

Dublin All Stars Marching Band – Summary History



The Dublin All Stars Marching Band started out in 1988 in Donaghmede, Dublin. This was Dublin's Millennium celebration year, which provided the inspiration for the Viking Ship in our band logo. Over the years the band has performed all around Ireland, and has appeared in various festivals and parades nationally and internationally.

We launched on the 12th of May 1988 with 12 members and grew to an impressive high of 250 by 1995. The band does not claim to be a school of music, rather a social activity designed to entertain both the public and our members. Our voluntary run organisation attracts members aged from 6 years of age to adult, welcoming all levels of ability, and is completely independent of any other schools or institutions.

Each year the band performs at various events in Dublin, and around Ireland. These range from small community events, including charitable events, up to and including performances in front of 500,000 people at the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade. We have performed in a number of stage shows, been featured on TV, and even performed at a couple of weddings!

Since our first visit in 1994 the band has represented Ireland in the US on 7 occasions, having visited Massachusetts, Delaware, New York, San Diego, Washington, Santa Barbara, and most recently Ontario CA, to participate in both St. Patrick's Day and 4th of July Celebrations. We have also traveled more regularly in Europe, visiting on multiple occasions London and Edinburgh, and we have even visited Paris, to take part in various festivals.

The band has always stood out in the strength of our Drum Corps, who provide their elaborate and fast drum beats from the start to the end of every parade without any pause.

The band is now a firmly established institution on the Northside of Dublin, and continues to be in demand to participate at many events in Ireland.

As we look towards the future, in 2020 the band will celebrate an incredible 32 years in existence and we are looking to participate in new places. The Dublin All Stars has seen thousands of people come through its doors in its 32 years, and we are most proud of the impact it has had on those members. It has always and will remain a place for people to learn music in a fun environment.