MARCHING WOLVES by Fumi Nagasaka

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Inspired by the energy and tension from the members of the St Paul's Marching Wolves, Fumi Nagasaka started to photograph them in May 2017.

First time she met them, they appeared and started to perform in front of her and instantly caught her eyes. She travelled back to New Orleans in 2018, and 2019 to photograph these kids on different parade routes, and also in their private life for some of them.

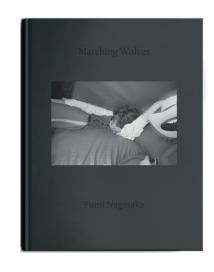
"Marching bands are the fabric of high school culture, giving students purpose and alumni pride. Saint Paul's is recognized for their signature style.

When bands in New Orleans come marching and dancing down the street, they fill the crowd with the energy and aura of celebration.

All the bands provide a spectacle unrivaled in any city in America.

The Saint Paul's Marching Wolves, with their iconic uniforms and dances, have been performing at football games and Mardi Gras parades for over 40 years."

— Fumi Nagasaka



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Fumi Nagakasa, Japanese photographer is based in New York since 2002. Fumi is constantly in search of the unexpected beauty of youth, to provide an honest representation of the tender age. As Robbie Spencer put it, "her images are always powerful and full of emotion". In 2016, Fumi Nagasaka published her first book, 'Untitled Youth' with KAHL Editions, and it was a great success distributed all over the world. The book was sold-out in less than three months. In 2019, she won the first prize at the Belfast Photo Festival, and the first prize at the Photo Chronicles Portrait Photography Award. In 2021, her work was selected to be exhibited as part of the Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize at the National Portrait Gallery.

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