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## Dynasty USA strengthens its relationship with RhythmX !

The 2008 & 2009 WGI Independent World champions have been a force in indoor percussion for a long time now. RhythmX switched to Dynasty for its ensemble in 2004. Since then the group has won two gold medals, two silver medals, and a bronze. The RhythmX ensemble will be reaching for a third gold medal in a row this April at WGI World Championships. "RhythmX is excited to extend our relationship with Dynasty. Since we have made the switch to Dynasty in 2004 we have had the best products and service that is second to none. I have never worked with a percussion company that offers such personalized service. The Dynasty team is constantly working with us and other leading ensembles to make a superior product even better. The new drums we have this year at RhythmX have depth and articulation that no other company can match or come close to. The unique custom finish and the craftsmanship that went into these drums is unbelievable. The new Dynasty drums allow the members of RhythmX to perform at their best with a product that exceeds our expectations. Dynasty has just finished a new carrier design that is ahead of its time. The new carrier eliminates the J-bar system and replaces it with a state of the art mounting system. This mounting system makes it very easy for the members to attach and detach the drums multiple times in our 2010 production. When the design staff took a look at this new system began to think of ways to use the drums as an actual stage for the performers. What other carrier on the market would provide the strength needed to send a member running across the tops of the drums?" said Craig Dunn executive director of RhythmX



We are excited about our continued relationship with RhythmX. The educators and design staff at Rhythm X are the best in the business. Tim Fairbanks, Andrew Markworth, Tim Jackson, and Craig Dunn are constantly changing the game to put the ensemble on top year after year." said Mark Reynolds ,Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Dynasty.

## **Dynasty USA welcomes Andrew Markworth as the newest member of the Dynasty family !**



Andrew Markworth is currently the Assistant Band Director at West Bloomfield High School in West Bloomfield, MI where he resides with his wife, Kara. Previously Andrew spent the last five years as an instructor, arranger, and composer for the nationally acclaimed Centerville Jazz Band and the WGI world champion winter drumline RhythmX, of which he was a member from 1997-2001. Andrew was a member of the Glassmen Drum and Bugle Corps in 2001 and 2002, being the percussion captain in 2002. In 2004, he was a member of the DCI World Champion Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps. Andrew was also a member of the WGI group RhythmX from 2003-2005, being the ensemble captain in 2004 and 2005. Andrew joined the staff of RhythmX in 2006 and started arranging for the front ensemble helping lead the ensemble to back-to-back Championship titles in 2008 and 2009. Since 2007 Andrew has been on staff with The Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps and has served as both instructor and arranger for the front ensemble.

Andrew is one of the most sought after clinician's and arrangers of the Marching activity and has chosen Dynasty because of its commitment and dedication to making the instruments sound their best ! " We are excited about our future with Andrew and looking forward to him helping us make our products grow ." said Mark Reynolds ,VP of Sales & Marketing for Dynasty .

## **Dynasty Marching Brass instruments in 2010 .**

Dynasty brass instruments have been known around the Drum Corps and Marching Band activity for over 30 years. Some of the finest Drum Corps and Marching Bands have come to love the sound and durability of Dynasty brass instruments. Dynasty offers a complete line of Brass instruments to make your ensemble sound its' absolute best. We recently asked Keith Hallas ( Brass Caption head for the Glassmen Drum & Bugle Corps) his thoughts on the Dynasty brass instruments.

"Dynasty brass offers a great professional line of marching instruments. Our very specific, and at times aggressive, approach to moving and playing works great with Dynasty instruments. I think of tone with a layer of sheen around it like Saran wrap. Dynasty's



instruments have more of a unique sheen from trumpets to tubas that allow a more unified choir sound. We especially love the newest model of the Dynasty mellophone. The Glassmen will be using 16 of them this year and they will not go unnoticed. Dynasty horns are EXTREMELY durable and we do not deal with any of the problems that drive band directors crazy like brace and valve guide issues."

## Penn State Indoor Drumline Chooses Dynasty !



Dynasty is proud to announce that the award winning Penn State University Indoor Drumline has chosen to play Dynasty Percussion. "The Penn State drumline has been a force in the WGI Independent Open class for many years. We are excited for them to be a part of our team at Dynasty." Said Mark Schafer, President of Dynasty/DEG Music.

The Penn State Indoor Drumline is an internationally competitive winter indoor marching percussion

ensemble. The line is a majority of Penn State students, but membership is open to anyone from 14 to 22 years of age. Director Brendan Fullam says, "We are very excited to create and maintain a relationship with the foremost company in the industry. Getting these instruments has immediately helped to create our image"

You can see and hear the Penn State Indoor Drumline using Dynasty this April at the WGI World Championships in Dayton.

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## Dynasty USA announces the NEW 5.0 signature rosewood marimba !

Dynasty has recently unveiled the new 5.0 octave signature rosewood marimba inspired by She-e Wu . The new 5.0 Dynasty Signature marimba features hand selected Honduras rosewood bars and a sound that is synonymous with Dynasty signature keyboard instruments. The instrument has a complete construction of round tube resonators equipped with tunable resonator design in the bottom 3 octaves. The rails and end pieces are hand stained wood and feature the easiest set up and tear down of a marimba in the industry. Durable aluminum plates make the rails easy to slide together to create a durable bridge . She-e Wu of Northwestern University and the Manhattan School of Music says " Dynasty IS, the future of the marimba ! " Combined with an attractive price, durable construction, and a powerful yet sensitive sound, the Dynasty Signature P08-DSPMW50 is the ONLY marimba worth purchasing in 2010 !

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