



**SARASOTA, FLORIDA'S OWN MILITARY ACADEMY OPENS FOR  
BAND OF IRISH GUARD AND THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF SCOTLAND**

**Sarasota, FL- Apr 12...**The Mighty Sarasota Military Academy Drum Line consisting of 16 high school students debut on the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall stage in Sarasota, Florida, for the opening of the Band of the Irish Guard and the Royal Regiment of Scotland on March 21.

Directed by Captain Michael Finley, The Mighty SMA Drum Line Drummers performed with great professionalism and discipline and displayed outstanding talent. There were sixteen drummers who participated: Adam Becker, Sarah Berman, Matthew Bobo, Jason Canfield, Brad Collins, Austin Cripe, Holly Fuller, Austin Gilbert, Bobby Lamberti, Scott London, Christian Midyett, Jonathan Parker, Gaelen Przybylowicz, Michael Spetsios, Joseph Tellier, and Valerie Zamorano.



One of the most impressive numbers performed by the Irish Guard was the tribute to our Armed Forces by the Band, Pipes and Drums. The Army, The Navy, The Air Force, the Coast Guard, The Merchant Marine and The Marines were honored.

During the finale, Amazing Grace (Solo Piper only), and Auld Lang Syne were played with the entire audience participating before the band did their Final Muster and March Off.

The entire evening was a great success . . . the experience for the students was immeasurable and the audience consisting of nearly 1500 people were enthusiastic and complimentary about the entire production.

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