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Drum and Bugle Corps Invites Community to Program in Spangler Stadium June 13

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Renowned drum and bugle corps Carolina Crown has shared its music with the Boiling Springs community during daily practices for the past four weeks. On Saturday, June 13, the ensemble of nearly 150 musicians will perform a polished 2015 tour program for the public during a free show at Gardner-Webb University.

Carolina Crown, based in Fort Mill, S.C., brings some of the world's best young musicians to Gardner-Webb each spring to rehearse in preparation for a tour that culminates in the Drum Corps International World Championship competition. This year, Carolina Crown's show, "Inferno," is based on the Inferno section of legendary Italian playwright Dante's "Divine Comedy."

The dress rehearsal performance of the program is set to begin at 8 p.m. in Gardner-Webb's Ernest W. Spangler Stadium, following a dinner and inaugural Hall of Fame introduction for Carolina Crown families, alumni, volunteers and donors. Gates at the stadium will open to the public at 7 p.m., said Nancy Barth, Carolina Crown's director of operations and tour manager.

"We would love to have the whole community come out for the performance," Barth encouraged. "Last year, we had an enormous turnout for our preview show on a Sunday night. During our rehearsals this year, a few local schools have already brought busloads of kids to campus to watch us."

Following Saturday's show, Carolina Crown will pack up and embark on a summer tour with more than 30 stops across the eastern part of the country, beginning and ending in Indianapolis. This year's Drum Corps International Championship finals are set for Aug. 8.

For more information about Carolina Crown, visit carolinacrown.org or "like" Carolina Crown on Facebook. Click [here](#) to see Carolina Crown's 2014 Drum Corps International performance.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704-406-4264 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

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