

What Do You Think of Music Corps?

Because of existing talent in dance and baton twirling among members of the Flag Corps, a Ribbons/ Dance Group was started. One of the current problems we face is finding space to share with the rest of the Music Corps, but we have all cooperated to share the stage. I'm hoping that in the future, the Ribbons/Dance Group eventually will grow to perform on our own.

Taeko Goto

Ribbons/Dance Group leader

The Flag Corps began in the summer of 1993 when we performed with the Brass Band for the first time for the Fuji Drum and Bugle Corps exchange meeting. After our performance at the Chicago culture festival in 1995, our Flag Corps chief graduated and appointed three flags section leaders to take her place. One section leader, with whom I am close, trained me by giving me some responsibilities.

Later, in August 1996, I took over the role of Flags Corps chief. Although at 15 there were some doubts about whether or not I could handle the responsibility, through my determination I now get along comfortably with the older staff members.

My first performance as Flags Corps chief was in November, using the song "Alegria" which we heard in Los Angeles at the Fife and Drum Corps Summer Music Festival. The performance went very well, and I was proud to be a part of Music Corps.

Even though some people feel that coming to practice on Sunday mornings is a drag, many of us feel good about Music Corps and try to encourage one another to strengthen our faith and, by doing so, move people through our performances. I hope that the music corps, fife and drum corps and brass bands all around the world continue encouraging others through their music.

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