EVENT SPECIALISTS
The Spirit of Troy has no off-season. Even when football isn’t played, the band keeps busy performing at events around L.A. The TMB inaugurated the “West Coast Camp David” Sunnylands in February, opened the Metro Expo Line in April (below), premiered Santa Anita Park’s anthem “My California” in September and unveiled Mitsubishi’s new electric car at the L.A. Auto Show in December. Plus, nearly every day the 10-Piece Band was out performing at a milestone event for the Trojan Family, including 53 weddings.

The Spirit of Troy still found time to give back, playing at events for charitable organizations like the Braille Institute, Swim With Mike and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. At the Spring Game, the band hosted Make-A-Wish recipient McClain (left).

HOFer
Dr. Bartner was elected to the USC Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2012 and honored at a gala event in May at Galen Center. He joined a class of legends that included Trojan greats Randy Johnson and Tony Boselli.

WORLD TOUR
The summer months saw The Spirit of Troy performing a busy slate of concerts. In May, 100 members traveled across the pond for a pre-Olympics tour of London, performing at Canary Wharf, in the shadow of Tower Bridge at Potters Fields and in famed Trafalgar Square (top left).

Back in the states, the TMB performed for the first time at Walt Disney Concert Hall with the California Philharmonic and accompanied indie pop group Foster the People (lower left) for two nights at the Universal Amphitheatre. The band also continued its decades-long engagements at the Hollywood Bowl and on Catalina Island for the 4th of July.
ROAD WARRIORS
The Spirit of Troy celebrated 25 years of attending every USC Football game - home or away - in style, traveling 11,500 miles (or nearly halfway around the world) to support the Trojans. Before the first road game of the season versus Syracuse, the band performed in New York’s Times Square (right) for 1,500 USC fans. The band also traveled to Stanford, Utah, Washington, Arizona and the Sun Bowl in Texas. At home, the band honored 24 Trojan Olympians (above) who were part of the university’s record-breaking medal haul at the London Games.

COLUMN ONE
USC Band Makes News Worldwide

With The Spirit of Troy crossing the globe in 2012, newspapers as disparate as the The Park Record in Park City, Utah and The Wharf in London covered the band. At home, the L.A. Times featured Drum Major Kyle Wilson in a print ad for the Festival of Books (below), Vanity Fair posed the band with screen stars like Selena Gomez and Benedict Cumberbatch for its annual Hollywood issue and The Wall Street Journal profiled Dr. Bartner’s process for selecting the band’s halftime repertoire.

“Hollywood’s Band” was once again in demand for TV guest spots, appearing on America’s Next Top Model, The Herd and Hell’s Kitchen. During the football season, Australian comedian Rove McManus spent gameday with the band for a segment on his internationally-televised talk show Rove LA.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS
The Spirit of Troy played for 16 USC sports in 2012 including the first dual match for the newest team, Sand Volleyball.

When the Trojans advanced to the postseason, the band followed right behind. The TMB performed at five NCAA Championships in 2012 traveling to Georgia for Men’s and Women’s Tennis and San Diego for Women’s Water Polo. The most satisfying championship, however, was at home when the undefeated Men’s Water Polo team beat the Bruins 11-10 at McDonald’s Swim Stadium for their fifth consecutive title (above).