PATCHWORK

Connection, memory, repair, and unity.



Every patch a memory.
Every thread a connection.

Separate people and ideas come together, begin to fray, and are stitched back together - stronger than before.

Denim, fabric, and visible mending tell a personal story of care and shared experience. Vivaldi's "Spring" returns as a musical thread, binding the production into a unified whole.

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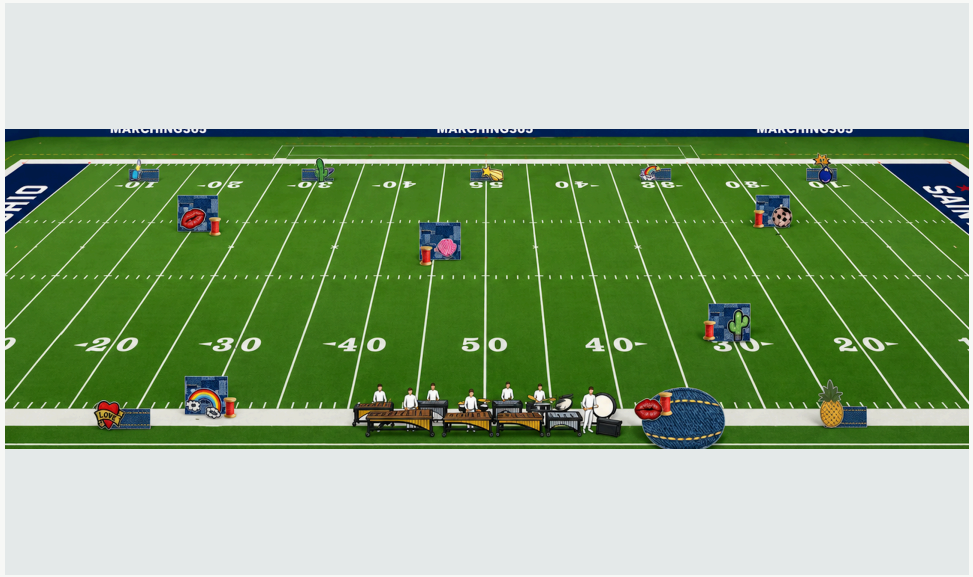
"Spring" from *The Four Seasons*
Antonio Vivaldi
"True Colors" • Cyndi Lauper
Original music • Matt Hightower

Composed/Arranged by
John Fannin, Matt Hightower & Brian Flack

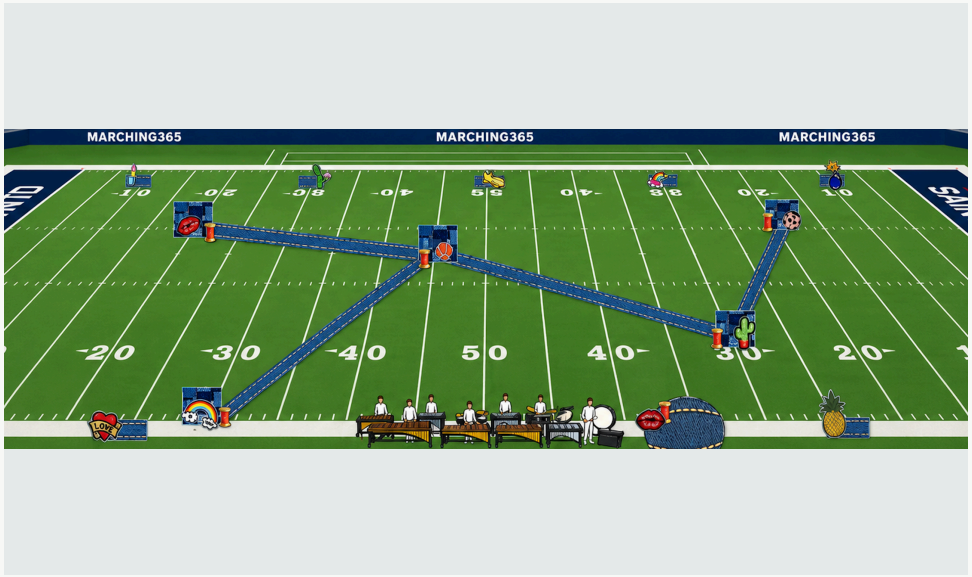
Visual design collaboration
Marching 365 & Creative Costuming

THE STORY

Separate pieces. A shared story.



BEGINNING • Separate patches and individual identities.



ENDING • Threads connect the field into a larger whole.

01

Separate Threads

Identity • Color • Possibility

Individual colors, textures, and musical ideas emerge, representing the people and experiences that shape our lives.

02

Woven Together

Connection • Energy • Warmth

New relationships form. Separate threads begin creating a larger pattern filled with energy, warmth, and possibility.

03

Frayed

Change • Loss • Memory

The fabric pulls apart. Space and lyrical movement reflect separation and loss while honoring the memories that remain.

04

Stronger Than Before

Repair • Gratitude • Unity

The pieces reunite in a vibrant tapestry, celebrating the lasting bonds of family, friendship, mentorship, and love.

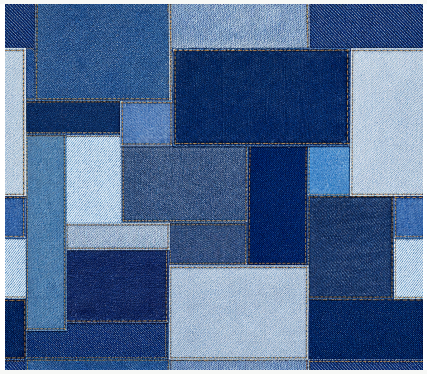
The field becomes a tapestry.

Denim provides the foundation. Patches and threads reveal the story.



Oversized patch collection

Colorful printed patch shapes add individual identities, memories, and personal symbols to the denim world.



Denim scenic panels

Backfield frames and sideline covers establish a worn fabric texture, ready to accumulate color and meaning.



Thread-like field tarps

Long denim strips unroll across the field, turning isolated areas into a visible network of connections.



Optional sewing imagery

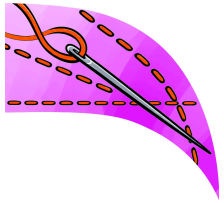
Mobile spools, fabric “thread,” and oversized needle or pin ideas reinforce the act of mending and joining.

Original artwork and concept studies shown. Prop selections, reveals, and staging can be tailored to each ensemble.

Wear the memories. Reveal the connections.



Band & guard costuming
Denim textures, bold patches, and visible seams connect the ensemble. Pink accents and contrasting shapes give each performer a distinct identity.



Needle & thread • Oversized wing

Pink fabric, yellow stitching, and a needle introduce the language of sewing and repair.



Heart & eye • Standard curve

Personal patch symbols bring connection and memory into the moving fabric.



Individuality • Swing flags

Playful cactus and unicorn patches celebrate the variety of people within the whole.



Star • Standard curve

Warm yellow and a bold star create a confident, bright final statement.

Make it your ensemble's story.
Layered staging, evolving color, patch reveals, and costume transformations offer opportunities for personal meaning.

Design artwork communicates creative direction. Final production details may be adapted.