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## Marching bands compete at the Southridge Spectacle of Sound



BEAVERTON, Ore. – Marching band fans are in for a treat at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Southridge Spectacle of Sound marching band competition on Saturday, Oct. 7 at [Hillsboro Stadium](#).

The event, hosted by Southridge Instrumental Music and Dance Ensembles (SIMDE), features the choreographed shows of more than 10 competitive marching bands from Oregon and Washington.

Shows often feature original music, props and costumes and are the culmination of countless hours of practice and refinement. This competition is the first of the season for the bands performing, many of which began practice in August.

“Every band brings a unique perspective to their show,” said drum major and Southridge senior, Ryan Seina. “It’s really cool to see different portrayals and themes.”

Judges score each performance on General Effect, Music, Visual, Percussion and Auxiliary.

Those attending the Southridge Spectacle of Sound will enjoy performances by Aloha High School Marching Band, Cascade Sound Marching Band and Color Guard (Everett, Wash.), Glencoe Marching Tide, Grants Pass High School Marching Band and Color Guard,

McMinnville High School Marching Band, Mountainside High School Marching Ensemble, Southridge Instrumental Music and Dance Ensembles, Sunset Marching Band and Auxiliary, Tigard Marching Ensemble, West Salem Marching Band and Westview High School Marching Band and Auxiliary.

The event features preliminary and finals rounds. Finals begin with a special performance of the national anthem by Southridge High School's advanced vocal ensemble, Avancé.

Spectacle of Sound is a key fundraising event for SIMDE, providing funds to support instrument maintenance, equipment purchases, and the music and dance opportunities offered through SIMDE. Student fees, fundraising and contributions are the primary sources of funding for extracurricular programs such as marching band.

Ticket office opens at 9 a.m.; performances begin at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for students in grades 9-12 as well as seniors (65+); \$5 for students in K-8. There is no admittance fee for children pre-K and younger. Concessions and programs available. Parking is free.

For more information including performance schedule, visit [SIMDE.org](http://SIMDE.org) and the [NWAPA event page](#).

Southridge Instrumental Music and Dance Ensembles (SIMDE) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that exists to support Southridge High School's many instrumental music and dance ensembles. We have a wide variety of performance ensembles, including Color Guard, Winter Guard, Youth Dance Ensemble, Winter Drumline, Youth Percussion Ensemble, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Musical Theater Pit Orchestra, Marching Band, and Basketball Band. We also support and encourage students to perform independently in their own small ensembles or as soloists.

SIMDE provides funds, logistics, and volunteer support to make the music program at Southridge High School successful and rewarding for students. We hope these programs prompt growth and create responsible students who, through their participation in our ensembles, will benefit both themselves and the community.

The Northwest Association for Performing Arts (NWAPA) is an association of Pacific Northwest high school marching bands, color guards and percussion ensembles founded in 1997.

Hillsboro Stadium is located at 4450 NW 229<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hillsboro, OR 97124

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