



It is my honor and pleasure to announce that Corey Mark is assuming the position of Corps Director of the Gulf Coast Sound Drum & Bugle Corps. In effect, he is taking over my duties and those of Corps Director Tom Huntley. Corey has my complete support as he takes on this daunting challenge.

Corey joined GCS in 2004 as a Percussionist. In 2007 he moved to the hornline, taking a Baritone spot and forever disproving that adage about senior canines. The 2008 season saw Corey make yet another move, this time to Euphonium where he has excelled. Corey assumed the position of Finance Director late in 2008 and has proven to be an excellent administrator with a clear and refreshing view of what GCS can be and where we can go.

In March of this year I tendered my resignation as Executive Director to the Gulf Coast Drum Corps Associates Board of Directors. It was supposed to take effect at the end of the season in October. However, our season didn't progress as planned, and the Board and I agree that since our 2011 season has essentially begun, now is the appropriate time to make this change. Doing this now has the added benefit of giving Corey a few extra months to prepare before the official kick-off of GCS 2011 in January.

Tom Huntley has likewise resigned the Corps Director position and will be taking on the newly created position of Field Director. In essence, Tom will assist Corey in managing the Corps during rehearsals and at performances. Tom has my sincerest gratitude for his service over the past two seasons. His tireless efforts in procuring our instructional staff have paid off with the addition of several new and highly effective instructors. The quality of our brass line has never been higher.

Michele and I are not leaving the Corps, of course. I have been voted into one of the open seats on the Board of Directors and will continue to assist with music arranging and show design. I'm very much looking forward to serving Corey and his management team in any way he needs me. Please join me in welcoming him into this position and let's give him the support and encouragement he needs to take GCS into the future.

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