



YOU'RE INVITED! The Tulip Time Festival would like to invite you to participate in our world renowned Muziekparade ("Music Parade"). The 2012 Muziekparade will take place at **2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 12**. Each year, the Parade Committee selects bands from across the country and around the world to apply for participation in the Muziekparade. The top applicants (including our outstanding local high school bands) are invited to "show their stuff" in this 2.4 mile celebration.

In addition to bands, our Muziekparade features fantastic floral floats, along with many wonderful entries including our world famous Klompen Dancers in Dutch costume, equestrian units, and giant helium parade balloons. Our parade is one of the largest in Michigan, and draws an average audience of over 250,000. Performing for our huge Tulip Time crowds is one reason that we continue to draw talented bands from across the country! We are very proud to offer one of the most organized and professional parade experiences in the country. Our 2.4 mile route is lined with well-trained and highly qualified Red Cross personnel, our line-up areas and parade route are staffed by competent and helpful Parade Marshals, and our on-site parade chairpeople are the very best in their field.

NEW FOR 2012! Judges will be in position along the parade route, evaluating the marching bands as they perform. The band with the best overall performance will receive a valuable prize and recognition as the Premier Marching Band for Tulip Time 2012.

OTHER PREMIER BAND OPPORTUNITY! Complete the attached Premier Band Application to be considered: three of the very best bands in the Muziekparade are selected for special performances along the parade route immediately prior to the parade. This gives the "cream of the crop" an extra opportunity to show their best stuff, as each of the Premier Bands is given the chance to perform three 7-10 minute "field" performances along the parade route area. These bands also receive a cash honorarium.

We hope that you will consider joining us for Tulip Time 2012! We are confident your band will have an outstanding experience!

WHAT TO SEND: We look forward to the opportunity to showcase your band and receiving your application (attached) before February 1, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact me at shannon@tuliptime.com or call me at 800-822-2770 ext. 108.

Sincerely,

Shannon Yanek
Volunteer/Event Coordinator

Official Band Sponsor:





2012 Band Guidelines

The Tulip Time Festival, through its Parade Marshals, reserves the right to make decisions regarding band appearance and compliance with the Guidelines at the time of the Parade. Bands are expected to comply with the instructions of Parade Marshals.

Please Note: Non-local bands should have a minimum level of **high school marching band** experience to apply.

Band Uniforms

- Bands must be in matching professional uniform. Any insignia, images, additions or alteration of band uniform will not be allowed.
- 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 two 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 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.

Band directors are responsible for the proper hydration and nutrition of 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 two water carriers per band (see above) 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 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.

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

Bands are expected to play as much as possible throughout the entire parade route, and specifically at times when in front of television cameras, large crowd sections such as the bleachers, etc.

- Cameras are typically 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.*
- Reviewing takes place in the area of the Civic Center. These reviews are used to determine invitations for the next year's parade.

Weather Policy:

- The Muziekparade will go on "rain or shine." Be prepared for hot, cold or rainy weather. This parade will only be cancelled if weather is life-threatening.

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 Shannon Yanek, Volunteer/Event Coordinator

1-800-822-2770 ext. 108

shannon@tuliptime.com



Muziekparade 2012

Application Deadline:
February 1, 2012

Parade Date:
Saturday, May 12, 2012

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

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

- 1. Has your band participated in our festival before?
2. Most recent year of participation: Total number of years participated:
3. First time applicants: Please describe the highlights of your band that would make it a good choice for our Muziekparade:

Please send a photo of your band. This picture will be kept on file, and will help determine your acceptance.

- 4. Please describe any Auxiliary Units, including number of members and flag/uniform colors:
Flag Unit:
Color Guard:
Baton Unit:
Other:

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Received Date:
Copied Date:
Entered? Yes No Date:
Status: Accepted Rejected Pending
Status Letter Sent: By:
Media Entered Date: By:

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6. 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) - _____

7. **Media Information:** Please give us any information that you would like the media commentators to highlight, including recent **honors** your band has received, **local** and **national** events your band has participated in, unique fundraisers, special school projects, exceptional students (scholastically, physically, extracurricularly), community involvement, etc.

*****Information on participants will be distributed to the media.*****

Will you be carrying firearms of any kind? (including replicas) ___Yes ___No

Please note that no firearm will be loaded at any time. Firearms will be inspected prior to step-off by the Holland Police Department, and must be carried over the shoulder only.

By signing below, we acknowledge the following:

- 1) We have read and will follow the enclosed guidelines;
- 2) We will train our band in the prescribed cadence of MM 120-132;
- 3) We will have no more than two (2) persons accompanying the band in addition to the director, and those persons will be in uniform or like attire to match the band.

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

School Principal/Organization Leader

Band Director

Both signatures must be present for application to be considered.

Please send applications to:

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Premier Band Application

As a Special Tribute to the Saturday Muziekparade (Parade of Bands)
the Tulip Time Festival will select **THREE (3)**

****PREMIER PERFORMANCE BANDS****
FOR SPECIAL PRE-PARADE STREET ENTERTAINMENT
Saturday, May 12, 2012 - 12:30 PM

The Holland Tulip Time Festival is proud to present pre-parade entertainment in the form of our Premier Performance Bands. 2012 will be the 22nd year that the festival has featured Premier Bands! Three bands will be selected to perform a 7-10 minute street show at various locations on the parade route. These special performances give 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 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.

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** (attach additional pages, as necessary):

**Selected Premier Bands will be notified in writing after
March 1, 2012.**