



## **Percussion/Winds Focus Show @ Desert Ridge HS Contest Information Friday & Saturday, March 3 & 4, 2023**

### **LOCATION**

Desert Ridge HS  
10045 E Madero Ave  
Mesa, AZ 85209

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT (DAY OF SHOW ONLY)**

Contest Administrator: Karen Herrera 480.313.7244  
Event Partner: Stephanie Campbell (Band Director) 480.390.8855  
Wardell King (Vision Director) 480.570.8844  
Dave Bryce 480.516.7117

### **FAN PARKING**

Fan parking is located off of Crismon Rd in the student parking. (southwest side of campus)

South parking lot is a one way entrance and exit. Please pay close attention to the signs.

### **BUS/TRAILER PARKING**

Bus and trailers can park either in the EAST teacher lot, or on the EAST side of the student parking lot. Please leave the West side of the student lot open for spectators.

South parking lot is a one way entrance and exit. Please pay close attention to the signs.

### **CHECK IN & VIDEO**

Check in will be on the south side of the school near the entrance to the performance gym.

A unit representative must check in and pick up a unit packet that will contain wristbands for both staff and performers.

Directors will be given 7 wristbands for admission to the event. Additional staff/parent helper passes can be purchased at the through GoFans.

There is **NO** video recording or flash photography allowed.



## **PASSES**

Units will be given 7 staff wristbands in addition to the performer wristbands for entrance passes. These will be distributed at Unit Check-in. Your unit badges WILL be recognized this year. PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR BUS/TRUCK DRIVERS!

- To prevent a delay in show, WGAZ asks that all performers, staff and parent/volunteers to be wearing their wristbands at all times during WGAZ Events.
- WGAZ is requesting anyone wearing a performer wristband to sit in their designated areas while inside.

## **WARM UP**

Warm-up will be in the parking lot as well as the tennis courts and basketball courts. Please stay off the fields.

Units may NOT open performance floors on the outdoor courts or parking lots. Please refer to the maps provided for specific warm-up locations.

## **STAFF VIEWING LOCATIONS**

There will be one staff viewing area located at the top of the bleachers. There is to be no sitting on the stairs or aisles.

The staff viewing area is reserved for staff of the currently performing unit's performance. After your unit has performed, please find an alternate seating location to enjoy other performances.

## **PERFORMANCE ENTRANCE**

The performance entrance is on the southeast side of the performance gym.

## **PERFORMANCE EXIT**

Units will exit through the doors located on the northwest side of the performance gym. They will then proceed to the floor folding area located in the middle of the school (courtyard).

## **DIRECTORS HOSPITALITY**

There will be a hospitality area located in the yoga room.



## **CONCESSIONS**

There will be full concessions located inside lobby of the performance gym.

Cash and cards will be accepted | *No food is allowed in the Gym.*

## **RESTROOMS**

Performer restrooms are located near the cafeteria.

## **WATER**

WGAZ highly encourages you to provide water for your performers.

## **TICKET SALES**

1 Block General Admission (one site) - \$14  
Multi Block – General Admission (one site) - \$22  
5 and under – Free

WGAZ is ready for the new indoor season and excited for all the events to come. To ensure students, staff, and fans are safe and can easily access events, we have partnered with GoFan to provide digital tickets and contactless payments. To buy tickets, visit our GoFan page. <https://gofan.co/app/school/AZ86318%E2%80%8B>

Please note:

- Check standard schedule of the event to confirm ticket purchases.
- Ticket purchases will be online or through a QR code only
- Show proof of tickets on GoFan App to receive a wristband
- Gym will need to be cleared out at the end of each block
- Masks are highly encouraged at WGAZ events.
- Limited seats will be available

*WGAZ recommends all fans to arrive 30 minutes before units performance*

## **COMPETITIONSUITE DETAILS**

ACCESSING YOUR GROUP - <https://help.competitionsuite.com/article/16-accessing-your-group>

ADDING YOUR STAFF - <https://help.competitionsuite.com/article/61-adding-staff-members>

ACCESSING COMMENTARY - <https://help.competitionsuite.com/article/17-accessing-commentary>

MUSIC UPLOADS - <https://help.competitionsuite.com/article/74-uploading-performance-music>

Score Summary Sheets are also located in your CompetitionSuite account with your overall score.



## JUDGE PANEL

### PERCUSSION/WINDS

Music: Brian Mason

Music Effect: Dan Bryan

Visual: Ryan Lee

Visual Effect: David Pickett

Winds: Kevin Joseph

Focus Judge: TBD

### EVENT STAFF

Contest Admin: Karen Herrera

T&P: Andrew Barnard

Sound Engineer: Tom Cervenka

Tabulator: Monica Scheidecker

*Judge and Staff assignments and schedules subject to change*

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**SITE:**

Desert Ridge HS  
10045 E Madero Ave  
Mesa, AZ 85209

**DIMENSIONS:** 110' X 80'

**FRONT SIDE BLEACHER ROWS:** 23

**SEATING CAPACITY:** appx 1800

**APPROXIMATE CELING HEIGHT:** appx 40 ft

There are no stairs to contend with in the competition area.

There are retractable hoops above the competition floor.

Units do enter the competition area directly from outside.

There is electrical power available at the front and back sidelines.

Units exit the competition area directly to the outdoors.

There is no indoor prop storage available before your performance.

There is a designated fold the floors area outside the exit after the performance.

There will be a black, appx 60'X90', vinyl tarp with covering the performance gym floor.

The distance from the outdoor warm up area to the competition area is less than 10 minute.

The distance from the indoor warm up area to the competition area is less than 2 minute.

**WARM UP AREAS**

See Map

Percussion/Winds – Outdoors



PERFORMANCE GYM SPECTATOR VIEW:



PERFORMANCE GYM PERFORMER VIEW:



PERFORMER EXIT DOORS



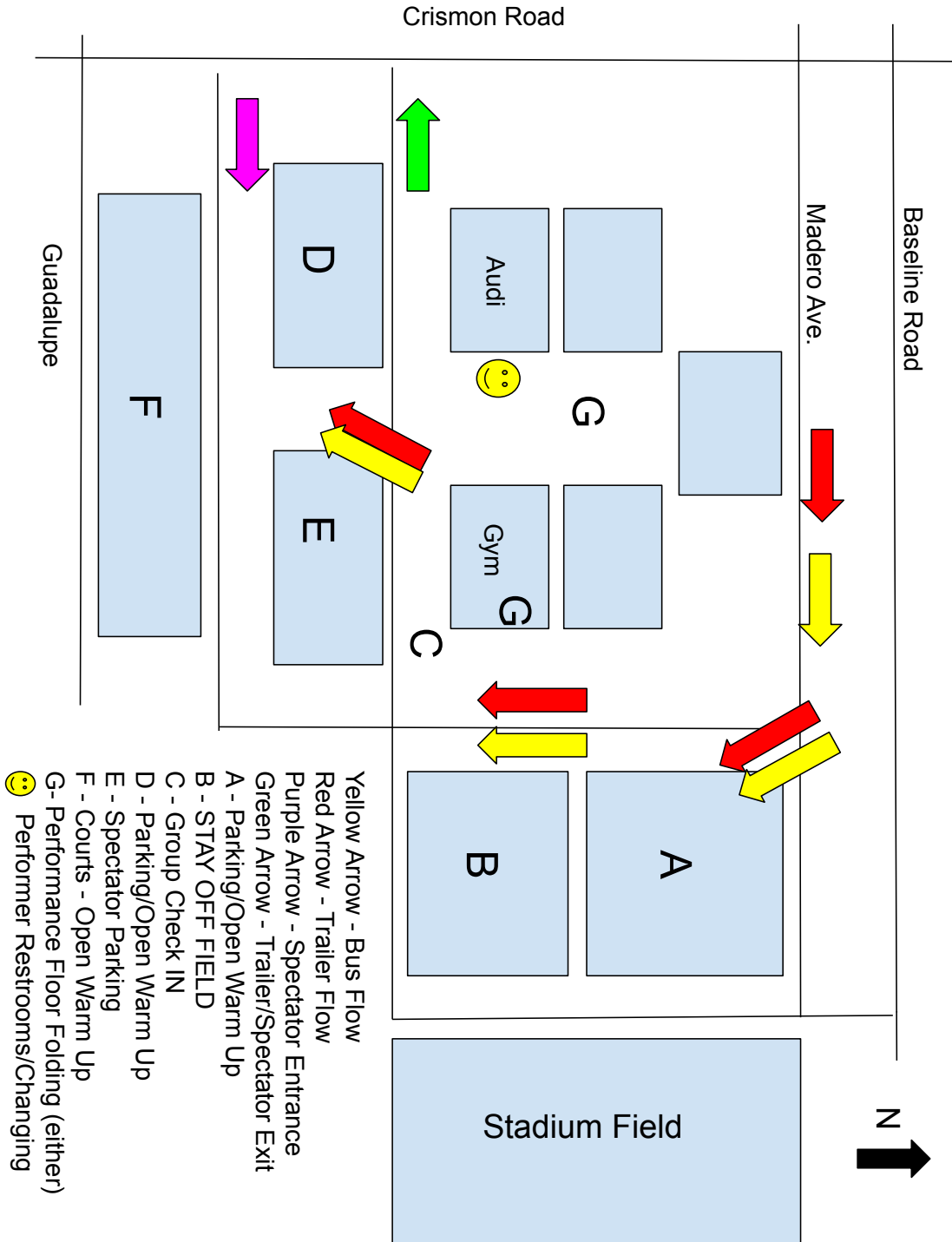
PERFORMER ENTRANCE DOORS





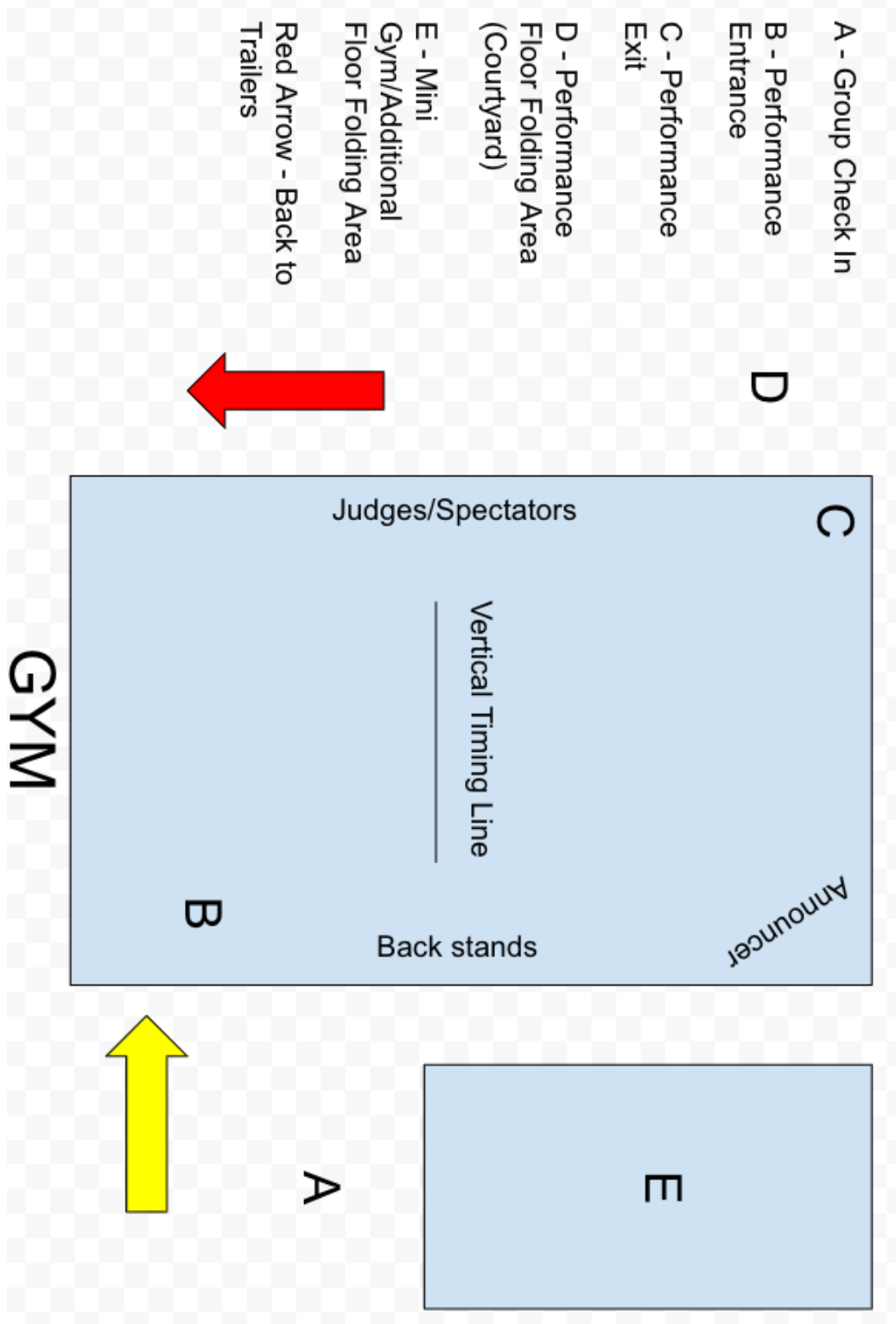


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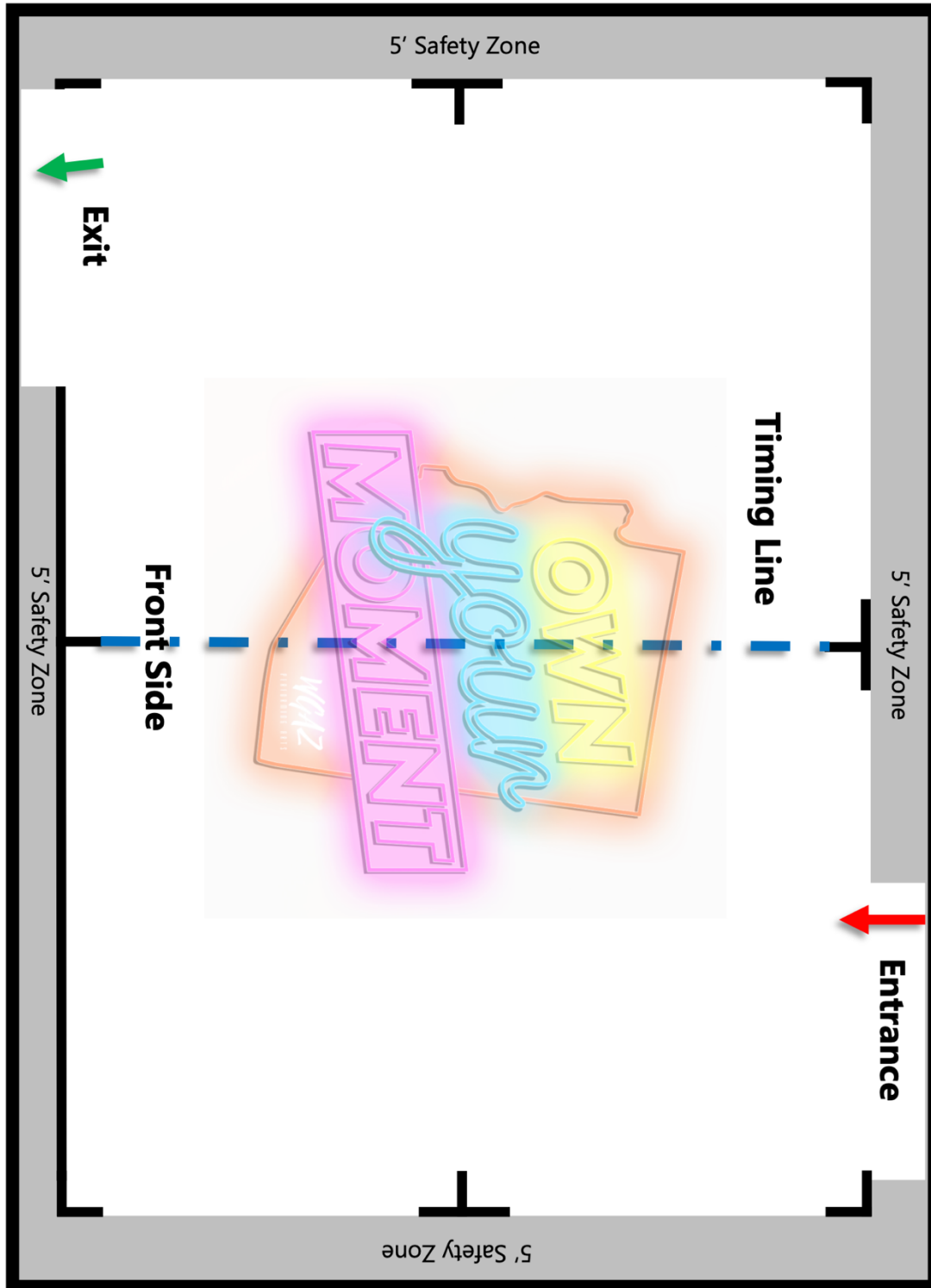


EVENT FLOW





GYM FLOW



## 2023 Director/Volunteer of The Year

Each year, WGAZ honors:

**Colorguard Director of The Year**

**Percussion/Winds Director of The Year**

**Volunteer of the Year**

These individuals are outstanding members of the community who have made an impact on the lives of their students and those around them. Their dedication to the activity, their unit, and their students go above and beyond.

**To show their impact, the nomination must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation, and at least two student testimonials.**

**Nominate a Director:** <https://forms.gle/m2ktVuEzSD7ZS8R18>



**Nominate a Volunteer:** <https://forms.gle/xzJedb4r1QNACdep9>



More info:

<https://wgaz.compsuite.io/2023-Nomination-for-Director-and-Volunteer-of-the-Year-Now-Open>

## 2023 WGAZ Scholarship

WGAZ is looking for scholarship applicants for the 2023 season! We encourage all current seniors and college students to submit their applications.

For more information please contact Amy Kochis at [scholarship@wgaz.org](mailto:scholarship@wgaz.org).

This application process requires the applicants to sign in with a valid G-Mail account.

Each applicant must provide the following in PDF Format:

**Two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals other than the group director**  
**High School and/or College Transcript**  
**SAT/ACT Scores OPTIONAL**

Please have these items ready before completing the form as they will need to be attached when filling it out.

Applications are **due March 16th, 2023**.

**Apply here:** <https://goo.gl/forms/RYCt0xEK55LKUh0j1>



More info: <https://wgaz.compsuite.io/2023-Scholarship-Application>