



# Band Guidelines

Tulip Time Festival, Inc.  
2010

## **Band Uniforms**

- Bands must be in matching professional uniform. Any insignia, images, additions or alteration of band uniform will not be allowed.
- The Festival, through its Parade Marshals, reserves the right to make decisions regarding band appearance at the time of the Parade. Bands are expected to comply with the instructions of Parade Marshals.
- The Red Cross requests that female band members wear a t-shirt under their uniform to allow for faster treatment in case of injury or heat exhaustion.

## **Each band director may have no more than 2 additional people accompany the band in any capacity (assistant director, first aid, water carrier, etc.).**

- These persons must be dressed to match the band, i.e., band uniform or school clothing matching in color to the band uniform.
- Any additional person or persons not matching the band will be removed from the route by the parade marshals.

## **Chaperones are not allowed to walk the parade route, or walk in front of spectators.**

- Arrangements should be made to meet their band at the end of the parade route.
- Reserved bleacher seat tickets are available through the festival office for \$6 each for the Meijer Muziekparade. Volksparade and Kinderparade tickets are \$5 each.
- Chaperones will be removed from the parade route by the parade marshals.

## **Band directors are responsible for the proper hydration and nutrition of his/her band members prior to the parade.**

- The parade route is 2.4 miles long.
- Upon acceptance, each band director will receive information from the Red Cross regarding hydration and nutrition recommendations for this parade. You may also want to consult medical personnel in your area for additional recommendations.
- We prefer that no water carriers be used, but will allow up to 2 water carriers per band (see #1) if all other guidelines are met and the director feels it is absolutely necessary. *If the band is properly hydrated, water carriers are unnecessary.*

## **Bands are expected to use a cadence of MM 120-132.**

- Our Meijer Muziekparade maintains a fairly brisk pace.
- Gaps pose a serious threat to safety as people, especially children, will attempt to cross the parade route in these gaps.
- Gaps also slow the parade, making television coverage very difficult.
- Bands that do not keep pace with the rest of the parade may not be invited back.

## **Distance between units must be maintained.**

- Our parade marshals will set the distance between each unit. It is the band director's responsibility to maintain that distance.
- If a gap develops, the band director must re-establish the original distance between his/her unit and the unit in front of him/her.

**Each unit must maintain a forward momentum, and may not slow or stop the parade in any way.**

- Bands that incorporate dance routines must maintain the set speed of the parade, must not create gaps in front of the unit, and must not cause units behind them to change speed.

**Bands are expected to play for the television cameras.**

- Cameras are set up on 8th Street, just east of Central Avenue. Bands should begin playing by the middle of that block (between College and Central), *but without slowing or stopping the progression of the parade.*
- Bands are encouraged to play at regular intervals throughout the parade, particularly in front of the bleacher sections.
- Reviewing takes place in the area of the Civic Center. These reviews are used to determine invitations for the next year's parade.

**Adequate media information must be supplied.**

- Bands that do not provide adequate information will not get media coverage.
- Most of the information needed can be included on the application.
- Additional information can be sent at any time, but must reach the Tulip Time office by no later than April 10.

**Non-local bands may only apply for the Muziekparade.**

- Some exceptions may apply. In those cases, only one non-local band will be allowed to participate in the Kinderparade. Volksparade participation will be determined by the Parade Committee and will depend on the number of other entries already scheduled for that parade.
- Non-local bands should have a minimum level of high school marching band experience to apply. Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Tulip Time Festival Parade Committee.

**Weather Policy:**

- The Muziekparade and the Volksparade will go on "rain or shine." Be prepared for cold or rainy weather. These parades will only be cancelled if weather is life-threatening.
- The Kinderparade may be re-scheduled to Friday May 7, due to inclement weather. The decision to re-schedule will be made as soon as possible, by 12 noon on parade day. The rain date may be cancelled as well, If the weather is rainy. The Kinderparade consists mainly of elementary-aged children, and this policy is for their protection.

**Firearms Policy:**

- In order to promote the safety and well-being of parade attendees, firearms in the parade will be for ceremonial purposes only, **and will not be loaded.** Rifles must be carried in an "over the shoulder" position only.
- Only active police personnel may be in possession of live firearms.
- Entries that include firearms (replicas or non-live) will be inspected prior to step-off by the Holland Police Department

**Questions?**

**Please contact Sue Schurman, Parade Coordinator.**

**1-800-822-2770 ext. 108**

**sue@tuliptime.com**



**Muziekparade 2010  
Band Application**

**Parade Date:  
Saturday, May 8, 2010**

**Application Deadline:  
March 1, 2010**

*Please fill out form completely  
Information will be used to determine  
acceptance, and to create a media  
packet for TV and radio coverage.*

Name of School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Director \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School/Org. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency cell phone contact (for weather-related emergencies) \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment of School/Org. \_\_\_\_\_ Total Miles (one way) \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Playing Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number in Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Buses Band will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_

Uniform Colors \_\_\_\_\_

Number of "support marchers" \_\_\_\_\_ Attire \_\_\_\_\_

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- Has your band **participated** in our festival before? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
  - Most recent** year of participation: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total number** of years participated: \_\_\_\_\_
  - First time applicants:** Please describe the **highlights** of your band that would make it a good choice for our Muziekparade: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please send a photo of your band. This picture will be kept on file, and will help determine your acceptance.

- Please describe any **Auxiliary Units**, including number of members and flag/uniform colors:  
Flag Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Color Guard: \_\_\_\_\_  
Baton Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please list **name(s)** of those listed below as it pertains to your band:  
Drum Major(s) - \_\_\_\_\_  
Flag Captain(s) - \_\_\_\_\_  
Color Guard Captain(s) - \_\_\_\_\_  
Others (describe) - \_\_\_\_\_

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Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Copied Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: Accepted Rejected Pending

Status Letter Sent: \_\_\_\_\_





# Premier Band Application

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As a special tribute to the Saturday Muziekparade (Parade of Bands)  
the Tulip Time Festival will select **3**  
**\*\*PREMIER PERFORMANCE BANDS\*\***  
for special pre-parade street entertainment  
**Saturday, May 8, 2010 - 12:30 PM**

**Now in its 20th year, the Holland Tulip Time Festival is proud to present pre-parade entertainment in the form of our Premier Performance Bands. Three bands will be selected to perform a 7-10 minute street show at various locations on the parade route. This special performance gives our audience a chance to fully appreciate those exceptional bands selected for their performance abilities, and gives the bands an extra chance to show what makes them special.**

We are proud to present the **ONLY** Parade of Bands in the state and find that the addition of pre-parade street performances draws even more attention, recognition, and applause for **all** of the exciting bands that make our Saturday parade the biggest and best event of the festival. *In addition, a \$500 honorarium and a special commemorative plaque is given to each band chosen as a Premier Performance Band!*

These pre-parade street performances will begin approximately 1-1/2 hours before parade time. Each band selected will be expected to perform a 7-10 minute show at various locations along the parade route (approx. 3-4), starting near the end of the route and working their way toward the line-up area for the parade. Those bands will be assigned line-up locations in the second half of the parade to allow a rest period before marching in the parade itself. Street performance areas are:

Civic Center Bleacher Area - 25' wide  
8th Street / Downtown Area - 30' wide

To be considered for one of the prestigious positions of PREMIER PERFORMANCE BAND, please complete and return this form with your parade application:

BAND NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the highlights of your band program that would make your band a best choice for a PREMIER PERFORMANCE BAND:

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**Selected Premier Bands will be notified in writing after  
March 1, 2010.**