

The 2012 MUMMERS PARADE

HERE COME THE JUDGES

Because of construction on Dillworth Plaza, String Bands and the Comics face the judges at 16th and JFK Blvd., at Love Park. The Fancy Brigades will be judged at the Pennsylvania Convention Center beginning at 5 p.m.

FANCY FINALE

The Pennsylvania Convention Center hosts the Fancy Brigade finale with two shows: one at noon; the other, for judges, at 5 p.m. This event goes on rain or shine, but you have to have a ticket. (\$15-\$20; call 215-893-1999.)

PARTY AT THE KIMMEL

Duck into the Kimmel Center, Broad and Spruce streets, to warm up, have a snack and enjoy family entertainment and crafts from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Refreshments available at the Peco Cafe, including specialty items by Wolfgang Puck.

SEE IT ALL HERE

If you've got six or more hours, you can see the entire parade at Washington Ave. Comic clubs start marching here at 9:45 a.m.; the String Bands perform for three hours, arriving at about 12:30 p.m. And the Fancy Brigades leave the parade here.

WHERE THE WENCHES ARE

Six Wench clubs — those rowdy guys in dresses — will march after the three Comics divisions. They step off at Broad and Morris at 10:15 a.m. The lavish Fancy Division clubs enter Broad Street at Passyunk, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

OTHER SHOW-OFF SPOTS

There are six designated performance areas for this year's parade, although not all divisions perform at each, with the exception of Washington Ave. Other good places to view the show are Broad and Shunk, Broad and Ritner (near Thomas Jefferson University Methodist Hospital Division), Broad and Washington, Broad and Pine, Broad and Sansom, and the judging area near City Hall.

STRING BANDS AT MARCONI PLAZA

Fans get their first look at the String Bands here — at Broad Street between Oregon Ave. and Bigler Street — as they assemble and rehearse before the parade begins. The first band, Duffy, steps off at 10 a.m.

SHORT MARCH

Ten Fancy Brigades leave from Oregon Ave. at 12:40 p.m. and march to Washington Ave., where buses take them to be judged at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

GETTING THERE

SEPTA runs subways every 8-10 minutes beneath the parade route. Elsewhere, it's a Sunday/holiday schedule. Rail lines, Market-Frankford El and PATCO stop near the Center City route. Buses will be detoured, and traffic and parking around City Hall will be ugly anywhere near the parade.

WEATHER OR NOT

If the weather turns bad, a marching decision will be made by 4 a.m. Sunday and broadcast on KYW 1060 AM. If the parade is postponed, Mummies will march on Saturday, Jan. 7.

DO YOU LIKE TO WATCH?

WPHL (Channel 17) will cover the Mummies from 9 a.m. Sunday, beginning with the special "Breakfast with the Mummies," followed by live coverage of the parade itself, in high-definition. From 8 to 10 p.m. the Fancy Brigade finale will be tape-delayed broadcast.

Key:

Transit



Parade route



String Bands



Performance and concession areas



Judging areas

