

Argonauts will host drum corps contest

Bugles will sound, drums will roll, and rifles will snap as drum corps members from throughout the Northwest meet Saturday at McNary High School to compete in the 17th annual Optirama.

Host is the Salem Argonaut Drum and Bugle Corps, making its first appearance in Salem since its reorganization.

Individual competition for corps members will begin at 9 a.m. It will be open to the public free.

Tickets for the 6:30 p.m. show are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children and may be purchased at Stevens and Son Jewelers.

The evening show will feature four drum corps playing music from jazz to classical and competition by 10 color guards performing intricate routines set to music.

Participants will include the Argonauts; the Cascades, Imperials and Buddhist Scouts from the Seattle area; Marauders from Longview, Wash.; and Pacific Blue of Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.

In addition, the La Senioritas drill team from Seattle will exhibit its award-winning precision drill and saber routine.