

## Orange Bowl Parade Staging Committee

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South Miami High School Host Band

# **Orange Bowl Staging Committee**



They're not really "behind the scenes," yet they are.
The men and woman wearing the gold jackets during tonight's Orange Bowl Parade may be out in front
of you by necessity but the work they

do is behind the scenes work that often does not receive its deserved attention.

They are the people of the Orange Bowl Staging Committee and, since the mid-60s, they are the glue and string that has kept the parade and Orange Bowl Game halftime show together.

They also click the stopwatches to make certain the parade does not fall out of step with the televising network's schedule.

Hundreds of hours are contributed each year by Staging Committee members whose current membership totals 92. It includes business people, doc-

tors, attorneys, tradesmen, fire department personnel, police, technicians, teachers, school administrators and retirees.

Staging Committee members coordinate floats and props in the parade and halftime show, set up and operate lighting, sound and communications systems. They also serve as hosts and goodwill ambassadors for the visiting bands that participate in the parade.

Members also contribute their time and skills to help at various other community events on behalf of the Orange Bowl Committee. These range in scope from assisting in producing other sporting events such as the Miami's past Olympic soccer effort, the Sunshine State Games and Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies to coordinating the Miami-Dade County school system's sponsored field trips to the Olympics Congress for children whose homes were destroyed by Hurricane Andrew.

Dan McNamara, who was the Orange Bowl Festival's executive director for 17 years and, for 21 years prior to that, an associate to original director Earnie Seiler, considers the genesis of the Staging Committee as being in the early 1950s, with a University of Miami professional business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi.

"I was a graduate student in accounting at the time," McNamara recalled from Winter

Haven, where he now lives in retirement. "Fred McCall was the university's band director and got our fraternity to assist in turning lights on and off during Hurricanes' halftime shows. Since Mr. McCall also staged the Orange Bowl game halftime show, he asked if we'd help out with that."

But the idea for a full-blown Staging

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Arva Parks McCabe

"Tell Me A Story"

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Committee didn't come along until the mid-1960s when the parade became a nationally-televised event.

"Before then, wherever you could get help, you got it," McNamara recalled. "But with the need for split-timing during the televised parade and half-time show, I realized we needed organized coordination.

"We created the Staging Committee, went out and bought them some jackets. I think we began with 16 men. They were assigned to key sections of the parade and made certain it rolled down the street on time."

In the years since, the Staging Committee has grown in numbers as well as in diversity.

The 92-member committee is administered by a nine-member board elected to serve three-year terms. An Orange Bowl Committee member also serves as committee chairman and is responsible for the Staging Committee's activities to the OBC president and members. This year's chairman is Walter



Etling. Chairman of the Staging Committee's Parade Committee is Grant Sheehan. Pat Gray and Dave Gondry co-chair the Staging Committee's work on the football pre-game and half-time shows.

George Alvarez	Jim Crum	Pat Gray	Jeff Neal	Raul Rodriguez
"Ash" Ashmore	Albert Daniels	Jack Grayson	Cecil Nichols	Rocky Rumenik
Richard Belz	Roland Daniels	Victor Griffith	Chris Niebling	Bob Self
Bob Bernard	Derek Davis	Lee Hackmeyer	Peter O'Connell	Grant Sheehan
Len Bethards	Bill Delgrosso	Maurice Hall	Kenny Oliver	Charlie Smith
Mark Brigham	Bob DiPilla	Phil Hamilton	Mark Ortiz	Ed Steele
Ed Brown	William Dozier	Ed Harkrader	Bobbi Ann Ossip	Vernon Steele
Karen Bryant	Frank Durkin	Robert Harrison	Janet Parke	Robin Teagarden
John Bullock	Bill Enright	Lonnie Hayes	Garth Parker	John Thompson
Mike Byrne	Sarah Erb	Paul Howse	Hap Pate	Ed Tiernan
John Calpini	Charlie Esher	Tedd Johnson	Bennie Perdue	Bert Tundidor
Spero Canton	Richard Fernandez	Bruce Lancaster	Arnold Perry	Bob Turk
Jim Charlton	Mary Ann Fierro	Marteen Longo	Susan Phillips	Jeff Turk
Charles Cleveland	Nancy Frier	Suzanne Lynch	Tom Prescott	Steve Waters
Dwight Clodfelter	David Gomez	Val Macor	Stuart Rado	Gene Whitehouse
Bernard Coats	Dave Gondry	Bill Martin	Larry Raybon	Diana Wright
Lavert Combs	Harry Gordon	Chris McArthur	Sam Reynolds	George Yessman
Matthew Connolly	Tim Gorgol	Tom McDermott	Perley Richardson	
Willard Cook	Dennis Grady	Jim McFadden	Jeff Robinson	
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### **Parade Poster Contest Winners**

Junior James Brutus of the Center of Media Arts won the 1997 Orange Bowl Parade Poster Contest. Brutus was one of more than 1,000 entries in the annual contest. His artwork is the cover design of this program and the official Orange Bowl Parade poster. He also received a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, provided by Barnett Bank.

In addition to grand prize, nine other prizes were awarded. A first, second and third prize in three catagories—grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12—were awarded. The first place winner receives a U.S. Savings Bond of \$200, second place \$100 and third place \$50. All savings bonds have been donated by Barnett Bank. The winners are:

Grand Prize - James Brutus, Center of the Media Arts

#### High School (9-12)

First Place - Mario Sam, Center of the Media Arts Second Place - Gustav Gaehring, Center of the Media Arts Third Place - David Magwood, Center of the Media Arts

#### Middle School (6-8)

First Place - Sandy Freymuth, Pompano SecondPlace - Michael Wood, Parkway ThirdPlace- Dazs Kannathasan, Parkway

#### **Elementary School (K-5)**

First Place - Claudia Alex Michel, Sandpiper Second Place - Lauren Zinovoy, Welleby Thrid Place - Nichole Patlak, Lake Forest



**James Brutus**