



250 USA – WAMSB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

ANNOUNCER SCRIPT

Wednesday, July 1, 2026 • John A. Farrell Stadium, West Chester University

BEFORE YOU'RE ON MIC

- This is a draft - please read it aloud once beforehand and adjust anything that doesn't sit naturally in your voice.
- Bracketed lines like [CUE: ...] are stage directions, not to be read aloud.
- “Truggio” is spelled two ways in event materials (“Truggio” on the schedule, “Triuggio” in the band's own bio, matching their hometown). This script uses “Truggio” - swap if you confirm otherwise before showtime.
- Practice the band and country names in advance, especially Göta Lejon (“YUR-tah LAY-on”), Groitzscher Spielleute (“GROYT-sheer SHPEEL-loi-teh”), and Guayanilla (“gwy-ah-NEE-ya”).

Pre-Show (9:00 AM – Gates Open)

[CUE: Loop light welcome/thank-you announcements every 10–15 minutes as guests find seats]

Good morning, and welcome to Historic John A. Farrell Stadium here at West Chester University! We are so glad you're here for the 250 USA – WAMSB National Championship — a once-in-a-lifetime celebration bringing marching bands from six countries to West Chester.

A few quick notes while you find your seats: please hold your applause until each performance, and hold off on entering or leaving the stands mid-performance — you're welcome to move between acts. We encourage LOTS of applause, but please leave the air horns, whistles, and noisemakers at home. Restrooms are located beneath the front stands, and limited concessions are available for purchase.

Grab some water, get comfortable, and get ready for an incredible morning of music!

Opening (9:55 – 10:00)

[CUE: 9:55 — house lights/attention, color guard or officials take the field if applicable]

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the 250 USA – World Association of Marching Show Bands National Championship!

Today we celebrate a truly global tradition. WAMSB was founded in 1995 to bring marching show bands together from around the world — and today, that mission comes to life right here in West Chester, Pennsylvania, as we welcome performers from Sweden, Germany, Puerto Rico, England, Wisconsin, Colombia, and Italy.

Please help us thank Vivace Productions, the WAMSB team, West Chester University, the Wells School of Music, and Under the Sun Productions for making this day possible.

[CUE: 10:00 — National Anthem]

And now, please rise and remove your caps for the playing of the United States National Anthem.

Field Parade Competition (10:05 – 10:45)

Keep these short and high-energy — the parade moves quickly. Fuller introductions for each band come later, at their Field Show slot.

[CUE: 10:05]

First to the field this morning, all the way from Stockholm, Sweden — Please welcome, from Sweden — the Göta Lejon Marching Band!

[CUE: 10:15]

Next up, representing Saxony, Germany — Please welcome, from Germany — Groitzscher Spielleute!

[CUE: 10:25]

Now taking the field, from Guayanilla, Puerto Rico — Please welcome, from Puerto Rico — Banda Escolar de Guayanilla!

[CUE: 10:35]

And closing out our Field Parade competition, from the London Borough of Havering, England — Please welcome, from England — the Romford Drum and Trumpet Corps!

[CUE: 10:45 — brief break, light music/announcements]

That completes our Field Parade Competition! Stretch your legs, grab some water, and get ready — the Field Show Competition begins shortly.

Field Show Competition (11:05 – 1:30)

[CUE: 11:05]

Our first Field Show performers formed all the way back in 1962 from members of local school orchestras. Under longtime director Sven Olander, Göta Lejon built a repertoire of roughly seventy marches and parade pieces and pioneered the figurative march style. Their flag troupe, introduced by choreographer Sofia Sjölin, has become a signature part of their visual show, and the band has earned honors at World Championships in Potsdam and Monza. Please welcome, from Sweden — the Göta Lejon Marching Band!

[CUE: 11:25]

Our next group is a voluntary, extracurricular marching band made up of 8th through 12th graders performing on percussion, winds, and color guard. Sound of Sun Prairie is built around teamwork, positive attitude, and personal growth as much as performance — proof that marching band builds character both on and off the field. Please welcome, from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin — the Sound of Sun Prairie Marching Band!

[CUE: 11:40]

Back to the field now, one of the oldest independent youth marching bands in the United Kingdom. Based in the London Borough of Havering, Romford has performed at the Royal Albert Hall, Wembley Stadium, St. Paul's Cathedral, and even for members of the Royal Family at Buckingham Palace. A registered charity that has never charged its young members to join, Romford has won the UK National Championship seven times and remains undefeated in marching competition since 2004. Please welcome back to the field — the Romford Drum and Trumpet Corps!

[CUE: 12:05]

Our next performers made history as the first Puerto Rican band ever to march in California's Rose Parade. Since then, they've performed in Disney's Christmas Parade, New York City's Puerto Rican Day Parade, and Manhattan's Macy's Parade. Born from municipal and educational programs promoting music education, discipline, and civic pride, this band carries Puerto Rico's culture proudly wherever they march. Please welcome back — Banda Escolar de Guayanilla!

[CUE: 12:20]

Please welcome our performers representing Colombia — the Sonart Performance Group!

[CUE: 12:45]

Our next group is a modern marching band from Groitzsch, in the German state of Saxony, blending traditional German marches with modern rock and pop influences. In 2017 they placed third in three separate categories at the World Championships in Palm Springs, California, and today they proudly stand as the only German band performing in this 250th-anniversary celebration, led by Drum Major Florian Krumbolz. Please welcome back to the field — Groitzscher Spielleute!

[CUE: 1:05]

Closing our Field Show Competition, a band founded in the town of Triuggio in northern Italy in 2004 to bring music education to local youth. They've performed for brands like Lamborghini and Vogue Italia, appeared on Italian television including X Factor and Italia's Got Talent, and in 2023 became the first Italian marching band ever to perform in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. Please welcome, all the way from Italy — the Triuggio Marching Band!

Closing (1:30 – End)

[CUE: 1:30 — Full Drum Major Retreat]

And now, please welcome back every drum major from today's competition for the Full Drum Major Retreat!

[CUE: 1:35 — Awards]

It's time to celebrate every band that made today possible. Would all performing groups please make their way onto the field to receive their participation medallions.

Every single band here today traveled a long way — some from across an ocean — to share their artistry with West Chester. Let's give one more huge round of applause for all of our performers before we announce today's award winners in the Field Parade and Field Show categories.

[CUE: Announce Field Parade winner, then Field Show winner — names to be provided by judges' table]

Congratulations to all of our winners, and to every band that stepped onto this field today. Thank you for joining us for the 250 USA – WAMSB National Championship — we hope to see you again on July 3rd, when these same bands march in Philadelphia's Salute to Independence 250th Parade. Drive safely, and thank you for making this such an unforgettable day!