

BLAST! FACTS

MEMBERS AGE

The cast ranges in age from 18-31 years old

The average age of the BLAST! cast is 23.8 years old

The median age of the BLAST! cast is 23.9 years old

Age breakdown is as follows:

18 yrs - 1	25 yrs - 7
19 yrs - 0	26 yrs - 6
20 yrs - 2	27 yrs - 4
21 yrs - 7	28 yrs - 0
22 yrs - 5	29 yrs - 2
23 yrs - 13	30 yrs - 0
24 yrs - 7	31 yrs - 1

- The average BLAST! cast member was 9 years old when he/she first began learning a performing art (this equals 759 combined years in the performing arts)
- The average BLAST! cast member was 11 years old when he/she first began learning the primary instrument/role that they perform with BLAST! (this equals 739 combined years on their primary instrument/role)

DRUM CORPS / WINTER GUARD AFFILIATION

- BLAST! cast members collectively have affiliations with 34 drum corps and 21 winter guards
- 54 (98.2%) cast members have been a member of a drum and bugle corps
- 25 (45.5%) cast members are former Drum Corps International (DCI) World Champions (3 are two-time world champions)
- 5 cast members are former Winter Guard International (WGI) World Champions
- 8 (14.5%) cast members are DCI Individual & Ensemble World Champions (2 are two-time I&E Champions)

- 27 (49.1%) cast members are former DCI, WGI and/or I&E World Champions
- One cast member joined his first drum and bugle corps at the age of 5

Drum Corps

Star of Indiana (18), Cadets of Bergen County (15), Blue Devils (8), Cavaliers (8), Crossmen (6), Blue Knights (5), Santa Clara Vanguard (5), Bluecoats (4), Spartans (3), Freelancers (2), Madison Scouts (2), Blue Devils "B" (1), Blue Devils "C" (1), Bluegrass Brass (1), Boston Crusaders (1), Bushwakers (1), Carolina Crown (1), Colts (1), Connecticut Hurricanes (1), Expressions (1), Fitchburg Kingsmen (1), Glassmen (1), Patriots (1), Phantom Regiment Cadets (1), Raiders (1), Santa Clara Vanguard Cadets (1), Satellites (1), Southwind (1), Spirit of Atlanta (1), Springfield Ambassadors (1), Suncoast Sound (1), Troopers (1), Velvet Knights (1), Westshoremens (1)

Winter Guards

Just Class, Pride of Cincinnati, Crimson Kings, Emerald Marquis, St. Therese, Escapade, Ascension, Adagio, Kingsmen, San Jose Raiders, Legacy, State Street Review, Blue Devils, Forte, Studio One, Patriots, The Edge, Impressions, Fantasia, The Company, California Paradigm

INTERESTING FACTS

- One member recorded with The Canadian Brass on their album titled "Brass on Broadway"
- Seven members performed in the Closing Ceremonies for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, GA
- Two members left jobs as professional musicians with Disney to join BLAST!
- One member was a principal dancer with the Georgia Ballet Company

- Two members performed on a Grammy-nominated album
- Members have performed professionally with numerous jazz ensembles, brass ensembles, and 24 regional symphony orchestras: Indianapolis Philharmonic, Acadiana Symphony, Lake Charles Wind Symphony, Kingsport Symphony, Bloomington (IN) Symphony, Jefferson Parish Performing Arts Society Orchestra, South Carolina Philharmonic, Columbus (IN) Philharmonic, Owensboro Symphony, Evansville Philharmonic, Plymouth (MI) Symphony, Chattanooga Symphony, Augusta Symphony, Charleston Symphony, Savannah Symphony, Lexington (KY) Orchestra, American Youth Philharmonic, Louisiana Philharmonic, Baton Rouge Symphony, Meridian (MS) Symphony, Irving (TX) Symphony, Hershey (PA) Symphony, Shreveport Symphony, East Texas Symphony of the Pines

SCHOOL MAJOR AND AFFILIATION

- 42(76.4%) cast members are majoring in or have graduated with degrees in music, dance, or theatre
- 19 (34.6%) cast members are majoring in or have graduated with degrees in music education
- Five cast members are either students or graduates of the world-renowned Indiana University School of Music
- One cast member is a student at the prestigious University of Cincinnati - College Conservatory of Music
- Three cast members are pursuing or have completed Masters of Music degrees

Top 4 Schools Attended by BLAST! cast members

Indiana University - 8
University of Massachusetts - 5
University of North Texas - 4
University of Houston - 3