## Solid Gold Sound Club Newsletter

The official UCLA support organization for the UCLA Bruin Marching Band

Summer 2007



Trumpeter Ethan Mathews

# UCLA Fund — Choose the Band for your Contribution!

Contributions of \$2,500 or more to the UCLA Fund may now be directed to the UCLA Bruin Marching Band. These contributions will count toward membership in the Chancellor's Associates. When making a contribution, designate it for the School of Arts and Architecture: Fund for Excellence (listed under Professional Schools on the www.uclafund.ucla.edu website), and make a note that you would like this contribution to go to the UCLA Bruin Marching Band. Also, be sure to notify Director Gordon Henderson (gh@ucla.edu) so he can ensure that the contribution is received.

### **UCLA Bruin Marching Band Fund**

The Band is still seeking donations to support its various activities. Over the past 10 years, donations from band alumni and other fans have allowed the Band to send pep bands to away games at Texas, Miami, Ohio State, Washington, Alabama, Colorado and Illinois, and last year we were able to take the full 250 member band to the UCLA vs. Notre Dame game in South Bend, Indiana. The next big pep band trip we plan to take is to the early season game at Tennessee in 2009, but if funds are available we would like to also send a band to Oregon in 2008.

In addition to supporting band travel, donations to the UCLA Bruin Marching Band Fund will help with scholarships, replacing instruments, equipment and uniforms, and hiring staff. Please contribute today by returning the enclosed envelope, or by going the Band's website: www.band.ucla.edu



Color Guard member Tootie Merchant



Percussion Section Leader Kelly Flickinger

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#### **Notre Dame Trip**

Last year's trip to the Notre Dame game was one of the highlights of the season. The Band flew to Chicago on four separate overnight flights and played rallies on the Navy Pier the night before the game for large groups of UCLA alumni. The Band's halftime performance was shown live on the NBCSports.com website and remained on that site for several months afterwards. Thanks to all of our donors for making this trip possible!



The Sousaphones show off their new section T-shirts as they wait to board the plane to Chicago.



Evan Parzych and Katie Wolf try to stay warm after the Saturday morning rehearsal.



The Band performing "Birdland" at halftime at Notre Dame.



Trumpet Soloists Andrew Browning, Aaron Krass and Ben Tellinghuisen performing "Spanish Fantasy".



Trombonists Ben Llewellyn, Jackie Ragnarsson, David Ahnger-Pier and Ziyad Khesbak hyping the crowd as UCLA takes the lead!



Drum Major Sean Garnreiter



The trombones in front of "Touchdown Jesus" as they enter the Notre Dame Stadium.

#### **Beach Show**



Color Guard member Christine Kim in the flipper kickline as part of the Band's Beach Show.



Surf's Up for John Earnest preparing to hang ten on "Wipe Out".



Cymbal player Nadya Seal.

#### **Band Alumni Reunion**

The ninth biennial Band Alumni Reunion was held during halftime of the UCLA vs. Washington State football game. Being that it was just a few days before Halloween, the music for the show was "The Munsters", "The Addams Family" and "Ghostbusters", and everyone was encouraged to wear costumes.



Drum Major Kim Strutt led the Band Alumni across the field as they played "Sons of Westwood", and he also won the award for representative from the earliest UCLA class.



Alumni flags Lauren White and Regina Jaderstrom

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#### **NCAA Basketball Tournament**

UCLA made another great run during the tournament, and the Band was there every step of the way. After the first and second rounds in Sacramento, UCLA moved onto to the West Regional in San Jose where we defeated Pittsburgh and Kansas, before the Final Four showdown with Florida in Atlanta.



STEAKS ON A PLANE! Kristin Silverberg and Lenny Burdette enjoying the benefits of traveling on the team plane to Atlanta for The Final Four.



Members of the Band and Dance Team seeing the sights in Atlanta starting with a tour of the Coca-Cola museum.





Tenor Saxophonist Christian Tanja preparing to be interviewed by Hannah Storm on the CBS "Early Show" in Atlanta.



Performing at the UCLA vs. Florida Semifinal game.



Performing live on ESPN Sportscenter.

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#### THE SIMPSONS MOVIE

The UCLA Band performed at the Village Theatre premiere of The Simpsons Movie, playing "The Simpsons Theme" as a number of celebrities were introduced to the crowd. Stars in attendance included Dan Castellaneta (the voice of Homer), Nancy Cartwright (the voice of Bart), Hank Azaria, Harry Shearer, Creator Matt Groening, Director (and former member of the UCLA Marching Band Tuba Section) David Silverman, David Hasselhoff, Ed McMahon, Efron Ramirez (Pedro in Napoleon Dynamite) and many others.



The Band on Broxton Avenue awaiting the arrival of celebrities for the premiere.



Band members showing off their tickets to the premiere and proudly wearing their "Springfield Correspondence School" T-shirts.



The "Hoff" asking the Band to play the "Night Rider" theme!

UCLA vs. USC 13-9!!! Band Juggler Chris Smith in his final performance at the Rose Bowl. Chris graduated with a degree

in Theatre Arts after three years as a featured performer with the Band.



Sousaphone players Tracy Vahle and Ran Schwartz





Senior Trombone Section Leader Lincoln Atkinson performing at the UCLA vs. USC game.



The original sheet music for "Strike Up the Band for UCLA", dedicated to UCLA by its composers

George and Ira Gershwin in 1936.

#### **UCLA Band Program**

Dr. Thomas Lee
Director of Bands,
Conductor of the Wind Ensemble

Professor Gordon Henderson Associate Director of Bands, Director of the Bruin Marching Band

**Dr. Jennifer Judkins**Assistant Director of Bands

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