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Check out the following cool products before your next practice, show or competition.

CLUBHOUSE TRAILERS



Your equipment should travel in style! Clubhouse Trailer Company based in Edmond, Okla., specializes in custom trailers for marching band and related activities.

Band booster dads Jeff Hadley and Drew Taylor took their assignment

to research and build a trailer for the Edmond Memorial High School Band very seriously.

"We started talking to other bands and learning what they liked and did not like about their semis," Hadley says. "We spent about four years asking and evaluating to determine what would work best. We sought out and found a suitable trailer and started game planning what needed to be in there and put an awful lot of sweat equity into it."

The result was the "Bulldog One," a semitruck trailer featuring special customizations such as pull-out guard equipment drawers, a "tubavator" electric lift, sliding stairs,

uniform racks, barn doors and a director's perch. Word quickly spread about the Bulldog's cool new trailer, and soon more bands were asking where they could get one. Hadley and Taylor began to help other bands build their dream trailer.

"We have created a very flexible interior to the trailer," Hadley says. "As the band grows and the section sizes change, they can adapt the inside of their trailer very easily."

Clubhouse also offers a line of percussion racks, a tailgate or spirit sales trailer, and the director's perch kit as an add-on to existing trailers.

Visit www.clubhousetrailer.com for more information.

"HARRY POTTER" MARCHING MUSIC

Is your band "the chosen one?" Musicians and groups from all skill levels can now battle the Dark Lord through performance with Alfred Music Publishing's "Selections from the Harry Potter Complete Film Series," available for concert and marching band, solos for wind and string instruments, and more.

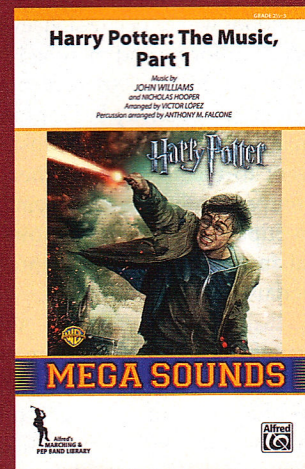
"Since the film series is over, now people are having a new sense at how great the music was," says Michael Story, marching band editor at Alfred.

Alfred has published "Harry Potter" sheet music during the last 10 years, but this latest collection features highlights from all eight films, including the original score by John Williams

and music by Patrick Doyle, Nicholas Hooper and Alexandre Desplat.

"Movie music has become the new classical music," Story says. "People have gotten away from going to the symphony for new music. Movie music and video game music—people are identifying that as the new 'classical' music."

This year Alfred celebrates its 90th anniversary with more than 100,000 active titles. "As we celebrate our 90th anniversary, we smile on our past as we look to the future," said CEO Ron Manus in a press release. "Alfred continues to create the great educational products people have grown to expect from us."



Visit www.alfred.com for more information.

MYBANDSTAFF.COM



A new website helps marching arts professionals network, find jobs and teach workshops all from their computer. MyBandStaff.com, created by drum corps alum C. Marcus Brown, aims to be "the centralized channel where decision makers of the music- and marching band-related activities can find quality instruction."

For the job portal section, the team at MyBandStaff works as recruiters, reviewing submitted resumes and matching up employers with potential candidates for their needs. The site takes a per-candidate fee that is worked out with each employer.

This summer, MyBandStaff will launch a new Workshop section of the site. Pre-screened clinicians can offer online workshops and consulting services, incorporating features such as desktop share and media storage.

"Instead of paying for travel, hotel and food, a consultant can

manage their business and still help bands around the country," Brown says. "Programs can come and view profiles of experts in drill writing, arranging, composition, woodwind, brass, percussion, and they can solicit advice and select a consultant and then request a workshop with them. It goes to the consultant who accepts or rejects, and they then provide an online workshop remotely in the comfort of their home, school or office."

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