

M²AB NEWSLETTER

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New Board Members

Oct. 20, 2018 | At the annual business meeting during Reunion Weekend in Columbia, Mo, four M²AB members were elected to serve three-year terms as members of our Board of Directors:

Brianne Wright (first term)

Joseph Trammel (second term)

Johanna Reed Adams (second term)

Sheila Moon (second term)

MAA Giving Day

Mar. 15, 2018 | In the spring of 2018, M²AB participated in Mizzou Giving Day, an event put on by the Alumni Association where organizations could earn a match to donations up to \$2,500. With \$3,930 in donations, our total earnings came to \$6,430, which will be used to reward current Marching Mizzou members with scholarships. Giving Day will be happening again in 2019. Further info will be distributed as it is made available.



Photo by Hadley Haux

Saint Louis Mardi Gras

Performance Opportunity | St. Louis, Missouri plays host to the second largest Mardi Gras celebration in the United States, and every year the festivities are capped off with the Bud Light Grand Parade, a 1.5-mile parade that runs right through the Soulard neighborhood and whose audience numbers around 250,000. M²AB has been offered the opportunity to enter the parade at no cost, with the added benefits of a donation to our scholarship fund, free parking close to the event, and \$25 VIP tent tickets (regular price is \$100). The VIP tent provides food, beverages, and restrooms. The parade kicks off at 11am on Saturday, March 2nd, 2019. The board is looking to gauge interest in this opportunity, so if you're interested in participating, please email the board at m2alumniband@gmail.com with the subject line "M²AB Mardi Gras" by January 31st, 2019.



Photo by Mary Baker Haux

Hall of Fame Inductees

Oct. 20, 2018 | M²AB's 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees were:

- Jeff Zumsteg
- Karla "Bobby" Geerlings

Scholarship Recipients

Dec. 9, 2018 | At Marching Mizzou's end-of-season Band Banquet, Tom Froidl (Scholarship Committee Chairperson) awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to the following students in Marching Mizzou:

- Molly White
- Keisha Rush
- Matthew Reitman
- Alexander Beattie
- Lauren Wilson

Congratulations to our scholarship winners!

Marching Mizzou Alumni Band Committees

Participation Opportunity | As outlined in our organization's by-laws, M²AB has a list of standing committees that do a lot of behind-the-scenes work during the year. We are always looking for members to serve on these committees. Committees meet as necessary deemed by the committee chairperson. The current standing committees are: Scholarships, Membership, Finance, Operations, and Public Relations/Communications. If you would like to learn more about any of these committees, please contact us on Facebook or by sending an email to m2alumniband@gmail.com so that we can get you connected with the correct committee chairperson (to be selected at the Board of Director's first meeting of the year on January 26, 2019).

Homecoming 2019

Oct. 12, 2019 | Reunion Weekend 2019 is scheduled to take place in Columbia, Mo on October 12, 2019 v. Ole Miss. Registration information will be available on our website as it becomes available. We hope to see you there!



Photo by Christine D'Angelo Alvey



School of Music Building Update

Dr. Julia Gaines

The new School of Music building, on the corner of Hitt and University is under construction! The completion date is scheduled for November 2019 and we will hold classes in the new space Spring of 2020. Phase 1 of the full project will pull together our programs that currently reside in Loeb, Townsend, McKee, and Hillel which includes all our composition, history, and theory faculty and all our large ensemble directors. In addition, all percussion will be housed in the new space as well. The new space includes 3 floors with 15 faculty offices, 12 small practice rooms, 6 medium practice rooms, 2 chamber music rehearsal spaces, 1 large instrumental ensemble rehearsal room, 1 choral/opera rehearsal room, a professional recording studio, a performance resource library, 6 percussion practice rooms, 4 lounge/study student areas and an administrative suite of offices. This space equals 47,000 square feet and will be completely acoustically designed for the practice, study, and performance of music. We also have an outdoor courtyard/entrance space that we are hoping to be able to name in honor of Dr. Alexander Pickard. If you'd like to help make that happen, you can donate here:

https://mizzougivedirect.missouri.edu/Item.aspx?item_id=492



Letter from the Director

Dr. Amy Knopps



Marching Mizzou
University of Missouri

December 18, 2018

Marching Mizzou Alumni:

On behalf of the University of Missouri School of Music and faculty, thank you for your continued support of Marching Mizzou and of our current students and staff. We are all so appreciative for our strong family of alumni and for all that you provide to our membership.

The 2018 season and 133rd edition of Marching Mizzou started with a \$400,000 financial commitment from MU Health Care to the College of Arts & Sciences, specifically for Marching Mizzou scholarships. The funding will be allocated at a rate of \$100,000 per year, and the pledge will help to provide retention-based scholarships for upperclassmen, with priority given to students majoring in health-care related fields. We simply cannot thank MU Health Care enough for their generosity. Our partnership will be a critical asset to our program, as the scholarships will not only reward our students for their service to MU, but create a financial pathway so more students have the ability to remain in Marching Mizzou throughout the entirety of their degree programs on campus. We look forward to our continued partnership for the next four years and beyond.

In addition to our partnership with MU Health Care this past spring, we continued our longtime partnership with Stanbury Uniforms, Inc., and embarked on creating a new look for Marching Mizzou with their design team. To celebrate our partnership and highlight that a Missouri company served as the sole uniform provider for our flagship university, we filmed a three-part documentary series detailing the process through our debut of the new uniforms at Homecoming this past October. If you have not seen this series and would like to view it, go to our Marching Mizzou page on Facebook.

The former uniforms will be available for purchase starting in January from the University of Missouri Surplus Property. Available items and the price structure are as follows:

Full Uniform (Coat, Pants, Shako, and Plume) - \$150
Uniform Coat - \$75.00
Color Guard Uniform - \$75.00
Shako and Plume - \$25.00

Proceeds will go directly to our general fund to meet the growing needs of our students and program.

As many of you may have caught in person in Memorial Stadium (or online), we had the privilege of presenting seven halftime shows this season. Music ranged from Justin Timberlake to Leonard Bernstein, Grease to Superheroes, and Classic Game Show Themes to the music of George M.

Cohan to mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. We hope you enjoyed our performances and, as with the documentary series, you may also view our performances on our Facebook page.

This year we were unfortunately not able to host our Champion of Champions Marching Festival due to the construction in the south end zone, but we look forward to that event returning to our calendar next fall on October 19, 2019.

Aside from our fall home schedule members of Marching Mizzou traveled to two away games, one to the University of Alabama and the other to the University of Tennessee. We look forward to officially closing our season at the 60th Annual AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tennessee on Monday, December 31. Thank you to those alumni members who will be assisting us while we are on our trip by covering two basketball games in our absence.

As we look further ahead to the fall of 2019 and the 134th edition of Marching Mizzou please plan to come home for Homecoming on October 12, 2019. We would love for you to march in our Alumni Band by joining us for Pre-Game and traditionals with Marching Mizzou in our stands throughout the game. Please keep an eye out for communication from the Marching Mizzou Alumni Band Board for further information and registration this fall.

Please continue to stay connected with us via these social media channels throughout the year:

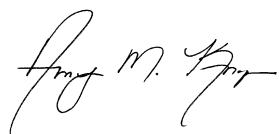
Facebook - Marching Mizzou

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Go Tigers!

Sincerely,



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