

# Mario Ramirez.

EQUIPMENT CLINICIAN



Mario originally from Kansas City Missouri and now a resident of Chino hills, California has a true passion for the performing arts. While still in high school, he began his instructional career as a choreographer for multiple groups in Southern California. Soon after, his passion for creating led him to directing groups in Southern California as well as designing, choreographing, and consulting for groups in Texas, Indiana, and Northern California. In 2006, he founded Diamante Winterguard. In 2008, Diamante won the WGI Independent Open Class silver medal. They have since been a seven-time Independent World Class finalist. In 2016, Diamante had two competitive units and placed seventh in both the Independent World and Independent Open classifications. Mario is currently the director, choreographer, and a designer for Diamante World, Ayala high school Scholastic world.

Mario received a major in apparel manufacturing and fashion design from FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising.) In 2002, he founded M.Ra Couture, a costuming company that currently creates and designs costumes for numerous color guards, drum lines, dance teams, and marching bands across the country, including WGI World Class percussion champions Ayala HS, WGI Scholastic World Guard James Logan HS, and WGI Independent finalist Diamante World and Open.

Drum Corp credits include: Impulse Drum and Bugle Corps (2004 Division II Finalist), Mystikal Drum and Bugle Corps in 2005 and 2008, Impulse (2006 DCI Division III gold medalist, as well as the high auxiliary winner), and Gold Drum and Bugle Corps as a designer and color guard caption head from 2011-2013. And is currently the Artistic Director, Colorguard Caption, Designer, and choreographer for Mandarins drum and bugle corps.

Performance credits include: Nogales High School percussion and color guard, Mt. Sac Dance Program, Solution Performance Ensemble, Pacific Crest Drum and Bugle Corps, Pacific Crest World Guard, Yamato Drum and Bugle Corps, RCC Marching Tigers, Fantasia Winterguard, and Diamante Winterguard.

Mario is very active in the pageantry community. He currently holds a seat in both the WGI and WGASC Color Guard Advisory Boards. To further share his creativity and passion he does Design Clinician commentary for WGASC. He currently instructs, designs, choreographs, and consults for multiple programs in California and Texas as a Color Guard Caption Head and Creative Director for Paramount HS, Color Guard Caption Head and Creative Director for Ayala HS, Designer and Choreographer for WGI gold medalist Stockdale HS, and the Creative Director, Designer, Color Guard Caption Head and Choreographer for the 2018 Mandarins Drum and Bugle Corps.