

Nexus



Even for Nexus, one of the longest enduring professional percussion ensembles in the world, times were tough. Performance opportunities were sporadic and paid considerably less than in the good old days when thousands of spectators regularly packed their concerts. Which is why its members jumped at the chance to participate in the first annual Butterball Turkey Parade and Skeet Shoot down King Street in Toronto. Nexus augmented the traditional complement of marching drums with marimbas, tam tams, and a wind machine. While the battery of additional instruments was indeed impressive to look at, their relative immobility doomed them as they suffered the brunt of the falling debris when an overeager skeet shooter blasted the giant helium-filled turkey piñata out of the sky.