



# The Friends of DCI

a partnership in the pursuit of excellence



Dear Friend,

Once again the sounds of summer are upon us. For drum corps fans, those sounds include joyous melodies ringing out over neighborhood football fields, punctuated with sharp drum rolls and occasional cymbal crashes. These are sounds of celebration for thousands of remarkable young people choosing to participate in the outstanding organizations which comprise Drum Corps International; the very same young people who deserve our very best every day.

Founded in 1981, the *Friends of DCI* (FDCI) program began with a dedicated group of passionate drum corps fans who came together to donate a few dollars more than the value of their tickets, with the hope of contributing to future generations of Drum Corps International and its member corps. In addition to this ongoing fund-raising effort, there are two special programs managed through the *Friends* program. The "*Friends of DCI Scholarship*" helps to provide educational opportunities for participating corps members, and the annual "Volunteers of the Year Awards" acknowledge some of the many unsung heroes working behind the scenes to assist the corps serving their members.

We are very proud of what we've achieved together, and we invite you to join us as we continue to ensure a bright future for the activity we share. Whether you've been a valued "Friend" for many years or are just joining us, we are very pleased to count you as one of the many Friends of DCI.

Dan Acheson  
Executive Director & CEO

## Request **YOUR** exclusive seats through the *Friends of DCI* program

As a member of the *Friends of DCI*, you are helping to guarantee that future generations of young performers will enjoy the opportunity to share the spotlight as they achieve their ultimate performances... and you'll be there to enjoy every heart pounding minute of the excitement from the best seats in the house.

Be sure to request exclusive seats to the 2018 DCI World Championships and DCI Eastern Classic using the ticket request form inside this package. As soon as 2018 event dates and details are finalized, the Friends of DCI will be able to purchase exceptional seats at DCI Premier Events.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR:**

- **2018 DCI Eastern Classic**

J. Birney Crum Stadium, Allentown, PA  
Friday, August 3 – Saturday, August 4, 2018  
Two night packages are \$99 per package

- **2018 DCI World Championships**

Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN  
Thursday - Saturday, August 9 - 11, 2018  
FDCI packages are \$305 per package and include tickets for all three World Championship events at Lucas Oil Stadium

## Increase the value of your partnership without spending more

Did you know that you can increase your contribution without opening your wallet? Team up with your employer's matching gift program in support of the fine young men and women of Drum Corps International's member corps. Many companies have created programs to support the charitable giving of their employees.\* Gifts made through the *Friends of DCI* can often be matched and even doubled by just reading and submitting a simple form. Check with your Human Resources department or Employee Benefits coordinator today, and help us to expand our circle of support. Matching gift contributions benefit the great overall support created by members of the *Friends of DCI*!

\*Matching gifts cannot be used as part of a membership donation to reach a specific level of benefits within the *Friends* program and are suggested for philanthropic and charitable donation purposes only.

## ***Friends of DCI Scholarship Program***

Since 2007, members of the *Friends of DCI* program have raised funds to grant current corps members educational scholarships to support the continuation of their collegiate studies following the end of the Drum Corps International Tour. More than \$75,000 has been awarded in scholarships from specified gifts through the *Friends of DCI Scholarship Program* in past years! If you would like to support the scholarship program, kindly designate your additional gift directly on your 2018 *Friends of DCI* renewal form inside this packet or submit a scholarship gift online at [www.DCI.org/donate](http://www.DCI.org/donate).

**Questions?** Contact the *Friends of DCI* Coordinator at [Friends@DCI.org](mailto:Friends@DCI.org) or call 317.275.1222

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## Frequently Asked Questions



- **When will single event tickets go on sale?**

Single event tickets are scheduled to go on sale to the general public beginning December 4, 2017 through Ticketmaster.

- **How do I know you've received my order?**

E-mail acknowledgements will be sent to confirm receipt of your order.

- **How do you determine seating priority?**

Seating priority for ALL tickets is determined by level of Friendship and years of consecutive membership within the Friends of DCI program. All World Championships tickets purchased through the Friends of DCI program are sold as 3-event packages only.

- **How do I know what seating I will get?**

You will have the option to state your seating preferences on your package order form. Your order will be filled with the best possible seating based upon availability, according to seating priority. Special requests will be taken into consideration, but are not guaranteed.

- **I am in a wheelchair and have more than one companion, what happens to the rest of my party?**

We will be able to accommodate the wheelchair individual plus one accompanying person next to them. We will place the additional party as close to the wheelchair accessible area as possible.

- **I want to be seated next to a friend, how do I do that?**

The best way to ensure that you can be seated next to your friend is to have one person do the ordering. The second option would be to send in your orders together with notes on each. The third option is to send the forms separately. With the third option, we cannot guarantee that your tickets will be together as they may be separated during processing.

- **I am buying Friends package tickets and single night tickets. How do we get them together?**

Single event tickets will go on sale to the general public beginning December 4, 2017 through Ticketmaster. We cannot guarantee that package and single night tickets will be together, as all single night seating will be processed through Ticketmaster.

- **Will there be luxury suites available?**

Luxury Suites for our events will not be for sale to the general public.

- **Can I e-mail or fax my Friends order form?**

Yes, orders may be e-mailed, faxed or mailed. Email friends@dci.org or fax 317.713.0690.

Please address envelopes to:

Drum Corps International

Attn: Friends of DCI

110 W. Washington Street, Suite C

Indianapolis, IN 46204.

- **What age children need a ticket to enter the venue?**

Children ages 3 and under are free, but do not get a ticket or a seat. They must sit in the lap of a ticket holder.

- **What is your refund policy?**

All sales are final. There are no refunds or exchanges on tickets.

- **Is parking available at Lucas Oil Stadium?**

Lucas Oil Stadium is located in the downtown area of Indianapolis. A variety of parking garages, ramps and on-street parking options are available.

- **What is the best way to arrange a hotel for the event?**

Special rates and blocks of hotel rooms for the 2018 World Championships are available through [www.DCI.org/IndyHotels](http://www.DCI.org/IndyHotels).

- **Will there be shuttles to and from the stadium?**

Due to the convenient location of parking and hotels within the downtown Indianapolis area, shuttles will not be necessary. All of the hotels within the downtown area are within convenient walking distance to the stadium.

- **Can I use a donor advised fund to pay for a Friends Membership?**

While we accept donor advised fund checks to contribute to a membership, tax laws designate that no benefits can be received from the donation. Therefore, tickets and other benefits must be purchased separately and at full price.

- **Is my donation tax deductible?**

Yes, a portion of your donation is tax deductible. The amount of the deduction is determined by the benefits selected and their value for the current year. Therefore, it's important to fill in the quantity requested on the benefits page because if left blank, we'll give you all benefits that the membership level allows.

