AMU Alumni Band, The Holy Smokes, Bring the Beat to All Saints Day Celebration

Campus Update

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Ave Maria University’s All Saints Day Celebration brought together faith, fellowship and plenty of fun, beginning with the celebration of the Holy Mass, with music led by alum Trenton O'Neil, and concluding with an energetic concert by The Holy Smokes, a band featuring AMU alumni.

The day began with Mass offered in the university amphitheater, bringing the AMU community together in prayer and celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints. Following Mass, students, faculty, staff and visitors took part in a Eucharistic procession, accompanied by the relics of many beloved saints. Among those available for veneration were relics of the True Cross, St. Carlo Acutis, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. John Paul II and many others. It was a beautiful opportunity to honor the saints and reflect on the communion of the Church.

Following the procession, the community gathered for a festive celebration and concert by The Holy Smokes, featuring AMU alumni George De los Reyes and Regina Fahey.

The band quickly became a hit with students, delivering nonstop music that kept the crowd singing, dancing and celebrating throughout the performance. The energy was contagious, with students filling the amphitheater and even taking the excitement to the next level with some crowd surfing!

One of the evening’s most memorable moments came when alumna Regina Fahey brought the next generation of Gyrenes onto the stage. Her daughter, Keira, joined her for a very special rendition of Coldplay’s A Sky Full of Stars. The touching mother-daughter performance was a highlight of the evening and a wonderful reminder of the lasting connections that make the Ave Maria community so special.

From the beauty of the Mass and Eucharistic procession to the joy of the feast and concert, All Saints Day was a celebration of faith, friendship and community. It was especially wonderful to see alumni sharing their talents with today's students and continuing to be part of campus life. The day was a joyful reminder that the Ave Maria family remains connected across generations, united by a shared love of the faith and the University.

Read online for photos and videos:

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