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**For Immediate Release:**

To our Vessel family, supporters, and the greater marching arts community,

It is with heavy hearts that we announce Vessel Drum and Bugle Corps will not be fielding a corps for the 2025 season.

Despite the dedication and hard work from our staff, members, and volunteers, a series of challenges—including organizational strain and financial uncertainty—have made it clear that continuing this season is not in the best interest of the corps or its members. Our recent rehearsals highlighted the weight of these pressures, and we've made this decision with great care and responsibility.

The current economic climate in the United States has had a significant impact on the stability and sustainability of organizations like ours. As much as we hoped to push through, we must prioritize long-term health over short-term struggle.

We are deeply grateful to our members who gave their time and energy, to our staff who worked tirelessly, and to every supporter, donor, and partner who believed in Vessel's mission. We especially thank those who were part of our 2025 efforts—you have our deepest respect.

At this time, it is uncertain what the future holds. We remain hopeful that the right conditions will allow us to return in the seasons ahead, stronger and better prepared.

Thank you for your continued support, and for standing with us through this difficult chapter. Vessel has always been about growth, character, and pushing boundaries—and those values will remain with us, whether on the field or off.

With gratitude,

Vessel Drum and Bugle Corps