

Preparing for Macy's 2019

You may ask, "Why do I have to pay a deposit on something that isn't going to happen for another year?" The answer is, the auxiliary directors have to write a drill and set formations based on the official parade committee's limit of approximately 400 performers in Herald Square for the television performance.

How many Flag Line positions we will be allowed will ultimately be determined by the mix of musicians and auxiliary in the band. People who march in 2019 Spring Season will be given first preference to march Macy's. *If you can't march in the Spring then there probably will not be an open position to fill.* Remember we are limited by the official Macy's parade committee on how many performers we can have. While not everyone will perform at Macy's, we still encourage you to perform as a Rounder in our local 2019 Spring Time events.

We emphasize, if you are seriously considering doing this, you should have your \$100 deposit paid by now and you need to ensure you don't have any conflicts with our 2019 rehearsal and performance schedule. Visit www.seconddimearounders.org or our official Facebook Page for schedule information. Auxiliary starts practicing January 8, 15, & 22, 2019 before the full band.

Refunds

If you have paid your initial deposit and then find out that you won't be participating in Macy's, your deposit is refundable up until Spring 2019, when we will begin being fitted for our Macy's uniforms.

Macy's Uniform to be revealed at Holiday Party on December 13, 2018. Cost is \$170 and we will start measuring during our 2019 Spring Season.

New York City Accommodations

If you were unable to attend the Macy's Information meeting June 19th please review this document carefully. It will explain the costs and requirements of the trip:

<http://www.seconddimearounders.org/docsMacy/Macy's%20Prospective%20Latest.pdf>

The Rounders must commit to a block of rooms at the Row Hotel in NYC by *this* November. You should start thinking about your rooming/roommate situations and read through all of the options carefully to make your selections, reserve your room and book no later than November 2018. The prices are higher than what many expect, but 1) it's NYC-the basic hotel rate there on any given normal day is between \$250 -\$400 a night and 2) Thanksgiving weekend is one of NYC's most popular times of the year so the rates go up. Here's the link for the rooming (and other things) options:

<https://www.wetravel.com/trips/second-time-arounders-band-macy-s-trip-for-our-fundraisers-performing-arts-consultants-new-york-75784608>

Cut off was September 14, 2018 for any new Flag Line members to join our group to march in the 2019 Macy's Parade. If you had your \$100 deposit in before that date you will be considered in our selection for our Macy's Flag Line..

We will begin scheduling monthly Skill Building sessions on September 29, 2018. If you are not proficient or comfortable with our required skills, the sessions will be your chance to get up to speed and develop them. The Flag Line Leadership will avail themselves to anyone needing help; do not hesitate to contact them. PLEASE UNDERSTAND, this is not training for the Macy's Flag Line. At this time, no one is guaranteed a position in Herald Square, even if stellar with all requirements during practice.

The expectation is that you are a skilled performer with a solid background and that you will bring strong equipment technique and skills to each and every rehearsal.

Thanks so much for joining The Awesome Second Time Arounders Marching Band! We look forward to seeing everyone very soon. The March toward our Spring Season and Herald Square has begun.