

The Marching Grens Muse

Keeping You In-Step

October 11, 2021

Grens Do It Again at Prospect Knight of Champions!

The Marching Grens continued to roll last Saturday afternoon, undeterred by threats of inclement weather. The skies darkened upon their arrival to Prospect High School and lightning sightings forced the remainder of the competition indoors. The Grens proved themselves ready for the challenge by dampening the thunder outside with an electrifying performance of "From the Ashes", capturing 1st Place in the Class 3A field, along with the award for Best Color Guard. "Although the band was disappointed they couldn't perform the show on the field, they really adjusted well and put on an outstanding musical performance," said Director Ron Fiorito. Congrats to the Marching Grens on their achievement, and best of luck heading into the season finale at University of Illinois in two weeks.



Top Left: Color Guards Damaris Herrera, Wiktoria Bardzik, and Allison Dahlstrom perform their way to a First Place Award.

Top Right: The Grens take "From the Ashes" indoors due to thunderstorms at the Knight of Champions.

Upcoming Events:

Pops & Pizza, an annual performance featuring Elk Grove Band and Orchestra will occur on Saturday, October 16th. In addition to the concert, the event is a fundraising opportunity for both groups that feature pizza sales by the slice, raffles, and merchandise sales. **We are currently in need of raffle baskets and volunteers for the evening.** Please check your emails for sign-up opportunities and updated information.

U of I Marching Band Championships

On Saturday, October 23rd, the Marching Grens will pack up the truck and busses to travel to the University of Illinois – Champaign, where they will compete in Class 5A. This is the last competition of the season and an opportunity for the students to play in the Illini Stadium. We hope you can come down; the event is worth the drive!

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Volunteers Always Welcome!

The EGBA Band Boosters always appreciate any help from our band parents. Just because the season has started doesn't mean there isn't more work to be done. We can always use help with donations such as bottled water, Gatorade, and snacks for those long competition days. Our Special Events need volunteers to sell tickets, help with raffles, food service, and other duties. EGBA will send out a Sign-Up Genius link for various events throughout the year. Please consider donating some of your time to help keep our program running smoothly! Feel free to email us at EGBAPR@gmail.com for information on how you can help!

Judging Marching Bands: What is Auxiliary?

With Marching competitions, there is more to judging than just the music and instruments. All non-playing personnel are evaluated as well, including flags, rifles, and twirlers. Judges look use of body, form, and equipment, creativity, artistry, and coordination. Like Percussion Auxiliary is a separate score outside of the evaluation for band placement. At the Knight of Champions event, **The Marching Grens took the award for Best Color Guard.** Way to go!

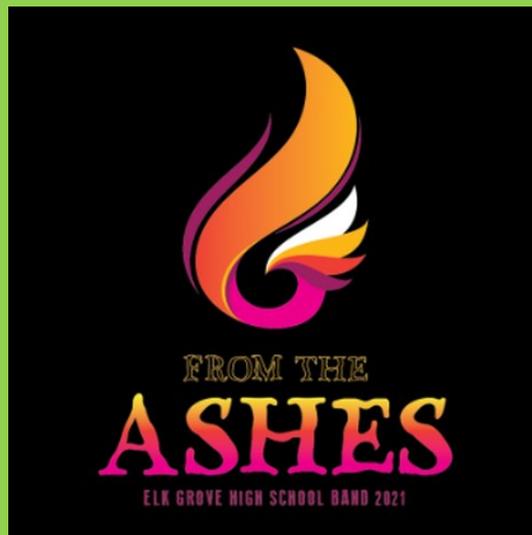
Additional Resources:

<http://www.eghsband.com/> - Official Home of Elk Grove Band Department.

<http://www.eghsbandboosters.com/> - Home of the Band Boosters, also known as EGBA.

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The Grens Are Back!