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CarmelFest announces 2019 parade grand marshal, theme

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CarmelFest is getting a little more musical this year.

Carmel's very own Carmel High School Marching Band has been named the Grand Marshal for the 2019 Centier Bank CarmelFest July 4th Parade. CHS band director Chris Kreke said the band felt honored to be chosen.

"We're thrilled that the city and parade committee wants to recognize the accomplishments of our hard working students," he said.

The Marching Greyhounds just finished another successful competition season, winning their third consecutive Bands of America Grand National Championship. The band acquired the honors of Outstanding Music Performance, Outstanding Visual Performance and Outstanding General Effect.

According to CarmelFest parade and media/PR director Bec Hunter, it was a unanimous decision to choose the Carmel High School Marching Band as Grand Marshal.

"The parade committee selected the band as Grand Marshal due to the exhausting hours and overall dedication required by these students in order to perfect their performance," Hunter said. "They should be very proud as winning a national competition is an incredible honor."

In keeping with the band's honorary position as parade grand marshal, the theme of the Centier Bank CarmelFest July 4th Parade is "America Strikes Up The Band." The theme will appear throughout the entire event and reflect the spirit of the holiday through music.

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About CarmelFest

CarmelFest is celebrating its 31st year as one of Central Indiana's premier Independence Day festivals. Presented by the Rotary Club of Carmel, CarmelFest offers games and rides, delicious food, live entertainment, an outdoor marketplace featuring local artisan creations and a Fourth of July parade. The two-day celebration concludes with the city's biggest fireworks. Each year, more than 300 volunteers collaborate to bring this heartland tradition to life for its 55,000 visitors. More at www.carmelfest.net

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