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Lindenwood University will host the Lewis and Clark Fife and Drum Corps Freezer Jam concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, in the Hyland Arena. The event will feature more than 10 corps from the Midwest who will perform historical American military music and gather together for a mass band finale.

The cost to attend the LCFDC Freezer Jam concert cost is \$5 per person in advance or \$7 at the event. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Jennifer Berry at jenberrymo.@yahoo.com or 314-601-4758. They are also available at Cobblestone Cottage, 803 South Main Street, St. Charles, Mo., 63301.

"This is a big year because it will be the 20th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Fife and Drum Corps and the 17th annual Freezer Jam concert," said Jennifer Berry, LCFDC events coordinator. "We are looking forward to a great event that preserves the American history of fifing and drumming."

Fifers and drummers played an important role in the communications system of the Army for over 500 years. They were used to relay orders to troops on and off the battlefield, as well as for the entertainment of soldiers.

The Lewis and Clark Fife and Drum Corps, founded in 1992, is comprised of youths between age 10 and 18. Their uniforms are patterned after those worn by the United States Army First Infantry field musicians of 1804-1810 and include coats of red wool trimmed in blue, round hats adorned with black fur, white tails, and a black leather cockade with an eagle badge. The flag bearers are dressed in opposite colors, blue coats with red facings, and carry the 15-star flag that represented the United States from 1795-1818.