



Let the show begin

A welcome message from the Pageantmaster who is responsible for organising the historic Lord Mayor's Show

Welcome to the Lord Mayor's Show, the largest civic procession in the world, at over three miles long. The Show takes the Lord Mayor from Mansion House to the Royal Courts of Justice, to pledge his allegiance to The Queen.

The Show is an 800-year-old living tradition. It is the vibrant result of many months of preparation, and is made possible only by the contribution of many hundreds of volunteers who work hard behind the scenes, as well as

those who are performing today.

On display is a wonderful cross-section of society: from schoolchildren to soldiers, performers to police officers as well as musicians, representatives of charities, universities, businesses and Livery Companies. People from many different walks of life are brought together in this creative celebration of community life.

We thank all our volunteers and participants who are making exemplary contributions to the parade, acting

as Marshals and selling programmes to raise money for the Lord Mayor's Appeal. The Show's display of good citizenship tops off an amazing year of social participation.

Finally I thank you, for coming along to make all our hard work worthwhile.

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Pageantmaster**