



MELISSA SCHOOLS

Melissa Independent School District

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Melissa Band program announces 2018-19 design team, previews show release

MELISSA, TX – The Melissa Band program has welcomed Shane Gwaltney to the Melissa High School Mighty Cardinal Band design team. He will serve as drill designer for the 2018-19 competitive season.

Gwaltney joins the program with a long history as a champion battery arranger, visual designer, and program coordinator. He has arranged and worked with the Southwind Drum and Bugle Corps, Spirit of Atlanta Drum and Bugle Corps, Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps, Music City Mystique, Bangkok Society Drumline, and Tyler Junior College, in addition to several high school and independent programs across the country.

He is also a proud artist and clinician for Innovative Percussion, Pearl Drums, Evans Drum Heads/Planet Waves, and Zildjian Cymbals. Gwaltney says his inspiration and motivation comes from the kids and programs that allow him to be involved.

Gwaltney joins an established team of designers and music educators at Melissa Schools.

Aaron Dugger will take on a new role as program coordinator for the 2018-19 season and Dallas Bayless will return as winds arranger. Matt Filosa returns for a second year as percussion arranger, and Taylor Tucker will continue in her role as colorguard director. Connor Pickle returns for his sixth year in Melissa as director of percussion.

The design team is led by Jerry Whorton, Director of Bands.

The Mighty Cardinal Band's 2018 competition show will be announced during mega lunch on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 11:45 a.m. in the Melissa High School band hall. All are welcome to attend and lunch will be provided.

For more information and updates regarding the Mighty Cardinal Band program and staff, visit www.melissaband.com.

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