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2023 Marlborough Labor Day Parade
welcomes the Quaker City String Band

MARLBOROUGH, MA – Mayor Arthur Vigeant and Parade Director Melanie Whapham announce the Quaker City String Band of Philadelphia will perform in this year’s 71st Labor Day Parade.

Officially adopted as a Philadelphia tradition since 1901, the annual Mummers Parade on New Year’s Day includes more than 15,000 participants. The String Band division competition is held outdoors with fans braving the frigid temperatures or enjoying the performances from the comfort of their home. The Quaker City String Band has consistently been a “fan favorite.” The members of Quaker City have used their creativity and innovative style to consistently be a top prize winner. The challenge of creating a different theme every year with new music, costumes and choreography is one Quaker City gladly accepts — striving to out-do themselves annually. As of January 1st, 2023, they are the winningest string band in the history of the parade.

Melanie remarked “Responding to local enthusiasm, we invited Quaker City to come for the Labor Day Parade and, not only did they agree to perform in the Parade, the String Band will also perform a concert on Sunday afternoon!” The concert will be held at the 1LT Charles W. Whitcomb School Auditorium on Sunday September 3, 2023, at 4pm in addition to performing in the Labor Day Parade. The concert will include music from their winning Mummer’s Day performance and provide the opportunity to learn more about String Bands and Mummery. The doors will open at 3:30pm.

The concert, free to the community, is funded by the generous donations of fraternal groups, residents, and commercial organizations. If you are interested in supporting the Labor Day Parade activities, please go to the <https://marlboroughlabordayparade.com> website and click on “Donate to the Parade” or contact Melanie Whapham at mwhapham@yahoo.com to learn how you can support the Parade.

“We are thrilled to have the Quaker City String Band be part of our annual Labor Day Parade as well as their special performance the night before. The community and Marlborough residents will not want to miss this spectacular show guaranteed to be impressive,” said Mayor Arthur Vigeant.

Residents and community members are encouraged to bring canned goods and non-perishables to be donated to the Marlborough Community Cupboard to honor this year’s grand marshal, Director Barbara LaGrenade.

Bring family and friends to enjoy the 71st annual Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 4th at noon. Live coverage will be broadcast on WMCT-TV with emcees Trish Pope and Steve LeDuc.

See the parade Facebook page and website <https://marlboroughlabordayparade.com> for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mayor's Office, 508-460-3770.

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