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Thom Hannum has it **Figured Out**

From marching halftime shows to writing Broadway hits, Thom Hannum's career has been a great crescendo of success.

Thom, associate director of the Minuteman Band, will be honored this Homecoming by the band, by its devoted fans and alumni, and by the campus for which he has served for 25 distinguished years.

Thom has been a part of the drum corps world since he was 10 years old, when he joined the Brookhaven Crusaders, a neighborhood corps in the suburbs of Philadelphia. At 13, he upgraded to another Pennsylvania corps, which eventually merged with two others to become the Crossmen, the highly successful corps today. Thom was with the group when it burst onto the national scene, making the finals his last two years and finishing ninth his final year.

After he "aged out" of the Crossmen, the organization hired him to teach the next generation as a percussion instructor while he was still in college. He graduated from West Chester University in 1980 with a degree in music education, and continued to work with the Crossmen.

Five times he helped corps win coveted first place honors: three con-

secutive years (1983-85) as a member of the percussion staff of the Garfield Cadets; again with the Cadets in 1987, when they received the only perfect drum score in DCI championship history; and once as a consultant to the percussion staff of Star of Indiana in 1991. Twice his corps have received



the highest score for the drums portion of a DCI Finals competition.

Thom was lured to UMass Amherst in 1980 by fellow West Chester alumnus George Parks to build a percussion program in a band with just two seasons under Parks' leadership. Thom went on to earn a master's degree in music education while setting the

foundation for the Minuteman Band's future renown.

Since, Thom's influence has reached far and wide, through Thom himself and through scores of students, now leaders in their own right in the percussion world.

Sounding off on everything from tubas to didgeridoos, seven students and an alumnus of the Minuteman Band were among the 68-member cast in *Blast!* Thom led the UMass Amherst delegation—the largest from any one school—in the "awe-inspiring" show created by the Star of Indiana and Brass Theater.

Star of Indiana curiously ended its competitive career in 1993 when it teamed up with the Canadian Brass to create a new Brass Theater concept that played to packed houses in places like Wolfrap and Tanglewood.

Says Thom of the experience: "We took this new "Brass Theater" to London hoping to appeal to the theater market—there was a lot for us to learn. By the end, we were playing to sold-out houses and standing ovations. We continued touring the major markets throughout the US and are booked well into 2006."

HOMECOMING WEEKEND IS OCT. 14-15; EVENT INFORMATION ON PAGES 6 & 7

Who's Thommy?

Those privileged enough to perform in one of his ensembles have seen a side of Thom that many others have not. Thom has this ability to make you want to work harder than you've ever worked before. Granted sometimes you'd do anything to stop doing pushups, in all honesty Thom has a way of bringing out your desire to be the best you can be. I had the privilege of playing in the UMass Amherst drumline from 1991-94, and again in 1996. My years at UMass Amherst were amazing, largely due to experiences I had performing.

Thom provided us with many other opportunities. Whether it was performing before hundreds of fellow percussionists at the Percussive Arts Society or at the Berklee Jazz Festival with Gregg Bissonette, Casey Scheuerell and Dennis Chambers, Thom exposed us to the endless possibilities we had as performers.

In 1993, with many other UMassers, I made the pilgrimage to join Thom with the Star of Indiana Drum and Bugle Corps. That summer with Star was one of the hardest, most physically and mentally challenging experiences I ever had. Each of us who marched that year knew what we were putting on the field was unlike anything that had been done before. We trusted Thom and we knew as long as we watched, listened and learned, at the end of the day we would be unstoppable.

Thom taught me that you have to put everything into something to make it great. And why would you want to do anything less than great? It may sound cliché, but I use those lessons everyday. Thom taught me to give 110% all of the time, that there are no excuses, and that you have to dig deep to achieve what you want. I don't think I would be the person I am today without having met Thom. I am honored to call him not only a teacher, but also my friend.

– Jen Welty '96

In addition to working drum corps and the Minuteman Band, Hannum has offered clinics and workshops across the globe at events like the Percussive Arts Society International Convention and Bands of America in the U.S. and at other clinics in Japan and Korea. He has his own Mobile Percussion Seminar and has co-written a book, with Crossmen alumnus Bob Morrison, called *Championship Concepts for Marching Percussion*. He also wrote a student workbook to accompany the text.

Thom's influence can be found in the fuller integration of the percussion section into the visual ensemble, increased attention to marching cymbals (both visually and musically), the use of timbres in the battery, and the use of colors through auxiliary instruments in the front ensemble and the battery. His roles with companies such as Pearl, Vic Firth and Zildjian have helped the evolution and growth of the percussion industry and products. Thom also helped develop free-floating snare drums, lighter instruments, sonically designed marching toms and bass drums. Thom Hannum's presence and legacy loom large in the drum corps activity and his wide and generous shoulders have allowed so many to see more clearly the musical purpose and possibilities of the marching percussion ensemble.

In 1996, the Minuteman Band Alumni Association honored Thom with enshrinement in the Minuteman Band Hall of Fame for his contributions to the program.

Thom was inducted to the Drum Corps International Hall of Fame in 2001 for his contributions to the drum corps activity. "Thom Hannum was chosen because of his influence in percussion arranging," said Lea Ann Stockton of DCI.

"It made me reflect on various people who've been instrumental in my career," said Thom of the recognition. "As I see it, I had the good fortune of working with students and teachers and percussion manufacturers, and I think my being honored is the result of all that."

**It is often said
that some people
march to the beat
of a different
drummer. In
Thom's case,
a lot of people
have marched
to his beat.**

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Band Notes



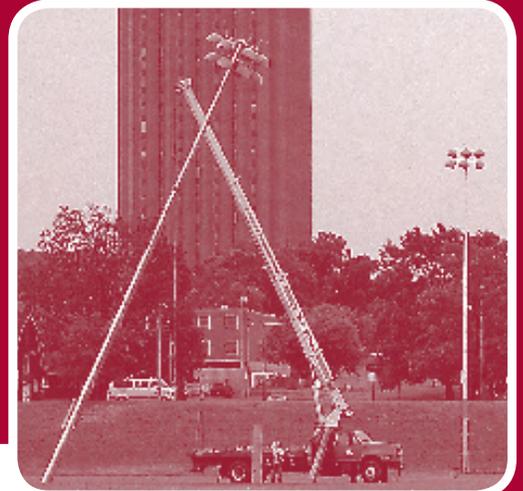
Jon Korhonen '05 also has it "figured out"

The recent UMass Amherst grad and former Minuteman Band drum major has excelled in every aspect of his UMass career.

Some highlights:

- 2005 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America Team
- 2005 Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference Team
- 2005 Atlantic 10 Indoor Track & Field Student-Athlete of the Year
- 2005 UMass Amherst Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year

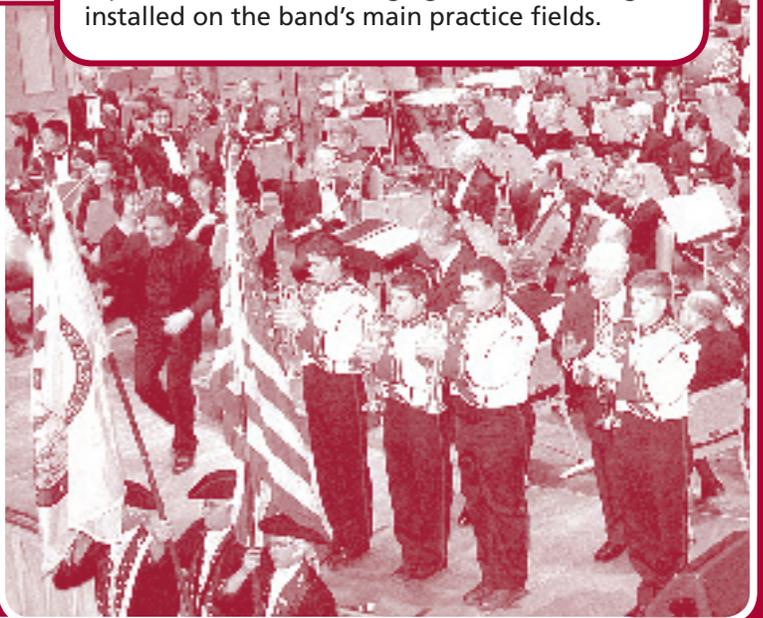
Jon also served as an energetic Tour Guide with UMass Amherst's New Students Program.



A crew from Musco Lighting installed new lights this June at the South Athletic Fields. The project includes replacement of all existing lights, with new lights installed on the band's main practice fields.

Pops Goes the Band!

Last May, the Minuteman Band enjoyed another exciting first: performing on-stage with the Boston Pops at Boston's Symphony Hall. The event inaugurated Jack Wilson as president of UMass. Seen in this photo with the Boston Pops and the Minuteman Band are Pops conductor Keith Lockhart and Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy.



Members of UMass Amherst's Class of 2005 at the Minuteman Band Senior Toast, which followed Commencement exercises May 23rd. We welcome our newest alumni to the family!



Saluting the Power & Class

Since its 19th century beginnings, scores of amazing individuals have contributed greatly to the growth and success of the Minuteman Band. Over one hundred years of history passed before we sought to recognize these avatars of power and class.



Dr. John Jenkins, c. 1964

In 1993, alumni of the Minuteman Band instituted a Hall of Fame to permanently honor those who have been enshrined. The Minuteman Band Alumni Association hopes the contributions of these few honorably capture the spirit and dedication of the many they represent.



Mr. Joseph Contino, Homecoming 1966

To ensure lore and legend are recorded for the ages, a new and public nomination and enshrinement procedure has been developed. Each fall, the Coordinating Board of the Minuteman Band Alumni Association will solicit nominations for consideration of enshrinement. A worthy individual or individuals will be presented at Homecoming as the newest class of inductees.

Qualifications and criteria shall be based upon the candidate's excellence while attending or serving at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Consideration shall be given for personal conduct in life and personal contributions to the ideals of the marching band activity. Significant post-university accomplishments should be included with nominations and will be considered in the selection process. The individual must have performed with extraordinary levels of excellence and brought honor and distinction to the Minuteman Band and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Persons may not self-nominate.

NOMINATIONS

A public nominations procedure has been developed to ensure this great tradition lives on. Let's ensure the great people who have made the Minuteman Band what it is today are recognized.

The next inductee(s) will be announced in September 2006.

Full nomination guidelines and procedures are available at ummbalumni.org/hof/.

Minuteman Band Hall of Fame

2002

David Hautanen, Jr. '87, '90G
Colorguard instructor from 1988 to 1990 and as advisor until 2002.

1999

Michael J. Klesch '90G
Joined the Minuteman Band as a graduate assistant in 1986 and continues today as arranger. Named assistant director of the Minuteman Band in 1995.

1997

Heidi I. Sarver '86, '88G
Drum major and trumpet soloist and the acclaimed designer of many Minuteman Band halftime shows.

1996

Robert Bertram '49
Famed Metwampe drum major, Bertram is credited with reviving the Minuteman Band following World War II.

Thomas P. Hannum '84G

Joined the Minuteman Band as graduate assistant in 1980. Acclaimed percussion instructor, Hannum was named assistant director in 1984 and associate in 1995.

1995

Joseph Contino
Band director from 1950 to 1963. His leadership and performance standards led the band to prominence.

1994

Dr. John Jenkins
Band director from 1964 to 1976, "JJ" brought the Michigan influence to Amherst.

1993

George N. Parks '96H
Band director from 1977 to the present, Minuteman Band alumni inaugurated the honor of the Hall of Fame with the man who's enthusiasm brought the band to the national stage.



20 Years Again

Back in 1985, a year famous to band alumni for The Great Pumpkin Caper and rehearsing through Hurricane Gloria, UMass Amherst witnessed the birth of a tradition that since has become an annual favorite of Minuteman Nation.

Each fall, thousands of high school band members from across the northeast make an early morning trek to see and, for a day, feel what it is like to be part of the Minuteman Band. Assembling as one large band, these students often see the campus (and the band) for the first time as high school freshmen. They often



attend UMass Amherst.

Patrick Sheridan, famed tuba performer and entertainer, wowed Band Day audiences in 2002 and 2003.

Band Day has grown and grown, and over the years, has featured fun additions, including guest performances by tuba virtuoso Patrick Sheridan and “The Singing Sergeant” Mass. State Police Sgt. Dan Clark.

This fall we celebrate 20 seasons of the spectacular sights and sounds of Band Day... this year under the lights for BAND NIGHT September 24th.

Stay Connected

Looking for a long lost bando?
Have any good news to spread?
Any shameless plugs?

Let us know! Email Amy Farrell (amyfarrell@hotmail.com) your latest tidbits of information and we'll put them in the next edition of POWER&CLASS.



If you moved recently, or are moving soon, please go online to umass.edu/band/alumni today to let us know!

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2005 Homecoming Events

October 14th and 15th • You Were. You Are. UMass.

Friday, October 14

31st Annual Multiband Pops

A fast-paced showcase of jazz, percussion & wind music and dance.

Fine Arts Center, 8 p.m. • \$18, \$12/child, students, seniors (fineartscenter.com)

Band Alumni Reception to follow the concert.

Join band alumni from decades past in this yearly reunion!

Student Union Ballroom • Free • Munchies and cash bar.



Saturday, October 15

Alumni Breakfast & Alumni Band Rehearsal

Be part of this year's extra-special band honoring 25 seasons of Thom Hannum.

McGuirk Alumni Stadium, 8 a.m.

Alumni Barbecue

Come enjoy this annual pleaser, complete with all the trimmings!

McGuirk Alumni Stadium, 11 a.m. • \$15, \$8/child

Minuteman Football vs. James Madison

Another fall classic! Be there to see UMass take on JMU!

McGuirk Alumni Stadium, 12 p.m. • \$10, \$5/child (ticketmaster.com)

A Celebration of Thom Hannum

A very special occasion honoring Thom's 25 years of excellence.

Student Union Ballroom, 6 p.m. • Heavy hors d'oeuvres • \$20, \$10/child



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HOME SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept. 17	Albany Public Safety Night	6 pm
Sat. Sept. 24	Rhode Island Band Night/ Fan Appreciation Night	6 pm
Sat. Oct. 8	Northeastern Pop Warner Day/ Gumpson Appreciation Day	1 pm
Sat. Oct. 15	James Madison Homecoming	12 pm
Sat. Oct. 29	New Hampshire	12 pm

FOR TICKETS: 1-866-UMASS-TIX or UMASSATHLETICS.COM



2005 Homecoming Registration

October 14th and 15th • Time to reunite with old friends

Beginning September 1st, you can register online at

ummbalumni.org/homecoming

VISA, MasterCard and Discover cards accepted.

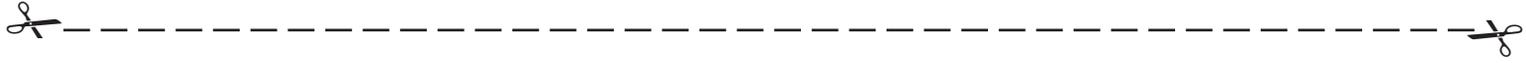
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Do you need an instrument?

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We advise you to make every effort to borrow or rent a horn.

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If your spouse, partner and/or children are attending, please include their names on the reverse side of this form.

The Tour

Sept. 1 – First Show & Family Barbecue, 1:00 PM

Mullins Center, UMass Amherst, \$5

See the band perform its 2005 show for the first time! An all-you-can-eat BBQ buffet follows.

Sponsored by the Minuteman Band Alumni Association

Sept. 24 – 20th Annual Band Day, 6:00 PM

McGuirk Alumni Stadium, UMass Amherst

Celebrate twenty years of Band Day, under the lights for the first time!

umass.edu/band/bandday/

Oct. 1 – Collegiate Marching Band Festival

J. Birney Crum Stadium, Allentown, PA

THE college marching band event! See great bands from all over the east and all their music and pageantry.

www.vivaceproductions.com/

Oct. 14-15 – Homecoming 2005

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Come march halftime “one more time” as we honor Thom Hannum and three decades of excellence.

Nov. 12 – UMass Football @ Army

Michie Stadium, West Point, NY

Be there to see the Minuteman Band take part in the pomp and pageantry of football at The Point!

Check out umass.edu/band/ for news and schedule updates

blast

Blast! returns to U.S. theaters this fall!

Minuteman Band alumni Sanford Jones '98 and Jason Sulliman '02, both part of the Original London Cast, continue to tour. Dan Kinsman '03 joins Blast! for 2005.

Check blasttheshow.com for tour dates near you.

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Online registration begins Sept. 1
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