

This is an Informational Narrative relative to the Spring UF 2023 Commencement Ceremonies, to be held at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (BHGS) on May 5, 2023, 7 PM to 9 PM.

This will be a “½ Field Set” Commencement Ceremony.

There will be approximately a 60 x 32 x 4 foot Main Stage Platform, not covered, and a 60 x 40 foot Band and Choir area, stage left, which is covered by a tent.

Some photos are included with this narrative of prior Commencement Ceremonies and rehearsals.

NOTE: Photos are only intended to provide a general visual reference of what this event is like, and not a basis for a proposal and audio coverage design.

Included is the BHGS seating chart, along with an Excel spreadsheet indicating the seating capacity by the sections that are relative to a ½ field set.

The expectation is for a commencement audience of up to 25,000 attendees.

The spreadsheet further indicates how the projected attendees may be located within each seating section. This may be helpful in your audio coverage design.

In addition to attendees that are seated in the stadium stands, graduates will be seated on the playing field. The expectation is for up to 3,500 graduates to be present for this Spring Commencement.

The task is to provide highly intelligible, consistent and level, quality audio coverage for both the graduates and attendees. The time zero source for audio will be at approximately the 40-yard-line north. This is, of course, not consistent with the BHG existing stadium audio system design.

The BHGS north end zone public address system is primarily a Point Source System utilizing Meyer ML-6 / SB-1 Components and is augmented with many distributed Community WET2V8 and R5 Speakers in areas where the Point Source PA System lacks coverage.

This system was designed specifically to not provide sound coverage on the playing field.

BHGS audio engineers will work with the chosen company to carefully coordinate the components of the BHGS audio system with the appropriate equipment brought in to augment the audio design coverage.

Conventional monitor coverage on the main stage is required for dignitaries. In addition, in-ear monitors may be required for some dignitaries.

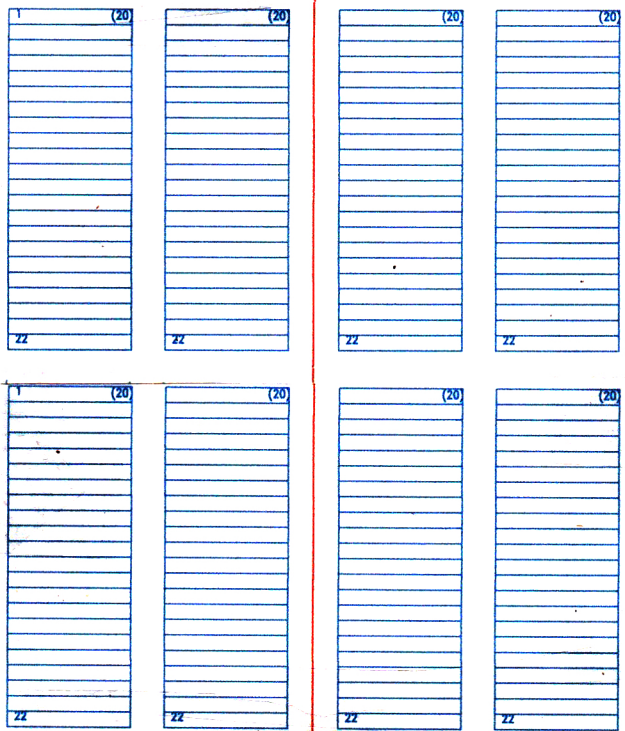
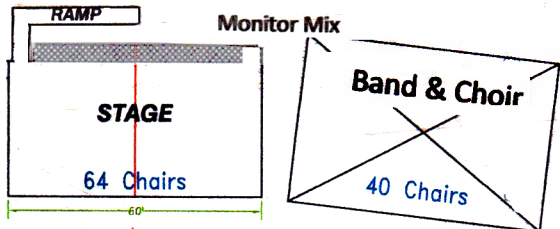
The band and choir will include up to 100 members. They typically do not perform jointly.

This event, while being held at evening, is in essence a “daytime” event, as it will be held under full stadium lighting. This event will be televised and appear on the stadium’s giant LED video screens, as well as 100’s of televisions throughout the stadium. Lighting under the band & choir tent is required as they will be part of the televised production.

Please direct any questions or clarifications you may have to UF Procurement directly.

Field Layout Spring 2023 Commencement

6
10
20
30
40
50
40
30
20



Audio
FOH
Video
FOH

35 Chairs
Evenly
Distributed
Along Side

35 Chairs
Evenly
Distributed
Along Side

3520 Graduate Seats
Entry & Assembly

VIP Seating

14
Chairs

Spring Commencement 2023



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BHGS Seating Chart



UF 2023 Spring Commencement - Attendance Projection

Section	Number	Included	Included	Included	Included	UF Spring Graduation - BHG Stadium				24917 Capacity
						Full	75% Full	50% Full	25% Full	
1	1369				x				342	
2	1551			x				776		
3	1343				x				336	
4	1420			x				710		
5	1064			x				532		
6	1422	x				1422				
7	1018			x				509		
8	1422	x				1422				
9	924			x				462		
10	1422	x				1422				
11	926			x				463		
12	1422		x				1067			
13	990				x				248	
14	1431									
15	1128									
33	1191									
34	1423									
35	1191				x				298	
36	1422		x				1067			
37	1191				x				298	
38	1422	x				1422				
39	1204				x				301	
40	1422	x				1422				
41	1131				x				283	
42	1433			x				717		
43	1223				x				306	
44	1646		x				1235			
45	1442				x				361	
47	837									
49	1356									
51	994			x				497		
53	1602			x				801		
55	1436			x				718		
57	1443			x				722		
59	1604			x				802		
61	1000			x				500		
63	1292									
65	835									
A	465			x				233		
B	378			x				189		
C	849	x					637			
D	874	x					656			
E	884	x					663			
F	788	x					591			
G	465			x				233		
H	521			x				261		
TOTAL	53816					7110	5914	9122	2771	24917

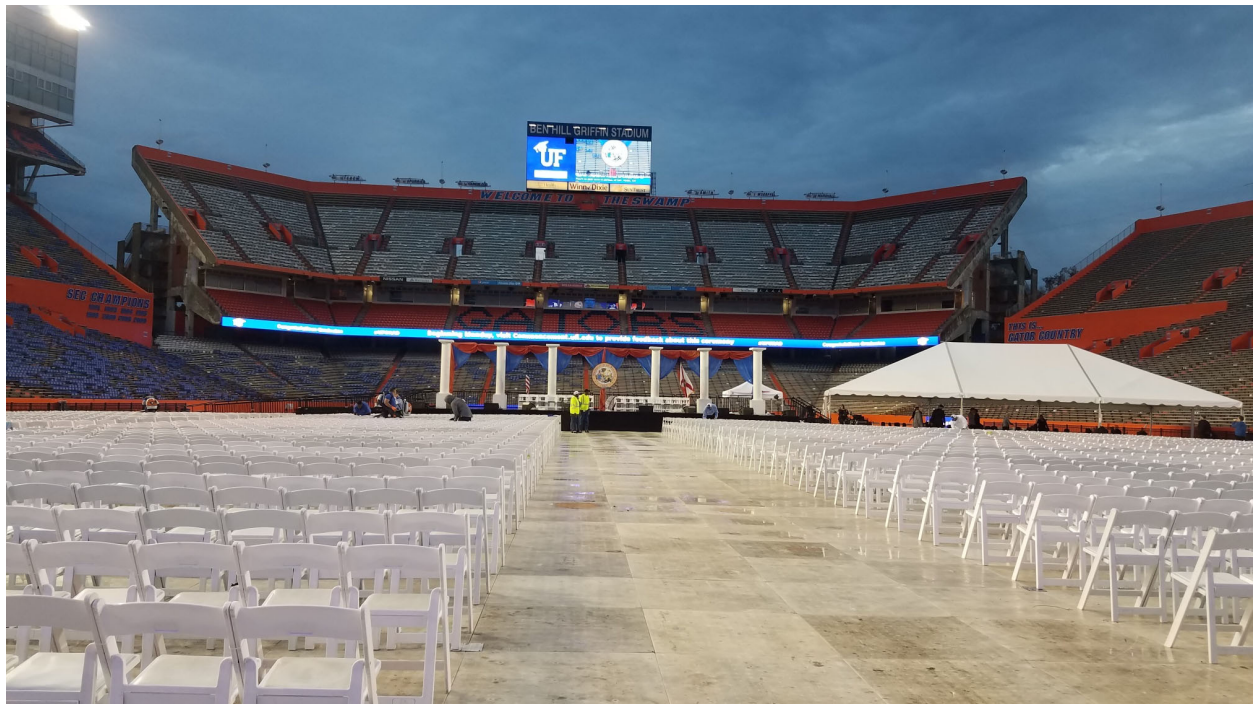
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Side View



Back View



Music Tent



Half Stadium Setup

