COMPOSER ALAN SILVESTRI GUEST CONDUCTS USC BAND SATURDAY

Over 600 local student musicians will join the USC Band for the return of High School Band Day.

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LOS ANGELES – September 19, 2013 – The Grammy Award-winning composer of The Avengers and Forrest Gump, Alan Silvestri will join the Trojan Marching Band (TMB) at halftime this Saturday during the Utah State vs. USC football game at the Coliseum. Silvestri will guest conduct a massed band of 900 musicians comprised of the TMB and students from nine local high schools. This will mark the return of High School Band Day, a tradition dating back to the 1940s that was discontinued in 2004.

After opening the halftime show with a selection from Silvestri’s score to 2011’s Captain America, the Trojan Marching Band will perform “Smash and Grab” from this spring’s hit animated film The Croods. If it sounds familiar, it’s because the TMB recorded this portion of the movie’s soundtrack in January under the supervision of Silvestri. He adapted the band’s well-known Fleetwood Mac hit “Tusk” to highlight the energy of the film’s opening action sequence. Then, to close halftime, 600 students from local high schools and the 300-member Trojan Marching Band will perform Silvestri’s iconic theme to Back to the Future under his direction.

Returning after nine years, USC’s High School Band Day was first held in 1946. It provides local students the experience of learning college-level music and performing with a university marching band along with the thrill of playing in the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. All nine bands this Saturday are led by directors who are Trojan Marching Band alumni.

Director of the TMB, Dr. Arthur C. Bartner is pleased that Silvestri can help reinaugurate High School Band Day: “We had the privilege and honor to record ‘Smash and Grab’ under the direction of Alan Silvestri this spring. We’re thrilled to have Alan back to USC to guest conduct the massed band for the return of High School Band Day.”

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