



Cheshire High School Band
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CESHIRE – The Cheshire High School Marching Ram Band begins its defense of the Group V United States Scholastic Band Association (USSBA) All-State Title this weekend. The band has won the title for the last two years in a row.

The team's competition season, which starts this Saturday at 7 p.m. at Rockville High School in Vernon, concludes with the USSBA Northern States Championships at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. on Nov. 10th.

The six weeks in between will see the Ram Band compete against some of the top marching bands in New England, including Massachusetts-based schools Blackstone-Millville and Dartmouth. Cheshire will also host its own competition, Music In Motion[®], on Saturday, Oct. 13th.

This season's schedule is as follows:

Sept. 15	Rockville High School
Sept. 29	Cranston (R.I.) East (day) and Blackstone-Millville (night)
Oct. 6 th	Lyman Hall High School
Oct. 13 th	Music in Motion [®] , Cheshire High School
Oct. 20 th	Southington High School
Oct. 27 th	New England States Championship at Veterans' Memorial Stadium, New Britain.
Nov. 3 rd	Bunnell High School, Stratford (day) and Montville High School (night)
Nov. 10 th	USSBA Northern States Championships, Giants Stadium

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The 120 members of the Ram Band have been hard at work since early August, when they took part in a two-week pre-season training camp to learn the intricacies of this year's field show, "Frida, A Musical Celebration of The Artist." The show is a tribute to the Mexican painter, Frida Kahlo.

Band Director John Kuhner said the musical arrangement by Jim Wunderlich and Michael Blancaflor brilliantly incorporates famed composer Aaron Copland's El Salon Mexico and the sound score from the movie "Frida" by Elliot Goldenthal.

"The music has a real passion to it," Kuhner said.

For more information about the band visit www.ramband.com.