



**MARCHING
BAND**



SKULL SESSION

OCTOBER 10, 2026

BATMAN THROUGH THE YEARS

WE WELCOME OUR SPECIAL GUEST:
West Geauga High School
under the direction of Jason Branch

DOTTING THE "I" TODAY:
Matthew Sliwinski
Westerville, OH // Earth Science Major



PROGRAM

<i>Fanfare for a New Era</i>	Swearingen
Entrance of the Ohio State Buckeyes	
<i>Navy Hymn</i>	Whiting & Dykes, arr. McCoy

Pregame

<i>Buckeye Battle Cry Traditional Ramp Entrance</i>	Crumit, arr. Heine
<i>The Star Spangled Banner</i>	Key, arr. Heine
<i>Maryland Victory Song</i>	Thornton W. Allen
<i>Le Regiment de Sambre et Meuse Script Ohio</i>	Planquette, arr. Heine
<i>Chimes and Carmen Ohio</i>	Heine & Evans, Cornell, arr. Heine
<i>Across the Field</i>	Dougherty, arr. Heine

Halftime: *Batman Through the Years*

Drill design: Paul Bissler

Music arranged by: Michael Klesch, Mark Reynolds (percussion)

<i>Batman (Television Theme)</i>	arr. Klesch
<i>Theme from Batman (1989)</i>	arr. Klesch
<i>Theme from The Batman (2022)</i>	arr. Klesch
<i>Theme from The Dark Knight (2008)</i>	arr. Klesch
<i>Across the Field</i>	Dougherty, arr. Heine

TODAY’S MUSIC ARRANGER

Michael Klesch is an arranger, program consultant and clinician for numerous marching bands across the country. In addition to being Musical Director and Brass Arranger for the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps (2013 DCI World Champion) he is the wind arranger for the Calgary Stampede Show Band (2012, 2013, and 2014 World Association of Marching Show Bands World Champion), brass arranger for the Arizona Academy (2016 DCI Finalist) and wind arranger for the University of Alabama Million Dollar Band and the University of Massachusetts Minuteman Marching Band. Michael was the wind arranger for the Bands of America Honor Band at the 2005, 2009, 2013 and 2017 Tournament of Roses Parade.

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Drum Major.....	Ben Fox
Assistant Drum Major	Jacob Snyder

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THE 2026 HOMETOWN CONCERT // NOVEMBER 20, 2026 Mershon Auditorium

Join The Ohio State University Marching Band for our annual Hometown Concert, held this year at Mershon Auditorium on Ohio State's campus on Friday, Nov. 20. The Best Damn Band in the Land will entertain fans with selections from its popular halftime shows, fan favorites and traditional Ohio State tunes.

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