THE GREATEST MARCHING BAND IN PRE-HISTORY

The Trojan Marching Band performs on the soundtrack for DreamWorks Animation’s *The Croods*.

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LOS ANGELES – March 20, 2013 – When DreamWorks Animation’s *The Croods* premieres this Friday, the music from a very modern marching band will accompany the prehistoric adventures of the animated film’s titular family. Adapted by the film’s composer Alan Silvestri, the Trojan Marching Band recorded a five-minute “remix” of its trademark song “Tusk” for the film’s opening scene.

The sequence has the family of cavemen trying to bring home a giant prehistoric egg for dinner, passing it between them like a football. To capture the scene’s gridiron flavor, Silvestri immediately thought of the Trojan Marching Band playing “Tusk.” Of course, the composer is a little biased: his son is a student at USC and he has guest directed the Trojan Marching Band at the Coliseum.

So this past January at USC’s Bovard Auditorium, 90 members of the Trojan Marching Band under the direction of Dr. Bartner recorded the segment over the course of three-and-a-half hours. In attendance were Silvestri and the film’s directors Chris Sanders and Kirk DeMicco. (DeMicco is also a Trojan, graduating in 1991 with degrees in economics and political science.)

For Dr. Bartner, the band’s work on the soundtrack was more than just another project for “Hollywood’s Band,” it was also a valuable lesson for its student musicians:

“This was the experience of a lifetime for the band members. They got to be a part of the process and perform like studio musicians, to see what they do on a daily basis. I’m so grateful to Alan, Chris and Kirk and the producers of *The Croods* for the opportunity.”

*The Croods* debuts this Friday, March 22 nationwide.

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