A SUPER WEEKEND FOR HOLLYWOOD’S BAND

Trojan Marching Band to appear on Glee and perform at Reagan Centennial concert during weekend of Super Bowl.

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LOS ANGELES – January 31, 2010 – Trojan fans know that when defensive stars Troy Polamalu of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Clay Matthews of the Green Bay Packers take the field for Super Bowl XLV it will mark the 42nd time USC has been represented at pro football’s biggest game. What many don’t realize is that if they’re one of the 90 million expected to watch the postgame episode of Glee, they’ll also see the USC Trojan Marching Band perform on Super Bowl Sunday.

Reprising its role as the William McKinley High School Marching Band, The Spirit of Troy performs in the episode’s hyped “Thriller”/”Heads Will Roll” mash-up featuring much of the cast dressed as zombies. The band was choreographed once again by co-producer Zach Woodlee, who worked with the band on “The Power of Madonna” episode in January 2010.

Woodlee collaborated with 30 TMB members to design the marching maneuvers and dance moves at Hollywood’s Bernstein High School on December 6th. The expected shoot date later that week was canceled however due to a much-publicized outbreak of tonsillitis amongst the Glee cast and crew.

A month later, while the rest of the university was on winter break, the band bussed down to Long Beach’s Cabrillo High School to finally film the segment with the cast. The band was on set nearly 17 hours for less than 3 minutes of screen time. But despite returning to campus at 7:30 AM the next morning and enduring hours of downtime, band members enjoyed the experience and knew the rigors of show biz were just part of being in “Hollywood’s Band.”

Says senior bass drummer Kelsey Anderson, “Being on the set of Glee was so much fun. The cast members were joking around constantly and interacting with us, but when we started recording, everyone performed with intensity. Zach Woodlee was amazing. During rehearsal he learned each of our names and was able to keep the long hours entertaining for us.”

The weekend of the Super Bowl will be especially high profile for the Trojan Marching Band. On Saturday, the band will appear at “A Concert for America – A Tribute to Ronald Reagan” at Simi Valley’s Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in commemoration of the 40th president’s 100 birthday. The Spirit of Troy will open for the Beach Boys, Lee Greenwood, and numerous distinguished guest speakers. Although, the concert is sold-out, it will be streamed live at ReaganFoundation.org from 7:00 – 9:00 PM PST.

Fans of The Spirit of Troy can go backstage at the Reagan concert and see behind-the-scenes photos and videos of Glee by following the band on Twitter (twitter.com/usctmb) and Facebook (facebook.com/usctmb).

For more information on the Trojan Marching Band, visit www.uscband.com.

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