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30th Marine Corps Marathon Course to Host Biggest Entertainment Line-up in Event History

QUANTICO, VA – The Marine Corps Marathon announced today the exciting line up of performers at 30th Anniversary event on October 30, 2005. The MCM course will host nine high school bands, six radio station spots, five live concerts, the Marine Corps Base Quantico band, a DJ and non-stop entertainment during the 45-minute opening ceremonies. Other MCM weekend events will also boast musical performances.

“This is the most music and entertainment the MCM has ever had,” said Rick Nealis, MCM Race Director. “Runners of all ages and spectators are sure to feel the air of celebration and fun this year.”

MCM Runners’ Expo

DC Armory

Friday, October 28

12:00 p.m. Marine Corps Base Quantico Band Expo entrance

Saturday, October 29

11:00 a.m. A cappella group Cartoon Johnny Expo entrance

12:00 p.m. Get Movin' With Ronald McDonald Show On stage

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Healthy Kids Pasta Bash

Saturday, October 29

4:00 p.m. A cappella group Cartoon Johnny and Get Movin'
With Ronald McDonald Show Hyatt Regency Washington

Runners and spectators will be enthralled by the patriotic sounds of the Quaker City String Band and Dan Clark, Massachusetts State Trooper, at the start line on Sunday, October 30.

MCM

Sunday, October 30

Mile 1 Dixie Power Trio with New Line Brass presented by the Rosslyn BID

Mile 20 Wonderjack at the Beat the Bridge Stage

Mile 22 Still to be announced act (9:30 a.m. -11:15 a.m.); the Fabulettes (11:30 a.m.- 1:15 p.m.);
Gonzo’s Nose (1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.) at the Crystal City Street Spectacular

Mile 25 Dr Fu (10a.m.-12 p.m.); Members Only (12:30-3 p.m.) on the Final Mile Stage
presented by Mic Ultra.

About the Bands

Cartoon Johnny

When/Where

Cartoon Johnny treats runners of all ages to traditional a cappella music pushed to the limits. Members Kieran Daly, Kevin Dixon, Ben Feeney, Mike Henrickson, Darcy Romano, and Mike Webb produce harmony, rhythm, and soul, with a touch of mischief and a whole lotta fun. The race weekend performances will feature contemporary original music, as well as classic songs like Stevie Wonder's "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" and recent radio hits like "Stacy's Mom."

Ronald McDonald Get Movin' Show

Ronald McDonald has been given a new title at McDonalds, Chief Happiness Officer. The yellow suited, red shoed goodwill ambassador travels the world to bring fun, happiness, and physical activity to people of all ages. On October 28, He will travel to the MCM Runners' Expo and the Healthy Kids Pasta Bash to lead children through 30 minutes of interactive games, with music, dancing, singing and even a little magic in his Ronald McDonald Get Moving Show.

Sgt Dan Clark

Former Marine and current Massachusetts State Trooper Daniel M. Clark, known as "The Singing Trooper", has been performing in uniform while representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts since his entrance into the Academy in 1985 when he was asked to sing the National Anthem daily for "morning colors" and later for his own graduation. He currently performs in excess of 240 events annually at many Federal, State, Local, and Military events. Get ready for Clark's powerful voice to kick off the MCM by singing the National Anthem with part of the opening ceremonies beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Quaker City String Band

The Quaker City String Band first performed in the 1932 Mummers Parade in Philadelphia, PA and has been entertaining parade watchers ever since using a creative and innovative style and theme. The band's wide variety of membership ranges in age from 11 to 80 with a strong emphasis on family within the organization. Enjoy the 2005 theme, the Sounds of Freedom as part of the MCM starting ceremonies beginning at 8:00 a.m. Decked out in red, white and blue costumes complete with stars and sequins, the Sounds of Freedom show includes patriotic selections like Yankee Doodle, You're a Grand Old Flag and The Battle Cry of Freedom.

Dixie Power Trio with the New Line Brass

It's big, it's brassy, and if you want funky New Orleans parade music, here comes the Dixie Power Trio with the New Line Brass. Built in the tradition of Olympia, Treme and the Dirty Dozen, the New Line Brass Band combines the talent and experience of the Dixie Power Trio with one of Washington/Baltimore's finest horn lines. The result is raw, fun and full of energy. Blending a mixture of traditional brass band standards, spirituals, zydeco and original compositions, the group plays music with a loose vibe and a funky groove. These talented musicians feel at ease playing on the street or on stage, serving up the music of the people the way it's supposed to be done -- New Orleans style. Catch the Dixie Power Trio with the New Line Brass from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and again from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wonderjack

Wonderjack will provide the motivation runners need to Beat the Bridge. The four-piece modern rock band plays original music, known for their tight arrangements and harmonies. Founded in 1999, the DC area band evolved its sound into an unusual, yet cohesive mix of electric guitar riffs and vintage electromechanical keyboard patterns, driven by a solid rhythmic foundation created by bass and drums. Enjoy a performance by band members Craig Fennell, Charlie Gray, Randy Johnson, and Dan Roche at the Beat the Bridge Stage near mile 20 at 11:00 a.m.

The Fabulettes

The DC-based Fabulettes rekindle the great "Girl Group Sound" of the 1960s with enticing harmonies and a piquant 1990s twist. They will take runners and spectators at the Crystal City Street Spectacular to a time of bouffants and beehives, taffeta and sequins, the Watusi, Swim and Pony. Singers Diana Quinn, Lisa Mathews and Jane Quinn Brack, revitalize classics by such groups as the Chiffons, the Shirelles, Martha and the Vandellas and the Marvelettes. The Fabulettes recreate that fun and frantic era of rock history when women ruled the airwaves when they take the stage at 11:30 a.m.

Gonzo's Nose

Get ready for DC cover band Gonzo's Nose to rock the Crystal City Street Spectacular with their incredible repertoire of 80's and 90's songs. Formed in 1996, Gonzo's Nose has made a name for itself on the D.C. music scene with their solid

musicianship, high-energy songs and mess of musical styles including songs by Rick Springfield, Duran Duran, Foo Fighters, Garbage, Kelly Clarkson, Wham, Prince and even Madonna. Band members Adrian Felts, Adam Diamond, Kevin Schutt, Steve Spishak, and Jen Prell are sure to leave runners feeling motivated and crowds dancing long their 1:30 p.m. performance.

Dr. FU

Formed in 1999 as female-fronted rock cover band in the Northern Virginia area, Dr. Fu provides a wide variety of rock, classic rock, blues, R&B and alternative sounds to entertain crowds. Energetic performances, an extensive song collection and a unique chemistry are just some of the dynamics this band will offer at the Final Mile Stage beginning at 9:30 a.m. Dr. FU's five members are all experienced musicians who have opened for national acts such as the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Biohazard and Agnostic Front. The group features Chris DeChiara on drums, Greg Gonzalez on guitar, Rob Harris on bass, Sunny Trippel's vocals and Greg Yadzinski on guitar.

Members Only

Members Only is proud to "serve up a healthy dose of the cheesiest 80's music there is." An extensive song list ranges from *Walking on Sunshine* to *Love Shack* and *Walk Like an Egyptian*. Members Only has performed in the DC area for Events such as Northern Virginia Women's Rugby and The Washington DC Rowing club and is featured at other local private venues.

With Roger Pounders on bass, Tino on guitar, Jessie Jaguar's vocals, GG Slick Stixx on drums, Junkie Brewster on keyboards and Raynebow Spryte on keyboards and horn, the 80's vibe is certain to keep runners entertained through the final mile. Catch Members Only at 12:30 p.m.

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