



Member's Newsletter

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Hello USA Baton Twirling All Star!

Well, it is that special time of year when everyone is back at school and their schedules are beginning to fill....quickly! In the midst of all that, please take time to review your USA Baton Twirling All Stars Handbook and familiarize yourself with the valuable information contained within it's cover.

The instructional DVD and music CD you have been so patiently waiting for was completed and all set to be release.....BUT.....Tuesday, September 2nd in the evening, Macy's informed us that a collegiate band was going to be using the same musical selection and so we must change our music. OK, so we submitted another piece late last night AND this morning (Wednesday, September 3rd) it was approved!!!! KeriAnn Lynch, our choreographer is now VERY BUSY re-cutting the music and re-filming the instructional DVD. We hope to have it to you all by the week of September 15th if all goes well.....and it will!

Please make sure you practice hard and have everything memorized and mastered before you arrive into NYC. While you wait for the DVD.....start practicing your two spins, high toss illusions and toss cartwheels.

See you in November!

Karen & David

KeriAnn Lynch, New Hampshire



We are EXTREMELY proud to introduce you to our choreographer for the big event in NYC. Many of you already know KeriAnn from our camps and from her career as a competitive baton twirler. We have been so fortunate and blessed with the addition of KeriAnn to our staff 5 years ago. Wait until you get to work with her in NYC. She is a POWERHOUSE and consummate professional!

KeriAnn held two introductory classes at our camp this summer in Milford, PA for those at camp who are also All Stars. Although, as we stated above, our music has changed, KeriAnn did a great job setting the bar for those present.

The instructional DVD that you will receive will have both the Herald Square performance routine and the parade route routine on it. Thank you to KeriAnn for taking on the responsibility of choreographer and film tech for us. (More proof of why we love this team player.)

As an added bonus, KeriAnn (former Orange Girl for Syracuse University) will march with the group when they introduce the world for the very first appearance (of what we hope will be many) to the **USA Baton Twirling All Stars!**

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TEAMWORK

The Importance of Rehearsal Sessions in NYC

The appearance of baton twirlers in the 82nd Macy's Day Thanksgiving Day Parade™ is ground breaking. You will be representing tens of thousands of sport baton twirlers as well as tens of thousands of recreational twirlers throughout the USA and Canada. How proud they will be to watch you march down Broadway and perform in Herald Square. This is a dream come true for all of us!

Remember please that appropriate attire and

appearance is mandatory at all times. You are a very visible representative of the All Stars and all baton twirlers. A Macy's official may(will) drop in unannounced throughout the week. You will need to bring enough rehearsal garments for 4 days. Three are scheduled in the convention center and one additional practice may be added and take place outdoors. You will be given practice T shirts but must bring black shorts for each day. DO NOT wear

anything ripped, torn, too revealing or displaying a logo. Also, bring heavy white gym sneakers and peds for practice. (each All Star will receive a beige pair of dance sneakers for the parade)

Your hair must be completely pulled back off your face in a tight bun at the center of the back of your head. No jewelry other than small stud earrings may be worn. Pack warm rehearsal gear as well in case we go outside. A water bottle would be a

Special Note About Under Garments

Please take special notice of the items listed here.

Some of you will be coming from areas that are not usually colder than 60 degrees in November. Remember....November can be cold in New York. Sometime dipping down to 30 degrees.

Macy's requires that all parade participants wear some-

thing underneath their costume that will help protect them from the cold while marching in this great event.

Many dance suppliers carry natural/neutral colored one piece body stocks and or thermal one piece that can/ will fit nicely under your costume and not hamper your performance.

Please make sure that you bring with you something of this nature. We will not be supplying it for you and if you do not bring one and the temperature dips, you may be removed from the line of march.

This is a safety precaution for your well being.

***"REMEMBER...
NOVEMBER
CAN BE COLD
IN
NEW YORK "***

All Required Information

By now all deadlines for forms, payments, pictures and required information have come and gone.

Family & Friends, September 1st was the deadline for being added to our tour package. If however, there are still F & F who would like to be added to the Thanksgiv-

ing Dinner at the Palisadium, we will accept those reservations until or before September 15th. Please contact Tour Manager, Callene Derrick immediately if you wish to be added to our dinner.

We have purchased the tickets for all of our special outings. Dinner at Medieval

Times, The Radio City Christmas Show, Broadway Show and Thanksgiving Dinner have all been arranged.

Remember, especially Thanksgiving dinner is a dress up occasion. The others are dressy casual. (Medieval Times is a bit more relaxed so casual dress is acceptable)



**FAMILY
&
FRIENDS**

BTNI Support Staff

The participants on the USA Baton Twirling All Stars' tour will be supported by the service of staff installed for this event by The Baton Twirling Network, Inc. (BTNI). Karen and David are the directors of BTNI.

The following is the list of staff members for the NYC event. They will be with the group for the week long experience.

Karen Cammer, NY
Director

David Mindlin, NY
General Manager

Callene Derrick, OH
Tour Manager

Alicia Savelli, NY
Registered Nurse

KeriAnn Lynch, NH
Choreographer

Bill & Amy Rahn, NC
Videographer/Documentary

Barbara Shore, CO
David's Assistant

Ursula Carlozza, NY
Karen's Assistant

Sharon Termini, NY
Callene's Assistant

All Stars' Assistants

Denise Collado, NY

Kim Jarrett, NY

Hope Kowalski, NJ

Patti McKenna, NY

Kaye Nickoloff, OH

Debbie Salem, CA

Laurie Sellars, NY

Nancy Wasek, NY

Patti Wojtowicz, NJ

THANK YOU to this special group of people. They will assure you all have the time of your life!



You Are Our Inspiration

**Excellence is not
a skill.
It is an attitude.**

Ralph Marston

*I dream my
painting and
then I paint my
dream.*

Vincent Van Gogh

**You are never too
old to set another
goal or dream a
new dream.**

C.S. Lewis

*AS A MEMBER OF
THE USA BATON
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STARS, YOU
WILL INSPIRE
THE MILLIONS
OF PEOPLE WHO
WATCH YOU
MARCH AND
PERFORM WITH
PRIDE!*

Go to www.batontwirlingnetwork.com

If you are ever wondering what is new or if you have missed something.....go to www.batontwirlingnetwork.com and check.

In addition, shortly we will have a website just for the USA Baton Twirling All Stars. We will link it to the BTNI site as soon as it is ready to be

posted.

In our next newsletter, we will list all the members marching as an All Star in NYC. It will be nice to see who you are and where you come from.

Remember, if you have any questions please email them to us at BTNI@verizon.net or BTNI2@aol.com. We will

be forming an FAQ section so we can possibly help those of you too shy to ask get some answers. If your question is strictly tour related, please email Callene directly at clderrick@centurytel.net.

Don't be afraid to ask us anything. There is no such thing as a stupid question!

**Check for
updates on
the web!**

PRESS RELEASE

150 Baton Twirlers March in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®

NEW YORK, NY - The USA BATON TWIRLING ALL STARS will march into Herald Square on November 27, 2008 in the 82nd annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®.

Baton Twirlers were selected based on their twirling ability and past achievements. The opportunity was open to students from across the United States and from every national baton twirling organization.

Right from their step off, 3.5 million live spectators will cheer the group before arriving at Macy's Herald Square for their national performance for more than 50 million TV viewers watching the broadcast live on NBC.

The members will have the opportunity to participate in this special performance group with 150 baton twirlers, in celebration of Macy's 150th Birthday this year. The All Stars, under the direction of Karen Cammer, former Executive Director of the U.S. Twirling Association and managed by David Mindlin, President of the Baton Twirling Network, Inc., will perform routines choreographed by KeriAnn Lynch, former Syracuse Orange Girl.

Karen Cammer was the Executive Director of the U.S. Twirling Association until this past August. She is a coach and judge whose students have held state, regional and national titles. David Mindlin, President of the Baton Twirling Network, Inc. with his law and business background serves as the General Manager of the group. KeriAnn Lynch of New Hampshire, whose performance background includes; the Syracuse Orange Girl; Busch Gardens contracted Performer and many bowl games choreographed the routines this group will use throughout the Parade.

In addition to marching in the Macy's Parade, all selected participant's package plans will include meals, lodging and New York City sightseeing (Radio City Christmas Show, Broadway Show and Thanksgiving Dinner at the Palisadium) and will be guided through this exciting week by their Tour Manager, Callene Derrick of Lorain, Ohio.

Turn in to watch the USA Baton Twirling All Stars march down Broadway into Herald Square starting at 9AM in all time zones, Thursday, November 27, 2008 on NBC.

Director's Note: *You may use the press release above in your home towns. You may NOT alter this press release other than to say you are a member of this select group. We had to have this release approved before we could pass it on to you. It is possible that in October, we may get another press release supplied by Macy's. If we do, we will pass it along as well.*