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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS SPRING 2009 PERFORMANCES AND EXHIBITIONS



CSU Marching Band Visual Ensemble Auditions

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Instrumental Rehearsal Hall, University Center for the Arts
1400 Remington St., Fort Collins, Colorado

The CSU Marching Band Visual Ensemble/Color Guard auditions will be held the last weekend in April. The Marching Band is looking for talented individuals with color guard, dance, or music experience and a passion for performance and CSU spirit. Members of the ensemble enjoy unique performances, free travel, lasting friendships, excitement and the opportunity to join the state's leading marching band.

Auditions are open to any current or incoming CSU students, and candidates do not need to be a music major to try out and participate in the Visual Ensemble/Color Guard.

The Visual Ensemble/Color Guard are marching band members and will perform at all home football games and additional events.

Distinguished from the "typical college-easy-cheesy" color guard, the Visual Ensemble is committed to artistry, professionalism, and overall fun, says Summer Killinger, an instructor of the ensemble. "The main thing is a good attitude and to be able to learn fast," says Killinger, who likes to challenge the ensemble with diverse choreography. "It's supposed to be fun, after all."

Instructors Sierra Davis and Summer Killinger performed with the Blue Knights Drum & Bugle Corps, a Drum Corps International Division I group out of Denver, Colo. As instructors, they draw inspiration from modern and ballet dance as well as extensive teaching experience with top high school color guards in the state.

Wildlife biology major Anna Rogers, captain of the Visual Ensemble, says that members are dedicated to learning the "modern, fun" choreography during the "enjoyable but productive" rehearsals. "The captains and instructors keep the team focused and enthusiastic while maintaining a friendly atmosphere throughout the practice," Rogers says.

Above all, Rogers says, the Visual Ensemble is "a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and make friends that will last a lifetime." She appreciates not only networking prospects, but stress relief as well. "Having an activity outside of regular classes is a perfect way to take a break from the stress of exams and focus entirely on something you love for a few hours a week," Rogers says.

"Being a member of this team has really given me a sense of purpose and has connected me to the University in a way that many students don't get to experience."

Audition Requirements

Requirements for Visual Ensemble/Color Guard tryouts include performance of flag twirling, dance and movement skills and comprehension of tryout choreography. Taped auditions are accepted – please show a full routine that demonstrates flag twirling, dance and movement skills. Candidates must be enrolled or enrolling at Colorado State University. If selected, candidates are required to attend summer band camp and any other events designated by the ensemble coordinator. Enrollment in the Marching Band class section is also required.

For more information, please call 970-491-5973 or e-mail VE@csubands.com.

Please mail audition tapes to:

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