

# UWGA



Utah Winter Guard Association

## The Spin

### President's Message

#### UWGA Welcomes the UWPA

The Utah Winter Percussion Association merged with UWGA in September of this year. "We are excited to have the percussion piece back together within the UWGA," said Susan Raymond. Raymond and the E-board voted unanimously to join the two organizations. Percussion competitions will be on the same day either at the same venue or a close by venue.

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Competition season is almost upon us! Our shows will sure to be entertaining to watch and perform. Our Circuit consists of top members in our program and we encourage them to take pride in their activity. I am very proud of these talented people and want to provide the best possible color guard experience we can! The following are a few topics that you will need to know about before we get started with our competitions including the fact that our Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 15th at 10am at West High School. First, remember that you can get all of your circuit information on line at [www.uwga.net](http://www.uwga.net). This site will feature information about every competition from location hosts and judges. It also describes the rules and classification information you may be curious about. For the directors of units, you will find many educational articles and resources. One of the biggest changes in the world of winter guard is the announcement that Scholastic Regional A guards have returned to WGI to select color guard regionals in 2009. The class had been discontinued in 2004 to allow the organization to focus on the national classes of competition. The Regional A Class is designed for novice groups in the region to introduce them to WGI competition. Regional A Class groups will have a separate entry deadline and national class color

guards will have priority should a waiting list develop to enter the contest. Regional A class will only be offered in the scholastic division and will not advance to finals nor be eligible for critique with the judges at Power Regionals. Since this class is meant as an introduction to WGI competition, groups will not be required to become WGI members as those competing in national classes. Also, the class will only be offered at seventeen smaller regionals initially and then at other regionals should their schedule permit. See [www.wgi.org](http://www.wgi.org) for venues. Another change in the Circuit, is our new Executive Board. Representing you for the next two years are: Circuit Administrator: Susan M. Raymond, Northern Representative: Justin Andersen, Southern Representative: Ashlee Chatterton, Contest Director: Heather Christensen, Public Relations Director: Nancy Cannon, Education Specialist: Sumer Addy, and Secretary: Stefani Tyler. This is a paradigm shift in the structure of our Circuit so please be patient with us as we work out the kinks that are sure to happen as we walk this new road together. The circuit is always looking for people who are interested in being trained for the different areas: General Effect, Move-

ment, Equipment, Ensemble Analysis, and Timing & Penalty. Please let Susan know if you are interested in starting to train in any of these areas. Digital Recorders have been purchased in conjunction with the Utah Music Educator's Association. This was a wonderful opportunity to work with our band director colleagues. Since our two seasons are opposite of each other, UMEA will use the recorders during Fall season and we will use them during the Winter season. We purchased 18 recorders to be used for adjudication and all for only \$200. Won't it be nice to not have to bring a tape recorder anymore? All of you bring a cd player for competition to do your warm-ups but now please make sure that they play MP3's since that is the format the recordings will be in on the cd's. Another change that you can anticipate this year is the new fee structure. We are researching the one-fee amount for the whole season rather than paying each individual show host. We will be presenting this amount at the Fall Meeting. In closing, welcome back to a new UWGA Competitive Season. Each season gets better and better and this one looks to be very competitive, educational, and fun!

Susan Raymond

## Education Corner

I hope all is well in the color guard world. With marching band over for the majority of us, it is now time to concentrate on winter guard. If you are freaking out already, it is okay. Keep in mind that there are resources for you if you are having trouble with any part of your upcoming show. I am proud to announce that Utah has two clinics available to you this year!

Your fabulous Utah Winter Guard Association is offering a directors clinic. Mark in your calendars Saturday, December 13. This is for choreographers to find new ways to create vocabulary for their shows. It is going to be a great experience! The more people we have attending the more fun we will

have! All levels of designers are welcome. The cost is twenty-five dollars (all money going to the circuit) and the times are yet to be determined, but will most likely be in the morning to mid-afternoon.

As per usual, UEX is holding their yearly clinic on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. This clinic offers a wide variety of opportunities to learn fresh, new techniques. They will be offering a directors portion that takes a look at new show design techniques, floor design and painting, costume design, and much more. They also offer dance, flag, saber, and rifle techniques for the students that are taught by both UEX staff and members. \$20.00 per person from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Always a lot of fun for the directors and students!

Sumer Addy

## Northern Representative Message

Here we are at the beginning of another wonderful season! So many exciting things have happened to get us ready for this year and I want to congratulate all of the Northern groups and there amazing accomplishments this Marching Band season. We saw some strong guards out there this year, which means that winter will be amazing. Once again remember if you have any questions, or comments please let

me know. I am always here to help!  
Justin Andersen



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## Southern Representative Message

Congratulations on great success of all the southern region color guards in this past fall season! I'm so impressed with all the talent and hard work put in by both the directors and performers to put such great shows on the field. I'm so excited that the winter guard season is growing close and can't wait to see what all the guards

have in store. There are so many groups that do so well in fall but don't continue on during the winter. I'd like to encourage all of you to continue the success of your program with a winter guard. If you are looking to start a winter guard with your program or want more information about starting a winter guard please feel free to con-

tact me. We have many resources to help you get started and succeed this winter guard season. To all of those winter guards returning this season, welcome back! If you have any questions or need any help this season, I'm more than willing to do anything I can. I look forward to seeing you all at our directors meeting!

Ashlee Chatterton

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## Director Spotlight - Elizabeth and Michelle

Elizabeth Spencer and Michelle Griffin were born in Orlando, Florida and graduated from Orem High School in 2002. They both joined the color guard team their Junior year of high school when their mother, Nancy, became the color guard director. And have never stopped since. They have performed both with Orem high as a scholastic group in 2001 and 2002 and then with Orem High as an Independent Group in 2003 and 2004. In 2005 they both joined the newly developed UVU Envision Winter Guard team. Elizabeth performed with Envision in 2005 and

2006. Michelle performed with Envision in 2005, 2006, and 2007. Currently Elizabeth and Michelle co-direct the Timpanogos High School Color Guard and have been with this amazing program since the summer of 2007.

Elizabeth currently resides in Orem, Utah with her Husband Patrick and two year old Audrey. She currently works full time at Utah Valley University. Michelle is a student at UVU and will be graduating with her Bachelor of Arts in Photography in December, 2008 and will be married on Saturday, November 15th, 2008.

Michelle and Elizabeth have really enjoyed their time at Timpanogos. They enjoy working with the students and love the support the administration and staff give to the performing arts. "We had a very successful Fall Season and we hope to continue the success we have had for this upcoming winter season. We look forward to, hopefully, many years of working at Timpanogos High. Go T-Wolves!"

## UWGA Guard Spotlight — Timpanogos

The Timpanogos Color Guard is currently under the direction of Elizabeth Spencer and Michelle Griffin. The two have been co-directing the team since the summer of 2007. "We have had a very successful season this year," said Michelle said about the team. "We were fortunate enough to take home the caption at 4 of the 5 competitions we competed at: Nebo, Davis, BYU and the state championships in St. George."

The band and guard finished out their season at the Bands of America Compe-

tition in Las Vegas, Nevada. "It was a great experience for the students...We loved every minute," said Elizabeth, "I think it was a great way to end the season."

This will be the first winter guard season for the Timberwolves. Last year the team was given permission from UWGA to perform with Pleasant Grove's Winter Guard team. "I really enjoyed last year," said Elizabeth, "I learned a lot from Ashlee about how to run a program...I just hope we can

continue the success we have been having."

This winter season the team has been able to increase their size from 6 to 12. "All the kids seem really excited about doing this. They are all committed and enjoy being around one another. Some of our new students are instrument players from the marching band. We also recruited the drum major," said Michelle, "This is going to be a great season." The two directors are very grateful for the administration and Staff of Timpanogos High School for giving them so much support in their new endeavor.

### 2009 Winter Schedule

January 17, 2009 at West HS (Evaluation Show)	March 7, 2009 at AF High School
January 31, 2009 at Orem hosted by Envision	March 21, 2009 at West High School
February 14, 2009 TBA	March 28, 2009 State Competition at Riverton High School
February 21, 2009 at Roy High School	



### Dear Peggy

"Dear Peggy" is a question and answer column published in every issue of the UWGA Spin. To submit a guard related question email [dearpeggy@live.com](mailto:dearpeggy@live.com)

Then check out our next issue to see if your question was answered.

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Dear Peggy,

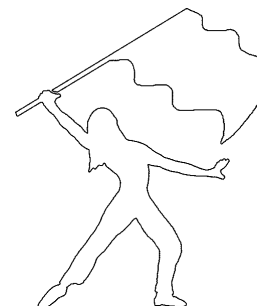
My winter guard doesn't spin rifle, but, I want to learn. Is there anywhere I can learn rifle skills?

-Seeking in Salt Lake

Dear Seeking in Salt Lake:

Wanting to learn is a great thing! My first suggestion would be to attend the UWGA clinic that will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at West High School. They teach all different classes on different weapons, flag, and dance. This will help you out a lot. The next best thing would be to contact a member on a Independent team, Usually these members have a little more experience and can help you out. After that I would suggest searching [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) for color guard technique, etc... There are a lot of vid-

eos on there that can help the newbie's learn basics and the more experienced learn some new cool tricks.





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## Save the Date

November 15 Fall Meeting at West High  
School 10am.

November 22nd UWGA Clinic at West by UEX

December 13: Directors Clinic at West High  
School

## In Other News . . .

### WGI Fan Favorites 2008

Blessed Sacrament 2003 - The Music of  
Earth, Wind, and Fire  
Crown Guard 2002 - What the World Needs  
Now  
Emerald Marquis 2001 - Malaguena  
Fantasia 2002 - Images of India  
Flanagan HS 2005 - This Is My Moment  
Franklin Central HS 2001 - Earthquake  
Freedom HS 2005 - I Dream A World  
James Logan HS 2003 - Carmen Lives!  
Northeast Independent 2003 - Everything  
But Today  
Paradigm 2005 - Typical Situation  
Pope HS 2002 - Serenade  
Pride of Cincinnati 2004 - Sideshow: Alive  
on the Inside  
Shaktai 1998 - Amazing Grace  
Stoneman Douglas HS 2004 - My Immortal  
Trumbull HS 2004 - Dream

### Bands of America-Las Vegas Regional

Congratulations to:

American Fork, Mountain Crest, Davis,  
and Skyview High Schools for making  
it to finals at BOA.

Congratulations to:

Orem High School for being the Class  
AA Champion, American Fork for be-  
ing the Class AAA Champion and the  
BOA Regional Champion. Both Orem  
and American Fork brought home the  
caption awards in their respective  
divisions.

### UMEA Red Rock Invitational

Congratulations to the following  
guards for bring home the caption  
award at the UMEA Red Rock Invita-  
tional.

Class A: Timpanogos HS

Class AA: Ogden HS

Class AAA: Orem HS

Class AAAA: Basha HS

Class AAAAA: American Fork HS