

Pyware Tips and Tricks

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Basics of Drill Design

- ◇ Selection of theme and music for your band - must match the band
- ◇ Designing field shows for small band: consider placement of melody, integration of guard and percussion
- ◇ Staging "area" for guard
- ◇ Transitions: key for a good flowing field show
- ◇ Use of props - keep it simple, can be parent made

Basics of Pyware

- ◇ Primary tools
 - ◇ Toolbar
 - ◇ Count Track
 - ◇ Field
 - ◇ Control Panels
- ◇ Display
 - ◇ Perspective view
- ◇ Production sheet
- ◇ Getting started
 - ◇ Placing the band
 - ◇ Labeling
 - ◇ Moving and transitions
- ◇ Pyware App

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Tips for Effective Charting

- ◇ Work with two monitors
- ◇ Three ways to select
- ◇ Increments less than one step
- ◇ Morphing shapes
- ◇ Adjusting label placement
- ◇ Changing instruments/equipment
- ◇ Facings
- ◇ Creating props
- ◇ Cameras and camera angles
- ◇ Checking for collisions/step sizes

Resources

- ◇ Visual Design Retreat: SpiritofAmericaBand.org
- ◇ Craig Harms: www.BandFo.com
- ◇ Pyware: www.pyware.com

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