

Cadets Hall of Fame Committee  
March 2022

Committee Chairperson

It is with great pleasure that I write to you in support of the nomination of Joe Roach for the Cadets Hall of Fame.

I have known Joe personally for around 2 decades but his legacy and reputation within the Cadets visual program goes back way beyond my first rehearsal in 1996.

Joe marched in the ground breaking Mellophone lines of the Garfield Cadets from 1982-1985 winning three DCI World Championships in four seasons. Joe then joined the visual staff in 1987 and moved onto becoming Caption Head in 1989. Joe learnt his trade from the very best in George Zingali and Marc Sylvester and their visual team set new standards of innovation in both design and marching techniques during the late 80's and early 90's.

Joe's passion, energy and ability to motivate his students is second to none. In fact, I feel that is impossible to put into words just how much impact Joe can have on a rehearsal and the energy which is created when he is in front of the Cadets. Joe is simply 'one of a kind'.

Everyone that has been taught by Joe will remember his lessons of hard work, integrity and a relenting quest for perfection and anyone that has taught with Joe becomes better at their craft through his wonderful conversations and advice.

Joe is a master educator and coach and the Cadets are very lucky to call him one of our own.

For these reasons I highly recommend Joe for the Cadets Hall of Fame and firmly believe that the Hall will instantly be strengthened in recognition of Joe's everlasting contributions to the Cadets.

Thank you,

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Cadets Member 1996-1998  
1998 Cadet of the Year  
Cadets Visual Staff Member 1999-2007, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19  
Cadets HOF Class of 2017  
Cadets2 Visual Designer 2018  
Cadets Visual Designer - 2021- Present