

# SAPA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2010

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!**

*The date has been changed for  
the Percussion portion of  
SAPA Circuit School*

2010-2011  
SAPA CIRCUIT  
SCHOOL  
for  
PERCUSSION

**November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
at**

**McEachern High School**

Located at  
2400 New Macland Road  
Powder Springs, GA 30127

The clinic will include a session  
for percussion directors and a  
session for judge training. More  
information regarding clinicians  
will be announced soon.

## **REGISTRATION OPENS**

*Registration for the SAPA 2011 season opens on  
**Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>***

Please review the important information listed below regarding the registration process for new members and returning members, updating unit information with a new director, forgotten user names and passwords, and updating current director information.

### **Registration Process – New Members**

Go to the area on the left margin of the SAPA website for “Login” and click on the link for “New User Registration”.

You will be taken through the setup process for becoming a registered user on the SAPA website.

Each member must be approved, and this is usually taken care of within 24 hours.

Once you are approved, log in to the SAPA website and click on the link on the left that says “Add New Unit”. Fill out the information for your group. This will have to be approved as well, and should usually take place within 24 hours.

Once your unit is approved, log in to the SAPA website and click on the link on the left that says, “Invoices”. Click on the link that says, “Click here to prepare an invoice”. Check the appropriate fee items for your unit and click “Generate Invoice” when you are finished. Print this invoice and mail it to the circuit address with your check & completed \*Membership Application Form (\*Click on “Resources”, then “Color Guard Forms” OR “Percussion Forms”, to print the Membership Application Form).

You can register for shows through the “Manage Units” link on the left of the SAPA website. **\*\*\*You will NOT be given a time slot in any schedule until all fees are paid.\*\*\***

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday,  
December 11<sup>th</sup>**

This year **SAPA Circuit School** is **teaming up with WGI Spinfest** to bring you some wonderful educational opportunities. These sessions will focus on the instructional side of things.

- Our morning session will focus on successful design, with heavy attention to the A Class. What makes a successful A guard? What qualities do the finalists at WGI have that put them over the top?
- Our afternoon session will be an interactive dialog between instructors and judges. Instructors will have the opportunity to discuss concerns with judges and ask questions. This session will hopefully build new respect and understanding of each side of the activity for the other.

Our exciting guest clinicians are:

**-Kevin Roberts.** Kevin has been a successful instructor and judge for many years at every level of competition, both Scholastic and Independent. He is currently a WGI judge in the General Effect caption.

**- Mykail Costner.** Mykail instructs 2010 WGI Scholastic A Champion, Little Elm High School. He KNOWS what makes a successful A guard!

Don't miss this great educational opportunity! More information and online registration coming soon.

### Registration Process – Returning Members

Log in to the SAPA website and click on the link on the left that says, "Invoices". Click on the link that says, "Click here to prepare an invoice". Check the appropriate fee items for your unit and click "Generate Invoice" when you are finished. Print this invoice and mail it to the circuit address with your check & completed \*Membership Application Form (\*Click on "Resources", then "Color Guard Forms" OR "Percussion Forms", to print the Membership Application Form).

You can register for shows through the "Manage Units" link on the left of the SAPA website. \*\*\**You will NOT be given a time slot in any schedule until all fees are paid.*\*\*\*

### Updating Unit Information with a New Director

If your unit was a SAPA member last year and there has been a change of director, please email Catrece Fritts, SAPA Secretary, at [catreecefritts@sapaonline.net](mailto:catreecefritts@sapaonline.net). We will change the primary contact in the database so that the new director may access the unit management site.

### Forgotten User Names/Passwords

If you have forgotten your user name, email Catrece at [catreecefritts@sapaonline.net](mailto:catreecefritts@sapaonline.net) and I will look it up for you in the database. If you have forgotten your password, click on the "Forgot Password" link in the "Members Login" section of the website.

### Important Mailing Instructions & Deadlines for Entries

\*When mailing in your unit information it is not required, however it is highly recommended, that you send all of your paperwork in by a service that provides you a tracking number. This will give you record of your postmark date in the case that SAPA does not receive your packet of information. We do not recommend sending these forms and payment in by regular mail, if you do and it for some reason does not make it to SAPA your unit will be held to the policy regarding paperwork and fees stated above.

· All Membership Applications, Membership Fees, & Contest Entry Fees are due by December 1st. Any membership application, membership fees, and contest entries received with a postmark date after December 1st will be considered late and subject to a \$50 late fee per unit, up to \$100 per offense.

## **NEW MENTORING PROGRAM**

Are you interested in participating in our mentoring program? What we'd like to do is create partnerships between our "more seasoned" directors and "newer/young" directors for the purpose of generating educational development in our beginner and scholastic classes.

The "mentor" would be available for questions, or offer suggestions, to a younger director who might need a little guidance regarding show design, training, judges' sheets, and basic information. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, or if you would like to be connected with a mentor for help, please contact the SAPA Executive Board at [eboard@sapaonline.net](mailto:eboard@sapaonline.net).

- All forms, including Membership Application, Proof of Insurance, Music Licensing, Video Release, Photo Release, & Student Eligibility Letters, are due by December 1st . If forms (Proof of Insurance, Music Licensing, & Student Eligibility Letter) are not received by January 1st, units will be removed from shows until the paperwork has been collected.
- Percussion Permission to Arrange forms must be received 1 week prior to Championships.

## **SAPA OFFERS "EXHIBITION ONLY"**

New to the 2011 season for the Southern Association for Performance Arts is the classification of "Exhibition Only". Below you will find specifics that pertain to this classification. If you have any questions in regards to this new class please feel free to email Cyndi Church at [cyndichurch@sapaonline.net](mailto:cyndichurch@sapaonline.net)

- This class is offered to both the Color Guard and Percussion divisions.
- Participants must be a member of SAPA and complete the necessary paper work and fees by the membership deadlines outlined in the 2011 Policy Manual.
- There are no limitations in regards to a units competitive or design level for this classification.
- Units in this class are not eligible for Championships.
- No scores will be given for this class, judge commentary only.
- No critiques will be offered to participants of this class.
- Timing requirements will be the same as the "Cadet A" and "Cadet B" classes. (Max Perf. Time = 4.5 minutes, Min. Auth. Prop Time = 3 minutes, Min. Perf. Time = 3 minutes, Req. Equip Time = 3 minutes, Interval Time = 7 minutes)

## **CADET CLASS RESTRUCTURED FOR 2011**

New to the 2011 season for the Southern Association for Performance Arts is the restructuring of the Cadet classifications. SAPA will now offer 2 levels to the Cadet classification creating a promotion path within the "middle school only" umbrella. Below you will find specifics that pertain to these classifications. If you have any questions in regards to this new class please feel free to email Cyndi Church at [cyndichurch@sapaonline.net](mailto:cyndichurch@sapaonline.net)

# **UPCOMING AUDITIONS!**

## **Reverie Independent Winterguard**

Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location:

Marietta Sixth Grade Academy  
340 Aviation Rd.  
Marietta, GA 30060

Flags provided, bring your own  
weapons. Non-refundable  
Audition Fee of \$20 due at  
check-in. For more info contact  
Maggie Cozart at  
[reverie.independent@gmail.com](mailto:reverie.independent@gmail.com)  
Or follow us on Facebook.

### **“Cadet Class B”**

- This class is offered to Middle School Only groups, any unit that is 8th grade or younger.
- Participants must be a member of SAPA and complete the necessary paper work and fees by the membership deadlines outlined in the 2011 Policy Manual.
- Appearance requirements to attend Championships: must compete by the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of competition and at least 2 additional competitions.
- Promotion to “Cadet Class A” will occur if units exceeds the boundaries of this class.
- The SAPA Cadet/Novice Class sheet will be the adjudication tool.
- Units in this class are not recommended to attend any WGI Regional or national competition.
- Timing requirements are the same for the “Cadet A” and “Cadet B” classes. (Max Perf. Time = 4.5 minutes, Min. Auth. Prop Time = 3 minutes, Min. Perf. Time = 3 minutes, Req. Equip Time = 3 minutes, Interval Time = 7 minutes)

### **“Cadet Class A”**

- This class is offered to Middle School Only groups, any unit that is 8th grade or younger.
- Participants must be a member of SAPA and complete the necessary paper work and fees by the membership deadlines outlined in the 2011 Policy Manual.
- Appearance requirements to attend Championships: must compete by the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of competition and at least 2 additional competitions.
- Promotion out of this class would not be possible as this would be the highest level of competition for the “Middle School Only” umbrella.
- The SAPA Cadet/Novice Class sheet will be the adjudication tool.
- Units in this class are not recommended to attend any WGI Regional or national competition.
- Timing requirements are the same for the “Cadet A” and “Cadet B” classes. (Max Perf. Time = 4.5 minutes, Min. Auth. Prop Time = 3 minutes, Min. Perf. Time = 3 minutes, Req. Equip Time = 3 minutes, Interval Time = 7 minutes)