

The 2008 MUMMERS PARADE

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Watch it

The parade is broadcast (in hi-def) by myph17 (Channel 17) from 9 a.m. to the conclusion, about 6 p.m. WGN super station will televise the parade live nationally, starting at 2 p.m. The Fancy Brigade Finale indoor show at the Convention Center will be aired (tape-delayed) from 8 to 10 p.m. on Channel 17.

Hospital performances

All the string bands perform at Methodist Hospital, on Broad Street between Ritner and Wolf streets, where bleachers are set up for community viewing. The bands drill again at St. Agnes Continuing Care Center, Broad Street and Passyunk Avenue. Expect the first band to arrive at Methodist shortly before 11 a.m.

String bands at Marconi Plaza

Fans get their first look at the String Band Division here — at Broad Street between Oregon Avenue and Bigler Street — as they form up and rehearse before the parade begins. The first band, Pennsport, crosses Oregon at 10:20 a.m.

See it all at Washington Avenue

If you've got eight hours to kill, you can see the entire parade at this location. Comic clubs form up and start from here at 8:50 a.m.; the String Bands perform for three hours, beginning at about 12:30 p.m. The Fancy Brigades leave the parade at Washington Avenue and take buses to the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Pine Street forever

All string bands perform at one of the Mummers' favorite venues, packed as ever with still-hip and ex-hippie fans at University of the Arts.

Kimmel party

Duck into the Kimmel Center, Broad and Spruce streets, to warm up, have a snack and hear some banjo-free tunes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Cadence Restaurant offers a deluxe brunch and overhead view, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., for \$125. A less expensive Family Fun Brunch is \$60 for adults, \$35 for kids under 12. Reservations: 215-790-7171.

Lombard-South

Ellsworth-Federal

Tasker-Morris

Snyder

Oregon

Fancy Brigade launch

At about 1 p.m., the Fancy Brigades enter Broad from the east on Oregon Avenue at 12- or 13-minute intervals. They perform every four blocks until reaching Washington Avenue, but without their gigantic props.

Where the Wenchies are

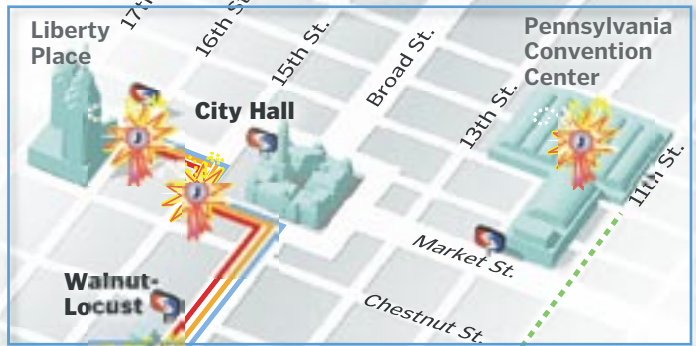
Six wench clubs — those hairy guys in dresses — enter from the east on Snyder Avenue at 9 a.m. Lavish Fancy Division entries line up below Snyder for a 10 a.m. step off.

Here come the judges

The 17 string bands and the biggest and best Comics and Fancies face the judges at 15th and Market streets. The smaller Comic and Fancy groups are judged along Market from 16th to 17th streets. This is a good location for families to watch the parade.

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. (\$14-\$19; call 215-893-1999.)



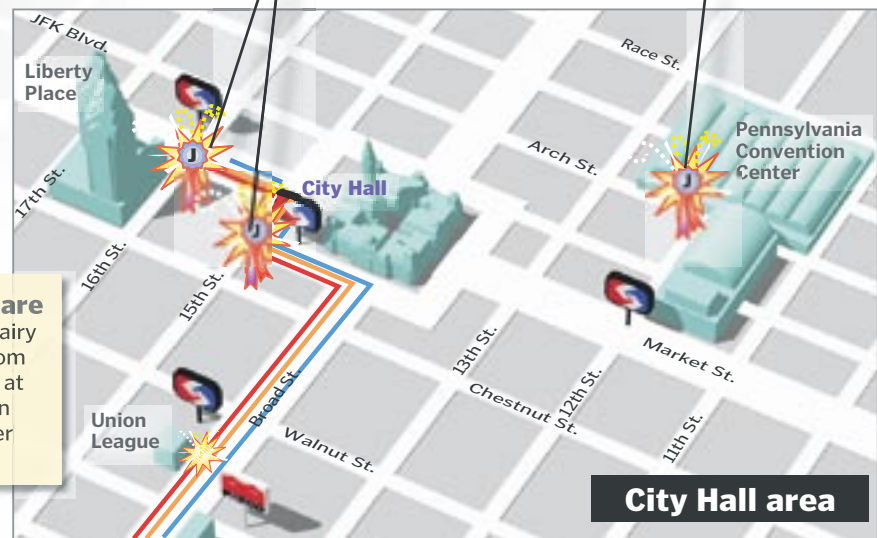
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Last rehearsal

DoubleTree Hotel Philadelphia, Broad and Locust streets, and the Union League, Broad and Sansom streets, are the final shows before the string bands face the judges. Music only at the DoubleTree; full drill at the Union League.

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.

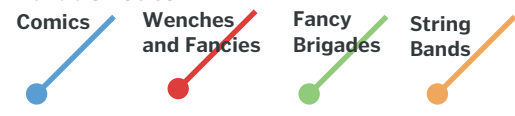


City Hall area

Key: Transit



Parade route



Performance areas

