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## **Fife & Drum Corps Invited to Colonial Williamsburg!**

New Bern, NC (May 21, 2008) ---The Tryon Palace Fife & Drum Corps was recently honored with an invitation to participate in Colonial Williamsburg's "Drummer's Call" on May 16-18. This annual event always draws a large crowd as it showcases various regimental field music units by demonstrating how fifes and drums were used in the military.

Musicians' calls were an important part of the eighteenth century military. Fifes and drums played from sunrise to sunset and served as a primary mode of communication from commander to troops during battles. Music also served more mundane functions in daily camp life by signaling meals, drills and inspections.

The Tryon Palace Fife & Drum Corps marched and played in three performances as part of the weekend's events: an afternoon parade down the famous Duke of Gloucester

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Street, the Grand Review Concert and a torch lit parade Saturday evening. The Grand Review was broadcast live over the internet, reaching an audience across the country and the world. Only in its third year of existence, the Tryon Palace Fife and Drum corps includes approximately 20 talented student and adult volunteer musicians. The corps performs throughout the year at Tryon Palace events such as Free Day, Fourth of July Celebration, Christmas Candlelight Tours, and is always a crowd favorite. In addition, the corps has traveled to Kinston, Wilmington, and Raleigh, sharing this exciting program with people throughout North Carolina.

If you would like more information about this or other programs, go to [www.tryonpalace.org](http://www.tryonpalace.org) or call 1-800-767-1560. ###

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