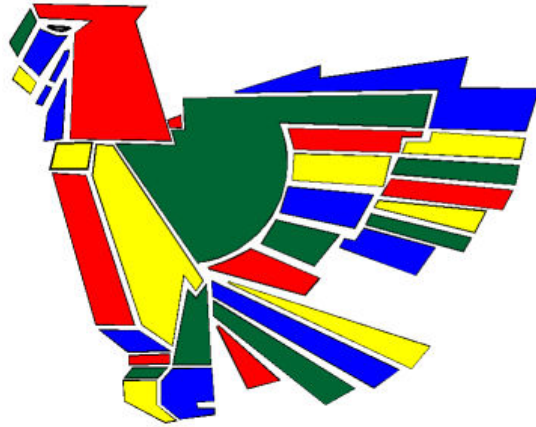


# Erie Thunderbirds



## *Drum & Bugle Corps*

DCA Mini Corps Champions 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2002

RCA Champions 1973, 1974, 1976, 1978

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## **2008 Membership Information**

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## From the President's Desk..

I am thrilled to welcome you to the Erie Thunderbirds' 2008 season. You have chosen to be part of a musical and community organization that is cherished not only by the people of Northwest PA, but by fans across this great nation and Canada. The corps has a proud history and a tradition of success and I am pleased by your choice to be a Thunderbird.

The 2007 edition of the corps was one of the finest ever and I am confident we can build on the momentum. We are fortunate to have in our ranks some of the most talented musicians in the country. And the quality continues to improve!

Brass arrangers Jeff Gibbens and Donny Allen are in the process of writing and revising the musical program which promises to be another entertaining adventure. Mary Miller and I will again write the percussion book.

Thank you for being here, for your talent, and your energy. You are now part of the Thunderbird legacy. Since 1956, the corps has traveled far and wide to entertain fans of all ages. The tradition continues in 2008 with an updated and exciting repertoire and a commitment to excellence. Welcome to the Thunderbird family.

What's the word?

Joe Salorino  
President

## General Information

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The Thunderbirds Alumni Association Incorporated, is a non-profit Organization, dedicated to promoting musical appreciation, education and awareness of Drum and Bugle Corps activities, through various appearances and social activities.

## About The Thunderbirds

The Thunderbirds were formed in Meadville, Pennsylvania in 1956 as a parade corps and in 1968 joined with members of the Shoreliners Drum and Bugle corps from North East, Pennsylvania to form The Erie Thunderbirds. The Thunderbirds quickly rose to the top, capturing several American Legion and RCA Championships. In 1976 and 1979 The Thunderbirds placed 8th in the DCA Senior Championships, and maintained a placing in the top 10 into the early 80's, when in 1984, a lack of funding forced the corps to disband.

In the spring of 1991, several former members of The Thunderbirds, along with members of other regional disbanded corps, met and decided to bring the drum corps tradition back to the City of Erie. Out of this meeting came the rebirth of The Erie Thunderbird Drum and Bugle Corps!

In 1993, The Thunderbirds returned to the DCA World Championships for the first time in nearly 10 years. Not as a field corps, but as a smaller delegation determined to win the first ever DCA Mini Corps Championship! Not only did the Corps win that championship, but went on to place a strangle hold on that title that spanned 4 consecutive years. The Corps has since, returned to the DCA National Championships and were successful in reclaiming their title in 1998, and again in 2002.

The Corps performs at many local and regional events, and at many area Junior and Senior Drum Corps Contests. The Corps travels throughout the Northeastern United States, and several members of the Corps have participated in "All Star" events such as The Galveston Texas Mardi Gras Parade, San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade, the Daytona Beach Florida Christmas Parade and The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

## 2008 Board and Staff Contact Information

President:	Joe Salorino	814-868-7988
Business Manager:	Gary Matczak	814-836-8500
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	Butch Cascario	814-461-8202
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Brass Staff:	Steve Cooley	716-366-8112
	Nick Filia	814-774-9478
	Cliff Brandt	814-454-6240
	Erick Nicklas	814-463-4337
	Aaron Strausser	585-398-2437
Musical Director, Percussion Caption Head:	Joe Salorino	814-868-7988
Percussion Staff:	Mary Miller	814-464-7664

## Membership Information

1. Membership is open to any interested persons, at least 21 years old, who subscribes to the purpose and objectives of The Thunderbirds without regard to race, creed, gender, religion, political affiliation, age or physical hardship.
2. Membership for individuals under the age of 21 years of age will only be considered if they are unable to participate in a DCI junior corps, if a parent or guardian is a current active member of the corps, and/or if other special circumstances arise. The Board of Directors will make final decisions on a case-by-case basis.
3. Each member must have no prior financial obligations with The Thunderbirds or any other drum corps organization. Any prior financial obligations must be paid in full before a member will be considered for continued membership.
4. Each member must supply the corps with a completed membership information form. Any medical emergency information considered appropriate and/or necessary should also be provided.
5. Each member must possess the ability and desire to attend each scheduled rehearsal, official performances and unofficial performances/fundraising events if you commit to them.
6. Auditions are always open, and placement will be determined after evaluations are completed by the Caption Heads. Instructors will be looking for the following attributes as they evaluate prospective members: Desire, Enthusiasm, Performance Ability, Experience, Attendance, Teamwork, Timeliness, and Professionalism.
7. Please come prepared to work hard. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes that will allow you to participate in rehearsals in any type of weather.
8. BUGLES: The Thunderbirds provide bugles for use by the members. We will keep you informed of other corps who are selling off their G-bugles, in the event you want to purchase your own horn.

9. PERCUSSION: Level One Percussionists are generally responsible for your own sticks and mallets – all percussive instruments will be provided by the corps.
10. UNIFORMS: The Corps provides dress uniforms to each corps member. However, we require each member to purchase parade uniforms and shoes, on their own. Uniforms must be cleaned and laundered properly. Each member shall maintain the appearance of their uniform, and will be financially responsible for damage to corps issued items.
11. HONOR GUARD: The Corps will provide all honor guard equipment.
12. EQUIPMENT, GENERAL: Many members have chosen to purchase their own instruments, however, the corps will issue standard instruments or equipment necessary for active members to participate. Corps issued equipment must be signed for and recorded with the corps quartermaster prior to taking possession of the equipment. Should any member become inactive for any reason, this equipment must be returned to the quartermaster. Should the equipment not be returned in a timely manner, the corps reserves the right to have the equipment repossessed at the individual members expense.

It will be the member's responsibility for the cleaning and general maintenance of their equipment. Any equipment that is in need of repairs, must be reported to the quartermaster, and the corps will then make arrangements for such repairs. Under no circumstances shall a member have any repairs done to corps equipment that requires a fee to be paid for such repairs. Should this occur, such fees will be the responsibility of the member, and the corps will not be responsible for reimbursement of these fees back to the member.

# Erie Thunderbirds Tentative 2008 Schedule of Events

Updated 2 June 2008

Date	Function	Location
<b>June</b>		
5 June - Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
<b>8 June - Sunday</b>	<b>Family Picnic</b>	<b>Pleasant Ridge Park-Fairview, PA</b>
12 June - Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
19 June - Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
26 June -Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
<b>27 June – Friday</b>	<b>Erie Arts Festival</b>	<b>Erie, PA Pepsi Amphitheater</b>
<b>30 June – Monday</b>	<b>7 PM DCI Show</b>	<b>Erie, PA</b>
<b>July</b>		
3 July - Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
<b>4 July - Friday</b>	<b>9 AM Parade and Concert</b>	<b>Millcreek (Erie), PA</b>
10 July – Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
<b>12 July - Saturday</b>	<b>3 PM Parade and Concert</b>	<b>North East, PA</b>
<b>12 July – Saturday</b>	<b>DCA Show</b>	<b>Buffalo, NY</b>
17 July - Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
<b>19 July – Saturday</b>	<b>6 PM Parade and Concert</b>	<b>Salem, Ohio</b>
24 July - Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
31 July – Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
<b>August</b>		
7 August – Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
14 August – Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
<b>19 August - Tuesday</b>	<b>6 PM – Eight Great Tuesdays</b>	<b>Erie, PA Pepsi</b>
<b>Amphitheater</b>		
21 August – Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
<b>23 August – Saturday</b>	<b>Celtic Festival</b>	<b>Jamestown, NY</b>
28 August – Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
<b>September</b>		
<b>29 August - 1 September</b>	<b>DCA Weekend</b>	<b>Rochester, NY</b>
11 September – Thursday	7-9 PM Rehearsal	Erie, PA Glenwood Park
<b>14 September – Sunday</b>	<b>12:00 Parade and Concert</b>	<b>Silver Creek, NY</b>
<b>November</b>		
<b>22 November – Saturday</b>	<b>6 PM Corps Banquet</b>	<b>Erie, PA</b>

This Schedule is subject to change. Call the Thunderbird hotline at **814-868-DRUM** for up-to-date information.

## Fundraising and Financial Support

The entire existence of the Corps depends upon its ability to raise enough money to continue day to day operations. The Corps conducts a couple of major fund raising campaigns throughout the year. Each active member is expected to participate in fundraisers as **the Corps charges no dues.**

### VIP Club

The Annual VIP Club appeal will begin in April and carry across the spring and summer months. Cash donations along with donations of drum & bugle corps souvenirs and memorabilia earn the individuals mention by name on the Corps website as well as being recorded into the corps permanent record. Cash donations can also be made by credit card by visiting the Corps website, VIP Club page.

### April and October Month Long Lotteries

These month long lotteries give the purchaser a chance to win cash prizes over the 30 day period by matching the 3 digit number on the ticket to the daily number drawn each night in the Pennsylvania Lottery. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the maximum daily prize is \$100.00. A special feature of the October drawing is each member selling tickets will receive \$2.00 cash back towards their trip to Rochester, NY for the DCA Championship weekend.

### Ebay Sales

The Corps has developed a tremendous niche in fundraising, through internet auctioning of Drum and Bugle Corps souvenirs and memorabilia. We have also netted thousands of dollars from selling off old corps drums, bugles, parts, etc. as well as shirts, buttons, hats, jackets, program books, LP's, 8-tracks, drum corps news, yearbooks, photo albums, other musical instruments, you name it. If you, or anyone you know, has corps items such as this to donate, please drop off to Gary's office, or call Jay Pius at 814-833-3089 to make arrangements to have them picked up.

### Souvies

Over the last year the corps has worked hard to improve souvie products and sales. All available items can be purchased at performances, rehearsals and through the Corps website. Buy some souvies and share any ideas you may have with Cheri Campbell-Godfrey.

## Member's Code of Conduct

1. It is against the Law to have alcohol or drugs on school campuses. Since most of our rehearsal facilities are located at/on school campuses, no Thunderbirds are to partake in alcohol or drugs at Corps rehearsals, performances, or other events at such locations (THIS INCLUDES CIGARETTES).
2. Members under 21 will not drink alcoholic beverages at any Thunderbirds function.
3. The Thunderbirds are guests in the schools and other facilities we use for rehearsals and performances. Stay to assigned areas, clean up the grounds, and do not touch school or facility property without permission. It is important that we leave each facility orderly, and cleaner than we find it.
4. Handle all corps equipment and uniforms with extreme care. You are completely responsible for all equipment issued to you.
5. Do not act in any manner that would be detrimental to the image or reputation of The Erie Thunderbirds Drum & Bugle Corps. Remember, someone is always watching. This provision includes behavior or statements in any medium, i.e. internet (RAMD, DCP, etc.). Your comments there reflect not just your thoughts – they are representative of the entire corps. Think before hitting the send button, or do it without identifying yourself as a member of The Thunderbirds.
6. Members will attend rehearsals and performances in a timely manner. If you know you will be late or absent, be courteous enough to contact your caption head or section leader. Anyone not abiding by the rules and codes of conduct of Erie Thunderbirds may be subject to dismissal.



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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail (H) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Previous Musical Organizations & Years (Drum Corps, Bands, Rock Groups, etc. – *include instruments*)  
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What other talents do you have that would help The Thunderbirds? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pit Crew	<input type="checkbox"/> Quartermaster/Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Software (e.g. Database)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mailing Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Video Production	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> Organizer	<input type="checkbox"/> Souvenir Sales	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Volunteer Work

### Membership Information

Section:  Brass:  Soprano  Mellophone  Baritone  Contra  
 Percussion:  Snare  Tenors  Bass  Pit  Cymbals  
 Honor Guard  
 Drum Major  
 Booster

Equipment:  I own, or will provide, my own instrument  
 I will require use of Thunderbird equipment (Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_)

Uniform: \_\_\_\_\_ Jacket Size \_\_\_\_\_ Uniform Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pant Size \_\_\_\_\_ Citation Cord \_\_\_\_\_

### Agreement to Adhere to Policies of The Corps

By signing below, I agree to adhere to the policies of the Corps. I certify that I do not have any outstanding financial obligations to any other corps (Junior, Senior, or Alumni), and I agree to accept financial responsibility for loss or damage to any Thunderbird uniforms or equipment in my care.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_