled at the start of each season.

TCL uniforms are issued with a garment bag to members at no cost for participation purposes in 20th Century Limited Drum & Bugle Corps. The member assumes full responsibility for the safety and maintenance his/her uniform. Loss or damage to the uniform must be reported to the Corps leadership immediately. All members are responsible for maintaining cleaned, pressed, and complete uniforms. Please refer to the "How do I wear my COOL TCL uniform" pamphlet for details on wear and care of the TCL uniform. All members are required to store and transport their uniforms in a garment bag when not in use. Plumes must be stored in the cardboard tube provided. Upon leaving TCL, uniforms should be returned to the TCL Quartermaster in a garment bag; cleaned and in similar condition as originally issued.

Each member must provide his/her own SOLID BLACK marching shoes (not sneakers), BLACK socks, BLACK gloves, and BLACK Corps T-Shirt. See section on "Additional Costs" for information on obtaining accessories via the *TEAM TCL Info Table*. **Members appearing without required uniform accessories may be required to purchase replacement accessories from the corps (if available) or sit out the event.**

Wearing the uniform

While in uniform you are visually representing TCL. First impressions are lasting and you are responsible for upholding a professional appearance.

- Brass/Percussion wear official corps black T-shirts under their bibbers.
- Before a performance, keep your uniform hung neatly.
- Remember to bring a change of clothes to all events.
- Shakos are to be left with your instrument when on break.
- Look before you sit.
- Drink only water while in full uniform. There should be no drinking or eating in full uniform.
- No smoking in full uniform or while in any warm-up or performance formation.



When in uniform, members should ask themselves:

- Am I wearing correct uniform shoes?
- Am I wearing correct uniform gloves?
- Is my hair pulled back and/or is my facial hair trimmed?
- Is my uniform free of non-uniform patches, badges, flags, etc.?
- Is my shako on straight? Is my chin strap end tucked into the buckle?
- Am I wearing appropriate sunglasses?
- Am I wearing little to no jewelry?
- Am I zipped up and buttoned correctly?
- Is my uniform neat & clean?
- Am I modeling well for my fellow team members?

Teamwork

Every member is expected understand and contribute to building and sustaining the TEAM TCL culture. Members must accept ownership of their own responsibilities to the team and to help others achieve their own success with the team.

Communication

Communication works both ways and will make or break this organization. TCL strives to provide its members with comprehensive information for all events, activities, and general participation. Each member is responsible for keeping with what is going on with the organization. Furthermore, it is each member's responsibility to communicate with staff and fellow members regarding anything related to TEAM TCL. Please review the *TCL Member Communication Plan* provided in the member application packet.

Have Fun!

The more involved and committed you are to TEAM TCL, the better and stronger the team will be and the more fun you will have! The big payoff comes when we perform and hear the applause!

Volunteers

In addition to our performing members, auxiliary volunteers are essential to supporting the organization. We are always in need of support personnel. In particular, we need water carriers to walk with the corps at parades. Please visit the *TEAM TCL Info Table* if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

Fundraising

TCL does not actively require participation in fundraising events; however, the TCL Scholarship & Trust Fund may ask for member's assistance with fundraising. Proceeds from weekly 50/50 go directly to the corps' hospitality account which funds meals and refreshments for select TEAM TCL member events.



TCL ORGANIZATION

CONTACTS

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Craig Elderkin
Jim Balint

Hospitality

Judith Hafer

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TCL STEERING BOARD

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CORPS SCHEDULE

The corps' performance schedule is provided to TCL membership as soon as possible, usually at the end of January or early February of each year. It is not uncommon to have modifications to the performance schedule throughout the year. Members are responsible for obtaining the latest "official" schedule by either visiting the *TEAM TCL Info Table* at rehearsals, or by referring to the corps' schedule posted on our website (www.tcl.org/schedule).



PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE 2015

Sat, 3/5	PARADE	Wappingers Falls, NY	
Sun, 3/13	PARADE	Kingston, NY	
Sun, 3/20	PARADE	Wallkill, NY	
Sun, 5/22	PARADE	Milton, NY	
Mon, 5/23	PARADE	Highland, NY	
Sat, 6/11	PARADE	Hudson, NY	
Sun, 6/12?	*PARADE (bus)	Troy, NY	
Sat, 6/18	*PARADE (bus)	Lake George, NY	
Mon, 7/4	*PARADE (bus)	Pittsfield, MA	
Sat, 7/9	*Rehearsal/EXHIBITION (bus)	Clifton, NJ	Grand Prix
Sat, 7/30	PARADE	Napanoch, NY	
Sat, 8/6	*Rehearsal/EXHIBITION	Kingston, NY	March of Champions
Sat, 8/27	*Rehearsal/EXHIBITION (bus)	Connecticut	
Sat, 9/3	PARADE	Chatham, NY	
Sun, 9/11	CEREMONY (A-line & Brass)	Highland, NY	
Sat, 9/24	*PARADE (bus)	West Springfield, MA	the Big E
Sat, 10/1	PARADE	Middletown, NY	
Sun, 10/23	Rehearsal/EXHIBITION	Kingston, NY	KHS Fall Fanfare
Sat, 10/29	PARADE (optional)	Highland, NY	Halloween in the Hamlet

This schedule is OUT OF DATE and provided for reference ONLY

- Our performance calendar is subject to change throughout the season.
- Schedules are dated and color coded.
- Times listed on the schedule are report times.
- **Arrive as close to the posted report time as possible.**
- Bring a change of clothes and a brown-bag lunch or snack
- Arrive dressed in bottom half of uniform with all issued uniform pieces and equipment (except Exhibition days and specified bus trips)
- **Retrieve equipment immediately upon arrival.**
- Always drink plenty of **WATER** before parades!
- Plan for parade to conclude 3-4 hours from official start time



EXPANDING OUR CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

As a member of Team TCL, you have a duty to actively recruit new members to our corps.

How can you expand our circle of support?

Introduce your family, friends, neighbors, classmates, employers and co-workers to TCL:

- Invite them to an appearance or rehearsal
- Ask them to consider giving TCL merchandise as gifts
- Ask them to research if their employers have matching grants or donate funds to non-profit organizations
- Invite them to volunteer their time or lend their talents

When TCL is out on performance:

- Invite your family, friends, and co-workers to come out to see us
- Arrange to have family, friends, and co-workers volunteer for the day
- Establish good-will by sharing the spirit of drum corps with members of other organizations.