



So You Think You Can't Spin

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DEMONSTRATION GROUPS:

**Alvarado High School and Little Elm High School
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SO YOU THINK YOU CAN'T SPIN?

Critical yet basic colorguard information compiled for smaller A, AA, and AAA marching band directors.

...directors will leave this workshop with skills and confidence to make their guard an asset with or without an instructor.

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR COLORGUARD WITHOUT AN INSTRUCTOR

Basic skills, combinations, and progressions
Writing/Choreography made simple
How to be musical vs. technically overwritten

HOW TO FIX AND OR ENHANCE DRILL DESIGN AND TRANSITIONS

Customizing your already written drill based on YOUR needs
Staging equipment and prop changes that don't detract from your show
Basic staging/layering techniques to elevate your guard (and your score)

HOW TO BE MUSICAL VS JUST DOING COLORGUARD FOR COLORGUARD'S SAKE

You already know how to do this... apply same principals as your wind band
Teaching musical skills to the colorguard (breathing, articulation, phrasing, balance/blend)
Augmenting what you already do well to maximize visual musicality

**You hear what you see and see what you hear, so let's have the colorguard work in tandem with the winds and percussion to enhance your overall program!*

STUDENT AND DIRECTOR DEMONSTRATIONS: TRAINING AND WRITING MADE SIMPLE

Basic skills that lead to combinations and progressions
Using the musical score to dictate counts and musical styles and applying to these progressions to create your own choreography
Varying and altering for contrasting styles
Varying number of performers and body facings

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Ask Celestino and Estelle
Ask the performers
Present a problem and watch Celestino and Estelle solve for you in real time

DOOR PRIZES:

Clinic generously sponsored by DSI, Team Go Figure, and Fred J. Miller
*Three sets of performance silks (set of 20, set of 20, set of 12)
*\$100 gift certificate to Team Go Figure
*Two custom openers for your show (will be written on site, recorded, and in your hands before you leave TBA; one by Celestino, one by Estelle)
*20% discount coupon to Team Go Figure (ALL participants receive this)
*ALL participants will receive a DVD that has instruction and demonstration of the basic skills and combinations presented today.

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE:

Celestino and Estelle will be available throughout the remainder of the day to meet with you to answer specific questions or consult on your program.