



## **Lucas Oil Stadium hosts Bands of America Super Regional Championship November 8-9**

*Prominent event is one of 17 regional championships held across the country this fall*

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Outstanding high school marching bands from throughout Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Virginia, and Mississippi will compete in one of the nation’s most prominent championships, Music for All’s Bands of America Super Regional Championship at Indianapolis, presented by Yamaha, at Lucas Oil Stadium (500 South Capitol Avenue) in Indianapolis, IN, on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

The championship event, hosted by Fishers High School, will feature 38 high school marching bands in the preliminary competition, all of which will be evaluated by a panel of nationally recognized music educators and marching band experts. The top 12 bands will advance to the evening finals competition, which will ultimately name the Super Regional Champion.

“Bands of America Championships are a program of Music for All, which has a mission to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all,” according to Eric L. Martin, President and CEO of Music for All. “Active participation in music and arts is a vital part of a meaningful educational experience. The thousands of students who will perform at this championship showcase the dedication, teamwork and mastery required and fostered through music and arts education.”

### **Schedule**

The preliminary competition begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and will conclude at approximately 8:15 p.m. The preliminary competition on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> will begin at 8:15 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4:30 p.m. Gates will open for the finals at 6:45 p.m. with performances beginning at 7:45 p.m. All times are tentative pending the final schedule of performing bands. Current times will be listed at [musicforall.org](http://musicforall.org).

### **Ticket information**

Ticketing and schedule information is available online at [musicforall.org](http://musicforall.org) or by calling 800.828.2263. Tickets will also be available at the gate. Standard general admission is \$17 for preliminaries on Friday and \$19 for preliminaries on Saturday. General admission for finals is \$23 or \$28 for finals reserved (upper deck). A Super Ticket (day pass) is \$48 and includes general admission for preliminaries on Friday and Saturday as well as finals. Children ages 10 and under are free for general admission seats. Discounts will be available at the gate for college students and spectators 11-18 years of age for \$7 off any general admission ticket including individual preliminaries, finals or full day passes. Military members and spouses (military ID required) as well as spectators age 62 and over can receive \$3 off the applicable adult ticket price.

## **Bands of America Championships**

In addition to this event, Music for All's Bands of America Grand National Championships, presented by Yamaha, will be held in Indianapolis on November 13-16. The Grand National Championships is a three-day, Preliminary, Semi-Finals, Finals event, held in Lucas Oil Stadium, one of the world's premier indoor venues that brings 90 bands from across the nation to Indianapolis. Bands receive recorded evaluation from panels of leading educators and marching experts, along with written scoresheets. Forty-five bands perform in each of the two separate Prelims contests. Thirty bands then advance to Semi-Finals. The top 12 scoring bands from Semi-Finals advance to Saturday evening's finals.

## **Sponsorship Information**

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## **About Music for All**

Music for All (MFA) is one of the nation's largest and most influential organizations in support of active music making. Since 1975, MFA, through its Bands of America and Orchestra America programs, has been a destination and set the standard for scholastic music ensemble performance and music education advocacy. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization, MFA's mission is to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all. MFA's vision is to be a catalyst to ensure that every child in America has access and opportunity for active music-making in their scholastic environment. MFA's programs include 20+ annual events, including the Bands of America Grand National Championships and Regional Championships for marching band, the Music for All Summer Symposium camp for students and teachers, the Music for All National Festival for concert bands, orchestra, jazz and percussion ensembles and national honor bands and orchestras.

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