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# Huntington Blue Devil Marching Band and Huntington Union Free School District Presents Home Show & Competition at Blue Devil Stadium

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HUNTINGTON, NY- As part of the New York State Field Band Conference, the Huntington Blue Devil Marching Band (HBDMB) and Huntington Union Free School District will present it's 'bi-annual Home Show' and competition at the Blue Devil Stadium at Huntington High School, Sunday, October 16, 2022 with show start Time of 12:00PM. A few things make this home show of special note, the last home show was three years ago in 2019 (normally the home show is every two years) and this year the HBDMB has two new Co-Directors – Andre Rizzuto and Patrick Neary.

Competing and performing will be a total of nine Marching Bands from (listed in order of performance) DEER PARK, NYACK, GLEN RIDGE (NJ), FLORAL PARK, SACHEM, WALT WHITMAN, HICKSVILLE, HUNTINGTON, BRENTWOOD.

The Huntington community, parents, families, and friends of the Huntington Blue Devil Marching Band are invited, and tickets can be purchased at the door for \$9. All proceeds from the event will go to Band Parents Association of Huntington a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization and will benefit the Huntington Band program. The bi-annual HBDMB home show is a competition level show for New York State Field Band Conference and scores will count against band's standings in Conference. Awards will be presented after final performance.

The renowned **Huntington Blue Devil Marching Band** from Huntington High School is recognized in the state for holding several championship titles including their most recent award of the 3rd place Large School two division finish at the New York State Field Band Conference Championships at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse in October 2021. The HBDMB is known for its high musical quality, excellent arrangements, color guard choreography and powerful percussion arrangements. The HBDMB was organized in 1934 by Ohio native and Oberlin College music teacher James Cloyd Doty and boasts of thousands of alumni over the years. The HBDMB is an integral part of the Huntington community and participates in the Huntington High School Homecoming Parade, the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Memorial Day Parade in the village of Huntington.

**Huntington Union Free School District** has been in existence since 1657. The District serves approximately 4,600 students attending the district's eight schools. The district's Mission: to educate students by effectively teaching an enriched body of knowledge, through the active participation of all students, building upon their unique talents and abilities to produce creative, self-assured responsible citizens who are capable of critical thought and action. Huntington's music program is well represented in the county and state music festivals each year. The high school takes great pride in having one of largest symphonic orchestras in the state and being represented nationally by the renowned HBDMB.

Coordinator, K-12 Art & Music Education for Huntington USFD Brian Stellato says: "The 2022 HBDMB program is thrilled to have two Co-Directors Andre Rizzuto and Patrick Neary on board for this season and to host eight band programs from across the state on Sunday, October 16th! This type of event takes so much hard work and dedication from our students, staff, parent volunteers, community members, alumni, and friends and family! It's a special day filled with so much excitement and even more pride! Go HBDMB!"

Co-President of the Band Parents Association of Huntington Arienne Lima says: "There is a certain electricity that goes around the HBDMB when they perform on the Big H making it an exciting day for the players and fans alike. We are so proud of how much they have accomplished as a team this season!"

Co-President of the Band Parents Association of Huntington Erin Hannigan says: "The Band Parents Association of Huntington is so excited to host the NYSFBC competition on Blue Devil grounds this year! We look forward to hosting schools from Long Island, Westchester, and New Jersey this year. ALL the bands have dedicated countless hours to perfect their shows. This event is a big fund raiser for the Huntington Blue Devil Marching Band and so important to the entire community. Everyone is welcome! It should be an exciting afternoon."

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For more information about the Huntington Blue Devil Marching Band from Huntington UFSD see: [http://www.hufsd.edu/the\\_arts/marching.html](http://www.hufsd.edu/the_arts/marching.html)

For more information about the Band Parents Association see: <https://www.bandparentsofhuntington.net>