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The Student's Guide To Marching



Synopsis

Informational and inspirational. The Student's Guide to Marching is an exceptional aid for any marcher. Beginners can learn basic marching terms, skills, and exercises that will easily integrate them into any marching group from coast to coast, continent to continent. Mature marchers will get a fresh look at their activity, learning how to better understand their body and getting a peak at a new system of drill cleaning. Over 150 graphics help you along the way. More than just a users' manual, this book will teach you how to teach yourself.

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Mr. Previc's book is a good introduction to marching band. In particular, I enjoyed: Chapter 3-- Center and Balance (How a marcher works) Chapter 5-- Medication and Breathing Techniques Chapter 15-- How to Use a Dot Book As drum corps becomes more and more of an influence on the world of high school marching band, I appreciated that more advanced concepts entered this book. One star was deducted as a warning to more advanced music educators. Please note that I am a very young and inexperienced marching band staff member. From my perspective, this book expands upon many concepts I learned in high school marching band and a few concepts I learned from my college music program as nonmusic major. I warn more advanced readers that many ideas may seem trivial, or like wasted space. Note that this is the "STUDENT'S" Guide to Marching, however. Mr. Previc notes in his book that he hopes to inspire others to write of this topic. I would love to see more people write of this topic. The marching performing arts would greatly benefit from more literature. Good beginner/intermediate book. More advanced educators should probably avoid!

I had the privilege of recently working at a band camp with Chris Previc. He told me about the book he wrote and I bought a copy of it from him. The book itself is not only easy to understand, but it has something for everyone. It breaks down every single aspect of marching in a marching band, to such tiny things like where to look at when you watch the drum major! The book is very detailed and the illustrations are great for help and description in the subject they represent. Also, on a side note, Mr.Previc is a very intelligent man. Watching him work with the band I use to be in was incredible. He helped to change them for the better. It just proves to me that Chris definitely knows what he is talking about. I would recommend this to anyone who is in Marching Band or any band program in general.

If you are looking for a book that will help give you a few ideas about marching it's worth checking out. There is some good information in here. The author included a several exercises that could help a student of marching but a few more would have been nice. As a former marching member with a successful drum corps and an active marching band instructor I bought this book looking for a few new ideas. Most of the stuff in here I already had a past experience with, but it may be helpful to a newer instructor or a beginning marching student.

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