

New York Skyliners Alumni Announce the 2012 OPEN HOUSE / PROGRAM / STAFF

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Fall traditionally marks the beginning of the new drum corps season and the New York Skyliners Alumni Drum & Bugle Corps is looking forward to a great one in 2012. It all starts with our OPEN HOUSE where you can check us out, meet the staff, sit in and play, and enjoy some food / refreshments. So remember the date:

Sunday, November 13, noon-5pm

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The corps has openings in all sections – brass, percussion, color guard, so if you were ever thinking of joining, now is your opportunity. This year, the corps will be unveiling a totally revamped show, featuring 4 new musical selections and a production drum solo to showcase our world renowned drum line / pit / percussion section. In maintaining the Skyliners Alumni tradition of keeping forever alive the legendary charts of our master arranger – the late, great Herman “HY” Dretzer (who idolized George Gershwin), we are excited to present one of his famous works as the centerpiece of our show.

The music program consists of:

- “On The Town” Opening Fanfare – from the 76 season
- “Aquarius” – from the 69/70 season (the popular left-over from last year’s repertoire)
- Color Pre – (still under consideration but coming soon)
- “Summertime” – from the 76 season, a George Gershwin’s tune from Porgy and Bess
- “China Grove” – a keyboard/percussion feature of the 1973 Doobie Brothers hit
- “Broadway”/“NY NY” medley exit – recreating the famous “Wedge” from 1981
- “Every Streets a Boulevard excerpt” – SKY’s legendary Signature
- “ELKS Parade” – SKY’s epic Encore

The corps will continue to present a visual program for the delight of our fans. Balancing both the age and time constraints of our members, the corps will perform a simple and limited yet effective M&M show in 2012. Using our practice facility, the entire drill will be learned indoors, over the winter months. The corps is also pleased to announce that Jeff Sacktig, Drill Designer / Caption Supervisor of the 2011 DCI World Champion Cadets, has agreed to act as our Visual Consultant for the upcoming season.

Continuing as the staff / show coordinator for 2012, Carl Ruocco (WDCHoF) heads the following creative team:

<u>Brass</u>	<u>Percussion</u>	<u>Visual</u>	<u>Guard</u>
Joe “JD” Jacobs, caption head	Wes Myers, caption head	Greg Cinzio, caption head	Frank Koch
Bill Moore, arranger	Bob “Jomba” O’Connor	Paul Peregrim	Karen Cox
Bob Farrell	Jack Murray	Jeff Sacktig	
	Joe Fontana		
	Jack McGuinness		

The Skyliners Alumni corps, celebrating its 19th season in 2012, is co-sponsored by AL Post 1523 Staten Island NY and VFW Post 4591 Hasbrouck Heights NJ. The corps continues its mission of providing an outlet for those wishing to be a part of traditional drum and bugle corps by performing in a variety of parades and indoor/outdoor exhibitions, while maintaining a twice a month rehearsal schedule. For more information, complete rehearsal/performance schedule, corps history, pictures and audio/video of the corps, please visit our website at <http://www.skyalumni.org/> or contact our corps director Rich Evans at director@skyalumni.org