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June 21-23: Leadership Weekend Experience

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If space is still available, yes; however, register by May 21 to avoid the $65 Late Registration Fee.

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The Music for All Summer Symposium, presented by Yamaha, brings you the absolute best to provide a comprehensive experience. It's a total experience, with something for every band director: high school and middle school, from the most experienced to the younger teacher at the start of his or her career.

Music for All offers tools that will allow you to achieve peak performance personally and for your ensembles. This is the place to get a head start on next year’s thinking. Make connections, get new ideas and learn new strategies.

**Control Your Own Experience** Customize your curriculum with choices focusing on a wide range of tracks and topics relevant to today’s band director in concert band, jazz, marching and technology. Experience classroom rehearsal techniques, conducting, literature, marching band design, jazz band, pedagogy, technology, organization and administration, programming and more. You also have access to observe all the student division classes, watching master teachers in all areas of instrumental instruction in action.

**Carolina Crown In Residence** 2013 DCI World Champions Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps will be in residence, with directors’ sessions featuring the corps members and instructional staff. Carolina Crown will also work with the student Marching Band division, preparing for a combined performance Friday night at the DCI Central Indiana show. Crown’s percussion and color guard sections will work with those camp student divisions, as well.

**Peer-to-Peer Networking** Network with other directors and experts who share your passion for teaching music, both in and out of the classroom. Meals and director social events are valuable times for relaxing, catching up and getting new ideas for your own program.

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Join the network today!
Price rollback for directors: Same cost as students!

Big news: now directors, instructors, and collegiate and high school students can enroll in the Student Divisions, Directors’ Academy and Percussion Specialist and Color Guard Instructor Academies at the same price, as low as $102 per day!

Deep discount for college students and teachers in their first three years of teaching.

Attend the full week for just $350! Includes tuition; housing and meals; concerts and notebook of resources. That’s more than 30% off the regular price! Qualified participants can get that price by registering at any time before *May 21.

*After May 21, 2014 a late registration fee applies.

Enroll online & learn more at musicforall.org/camp

RESIDENTIAL PRICING
- Full Fee Rate: Register and pay by May 21* — $610.
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- College students & teachers in their first three years of teaching discount: Register and pay by May 21* — $350.

COMMUTER PRICING
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- College students & teachers in their first three years of teaching discount: Register and pay by May 21* — $165.

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- Know Your Audience
- Creating Your Pillars
- Content Calendar Creation
- Testing and Scaling Your Content
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MIDDLE SCHOOL/YOUNG TEACHER ACADEMY

The Summer Symposium Middle School/Young Teacher Academy is designed to deliver a curriculum that will arm middle school teachers and young music educators with the tools they need to provide their students with a positively life-changing experience. The typical model for middle schools in America is a three-year program (6th, 7th and 8th grade). Unfortunately, three years is also the typical career-span for young music educators. Most recent studies show that America is on the verge of a major shortage of qualified music educators. Through a progressive curriculum, the Middle School/Young Teacher Academy at the Summer Symposium will provide a “hands-on” education that will prepare young teachers to thrive, not just survive!

Music for All offers an experience that will be realistic and taught by experienced and successful practitioners from a range of programs and settings, including small school, low budget, urban and rural situations. In addition to the Middle School/Young Teacher curriculum, your experience includes the Summer Symposium general curriculum, world-class concerts and musical experiences, networking with the finest music educators in the country, professional development certification from MFA, opportunity to register for Graduate Credit through Ball State University and more.

Who Should Attend? Experienced middle school teachers looking for a fresh approach and new ideas; recent graduates and young teachers; high school teachers looking to create a unified philosophy with their feeder program.

The “Nuts and Bolts” aspect of the curriculum will deal with fundamentals of teaching 6th graders in a middle school setting. In a nutshell, we will fill the gap to teach you what you didn’t learn in college! The “Ensemble” sessions will focus on the challenges that accompany the ensemble experience. Other sessions include “Maximizing the Middle School Experience,” focusing on both maximizing your students’ middle school experience, as well as helping you to prepare them for the journey to high school.

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What your music students dream, SmartMusic can help them achieve. As an educator with SmartMusic, your students will learn faster through interactive practice—and you can provide individualized instruction for large groups. Bring SmartMusic into your classroom and see for yourself how it motivates and engages students to see their future.

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The launch of Music for All’s parent/booster training and advocacy programs and resources are key elements in Music for All’s vision to be a catalyst to ensure that every child across America has access and opportunity to participate in active music making in his or her scholastic environment. Providing the necessary tools to encourage parent/booster participation and to strengthen engagement in their child’s programs and community’s success are the goals of the Music for All Parent/Booster Institute.

The Parent/Booster Institute is coordinated by David Vandewalker, one of the nation’s leading scholars and advocates for modeling and empowering parent/booster program success. During this two-day event, we promise to equip you and your booster parents with the tools to develop and operate a comprehensive strategic and practical plan for success, including:

- Establishing and maintaining legal status and legal, financial and ethical governance, including organizational (501(c)(3), bylaw and financial recording) keeping tools
- Developing and implementing concepts for successful organizational structure
- Protecting and building the value of your education and booster support program
- Maximizing your organization’s community music and arts advocacy potential
- Transforming your program into a community recognized and appreciated brand
- Event planning and successful fundraising support
- Knowing and using proven tools and tips for success parent/booster communications
- Strengthening volunteer management, including recruitment, assignments, retention and recognition
- Learning how to maximize the critical partnership between the educator and parent/booster to achieve the ultimate win (teacher) — win (parent) — win (child).

Our sessions will be engaging, collaborative and interactive. Networking opportunities (with faculty and others attending) will be available as well. In addition to what you learn and absorb on site, each participant will also leave with David Vandewalker’s Strategic Plans to Multiply text and other workshop materials.

Who should attend? Everyone responsible for and/or interested in the success of your program and music education in your school and community, including Booster officers, executive committees and committee and fundraising/program chairs; teachers, instructors, boosters looking to help make their organization stronger; music education students looking to learn more. Small or large programs, strong or weak, urban, suburban or rural, developing, emerging or new programs...we promise value and valuable information for everyone.

Cost: $119 per person. Includes tuition, workbook, meals, Thursday evening concert and Friday night DCI show (housing not included). Register four or more from your school for $99 per person. Visit www.musicforall.org/boosters to learn more about the curriculum and program and why you should attend.
What is WOW?

WORLD class immersion in relevant concepts, OWNERSHIP in all aspects of a modern, educational environment and WINNING concepts for the modern percussion specialist and program.

Music for All’s Percussion Specialist Academy provide professional development for your adjunct staff. We are committed to assuring that ethics and leadership are part of the resources we provide to teachers. Our specialist programs go beyond pedagogy to include discussion, resources and guidance on professional ethics, program administration, student leadership development, communicating with parents and school staff and how to reach today’s iY generation.

Certificate of Attendance Music for All will provide a Certificate of Attendance to two-time participants of the Percussion Specialist Academy.

Carolina Crown In Residence 2013 DCI World Champions Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps will be in residence, with sessions featuring the corps members and instructional staff.

Peer-to-Peer Networking Network with other instructors and experts who share your passion for teaching music, both in and out of the classroom.

Professional Development Music for All can certify your participation in the Summer Symposium to satisfy professional development requirements. Graduate Credit is also available for directors wishing to register for it through Ball State University.

Examples of our programming include but are not limited to:

• Branding Your Program
• The RIGHT Gear
• Sampling 101
• De-Mystifying the Yamaha 01V
• The Digital Audio Workstation
• Creating Sponsorship Opportunities
• Preventative Medicine for the Drummer in You
• Essential Composition Techniques for Outdoor
• The Fundamentals of Running Sound, EQ and Other Essential Plug-Ins
• Ethics and Professional Development
• Starting a Successful Winter Program
• The Concert Percussion Secret
• Hand Drumming
• The History of Percussion and Essential Literature
• Indoor and Outdoor Staging
• Winter Percussion Design and Orchestration
• "Mic"ing Made Easy

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Music for All’s Color Guard Instructor Academy provide professional development for your adjunct staff. We are committed to assuring that ethics and leadership are part of the resources we provide to teachers. Our specialist programs go beyond pedagogy to include discussion, resources and guidance on professional ethics, program administration, student leadership development, communicating with parents and school staff and how to reach today’s iY generation.

Certificate of Attendance
Music for All will provide a Certificate of Attendance to two-time participants of the Color Guard Instructor Academy.

Carolina Crown In Residence
2013 DCI World Champions Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps will be in residence, with sessions featuring the corps members and instructional staff. Carolina Crown’s color guard will also present feature sessions for the color guard students.

Peer-to-Peer Networking
Network with other instructors and experts who share your passion for teaching music, both in and out of the classroom.

Professional Development
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Susie Harloff
Color Guard Instructor Academy
and MFA
Summer Symposium
Color Guard Coordinator

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STEP it up!
S – Skills
T – Teaching Techniques
E – Elements of Design
P – Professionalism
The Music for All Summer Symposium offers a week-long, immersive camp experience for high school band and orchestra students in all areas of instrumental and color guard performance and leadership!

STUDENT DIVISIONS

Expect to…
• Take musical and performance skills to the next level
• Meet others who share your interests and form friendships that last a lifetime
• Acquire leadership skills
• Be immersed in a week of music, performance and fun

Symposium Highlights: What sets the MFA camp apart?
• Challenging curriculum for all levels
• Nationally-recognized faculty
• Leadership: the theme that runs throughout all camp divisions
• Concerts and events every night
• National faculty and national standards, with one of America’s leading music education organizations
• A safe, away-from-home “collegiate” experience in the premier facilities of Ball State University

What do students say they gain from their participation?
• 84% Improved musical or performance technique
• 91% Developed stronger leadership skills
• 84% Improved team-building and collaborative skills
• 88% Increased eagerness to work harder at music or performance
• 89% Established friendships with other students

The MFA Summer Symposium features some of the newest and most recently renovated residence halls on the beautiful Ball State University campus. Housing facilities feature state-of-the-art technology and first-class amenities. Dining facilities offer a wide variety of food choices and service styles. BSU’s culinary-trained chefs put a lot of time into preparing the healthiest and tastiest food possible.

CONCERTS & EVENTS

One thing that sets the MFA Summer Symposium apart from any other camp is the series of evening concerts and events, offering a variety of musical and performance genres from world-class acts each night.

The 2014 evening concert series will include:
• Yamaha Young Performing Artists
• Atlantic Brass Quintet
• Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
• Christian Howes and Southern Exposure, presented by Yamaha
• Drum Corps International Central Indiana (top drum and bugle corps, including the 2013 DCI World Champion Carolina Crown, Symposium corps-in-residence)

Visit www.musicforall.org for the updates on concerts.
Music Students (Band, Choir and Orchestra): Interact with student leaders from across the country at one of the premier two-day leadership programs created specifically for music students. Immerse yourself in a non-stop, interactive, leadership learning lab you simply can’t get anywhere else. Discover why we develop more student leaders in the music education world who truly make things happen and take the lead.

Directors: Do you want more of your students to participate positively in your program? Can you imagine what would happen if all your students constructively brought to life the leadership lessons you talk about? At Music for All’s Summer Symposium we turn talk into action, involving your students in many unforgettable, hands-on activities for team building, problem solving and leadership learning.

Parents: Did you know research shows pre-college leadership experiences predict most of the variance in college leadership outcomes? That means when students learn to lead in high school, their success in college leadership opportunities increases significantly. Give your student the positively life-changing experience of developing their leadership potential at the Leadership Weekend Experience.

Read more about what we believe leadership can be... www.musicforall.org/we-believe

Fran Kick and a fantastic faculty of student leadership educators will inspire students to Kick It In® & Take The Lead. Having worked with Fran over the past two decades, Music for All shares in his passion and mission to develop student leadership rather than just let it happen with a selected few. Reaching out to the best-of-the-best and inspiring students to lead is one thing. Helping students simultaneously “be the example” and “peer teach other students” is quite another. Students will learn how to inspire and maintain the motivation in themselves and others. The entire weekend builds on a series of active-learning experiences that developmentally dovetail both the messages and the methods of constructive servant leadership.

View video overview of the Leadership Weekend Experience... www.musicforall.org/leadership

Come for the weekend and stay for the week! By attending the Leadership Weekend Experience with the Summer Symposium, you could save both travel hassles and costs. Simplify your scheduling and plan on a Saturday-to-Saturday week of camp for the complete MFA Summer Symposium June 21–28, 2014.

Saturday, June 21-Sunday, June 22

LEADERSHIP WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

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“I was talking to some of my band parents about the MFA Summer Symposium Music Camp. They were asking about how it compares to other camps. I think the biggest difference is what you have done with the leadership curriculum for the weekend and the entire camp.”
Jonathan Bell, Director, Germantown H.S., WI
CONCERT BAND

Get energized, learn new skills and develop leadership with our immersive curriculum. The Music for All Summer Symposium Concert Band Division is for students who want to perform wind band music at a high level.

The MFA Summer Symposium offers students a new, immersive experience with composer John Mackey. Every student in the concert band division will have the chance to perform and rehearse one of the composer’s pieces with him. This is an exciting opportunity to connect with one of today’s most performed and exciting composers!

Concert Band Division Highlights

- Experience a challenging curriculum for all ability levels
- Work and interact with some of the nation’s most outstanding conductors and music educators
- Collaborate with fellow musicians to reach a high level of musical artistry through performance of traditional and contemporary wind band literature
- Be immersed in hands-on, experiential learning opportunities for musical growth through study with outstanding applied faculty
- Discover new team building, leadership and problem solving techniques
- Attend concerts and events every night, including the Yamaha Young Performing Artists, DCI Central Indiana and more (visit musicforall.org for the latest schedule)
- Enjoy the premier facilities of Ball State University

The Music for All Summer Symposium offers a wide array of music activities geared toward student musicians of all abilities and backgrounds. Students develop their musical skills through intense and enjoyable rehearsals in concert bands and chamber ensembles. They participate in sectionals and master classes and attend performances by artists of the highest caliber. Regardless of an individual’s performance ability, our teaching staff will provide opportunities for musical development and enjoyment.

Students attending the Music for All Summer Symposium have the opportunity to interact with student-musicians and artists from throughout the United States who share their love of music making, and experience a national faculty, national standards and a safe, away-from-home collegiate campus experience.

“My MFA Summer Symposium experience was amazing. I would recommend it to any musician. I became a much better musician & leader through this spectacular experience.”

Concert Band Division
Student Participant

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JAZZ BAND

Jazz Band Faculty includes:

Mark Buselli
Director of Jazz Studies,
Ball State University;
Symposium Jazz Coordinator

Jeremy Allen
Indiana University,
Bass

Scott Belck
University of Cincinnati's College
Conservatory of Music,
Trumpet
Yamaha Performing Artist

Tom Brantley
University of South Florida,
Trombone
Yamaha Performing Artist

Luke Gillespie
Indiana University,
Piano

Sammy K
Grammy-nominated LA drummer,
Educator,
Drums
Yamaha Performing Artist

Jeff Rupert
University of Central Florida,
Saxophone
Yamaha Performing Artist

The student Jazz Division at the Summer Symposium delivers techniques that can be put to immediate good use at home. Whether beginners looking to get started in playing jazz, or seasoned jazz musicians wanting to get to the next level by working with the very best, the Symposium has a place for every student.

Music for All’s curriculum provides time with leading educators and immerses students in hands-on, experiential learning opportunities.

What students will experience:
• A curriculum delivered with a collective, fine-tuned music teaching philosophy
• Ensemble rehearsal
• Improvisation
• Master classes for all instruments standard in the jazz ensemble
• Jazz history
• Exposure to world-class musicians

Students come away from camp with much more insight into the music, the art of performing and the art of experiencing jazz! Students meet and get to know others from across the country who share their love of music making and jazz especially. Each jazz ensemble performs in concert at the end of the week for fellow campers, family and friends on the final Saturday.

Personal growth Participants experience a national faculty, national standards and a safe, away-from-home collegiate campus experience. Leadership is the theme that runs throughout the camp curriculum.
MARCHING BAND

Carolina Crown (corps-in-residence), 2013 DCI World Champions

Imagine a place where you can send your band members for a week of inspiring experiences, training that enhances your own teaching, and returns your students to you ready to take the lead! That place is the Marching Band Division at the Music for All Summer Symposium.

The Summer Symposium marching band is ideal for training section leaders. Send one student from each section and when they return home they can help to spread excellence and fundamentals to the rest of the ensemble.

The marching band track teaches more than just marching and music. Students learn the fundamentals of dance and body movement. They learn how to communicate with section-mates, and how to read drill charts and clean drill. Students experience detailed instruction and learn excellence from world-class educators.

Innovative, current and relevant information on music and marching fundamentals are taught by staff from the best high school bands in America, led by Division Coordinator Jeff Young. The curriculum is challenging for all levels. Students also experience team building, leadership and problem solving workshops.

New and exciting for 2014:
- Enhanced integration with the Summer Symposium Drum Major Institute
- Division coordinators Bobby Lambert and Jeff Young have planned activities that meet the needs of leaders and drum majors within the marching band track.
- “Inside the Circle” with Carolina Crown: experience the world champions in a way that few are allowed!
- Marching band track members experience complete integration within the actual 2014 Carolina Crown drill.
- Richard Saucedo is back to teach music ensemble and fundamentals.

Students work and perform with Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps. Music for All is pleased to welcome Carolina Crown, corps-in-residence, at the 2014 Summer Symposium. Marching Band students get to work with Carolina Crown teaching staff, rehearse with the corps and perform on field for a combined performance at the DCI Central Indiana drum corps show Friday night.
Marching Band Faculty includes:

Jeff Young  
Carmel H.S., IN;  
Dynamic Marching| Music Symposium Marching Band Coordinator

Richard Saucedo  
Carmel H.S., IN (ret)

Matt Harloff  
Avon, IN;  
Carolina Crown Drum & Bugle Corps

Chris Kreke  
Carmel, IN

Chad Kohler  
Fishers, IN

Chris Kaflik  
Broken Arrow, OK;  
Blue Stars Drum & Bugle Corps

Jordan Lalama  
Nashville, TN;  
Blue Stars Drum & Bugle Corps

Tom Weidner  
Arranger, composer, drill designer  
Grand Rapids, MI

Katrina Fitzpatrick  
Morton, IL

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Cobb County, GA

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Carmel, IN

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L.D. Bell High School, TX;  
The Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps

Katrina Fitzpatrick  
Morton, IL
COLOR GUARD

Flag, Rifle, Sabre
- All Levels
• Master Class for Advanced Students (audition required)
• Faculty: instructors of nationally-celebrated color guards
• 2013 DCI World Champions Carolina Crown, corps and guard-in-residence
• A safe, away-from-home experience in the premier facilities of Ball State University, including outstanding residence halls, fieldhouse and dance studios

High school students with a passion for color guard: you don’t want to miss the Music for All Summer Symposium. Music for All’s color guard curriculum provides time with leading instructors and immerses students in hands-on, experiential learning opportunities. The Symposium brings together the rock stars of color guard, the leadership in the marching arts activity of Bands of America, and Music for All’s mission to create positively life-changing experiences, in order to provide the ultimate learning environment.

What You’ll Learn Throughout the week, you will receive extensive and intensive instruction and technique classes in all levels of flag, rifle and sabre; daily dance and movement sessions; performance opportunities; and hands-on experience with talented young performers from the country’s top drum and bugle corps.

The color guard curriculum also includes a “master class” for advanced students. Students meet and get to know others from across the country and spend time with students from a variety of backgrounds who share their love of color guard performance.

Leadership is the theme that runs throughout the camp curriculum.

For Color Guard Instructors, too! The Directors’ Academy features the Color Guard Instructor Academy, providing professional development for color guard instructors. Directors and instructors, bring 12 students and attend TOTALLY FREE! Bring 6 students and attend TUITION FREE! Learn more on page 30.

Deep discount for college students and teachers in their first three years of teaching: Attend the full week for just $350! Includes tuition; housing and meals; concerts; and notebook of resources. That’s more than 30% off the regular price! Qualified participants can get that price by registering at any time before May 21. If you prefer to commute to camp, save even more with the commuter price of just $165 for College students/young teachers, which includes tuition, lunches, nightly concerts and the symposium notebook of resources.
Customize your schedule by choosing the elective sessions you want: Latin Percussion, Concert Percussion, Rudimental Drumming, Drum Set, Electronics, Hand Drumming and more.

**Highlights for High School Students:**
- **Marching Percussion Track** – Students grouped by experience level for maximum learning
- **Concert Percussion Track** – Students experience a wide variety of concert percussion
- **Drum Set Track** – Students work with drum set faculty and perform with the Symposium Jazz Bands
- **Concerts and events every night**, including the Yamaha Young Performing Artists, DCI Central Indiana more!
- **2013 DCI World Champion Carolina Crown**, corps-in-residence

**For Band Directors and Percussion Specialists, too!**
The Directors’ Academy features the Percussion Specialist Academy, providing professional development for percussion teachers. Directors and instructors, bring 12 students and attend **TOTALLY FREE**! Bring 6 students and **attend TUITION FREE**! Learn more on page 30.

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**Percussion Faculty includes:**

- **Michael McIntosh**
  Yamaha and Zildjian Artist; Symposium Percussion Coordinator

- **Tom Aungst**
  Dartmouth Public School System, MA; Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps; Yamaha, Vic Firth, Zildjian and Remo Artist

- **Dr. David Collier**
  Director of Percussion Studies
  Illinois State University; Yamaha Artist

- **Dr. Nathan Daughtrey**
  Composer, recording artist, educator; High Point University; Yamaha, Vic Firth and Zildjian Artist

- **Thom Hannum**
  University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Vic Firth and Zildjian Artist

- **John Kilkenny**
  George Mason University, VA; Yamaha, Vic Firth, Zildjian and Remo Artist

- **Tony Nunez**
  South Hills H.S., Arcadia H.S., CA; Music City Mystique, Phantom Regiment, Blue Knights, Mandarines Drum and Bugle Corps; Yamaha and Vic Firth Artist

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The Foundation of Success: What is at YOUR Core?

by Stephanie Grote

A couple of weeks ago, I had the privilege of working with the 2014 Drum Corps International Drum Majors at the Annual DCI Meeting held in Phoenix, Arizona. I thought you all might like to have a glimpse into some of the leadership traits that my team discussed as essential qualities of great leaders.

Our discussion was based on the teachings and sayings of one of my favorite leadership gurus, Coach John Wooden. Coach Wooden was a legendary basketball coach at UCLA, where he won an unprecedented 10 NCAA National Championships. In fact, seven of his national titles were consecutive wins! However, the best part of Coach Wooden’s success is not the astounding number of wins throughout his career; instead it is the foundation upon which he built his program. These leadership principles are best summarized in his “Pyramid of Success,” which can be found at his website: www.coachwooden.com. Coach Wooden’s core values include: industriousness, friendship, loyalty, cooperation, and enthusiasm. He puts these values at the base of the pyramid, in the order you see below.

While there are several other elements to the Pyramid of Success, these core values that serve as the foundation of Coach Wooden’s teaching legacy are the most basic and essential skills necessary for a drum major today.

The first cornerstone of the foundation is industriousness. Today we would call this being a hard worker. In all music programs I have been involved with – high school band, college band, and drum corps – leaders are chosen by an audition that actually occurs over the course of the entire year. The actual “audition” where we physically do an interview, write an essay, or show our conducting skills is more of a formality of affirming all of the leadership skills you have displayed throughout the previous year.

Why does it matter that you show evidence of being an industrious student throughout the school year? Why does it matter that other students identify you as a hard worker?

As we all know, other students are more likely to listen to a drum major who is known for diligently working to improve his or her skills for the good of the group. Students are particularly eager to follow a leader who is a hard worker that maintains a positive attitude at all times.

If you are already a hard worker with limited responsibilities, chances are good that you will still be a hard worker when you are given more responsibilities (i.e. a prominent leadership role).

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Directly next to industriousness, we find friendship. While it may seem strange to see friendship labeled as an essential leadership quality, Coach Wooden’s aim with this principle was to instill the highest level of respect and camaraderie between each player on the team and himself. The saying goes, “no one will care how much you know, until they know how much you care.” Therefore, we must realize that forming and cultivating personal relationships is the easiest way to show our groups how much we care. Learning first names, making personal connections, and always being respectful and kind will increase the extent of our influence exponentially.

Another cornerstone of Coach Wooden’s pyramid is enthusiasm, or being highly interested and motivated by an activity. The great part about leading with enthusiasm is it becomes highly contagious! Just the other day, I was watching a documentary about the leadership qualities of Marines, and in this documentary, one of the drill sergeants made a statement that he seeks to always lead his recruits with enthusiasm, “to motivate them to stay in the fight.” That phrase really struck a chord with me (pun intended), as we have the same goal when trying to motivate our ensembles. We want them to stay in the proverbial fight — to continue pushing through the fatigue or the boredom and strive for excellence. Your enthusiasm can and will make the difference in encouraging another student to continue trying their hardest to achieve at the highest levels.

To the left of enthusiasm is cooperation, or a willingness to work with others. On any team, but particularly in the band world, if we cannot maintain an atmosphere of cooperation we will always fall short of achieving our goals. Cooperation is the glue that holds us all together as a single unit, instead of simply coexisting as individuals. When we agree to join together as a collaborative team, we all travel along the same path, in the same direction, in pursuit of the same goal.

Finally, in the very center of Coach Wooden’s philosophies, we find loyalty. There are countless ways that we can show (or disprove) our loyalty within our band program. First and foremost, the loyal leader must always show great respect to the members of their ensemble by not engaging in behavior promoting unhealthy relationships or compromising trust (i.e. gossip and/or drama). While we could talk about this topic for several weeks, let’s look at the other equally important facet of loyalty, which is being loyal to yourself — not compromising your values, your systems, or your standards. A good leader will set up a system of standards and values for their program. A great leader will enforce these systems and values relentlessly, never allowing themselves or others to settle or be less than their best.

While all of these teachings and principles are great ideas, the most important thing you can do today is to ask yourself one question: what is at your core?

If you (or your band) were to sit down and make a list of the leadership qualities you possess — the qualities that are the foundation of your personal leadership philosophy — what would make the list? Would you be identified as the loyal, trusted leader? Would you be known as a hard worker with a great attitude? If these qualities are not at the top of your list yet, do not fear! Every great leader is constantly learning and adapting, as they know change will always be necessary to keep moving forward. As you review your own core values and make an action plan for adapting your personal leadership traits, I will leave you with one of my favorite quotes by Coach John Wooden:

“Success is peace of mind, which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best you are capable of becoming.”

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DMIdeas: Character
by Bobby Lambert

Most leaders in the band are inherently good people. My dear friend and college band director, Bob Buckner, would often comment that the problem with society is that not everyone is in band. He would say:

“If everyone were in band, there would be very virtually no crime and we could work together to make great things happen. That’s what bands do. Band people are the best people in the world!” So with so many good people in band, why must we speak of Character? It is usually not to dissuade students from stealing or cheating but rather to encourage students to do their best in all they do. Character is often described as what one does when no one is watching. I believe Character, for student leaders, is more the place between what you WANT to do and what you SHOULD do. That gray area where one could leave trash on the floor and no one would lay blame, or the middle ground where a leader could walk by an obviously struggling freshman and ignore their need. My particular favorite example of Character in the band medium pertains to personal practice. No one really knows your practice habits—or so we think.

See, Character can feel like this grandiose idea from which after school specials and Disney movies spring. We have all seen the like—"A downtrodden student changes his entire school from a devastated war zone into a place of love and tranquility using only his trumpet" or "A courageous girl and her snare drum save seventy kittens from certain annihilation using the power of the flam."

But Character is much more simple. It is not so much WHAT you do to help others but WHY you do it. If your sole reason for kindness is recognition and praise, it will be a disappointment. People can be very smart and usually are quite savvy when it comes to false intentions. Have you ever experienced a friend or teacher who is false in their intentions and you could just tell? Everyone has. So you cannot simply attempt the “right” thing for praise or promotion. There must be reason behind your actions. WHY should you help someone? WHY should you be a champion / protector of your band? WHY should you pick up someone else’s trash???

I believe there are two reasons. Number one can be summed up by a question: “If not you, then who?” If it does not begin with you, band leader... musician... intelligent human...artist then from where should Character rise? It is actually a cycle that is created between art and artist. We partake in the most profound artistic movement ever created—music. It is alive, ever changing, and transcending. There are no words to describe it, only musicians to embody it. We can do that on the stage or on the field but shouldn’t we also exemplify this most transforming of art forms in our everyday existence? How can one be miserable and be a musician? (Please understand I include dancers and color guard members as musicians—your medium is your movement. You are the personal representation of the music)? We get to create art out of thin air. We get to bring the inspiration and passion of composers to life for audiences whose lives were very dull until the moment we began to play. We get to touch people all across the country and world through music. What have we to dread? Music gives us every reason to celebrate with Character exhibited in all the things we do.

The second reason why is music demands that we are as aware of the human condition as possible or else we cannot communicate with one another. It begins with our fellow musicians and performers. I can always tell a band with a sense of community in the way they prepare and perform. The Character exhibited by the members toward one another is powerful and therefore, their musical and visual achievement is amplified. Much in the same way two frequencies amplify one another when they are perfectly in sync, two people can amplify each other for art to reach its full potential. As the performers communicate with each other, they communicate with an audience. Whether that is on the field, in the parking lot after a performance, on a bus in the school, the band is always performing. Have you heard the classification, “band kid”? We are all “band kids” in every facet of our life. I COULDN’T BE HAPPIER ABOUT THAT!!! That moniker should mean the best of the best in every way. If it doesn’t, the point of BAND has been missed.

See the cycle: Art demands Character, which in turn, inspires Art...

Character is so important on so many levels. Consequently, it is a win-win situation. Exceptional Character breeds exceptional performance. I will leave you with this challenge. Simon Sinek has written several books and has an outstanding video on TEDx Talks. His latest book is titled, “Leaders Eat Last”. Since arriving at Marian, thirteen years ago, I have eaten many meals with our head director Greg Bimm and the full band. In EVERY situation, Greg Bimm eats last. At every potluck, contest, or social situation, he is always last to eat. I thought it was a small point at first but over the years, I see the bigger picture. It is a sign of care and concern for those he leads. He will not rest, until all are served... and I do not only mean food. We follow him with even more vigor because of that fact and the care he shows for us.

Do your followers feel that kind of care? Does your Character inspire extraordinary commitment? If not, do not be surprised when some do not buy in to your philosophy. In the world of leadership, Character is the engine that makes everything possible. It motivates the leader and the followers to move forward. Without it, little else matters. It is at the core of every leadership skill and cannot be overestimated.

“In the last analysis, what we are communicates far more eloquently than anything we say or do.” - Stephen Covey

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Scholarships

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Festival band director

Ensembles from schools across the nation gathered in Indianapolis for the 2014 Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 6-8. Congratulations and deepest gratitude to the ensembles and directors of the 23rd annual Festival for being part of this memorable event!

Number of performing ensembles: 41  
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Col. Arnald Gabriel, Conductor Emeritus, U.S. Air Force Band

1 Eugene Migliaro Corporon conducted the 2014 Honor Band of America.  
2 California music educator and administrator Don Jaramillo was an evaluator and clinician on the new Invited Band stage.  
3 2014 Bands of America Hall of Fame members were inducted during the Music for All National Festival: (left to right) Camilla Stasa, Marlene Miller and Eugene Migliaro Corporon.  
4 Invited band stage evaluators in action: (left to right) John Phillips, Don Jaramillo and John Casagrande.

See the full list of Festival evaluators, clinicians and presenters on page 34.
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NATIONAL CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL ENSEMBLES
Benjamin E. Mays High School Wind Symphony, Atlanta, GA
William P. Oliver, Director

Bothell High School Wind Ensemble, Bothell, WA
Philip Dean, Director

Cherry Creek High School Wind Ensemble, Greenwood Village, CO
Tim Libby, Director

Cypress Ranch High School Symphonic Band, Cypress, TX
Russell Hocumbe, Director

Eden Prairie High School Wind Ensemble, Eden Prairie, MN
Elizabeth Jackson Kirchoff, Director

Fort Mill High School Wind Symphony, Fort Mill, SC
John Pruitt, Director

Hanford High School Wind Ensemble, Richland, WA
Kevin Swisher and Chris Newbury, Co-Directors

Hickory High School Wind Ensemble, Chesapeake, VA
David Enloe, Director

J. E. B. Stuart High School Wind Ensemble, Falls Church, VA
Brian Thomas, Director

James W. Robinson Secondary Symphonic Band, Fairfax, VA
Andrew E. Loft, Director

Kempner High School Wind Ensemble, Sugar Land, TX
Brandon L. Hill, Director

Lafayette High School Wind Ensemble, Lafayette, LA
Scotty Walker, Director

Lafayette High School Symphonic Band, Lafayette, LA
William R. Gleason, Director

Legacy High School Wind Symphony, Mansfield, TX
Glenn Fugett, Director

Mountain View High School Wind Ensemble, Vancouver, WA
Sam Ormsen and Eric Smeldsrunder Co-Directors

Mt. Eden High School Wind Ensemble, Hayward, CA
Kevin Cato, Director

Orange County School of the Arts Frederick Fennell Wind Ensemble, Santa Ana, CA
Teren Shaffer, Director

Stillwater Area High School Wind Symphony, Stillwater, MN
Dennis R. Lindsay, Director

Warren Central High School Honors Band, Indianapolis, IN
John Hinmer, Director

Warren Township High School Symphonic Band, Gurnee, IL
Kurt Gros, Director

William Mason High School Wind Symphony, Mason, OH
Robert Bass, Director

William Mason H.S. Symphonic Band, Mason, OH
Robert Bass, Director

William S. Hart High School Wind Ensemble, Newhall, CA
Anthony H. Bailey, Director

Wylie High School Wind Symphony, Wylie, TX
Todd Dixon, Director

ORCHESTRA AMERICA NATIONAL FESTIVAL ENSEMBLES
Mt. Eden High School Strings Ensemble, Hayward, CA
E. Ronnie Cato, Director

Oscar F. Smith High School Chamber Orchestra, Chesapeake, VA
Deanna Kringel, Director

Hanford High School Orchestra, Richland, WA
Chris Newbury, Director

MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL ENSEMBLES
Bumpus Middle School Symphonic Band, Hoover, AL
Josh Lynch, Director

Dickerson Middle School Symphonic Band, Marietta, GA
John Palmer, Director

Griffin Middle School Wind Ensemble, The Colony, TX
Leigh Ann McClain, Director

Mason Middle School Symphonic Winds, Mason, OH
Susan Bass, Director

Riverwatch Middle School Symphonic Band, Suwanee, GA
Matt Koperniak, Director

1 Caleb Chapman, conducting the Jazz Band of America at their second Festival performance in the Indianapolis Arts Garden.
2 Chad Pence, conducting the Fort Mill High School Wind Symphony, SC.
3 Misty Wick (left), Music for All’s Director of Development and Partnerships presents The Revelli Scholarship to Ashton Bowles, Thompson High School, AL.
4 Students from Bumpus Middle School, AL.
5 Yamaha artist Mimi Stillman not only presented flute master classes, she graced the Gala Awards Banquet guests with a special performance to open the festivities.
6 Yamaha artist Charles Villarrubia led student master classes for tubists.
SANDY FELDSTEIN NATIONAL PERCUSSION FESTIVAL ENSEMBLES

Cypress Ranch High School Percussion Ensemble, Cypress, TX
Kyle Stahl, Director

Dickerson Middle School Percussion Ensemble, Marietta, GA
Scott Brown, Director

Eden Prairie High School Percussion Ensemble, Eden Prairie, MN
Scott Palmer, Director

Lafayette High School Percussion Ensemble, Lafayette, LA
Scotty Walker, Director

Mt. Eden High School Percussion Ensemble, Hayward, CA
Kevin Cato, Director

Orange County School for the Arts Percussion Ensemble, Santa Ana, CA., Axel Clarke, Director

San Marcos High School Percussion Ensemble, San Marcos, CA
Matthew Armstrong, Director

Stillwater High School Percussion Ensemble, Stillwater, MN
Dennis Lindsay, Director

Scott Boerma, Western Michigan University, provided commentary on the conductors of the invited concert bands

Performers at the Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival

Elizabeth Jackson Kirchhoff, Eden Prairie H.S., MN

John Phillips, Invited Band stage clinic

Ju-Fang Liu, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, leads a master class

Todd Dixon, Wylie H.S., TX

Students from Benjamin E. Mays H.S., GA.

Robert Bass, William Mason H.S., OH

Hazo’s Everything Beautiful, commissioned in memory of Chuck Campbell, premiered by Honor Band of America

The 2014 Honor Band of America premiered Everything Beautiful by Samuel Hazo on March 8, 2014 at Clowes Memorial Hall in Indianapolis. Everything Beautiful was commissioned in honor and memory of Chuck Campbell, respected band director and member of Music for All’s Bands of America Hall of Fame.

Download the program notes for Everything Beautiful
Watch the video story of the premiere and interview with Samuel Hazo
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2014 CLINICIANS, EVALUATORS, CONDUCTORS
Sey Ahn, University of Southern California, Honor Orchestra of America Assistant Conductor
Thomas Akins, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ret.)
Thad Anderson, University of Central Florida
Lori Baruth, Morehead State University
John R. Beck, University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Harry Blake, Blinn College, TX
Andrew Bliss, University of Tennessee
Brian Blocker, Highland H.S., IN
Brian Blume, Southeastern University, FL
Scott Boerma, Western Michigan University
Peter Boonshaft, Hofstra University
Andrea Brown, University of Michigan
Josef Burgstaller, The Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University, MD
John E. Casagrande, George Mason University (ret.), VA
Scott J. Casagrande, John Hersey H.S., IL
Caleb Chapman, President, Caleb Chapman Music, Jazz Band of America Conductor
David Collier, Illinois State University
Eugene Migliaro Corporon, University of North Texas, Honor Band of America Conductor
Jon Grabiel, Butler University, IN
Nicole DeGuire, Fishers H.S., IN
Douglas Droste, Ball State University, IN, Muncie Symphony Orchestra
Robin Eubanks, Yamaha Performing Artist
Ingrid Fischer-Bellman, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
Cheryl Floyd, Hill County M.S., TX
Richard Floyd, University of Texas, Austin (ret.), Austin Symphonic Band
Mark Ford, University of North Texas
Dean Franke, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
Adam Frey, George Mason University and Emory University
William Galvin, Washington Symphony Chamber Orchestra, PA
Carl Grapentine, WFMT 98.7 FM, Chicago
Gary Green, University of Miami, FL
William Grubb, Butler University, IN
Michael Huestis, The Colony H.S., TX
Don Jaramillo, Alta Loma H.S., CA
James Keene, University of Illinois (ret.)
Craig Krechhoff, University of Minnesota
Franz Kruger, University of Houston, TX
Paula Krupiczewicz, North Cobb H.S., GA
Terry Langdon, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
Tim Lautzenheiser, Attitude Concepts for Today
Ju-fang Liu, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
Larry Livingston, University of Southern California, Honor Orchestra of America Conductor and Musical Director
Anthony J. Maiello, George Mason University, VA and American Festival Pops Orchestra Artistic Director and Conductor, Washington, D.C.
Gary Markham, Cobb County School District, GA (ret.)
Freddy Martin, Westminster Schools, GA
Brian Miller, King Low Heywood Thomas, CT
Iain Moyer, University of North Alabama
David Murray, Butler University, IN
Stephen Page, Colorado Mesa University
John Phillips, University of Western Ontario
John Pollard, L.D. Bell Schools, TX
H. Robert Reynolds, University of Southern California
Richard Saucedo, Carmel H.S., IN (ret.)
Stan Schoenower, Fairfax Wind Symphony, VA
Kevin Settle, Michigan State University
David Shaffer, Miami University, OH (ret.)
Kimberly Shuttlesworth, James Bowie H.S., TX
Robert Soto, Trombone, Fullerton College and Cal State University, Pomona, CA
Daug Spaniol, Butler University, IN
David Starnes, Western Carolina University, NC
Mimi Stillman, Settlement Music School, PA, Dolce Suono Ensemble Artistic and Executive Director
Josh Torres, Center Grove H.S., IN
José Valencia, Marion Philharmonic Orchestra and Lafayette Symphony Orchestra, IN
Charles Wammack, University of Texas, Austin Butler School of Music
Shawn Vandran, Ball State University, IN
Petrea Warneck, South Carolina Philharmonic, Furman University, SC Governor's School for the Arts and Clemson University
Dean Westman, Avon H.S., IN
Larry Williams, The Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University, MD
Brian Worsdale, French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts and The Manhattan School of Music

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David Aydelott, Franklin H.S., Franklin, TN
Debbie Baker, Associate Director, Hillcrest H.S., Tuscaloosa, AL
Daniel Bearden, Director, Fossil Ridge H.S., Fort Collins, CO
John Bebl, Director, Miami Killian Senior H.S., Miami, FL
Jeff Bridges, Director, The Colony H.S., The Colony, TX
John Buettner, Director, Thompson H.S., Alabaster, AL
Cecilia Clark, Director, Allatoona HS, Acworth, GA
Brian Coven, Director, Lockport Township H.S., Lockport, IL
Brian Fried, Director, North Hardin H.S., Radcliff, KY
Stuart Ivey, Vinemont HS, South Vinemont, AL
Steve Jacoby, Director, Falls Church H.S., Fairfax County, VA
Dan Moore, Naperville North H.S., Naperville, IL
Stephen Rice, Director, West Potomac H.S., Alexandria, VA
Nick Smith, Director, Hillcrest H.S., Tuscaloosa, AL
Matt Temple, Director, New Trier H.S., Winnetka, IL
Aaron Vogel, Assistant Director, Fossil Ridge H.S., Fort Collins, CO

Thank you to the educators and artists who served as clinicians, evaluators and presenters at the 2014 Music for All National Festival

A photo for the ages: Many of the 2014 Festival evaluators and clinicians gathered at the start of the Festival for a group photo. Click on the photo to see a list names of those pictured.

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Launched in 1992 as Bands of America’s National Concert Band Festival, Bands of America rekindled the concert band tradition in America as exemplified by the National Band Contest in the 1930s, which drew national recognition for a young director named William D. Revelli.

Today the National Concert Band Festival and Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival are part of the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha. The Festival also includes the Orchestra America National Festival, the Middle School National Music Festival and three national honor ensembles: the Honor Band of America, Honor Orchestra of America and Jazz Band of America.

**Expanded opportunities for concert bands** Today, the National Concert Band Festival features two stages of performance opportunities: the Featured Band stage and the Invited Band stage. Learn more about each of the two concert band opportunities in the full Festival 2015 Application/Audition packet starting on page 59.

**A non-competitive experience** Being invited is the achievement! The Festival’s non-competitive atmosphere at the Festival provides a place for growth, cooperative encouragement and mutual respect among music programs, students, parents, boosters and administrators. Directors select their own programs; there is no required repertoire.
There are no ratings or rankings so directors and their ensembles are free to stretch themselves, reach for new heights, and strive for innovation, growth and excellence, instead of focusing on a rating or placing.

Outstanding Venues Concert bands perform in Clowes Memorial Hall or the new Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts at Butler University. Percussion Ensembles perform at the Warren Performing Arts Center. Ensembles stay at the beautiful Marriott Place Indianapolis hotels, including the JW Marriott.

Performance and Clinic
Each ensemble performs a concert before a knowledgeable audience. Ensemble directors receive recorded and written comments from the evaluators, including conductor evaluation. Following the performance, your ensemble will receive a private clinic with one of the evaluators.

Master Classes
All students participate in instrumental master classes, led by top applied faculty and professional musicians.

Other 2015 Music for All National Festival Highlights Include:
• Social events for students and directors
• Gala awards banquet
• World-class venues and facilities
• DVD, CD and group photo package for each student
• Ensemble host on site and pre-Festival fam trip helps guide you through the experience

Requirements for Application:
Concert Bands and Percussion Ensembles

All auditioning ensembles receive recorded and written critique from a panel of esteemed music educators on the selection/evaluation committee. Application consists of the completed Application Form submitted with the audition CD and application fee. Deadline to apply is June 5, 2014.

Click here to jump to the full 2015 Application Packet for full application and audition requirements and application forms.

Pictured this page:
Top: Samuel C. Ormson, Mountain View HS, WA; right: Freddy Martin, working with a band during their post-performance clinic; above middle: scenes from the 2014 Festival.
Applications now available for the new

Chamber Music National Festival

part of the Music for All National Festival

presented by YAMAHA

March 12-14, 2015 • Indianapolis, IN

Having students perform in a smaller chamber music size group improves listening skills and the ability to balance and blend. The independence you develop by playing in groups of this size simply make you a stronger musician. When you consider that some of the greatest works we have were written for chamber groups, then pedagogically it’s clear that adding a chamber music component to Music For All makes sense both educationally and artistically. We are excited to be part of it! — Michael Skinner, President, DANSR, Inc.

Yamaha is very excited to join Music for All and DANSR in the forming of Music for All’s Chamber Music Festival. This effort will serve such an important group of students who otherwise might never have gotten an opportunity to grow from this crucial and underserved genre of music. We at Yamaha are honored to be a part of this initiative! — John Wittmann, Director of Artist Relations, Yamaha Corporation of America

Music for All is now taking applications for its first Chamber Music National Festival, made possible by the commitment and generous lead donor support of Vandoren.

Designed to offer new educational growth and performance opportunities for individual students and scholastic music programs, the Chamber Music National Festival will offer wind and string chamber ensemble players the opportunity to perform on a national stage and experience professional coaching and instrument-specific master classes in the extraordinary, student-focused environment that is the Music for All National Festival.

The Chamber Music National Festival is a non-competitive experience produced in and surrounded by an atmosphere of national celebration, mutual support and a shared commitment to excellence. There are no ratings or rankings.

About the application and audition process Participation will be by application and recorded audition. Download the Chamber Festival Application/Audition Packet for full audition and application requirements at www.musicforall.org/chamber-festival. We invite you to help make history and establish a new part and tradition in the rich history of the Music for All National Festival.

From the Opening Ceremony to the culminating Gala Awards Banquet both convening more than 2,000 students, teachers and parents from across the nation, you and students will be engaged in a whirlwind of preparation, performance, growth and celebration that includes:

• A 20-minute performance followed by 25-minute ensemble post-performance clinic
• Recorded and written evaluation and commentary from a panel of professionals
• Audio and video commemorative recording of your performance and clinic for each student performer and teacher/coach
• Concerts and immersive learning opportunities with world-class professional artists
• Scheduled observation of concerts to ensure a knowledgeable audience
• Master classes and additional coaching opportunities
• Student leadership workshops
• Collegiate and professional audition preparation workshop
• Nightly concerts featuring professional chamber groups, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and national honor ensembles
• Socials for students and teachers
• Gala Awards Banquet honoring all ensembles
• World-class facilities, from where you sleep to Indianapolis’s finest concert venues
Online application now open!
Visit www.musicforall.org/honor-ensembles for application deadlines and audition requirements.

With the opportunity to rehearse and perform with renowned conductors, world-class guest artists and perform for a “dream audience” of outstanding high school musicians and educators from across the country, Music for All’s Honor Ensembles are a “must” for the finest young musicians.

Honor Ensemble members hail from across the country, from programs large and small. Today, alumni perform in professional symphonies and top military ensembles. Others are teaching music in schools and colleges nationwide, performing professionally, completing a wide variety of college degrees and are embarking on illustrious and diverse careers that span the spectrum of business and professional enterprise. We invite all students to audition and encourage every director in America to share this opportunity with your finest players.
In April, three outstanding concert band festivals were held in California, Illinois and New Jersey, as Music for All Affiliate Regional Concert Band Festivals.

The San Joaquin Valley Concert Band Invitational was held in Fresno, CA; the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival was held in Arlington Heights, IL; and the Metropolitan Wind Band Invitational was held in Roxbury, NJ.

“I know I speak for my staff when I say that we are honored to partner with these successful and first-class festivals,” said Eric Martin, who was on location for the San Joaquin Valley festival. “The hard work, expertise and clear passion for music education displayed by the host directors of bands and their boosters and organizing groups was inspiring.”

The Affiliate Regional Concert Band Festival initiative debuted in 2013 with the Chicagoland Invitational. Music for All provides one National Concert Band Festival evaluator to participate at each Affiliate Festival, as well as student and teacher scholarships to the Music for All Summer Symposium.

Interested in hosting an Affiliate Festival? With the intention to continue to expand providing positively life-changing experiences to concert bands, Music for All will sponsor up to six festivals in select areas of the United States. The festivals could be existing festivals or Music for All might assist interested hosts in beginning festivals in select areas of the United States. Watch for a schedule of 2015 Music for All Affiliate Regional Concert Band Festivals online this fall and in the August/September MFA Newsletter.

What do the Affiliate Regional Concert Band Festivals offer bands that participate?

Participating in the Metropolitan Wind Band Invitational, a regional affiliate concert band festival supported by Music for All, gives programs and directors in our area the opportunity to attend a high-quality event that carries the standards and support for music education associated with Music for All. A non-competitive event with a special 45-minute clinic component makes this event unique and truly supportive for all organizations. Our close proximity to the New York metropolitan area also affords a great travel opportunity for bands and orchestras.

Todd Nichols, Roxbury HS, NJ

“The purpose of the San Joaquin Valley Concert Band Invitational is to provide a first-class performance and educational experience for groups across the United States,” says David Lesser, Director of Bands at Clovis North HS and coordinator of that invitational. “We provide only the finest educators, conductors, composers and performers as adjudicators to ensure each performing group and director receive an enriching, valuable and inspiring festival experience.

“We have one of the finest performing venues in the West combined with performance times that enable an ensemble to perform in an actual musical concert setting rather than a scored band evaluation or competition performing a limited variety and range of music. Directors and bands gain a valuable musical experience that is in conjunction with Music For All’s values and beliefs. It has been rewarding each year to hear bands who have participated in our festival multiple times. Each year they sound more mature. We feel like we have a little bit to do with their improvement as the festival has turned into a culminating experience for these groups. They look forward to preparing and sounding their best during their performance at this festival.

“Not only do bands get a great performance space with great evaluations and a top-notch performance recording of their group but we are a short day trip to many vacation destinations such as Yosemite National Park, San Francisco, multiple theme parks, about a three hour drive to Disneyland and the sunny beaches and sights of Los Angeles.”

David Lesser, Clovis North HS, CA

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1 2014 San Joaquin Valley Concert Band Invitational

Adjudicators: Alfred Watkins, John Locke, Col. Arnald Gabriel, David Lesser (Director of Bands, Clovis North), Ramiro Barrena, Jose Vargas (Assistant Director of Bands, Clovis North), David Gabrielson (Assistant Director of Bands, Clovis North).

2 Col. Arnald Gabriel, conducting a rehearsal, from the San Joaquin Valley Invitational.

3 Richard Cram (right) presenting participation award to Ali Carraher and West Windsor South HS Wind Ensemble at the Metropolitan Wind Band Invitational.

4 Evaluators at work, at the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival.

5 Alfred Watkins presenting post-performance clinic.
What do participants in the 2014 Affiliate Festival say about their experience?

“The Music for All festival in Clovis was the highlight of our concert season. In addition to watching many fantastic high school performances, my students and I received feedback from some of the best wind band conductors and educators of our time. Our clinic will have an impact on the way that my students and I approach music in the future.”
Jason Orchard, Buchanan HS, Clovis, CA, San Joaquin Valley Concert Band Invitational

“The Regional Band Festival, held at John Hersey High School, is simply a first-rate festival experience. The adjudicators are world-class, intelligent musicians and educators who also know how to speak with kids and directors about ways to improve musicianship. Additionally, we found the panel of judges to have a love and appreciation of excellent musicianship — they enthusiastically share this with the students and directors. The organization of this festival is outstanding. The staff is extremely helpful and cordial. Even though we traveled more than three hours, we will definitely return... it was more than worth the drive!”
David Maccabee, United Township HS, East Moline, IL, Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival

“Thank you for a wonderful day. Your hard work was evident in a very well run event — especially when it was the first time [as a] Music For All [affiliate festival]. My students and I had a very helpful and positive experience.”
Brian Timmons, Director, Bergenfield HS, NJ, Metropolitan Wind Band Invitational

“Congratulations and thank you for running such a fantastic festival! SBHS loved it and had a blast! Our students were saying how much they enjoyed the festival! Thank you again.
Mark Kraft, Director, South Brunswick HS, NJ, Metropolitan Wind Band Invitational

“The SJV Concert Band Invitational, in my opinion, is truly one of the best festivals in our state. One of the few to provide a full music educational experience for students and their teachers. World-class adjudicators, world-class clinics, world-class venue, world-class experience.”
Michael J. Angel, Director, Sunnyside HS, Fresno, CA, San Joaquin Valley Concert Band Invitational

What would the 2014 Affiliate coordinators say to other directors considering hosting an MFA Affiliate Regional Concert Band Festival?

“I say go for it! The support, encouragement, and resources you will receive from Music for All are second to none! Hosting a regional affiliate concert band festival is an incredible opportunity and one directors should take advantage of.”
Todd Nichols, Roxbury HS, NJ

“Music For All has been very supportive and motivational in helping to increase our educational experience for students and directors. They have given me many ideas on how to increase participation and increase the operations to provide a greater atmosphere for a music festival. If you are thinking of starting a festival, make sure you or one of your band parents are very organized and then, just do it!”
David Lesser, Clovis North HS, CA

“Thank you for inviting me to be part of the very first Metropolitan Wind Band Festival. I enjoyed the weekend very much and it certainly appeared to be a roaring success. Your leadership, organizational skills, and vision were apparent in all aspects of the event.”
Dr. Terry Austin, Director of Bands, Virginia Commonwealth University, Evaluator, Metropolitan Wind Band Invitational

“Thanks for a terrific day of adjudication and friendship last Saturday. I really enjoyed listening to the bands and walked away with a great deal of hope for music education in the East coast. Special thanks to Todd and Dave (and the rest of the crew) for making this happen and doing it so well!”
Professor Glen Adsit, Director of Bands, The Hartt School, University of Hartford, Evaluator, Metropolitan Wind Band Invitational

“Organizing committee of the Metropolitan Wind Band Invitational.
Evaluator James Keene, presenting participation award to David Lesser and the Roxbury HS Band, at the Metropolitan Wind Band Invitational.
Richard Floyd, evaluating bands at the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival.
Clovis North HS Wind Ensemble: After festival gala concert performance with adjudicators, from the San Joaquin Valley Invitational.
Evaluators at work, at the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival.
Dr. Michael Fansler, Director of Bands, Western Illinois University, working with a band in their post-performance clinic.
Thank You

...the bands and their directors who performed at the Music for All 2014 Affiliate Regional Concert Band Festivals

**METROPOLITAN WIND BAND INVITATIONAL • APRIL 5, 2014**
- Roxbury HS, Roxbury, NJ, Todd Nichols, Director
- Bergenfield HS Honors Wind Ensemble, Brian P. Timmons
- Bridgewater Raritan HS Wind Ensemble, Gary A. Myer & James P. Crowley
- Bridgewater Raritan HS Orchestra, Joseph Lalumia
- Eastern Wind Symphony, Todd Nichols (Spotlight Adult Ensemble)
- Hillsborough HS Wind Ensemble, Julia Haran
- Immaculata HS Wind Ensemble, Ed Webber & Frank Amato
- JP Stevens HS Wind Ensemble, Andrew DeNicola
- Mount Olive HS Wind Ensemble, John DiEgidio & Darryl Hendricks
- Roxbury HS Honors Wind Symphony, Todd Nichols
- South Brunswick HS Wind Ensemble, Mark Kraft
- West Milford HS Wind Ensemble West, Brian McLaughlin
- West Orange HS Wind Ensemble, Lew Kelly
- West Windsor North HS Wind Ensemble, Mark Bencivengo
- West Windsor South HS Wind Ensemble, Ali Carraher

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CONCERT BAND INVITATIONAL • APRIL 11, 2014**
- Clovis North HS, Fresno, CA, David Lesser, Director
- Kingsburg HS Wind Ensemble, Mike Schofield
- Terronez MS Symphonic Band, Robert Madrid
- Granite Ridge Intermediate School Symphonic Band, Jose Vargas
- El Diamante HS Wind Ensemble, Michael Tackett
- Clovis East HS Wind Ensemble, Theodore Tanaleon & Shannon Weber
- Los Banos HS Wind Ensemble, Cliff Brand
- Buchanan HS Wind Ensemble, Jason Orchard
- Tullock HS Wind Ensemble, Daniel Baudino
- Clovis HS Wind Ensemble, Esmeralda Rocha-Lozano
- Golden Valley HS Wind Ensemble, Michael Vasquez
- Sunnyside HS Wind Ensemble, Michael Angel
- Clovis North HS Wind Ensemble, David Lesser
- California State University Fresno Wind Orchestra, Dr. Gary P. Gilroy
- Collinsville Wind Ensemble, Bob Wright
- Elk Grove HS Symphonic Band, Ron Fiorito, Jr.
- Elk Grove HS Band, Ron Fiorito, Jr.
- Elmhurst College Wind Ensemble, Prof. Judith Grimes
- Fremd HS Wind Symphony, Matthew Moore
- Fremd HS Symphonic Winds, Jeremy Figlewicz
- John Hersey Symphonic Band, Scott Casagrande
- John Hersey Concert/Cadet Band, Tom Beckwith
- Lake Zurich HS Wind Ensemble, Joshua Thompson
- Lincoln-Way East HS Wind Ensemble, Bert Johnson & Chris Moczek
- Lincoln-Way East HS Wind Symphony, Chris Moczek
- Lockport Township HS Wind Symphony, Brian Covey
- Lockport Township HS Symphonic Band, Andrew Beckwith
- MacArthur MS, Mike Malek
- Macomb Sr. HS Wind Symphony, David Wetmore
- Macomb Sr. HS Concert Band, David Wetmore
- Maine South HS Wind Ensemble, Joel Matter
- Maine South HS Symphonic Band, Joel Matter
- Mundelein HS Honors Wind Ensemble, Jerry Shelato
- Mundelein HS Honors Symphonic Winds, Andy Sturgeon
- Naperville North HS Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Daniel Moore
- Naperville North HS Wind Symphony, Brian Van Kley
- New Trier HS Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Matt Temple
- New Trier HS Freshman Concert Band, Matt Temple & Bruce Daugherty
- O’Fallon Township HS Wind Ensemble, Melissa Gustafson-Hinds
- Oswego HS Wind Symphony, Stephanie San Roman
- Oswego HS Wind Ensemble, Kevin Schoenbach
- Prospect HS Symphonic Band, Chris Barnum
- Prospect HS Concert Band, Chris Barnum
- River Trails MS River Trails MS, Todd Smith
- Rolling Meadows HS RMHS Symphonic Band, Christopher Buti
- Schaumburg HS Wind Symphony, Kevin Miller & Vincent Inendino
- Schaumburg HS Symphonic Band, Vincent Inendino & Kevin Miller
- Thomas MS Wind Ensemble, Candace Horton
- United Township HS Symphonic Band, David Maccabee
- United Township HS Concert Band, David Maccabee

**CHICAGOLAND INVITATIONAL CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL • APRIL 12, 2014**
- John Hersey HS, Arlington Heights, IL, Scott Casagrande, Director
- Carl Sandburg HS Symphonic Band 1, Stewart Bailey & Annabelle Sarmiento
- Carl Sandburg HS Symphonic Band 2, Stewart Bailey & Annabelle Sarmiento

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90+ competing bands
College exhibition performances
Expo with more than 100 booths, souvenirs, apparel, music, performance equipment and more

GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
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November 12-15, 2014, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN
There are still limited performance spots available for high school bands. Enroll online at musicforall.org or call Music for All at 800.848.BAND

Tickets are now on sale! Grand Nationals tickets are now on sale. Individual tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster.com, Ticketmaster by phone at 800-745-3000 or the Lucas Oil Stadium ticket office. Order Student Group Discount Tickets directly from Music for All by phone at 800.848.BAND or use the Student Group Discount Ticket Order Form on page 46 of this Newsletter.

THE GREATEST SHOW ON TURF

Patrick John Hughes
Parent/Booster Award.
Nominate the outstanding parent/booster in your life!
The award is presented during Grand National Championships in Indianapolis, November 12-15.
Nomination deadline 9/15/14.

HS Student Leadership Workshop
with Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser
Friday evening, 5-7 p.m.
Indianapolis, Indiana
See registration details and cost at musicforall.org.

Future Music Educators’ Experience
Saturday, November 15, 2014
8:00 A.M.—5:00 p.m.*
Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana
(Free, includes reserved seating to Semi-Finals.)
Limited performance spots available in many BOA Championships:
Enroll now for best available preliminary performance time!

Bands of America Championships provide an exciting, educational performance experience for students and valuable evaluation and feedback for directors.

“There are still performance spots in most of BOA’s fall championships,” said Debbie Laferty Asbill, Vice President of Marketing and Communications for Music for All. “We’re focusing enrollment efforts especially on Louisville, Monroeville, Toledo, Jacksonville, Tacoma, St. George, Southern California and the Atlanta Super Regional. Other shows have very limited performance spots and several are in a wait list situation. We encourage band directors to call us if interested in enrolling.”

Tacoma Dome and Wake Forest stadiums confirmed
The Tacoma Dome and Wake Forest University stadiums are now confirmed for the BOA Regionals in Tacoma, WA and Winston-Salem, NC. The Tacoma Regional is the debut BOA Championship in Washington after partnering to present an Affiliate show in Tacoma in 2013.

See the full schedule of events below and click on the city, state link to go to a list of bands enrolled in that show. Visit www.musicforall.org for more information or call 800.848.BAND.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed these programs on the NASSP National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2014-2015.
Inspire. Motivate.

I enjoy watching other bands at Bands of America Championships because it gives me a greater appreciation of the work thousands of high school bands put into marching!
Rebecca Ott

I love watching other bands because we all strive for one goal and work hard towards it each day, and that is: perfection. We are one huge family and in the end it is an amazing concept to think about!
Alex Neely, Baritone, Carmel H.S., IN

Student Group Ticket Offer at Bands of America Championships

Bring a student group to the Bands of America Championships! Perks for directors bringing students include free tickets and MFA Video online subscription. See the Student Group Ticket Order Form in this newsletter for prices, details and to order.

2014 BOA Championships Regionals, Super Regionals, Grand Nationals

Photo courtesy of Doug Pileri
2014 Student Group Discount Order Form
Regional Championships
For Non-Participating Bands
Join us for these student group experiences and save

Discounted tickets for groups of 20 or more

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Student Group Orders must be placed at least two weeks prior to the event, directly with the Music for All office. Mail or fax to Music for All, 39 W. Jackson Pl., Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46225-1010, fax 317.524.6200. Only one check or credit card will be accepted for entire order.

Free bus parking as available.

“We’ll be there!” Indicate your ticket quantities below. All ticket types shown are general admission.

One Day Regionals – Ticket prices shown as “$Discount Price ($Regular Price)”

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“We’ll be there!” Indicate your ticket quantities below. All ticket types shown are general admission.

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Application deadline extended for Summer Symposium Scholarships

Scholarships for students and Directors...
Application deadline now extended!

L.J. Hancock Summer Symposium Scholarships

The L.J. Hancock Summer Symposium Scholarship Fund was created in honor of L.J. Hancock (1952-2002) to celebrate his life and work as a great educator and a beloved friend. Mr. Hancock served as camp director of the Symposium and dedicated his entire life to educating and creating opportunities for all students.

We encourage you to share this scholarship opportunity with your students who would like to attend “America’s Camp” but are uncertain if their family can afford the cost of the program. Your students still have time to apply for the 2014 L.J. Hancock Summer Symposium Scholarships for the upcoming Music for All Summer Symposium, presented by Yamaha, June 23-28, 2014. The deadline for your students to submit their application for the L.J. Hancock Summer Symposium Scholarship is May 19, 2014.

The scholarship fund benefits individual students who are interested in attending the Summer Symposium but do not have financial means or due to hardship cannot afford to pay the tuition and fees needed to apply and attend this annual summer music camp. The Music for All Foundation scholarships provide students with financial need of at least $100, but not more than $270 toward the cost of the camp fees.

In order to reserve their space at the Summer Symposium, the camp application must be received before the May 21 camp deadline. All scholarship recipients will be required to pay the remainder of the program fee, in advance of the start of camp.

To download the scholarship application, visit:
http://www.musicforall.org/what-we-do/summer-camp/scholarships

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The Music for All Foundation is grateful to the family of Mark Williams (1955-2008), educator, composer and beloved friend, for their generous gift to endow five scholarships for the Music for All Summer Symposium. It is the goal of the Foundation and the family of Mark Williams that the Summer Symposium is financially accessible for all educators who wish to gain valuable professional development experiences.

Mr. Williams had a passion for empowering teachers to give beginning music students the best chance for success. The scholarships were created to honor Mr. Williams’ life and legacy and to provide a positively life-changing opportunity to educators who demonstrate financial need and wish to attend the Symposium. Don’t let funding stand in the way of you joining us for the 2014 Summer Symposium Directors’ Academy — apply for one of the available scholarships, so that you can be part of an experience where you will achieve peak performance personally and professionally.

We know that continuing education and ongoing professional development is key to the success of your ensemble. The inaugural scholarships are available to participants who wish to attend the 2014 Music for All Summer Symposium, presented by Yamaha, at Ball State University. One scholarship will be awarded to a college student who plans to become a music educator and four scholarships will be awarded to current music educators. The scholarship will cover tuition and fees for the Symposium as well as a travel stipend. The deadline to submit an application is May 19, 2014.

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Music for All Congratulates the 2014 Best Communities for Music Education

In March, the NAMM Foundation announced the results of its annual Best Communities for Music Education survey. The survey, now in its 15th year, affirms school districts that have demonstrated exceptional efforts toward maintaining music education as part of the schools’ core curriculum. In all, Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) recognized 472 communities, including 376 school districts and 96 schools. Music for All is proud that 76 of those school districts and three schools are participants in Music for All programs!

BCME not only recognizes the school districts for their belief in music education, but also attests to the commitment of school administrators and teachers, community leaders and parents who work to ensure that music instruction is part of a complete education for all children. Over the 15 years of the survey, this designation has helped school music programs maintain and—in many cases—increased funding for music education programs. Over 2,000 districts and schools participated in the survey this year.

McAllen Independent School District in South Texas was recognized as a Best Community for the second year in a row. The district held a recognition ceremony for the honor in early April that featured musicians from the Homer J. Morris Middle School Orchestra. According to district fine arts director Karen Herrera, 60% of the 5,700 middle school students in McAllen ISD are involved in music. “There’s a rich history of dedication to the fine arts in McAllen,” Superintendent James Ponce told local newspaper The Monitor. “This is important to our community.”

The BCME program additionally recognizes individual schools for music education achievement. The SupportMusic Merit Award recognized 96 schools across the country, including three who have participated in MFA programs: Diamond Bar H.S., CA; West Ranch H.S., CA; Springs Valley H.S., IN.

Fayette County Public Schools was the only Kentucky district to be honored by BCME this year. Kim Lyon, manager of the district’s 2020 Vision community engagement program, attributed the district’s success to its engagement with the Lexington arts community. “What we found is you don’t always have to provide the music program inside the school walls. We really love getting our students out into the community,” Lyon told WUKY, a local public radio station.

The Institute for Educational Research and Public Service, an affiliate of the University of Kansas, hosts the BCME survey and has updated and redefined processes for assessment of community selection this year. Survey responses are verified with district officials and then advisory organizations review the data, according to the NAMM Foundation.

The NAMM Foundation is supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM), Music for All’s Strategic Advocacy Partner. In addition to the Best Communities for Music Education survey, the NAMM Foundation supports research and music making grants, the Museum of Making Music, Music Achievement Council, and co-presents the SupportMusic Coalition.

Congratulations to each of the schools and communities honored by the NAMM Foundation. Information for the 2015 Best Communities for Music Education survey will be available in October. To learn more about the BCME program, visit www.nammfoundation.org.

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Best Communities for Music Education! Congrats to the 76 school districts recognized as Best Communities for Music Education who participate in Music for All programming:

Alabama
- Hoover City Schools
- Vestavia Hills City Schools

Arizona
- Tucson Unified School District

California
- Bakersfield City School District
- Glendale Unified School District
- San Diego Unified School District

Florida
- Hillsborough County Public Schools
- Saint Johns County School District

Georgia
- Cobb County School District
- DeKalb County School District
- Fulton County School System
- Gwinnett County Public Schools

Illinois
- Indian Prairie School District

Indiana
- Elkhart Community Schools
- South Spencer County School Corporation
- Metropolitan School District of Warren Township
- Paoli Community School Corporation
- Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation

Iowa
- Davenport Community School District

Kentucky
- Fayette County Public Schools

Maryland
- Baltimore County Public Schools

Michigan
- Troy School District
- Ferndale Public Schools

Minnesota
- Anoka-Hennepin ISD
- Mounds View Public Schools

Nevada
- Clark County School District

New Jersey
- South Brunswick School District

New York
- Arlington Central School District
- Baldwinsville Central School District
- Jordan Elbridge Central School District
- Liverpool Central School District
- West Genesee Central School District

North Carolina
- Cabarrus County Schools

Ohio
- Clark-Shawnee Local School District
- Kettering City Schools
- Lebanon City School District
- Hilliard City Schools
- Kings Local School District

Oklahoma
- Stillwater Public Schools

Pennsylvania
- Central Bucks School District
- Fox Chapel Area School District
- Mechanicsburg Area School District
- Pennsylvania (con’t)
  - Moon Area School District
  - Mt. Lebanon School District
  - North Penn School District
  - Trinity Area School District
- Texas
  - Arlington ISD
  - Austin ISD
  - Brownsville ISD
  - Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD
  - Conroe ISD
  - Denton ISD
  - Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD
  - Fort Bend ISD
  - Garland ISD
  - Grapevine-Colleyville ISD
  - Hidalgo ISD
  - Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD
  - Katy ISD
  - Klein ISD
  - Lewisville ISD
  - McAllen ISD
  - Mesquite ISD
  - Northwest ISD
  - Pasadena ISD
  - Richardson ISD
  - Spring ISD
  - Waxahachie ISD
  - Wylie ISD

To view the complete list of BCME honorees, visit www.nammfoundation.org.
Music for All Welcomes New Board Members

Two new members have been elected to the Music for All Board of Directors: Richard Floyd of Austin, Texas and Randall J. Gonzalez of Boone, North Carolina.

“These two individuals bring a wealth of expertise and knowledge in the areas of education and development to the Music for All Board of Directors,” said Gayl Doster, Chairman of the Music for All Board of Directors. “The diversity of their experience and geographic locations represents the breadth of the constituency of this national organization. Each director displays business and fiscal acumen and a love of music and the young people we serve. Each will help us expand opportunities for Music for All as we serve young musicians and their teachers and advocate for the inclusion of music education as part of a complete education for our young people.”

Richard Floyd is presently in his 52nd year of active involvement as a conductor, music educator and administrator. He has enjoyed a distinguished career at virtually every level of wind band performance, from beginning band programs through high school and university wind ensembles as well as adult community bands. Floyd currently holds the title of Texas State Director of Music Emeritus, having served as director of University Interscholastic League music activities for Texas since 1984. He also holds the post of Musical Director and Conductor of the Austin Symphonic Band.

Mr. Floyd is a recognized authority on conducting, the art of wind band rehearsing, concert band repertoire and music advocacy. As such, he has toured extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe as a clinician, adjudicator and conductor. In 2002 he was the recipient of the prestigious A. A. Harding Award presented by the American School Band Directors Association in recognition of his significant and lasting contributions to the school band movement. The Texas Bandmasters Association named him Texas Bandmaster of the Year in 2006 and in 2009 he was presented the Texas Music Educators Association Distinguished Service Award. In March of 2011 he was inducted into Music For All’s Bands of America Hall of Fame and awarded the prestigious Midwest International Clinic Medal of Honor for his distinguished and unique contributions to educational bands and orchestras. In 2013 he was inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame for his extraordinary contributions to high school music programs.

Randall J. Gonzalez is the Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. Randy is a native of Chicago, Illinois and attended the University of Florida and completed a Bachelor’s Degree in American History at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Randy and his wife Lori moved to Kentucky in 1991 and at the University of Kentucky (UK), Randy held administrative positions in the areas of development, institutional effectiveness, strategic planning, budgeting and student affairs. Randy earned a Master’s Degree in Educational Policy Studies while at UK, and in the fall of 2004 he was named Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Effectiveness at Lexington Community College. From 2007 to 2011 Randy served as Associate Dean for Administration and Finance at the University of Kentucky’s College of Dentistry.

Randy and Lori’s son Clay attends the University of Michigan studying trombone performance and music composition. Through volunteer community and leadership service, Randy has over the last twenty years worked in communities and with organizations to enhance and expand opportunities for children to learn, perform and enjoy music.
Music for All adds to its Educational Consultants team

Music for All is pleased to announce the formation of an orchestral team within its Educational Consultants group. Brian Worsdale, Artistic Director and Conductor at the Frenchwoods Festival of the Performing Arts will join Dean Westman, Director of Orchestras at Avon HS in Indiana as Music for All Orchestra Program Coordinators. Music for All’s orchestral team includes Larry J. Livingston, University of Southern California; Douglas Droste, Ball State University, and Sey Ahn, Idyllwild Arts Academy. Plans are to develop an orchestral advisory committee to provide guidance to Music for All and its orchestra and string programs.

Music for All’s Educational Consultants provide direction and guidance to Music for All’s leadership on its educational program. Seasoned, expert educators, they develop curriculum and provide oversight to ensure that Music for All’s programs provide the highest educational value possible for our teacher and student participants.

Music for All Educational Consultants

Gary Markham
Senior Educational Consultant, BOA Chief Judge

Tim Lautzenheiser
Senior Educational Advisor

Scott Casagrande
Education Consultant
National Concert Band Festival
Invited Bands and Regional Concert Festivals

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National Percussion Festival

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Make sure you check out the MFA Blog to keep up on the latest news from Music for All and music advocacy, as well as thought-provoking articles from music educators across the country. Whether you are seeing what’s new in the world of music advocacy, reading a Throwback Thursday post about the history of Music for All and Bands of America, reading an inspiring story of one of our student participants or learning more about our staff and programs, there’s sure to be something you’ll find interesting on the MFA Blog.

Here are some great posts to read first:

- DMIdeas: Musicianship
- Fanfare: The Week in Music Education – May 5
- Volunteer Spotlight: Nicole Presley
- Throwback Thursday: 1987
- Student Feature: Journey to the Cavaliers
2015 Application for Concert Bands & Percussion Ensembles

March 12-14, 2015
Indianapolis, Indiana
Ensemble application deadline: June 5, 2014
The Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, celebrates outstanding music making by the nation’s finest concert bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles. The Music for All National Festival is an integral part of Music for All’s mission to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all.

A legacy of excellence

Launched in 1992 as Bands of America’s National Concert Band Festival, Bands of America rekindled the concert band tradition in America as exemplified by the National Band Contest in the 1930s, which drew national recognition for a young director named William D. Revelli. Educators involved in the philosophical design of the Festival included Dr. Revelli, Frederick Fennell, John P. Paynter, Col. Arnald Gabriel, Anthony Maiello, Ray Cramer, Gary Green and other master educators and conductors.

A national stage and role in music education advocacy

Music for All is one of the nation’s largest and most influential organizations in support of active music making through educational and performance programs and advocacy. The Music for All National Festival is an integral part of Music for All’s ongoing work to advance student excellence and to support advocacy of music and arts education.

A non-competitive experience

Being invited is the achievement! The Festival’s non-competitive atmosphere at the Festival provides a place for growth, cooperative encouragement and mutual respect among music programs, students, parents, boosters and administrators. Directors select their own programs; there is no required repertoire. There are no ratings or rankings so directors and their ensembles are free to stretch themselves, reach for new heights, and strive for innovation, growth and excellence, instead of focusing on a rating or placing.

Participating students experience an atmosphere of mutual respect while enjoying concerts from other outstanding ensembles. The Festival’s dress code and standards of conduct enhance the world-class atmosphere of the Festival. Ensembles that perform at the Festival are recognized as being among the finest in the nation. Participation is a “credential” worth having. The preparation process itself can have a positive effect on your music program.

Expansion of the National Concert Band Festival

New opportunities, quality educational experience

Launched in 2014, Music for All is providing world-class educational opportunities for additional bands to perform. The National Concert Band Festival now includes two stages (opportunities) for high school bands — “Featured Bands” at Clowes Memorial Hall and “Invited Bands” at the new Howard L. Schrott Center for the Performing Arts, both at Butler University.

The “Invited Band” stage is designed for up to 12 bands interested in experiencing a great, educational, “life-changing experience.” This opportunity provides the same world-class offerings as the “Featured Band” such as master classes, leadership sessions, social gatherings,
one-on-one conductor feedback and a gala awards banquet, but with more “hands-on” treatment such as multiple clinicians simultaneously working with bands, interactive audience participation and other aspects that will enhance the student’s experience. Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser will be the Master of Ceremonies in 2015 for the Invited Band Festival Stage.

Applying high school bands select on their application form which of the two stage experiences they are applying for.

Expanded Opportunities

**Featured Bands**

The Featured Band opportunity is the Festival experience that Music for All has presented since the Festival’s debut in 1992. Bands perform in beautiful Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University. Up to 18 bands who apply for the Featured Bands experience will be selected to perform.

**One-on-one mentoring for conductors**

Each “Featured Band” will receive a one-on-one mentoring session for the ensemble’s conductors with one of the Festival evaluators or clinicians. This mentoring session affords the conductor the opportunity to engage one-on-one with the evaluator about the program and topics of interest to both the conductor and the mentor.

**Invited Bands**

The Invited Band experience is for those bands who might not feel ready to apply for a Featured Band performance but that want the opportunity for growth this enrichment opportunity provides. This experience is also for additional bands from the Featured Band programs.

Invited Bands will perform for nationally recognized evaluators and clinicians in a completely supportive non-competitive environment — to be invited is the achievement.

All bands interested in the Invited Band opportunity must submit an application and recording.

Invited Band students participate in all master classes, social activities and the Gala Awards Banquet available as part of the Festival experience.

The Invited Band experience is envisioned as an in-depth educational experience. In addition to the performance, which includes written and recorded evaluation, each Invited Band will have a 30-minute clinic that will involve three evaluators who will work simultaneously with each band.

Each band’s conductor(s) will receive a 30-minute, one-on-one conductor-led session with an evaluator following each performance block. A face-view video of the conductor will be provided for the conductor evaluation session.

Each band member will receive a DVD and CD package of their concert performance and a formal group photo.

Bands will participate in audience time for each other. Student ensemble audience members will have the option to complete an evaluation form with positive comments and thought-provoking questions to provide additional educational experiences.

**Highlights for all ensembles**

**Concert Performances and Clinics**

Each ensemble performs a concert before a knowledgeable audience, including the Festival evaluation panel, music educators and fellow band and orchestra members. Ensemble directors receive recorded and written comments from the evaluators. Concert band directors also receive recorded and written input on their conducting from a revered conductor. Following the performance, each Featured Band and Percussion Ensemble has a private clinic with one of the evaluators.

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**Above: Evaluators on stage at the first National Concert Band Festival in 1992, including, left to right, William D. Revelli, Amy Gilreath, Lynn Klock, Col. Arnold Gabriel, Ray Cramer, Anthony Maiello, Eugene Migliaro Corporon, Jim Walker, Gary Cook, John P. Paynter and Tim Lautzenheiser**

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Band evaluators and clinicians have included:

David Bertman  
University of Houston

Harry Begian  
University of North Texas (1971-2018)

Scott Boerma  
Western Michigan University

Peter Boonshaft  
Temple University

John Casagrande  
V. C. West High School, CA (ret.)

Richard Clary  
Florida State University

Paula Crider  
University of Texas (Emeritus)

Eugene Migliaro Corporon  
University of North Texas

Ray Cramer  
Indiana University (ret.)

Anthony Maiello  
George Mason University

Jerry F. Junkin  
University of Texas

James F. Keene  
University of Illinois (ret.)

Col. Arnald Gabriel  
Conductor Emeritus, United States Air Force Band

Lowell Graham  
University of Texas at El Paso

Don Jaramillo  
Jiminez High School, CA

Craig Kirchhoff  
University of Wisconsin

Gary Green  
University of Michigan

Richard Floyd  
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Gary Hill  
Arizona State University

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Festival Evaluators/Clinicians. Each Invited Band receives an on-stage clinic with three Festival Evaluators/Clinicians.

Scheduled Observation
Concert observation time is scheduled and required for each ensemble, ensuring that all ensembles perform for a knowledgeable, appreciative audience who in turn enjoy outstanding performances of quality literature.

Master Classes
All students participate in instrumental master classes, led by top applied faculty and professional musicians. This opportunity provides for interaction with outstanding performers whose insight and experience exemplify musical achievement.

Social Events for Students and Directors
The Festival social gives students the chance to relax, have fun and get to know students from other programs across the country. The director and evaluator reception and hospitality opportunities offer networking and informal interaction with colleagues, guest artists and icons of music education.

Gala Awards Banquet
The “black-tie-optional” banquet for students, directors, parents, staff and evaluators culminates the Festival with first-class standards that distinguish the Music for All National Festival. Guests enjoy a plated dinner, recognition of each ensemble and presentation of awards to each ensemble. The formal banquet with over 2,000 guests is sure to be unforgettable for you, your students, parents and supporters.

World-Class Venues and Facilities
Featured Bands perform at Clowes Memorial Hall and Invited Bands at the new Howard L. Schrott Center for the Performing Arts, both on the Butler University campus. Percussion ensembles perform at Warren Performing Arts Center and Orchestras at Hilbert Circle Theatre, home of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

DVD and CD package
Each student member and director gets a recording package of their concert, including professionally-produced video on DVD and audio on CD.

Festival Hotels
Music for All National Festival will be hosted at the Marriott Place Indianapolis, featuring the beautiful JW Marriott and three additional Marriott properties. Marriott Place Indianapolis is located in downtown Indianapolis and is surrounded by numerous cultural and recreational attractions.

Ensemble Hosts
Each invited ensemble will be assigned a “host” to help guide you through the Festival weekend and is committed to ensuring that you have the best possible experience before and during the Festival. Hosts are familiar with, and in most cases have had an ensemble perform at, the Festival.

Opportunities for Additional Ensembles
Many groups want to travel with all of the students in their school’s band program and Music for All provides educational options to allow as many of your instrumental music student as possible to participate. Directors can choose to submit audition applications for multiple bands from one school for the Featured Band and/or Invited Band stages. Selected bands for both stages can choose to bring additional ensembles — concert bands, percussion ensembles or orchestras — to participate in additional opportunities during the Festival.

Festival Invitation Visit and Director “Fam” Trip
Every Featured and Invited ensemble is offered a visit to your school from a member of the Festival team. This visit, which is mandatory for first-time participating schools and/or directors, helps assure your students, parent boosters and administration understand the magnitude of your achievement.

A mandatory familiarization trip to Indianapolis for directors of all accepted ensembles will take place at the Festival performance venues and hotel facilities. Music for All will take directors on a city and site inspection of the performance halls, warm-up rooms, clinic rooms and the Festival hotels. The philosophy behind the event, Festival schedule and costs will be thoroughly discussed to ensure a complete understanding of pre-planning information for your ensemble. The “Fam” Trip for the 2015 ensembles will be Sunday, November 16, 2014 in Indianapolis, Indiana (coinciding with the Bands of America Grand National Championships weekend). Transportation and housing for the “Fam Trip” to Indianapolis is at the participating ensemble’s expense.

2015 Ensemble Application Deadline:
June 5, 2014

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Completed application, audition recording and all application materials must be received in the Music for All office by June 5, 2014. Mail/ship all application materials to Attn: Participant Relations, Music for All, 39 W. Jackson Place, Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46225-1010.

The Application Process
The Music for All National Festival audition process offers a unique opportunity as the
2015 Music for All National Festival presented by Yamaha

 audition process is a tool you can use to take your program to the next level. All auditioning ensembles receive recorded and written evaluation from the audition listening panel. The listening is “blind”—ensembles are not identified to evaluators in the listening process. Evaluators recommend the ensembles that demonstrate an exemplary level of excellence to receive an invitation to perform at the Festival.

Requirements for Application
Application consists of the completed festival application form submitted with the audition CD and application fee. Specific requirements for application and audition CDs are included in the Requirements for Application and Participation section of this packet.

The application fee is $250 for bands and orchestras, $200 for percussion ensembles. All applying groups receive recorded and written evaluation from the evaluation/selection panel. Submission of your application is a commitment to attend and perform if accepted (unless you select the “Input Only” box on your application). Please be sure that you have booster and administrative approval and support prior to applying.

“Input Only” Audition Option
Ensembles who want the evaluation and input from the panel of audition evaluators, but who do not wish to receive consideration for an invitation to the 2014 Festival, can choose “Input Only” Audition Option.

The Chamber Music National Festival will be a non-competitive experience produced in an environment that is world-class, educational and fun. Celebrating in an environment that is world-class, educational and fun. Commitment to excellence. There are no ratings or rankings. Participants and their directors will stand alongside Music for All’s other offerings designed to advance student excellence and support and advocate scholastic music and arts education.

What is the Chamber Music National Festival?
The Chamber Music National Festival will offer chamber ensembles a culminating performance opportunity in a festival that is recognized and respected for its excellence operationally, experientially and educationally. The festival is a part of the Music for All National Festival. The Chamber Music National Festival will stand alongside Music for All’s other offerings designed to advance student excellence and support and advocate scholastic music and arts education.

About the application and audition process
Participation will be by application and recorded audition. Chamber ensembles (string and/or wind) ranging from quartets to a maximum of 16 members are invited to apply. Each applicant will receive written and recorded comments from the audition. A maximum of 15 ensembles will be accepted in the inaugural year. Multiple ensembles from a single school may audition, with a maximum of four ensembles from a single school accepted.

Two application deadlines will exist in our inaugural Festival year. Completed applications and audition materials must arrive at our office by June 5, 2014 (Early Decision deadline; listened to and comments provided in June; up to 10 chamber ensembles invited; those ensembles can reapply for Final Decision deadline) or September 15, 2014 (Final Decision deadline). The Application Fee is $100 for the first ensemble from a single school, and $75 for each additional ensemble, capped at $500 for up to eight applications from a single school. Invited chamber ensembles are obligated to stay at the Festival hotel and participate in the Festival Packages. The cost of attendance will vary depending on the per-person Festival Package selected (see Festival Package sheet for participation package costs and inclusions).

Because of the major commitment to programming and providing resources to support a complete chamber music experience, chamber ensemble musicians should not be members of ensembles accepted for the Festival’s other featured ensembles or honor ensembles.

Download MFA’s Chamber Music National Festival application form and audition requirements and deadline at www.musicforall.org.

The Chamber Music National Festival will offer chamber ensembles a culminating performance experience that is worthy of personal and professional aspiration. Music for All National Festival stages are recognized and respected for their excellence—operationally, experientially and educationally. Participating will provide a worthy goal that will encourage student and program growth and achievement. We invite you to help make history and establish a new part and tradition in the rich history of the Music for All National Festival.
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Each ensemble performs a program of its choice, and each ensemble has assigned audience time, creating a positive environment for students as performers and listeners. Since the competition is completed when the bands are selected through a recorded audition process before a panel of renowned music educators, the ensembles can concentrate on giving their best performance in a non-competitive atmosphere during the Festival. "This experience was not only beneficial to my students but myself as well," says Greg McCutcheon, director of the Waller Junior High School concert band. "Being a young director and inexperienced as far as invitational events [like the Midwest Clinic] go, I feel that I have grown and can be ready for any challenge now. As for my students, this is something they will never forget. About half of my band had never been outside of Texas prior to this event. This was the first time several of them had ever flown on a plane. Staying in a hotel of such caliber really opened my students' eyes and let them see things they never saw before."

"I think the most positive aspect of the festival was the actual performance," says McCutcheon. "To be on that stage at such a venue was an honor and a privilege that my students really enjoyed. I also think the opening session was extremely important and well done. This experience plays such an integral role in a student's musical life. They really worked their tails off and performed well. I think after my students attended this event, many of them realized how much they really do enjoy band, as well as why they enjoy the opening session was extremely important and well done. This experience plays such an integral role in a student’s musical life. They really worked their tails off and performed well. I think after my students attended this event, many of them realized how much they really do enjoy band, as well as why they enjoy band!"

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Application consists of the completed Application Form submitted with the audition CD and application fee. Specific requirements for application audition recording are included on the Requirements for Application page in this packet. The application fee is $250 per ensemble, with reduced application fees for additional ensembles applying from the same school.

This was absolutely a life-changing experience for not only my students, but also for our band parents, administrators, and me. My students came back with a whole new perspective of music and the many possibilities it holds.

Audrey Murphy, Director Hopewell Middle School, Georgia

Middle School National Music Festival
Part of the Music for All National Festival presented by YAMAHA
March 12-14, 2015, Indianapolis, IN

The Middle School National Music Festival at the Music for All National Festival helps plant the seeds of excellence early. Middle school concert bands, giving their best performance in a non-competitive atmosphere during the Festival. "This experience was not only beneficial to my students but myself as well," says Greg McCutcheon, director of the Waller Junior High School concert band. "Being a young director and inexperienced as far as invitational events [like the Midwest Clinic] go, I feel that I have grown and can be ready for any challenge now. As for my students, this is something they will never forget. About half of my band had never been outside of Texas prior to this event. This was the first time several of them had ever flown on a plane. Staying in a hotel of such caliber really opened my students' eyes and let them see things they never saw before."

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Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival

Part of the Music for All National Festival presented by YAMAHA
March 12-14, 2015, Indianapolis, IN

The Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival is a non-competitive performance and evaluation opportunity that shines a spotlight on the nation’s most outstanding scholastic concert percussion ensembles.

All auditioning ensembles receive recorded and written evaluation from a panel of percussion educators. Invited ensembles experience a first-class festival of performances, clinics, master classes and special events. All the benefits contribute to the ultimate goal of showcasing your ensemble’s excellence and helping it move to the next level.

The Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival provides a national forum for performance and recognition for America’s outstanding concert percussion ensembles, as well as a wealth of educational opportunities for the participating ensembles. Key elements include:

- Non-competitive performance format allowing ensembles to stretch and grow
- Scheduled audience time ensuring a sizeable and appreciative audience
- Recorded and written evaluation from a distinguished panel of percussion educators
- An one-on-one session for the ensemble’s conductor with one of the Festival evaluators
- Private, post-concert clinic with one of the evaluators
- Student master classes
- Full participation in Music for All National Festival events including the Opening Session, social events and Gala Awards Banquet.

Requirements for Application

All auditioning percussion ensembles receive recorded and written critique from a panel of esteemed music educators on the selection/evaluation committee. The listening is “blind”—ensembles are not identified to evaluators in the listening process. Evaluators then recommend the percussion ensembles that demonstrate an exemplary level of excellence to perform at the Festival.

Application consists of the completed Application Form submitted with the audition CD and application fee. Specific requirements for application audition recording are included on the Requirements for Application page in this packet. The application fee is $200 for percussion ensembles. See the application form for application fee reductions for multiple ensembles from one school.

Additional Ensembles

Submission of your application is a commitment to attend and perform if accepted (unless you select the "Input Only" box on your application). Subject to space availability, Featured and Invited concert bands and orchestras may add a 12-minute percussion ensemble performance in a 20-minute performance block at the percussion venue with all the benefits for an additional $900.

Venues and Facilities

The beautiful Warren Performing Arts Center will host the 2015 Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival. The state of the art Marriott Place Indianapolis, featuring the JW Marriott, will be the official hotel of the 2015 Festival. See more at marriottplaceindianapolis.com.

Endorsed by the Percussive Arts Society, a Strategic Partner of Music for All. Visit pas.org.

Evaluators and clinicians have included:

William Galvin, Jr.
Festival Coordinator
Thad Anderson
University of Central Florida
Edward Atkatz
Lynn University
Robert Breithaupt
Capital University
Michael Burritt
Eastman School of Music
William Cahn
NEXUS Percussion Group
James Campbell
University of Kentucky
Anthony Cirone
Indiana University
David Collier
Illinois State University
Jon Crabiel
Butler University
Robert van Sice
The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University
Mark Ford
University of North Texas
Tom Gauger
Boston Symphony Orchestra
Tim Genis
Boston Symphony Orchestra
Richard Holly
Northern Illinois University
Steve Houghton
Indiana University
Giff Howarth
Bloomsburg University
Frank Kumor
Kutztown University
Don Liuzzi
Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia Orchestra
Cort McClaren
University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Ney Rosauro
University of Miami (2000–2009)
James Ross
Chicago Symphony Orchestra
John Tafoya
Indiana University
John Wooton
University of Southern Mississippi
Bruce McConnell, Carmel H.S., IN

We met again on Tuesday, “Should we do this again?” I gave the students a short one question “survey” when are the best in the business. I had a wonderful time.

The clinicians, adjudicators, guest artists and conductors are the best in the business. I was second to none. The amazingly diverse musical performance without the added pressure of ratings and feedback, the clinics are both positive and complimentary, yet challenging and motivating for the students and myself.

– Scott Hillock, Jenks Public Schools, OK

At the Music for All National Festival you experience the “best of the best” in all aspects of the event. The Festival offers the highest level of evaluation and feedback, the clinics are very beneficial, the concerts superb, and the chance to meet and get to know the students, teachers, and parents from other programs across the country is invaluable.

– Gregory L. Gumina, Shades Valley H.S., AL

If you are looking to expose your students to a well-rounded, first-class experience, this is the place to go. The challenge of setting lofty goals and going about the process of achieving them was musically and personally rewarding for both me and for my students.

– Gregory L. Gumina, Shades Valley H.S., AL

The Music for All National Festival provided a comprehensive and enriching experience for my students far beyond any musical tour or travel opportunity I have ever experienced.

– Ryan Kelly, Lincoln H.S., FL

The professionalism with which it is run along with the high-quality adjudication and instruction provided is second to none. The amazingly diverse musical environment that you are immersed in is unique and inspiring.

– Andy Pettus, Hillcrest H.S., AL

The noncompetitive philosophy that the festival employs allows the student participants to enjoy the performance added with the pressure of rating and placement.

– James O. Seda, Southwest DeKalb H.S., GA

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– Carol Doemel, Lassiter H.S., GA

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– Bruce McConnell, Carmel H.S., IN

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Festival Ensemble Schools: 1992-2014

Alan C. Pope HS, GA
American Fork HS, UT
American Fork Jr HS, UT
American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, VA
Arlington Lamar HS, TX
Athens HS, NC
Athens Drive HS, NC
Atholton HS, MD
Austin HS, AL
Bailey MS, TX
Barbie HS, LA
Belleville HS, MI
Benicia HS, CA
Benjamin E. Mays HS, WA
Beyers HS, CA
Binghamton HS, NY
Bolithi HS, WA
Broken Arrow HS, OK
Bryant HS, AR
Buchanan HS, CA
Buchholz HS, FL
Bumpus MS, AL
Caliton J. Keel HS, GA
Carroll HS, IN
Cedar Park HS, TX
Cedar Rapids HS, IA
Centerville HS, VA
Charleston School of the Arts, SC
Chantilly HS, VA
Cherry Creek HS, CO
Cheyenne Mountain HS, CO
Cinco Ranch HS, TX
Clarendon Hills MS, IL
Covis West HS, CA
Coxeena HS, LA
Cooper City HS, FL
Coral Reef HS, FL
Goye MS, TX
Grady-Springs HS, TX
Gypses Creek HS, Fl
Gypses Falls HS, TX
Gypses Ranch HS, TX
Dallas HS, OR
Dawson HS, TX
Dickenson MS, GA
Durham HS, GA
Dr. Michael M. Koop Sr-HS, FL
DeKalb HS, IL
Denton HS, TX
Desert Vista HS, AZ
DeSoto HS, TX
Dickenson HS, GA
Dickinson HS, TX
Dobson HS, AZ
Dobbs-Bennett HS, TN
Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, FL
Dr. Phillips HS, FL
Duncansville HS, TX
Eden Prairie HS, MN
Edmond Memorial HS, OK
Eklots HS, TX
Emperor Ha, Japan
Elitwanda HS, CA
Fairborn HS, OH
Fairfax HS, WA
Fairmont HS, WV
Farmington Jr HS, UT
Farragut HS, TN
Fayette County HS, GA
First Colony MS, TX
Fort Mill HS, SC
Fort Mojave HS, AZ
Fossil Ridge HS, CO
Fountain HS, MA
Freedom HS, ID
Gaither HS, FL
George Jenkins HS, FL
George Marshall HS, VA
Georgetown HS, TX
Glenbard West HS, IL
Governor John Rodgers HS, WA
Hamilton Southeastern HS, IN
Hanford HS, WA
Harlingen HS, TX
Harrison HS, GA
Henry Clay HS, KY
Heartbeat Percussion Band, Singapore
Hendrix Jr HS, AZ
Henwood HS, VA
Hi-Ho HS, KY
Hightower Trail MS, GA
Hillborough HS, NJ
Hilliard HS, AL
Hite-songs HS, TX
Howard W. Blake HS, FL
Humble HS, TX
Irmo HS, SC
J.B. E. Stuart HS, VA
J. Frank Dobie HS, TX
J.P. Taravella HS, FL
Jack C. Hayes HS, TX
James Bowie HS, TX
James Logan HS, CA
James Madison HS, WA
James W. Robinson Spec. School, WA
Jefferson Forest High School, VA
Jenkins HS, OK
Jim Royce Percussion Studio Ensembles, CA
John Henrysey HS, TX
Judson HS, TX
Kemper HS, TX
Kennewick HS, WA
Kilimanjaro HS, FL
King Philip Regional HS, MA
Klein Forest HS, TX
Klein HS, TX
Lafayette HS, LA
Lake Braddock Jr-Sr HS, VA
LaPorte HS, TX
Las Vegas Academy, NV
Lasater HS, GA
Lawrence Central HS, IN
Lawrence Free State HS, KS
Leander HS, TX
Legacy HS, TX
Leon HS, TX
Lewis-Palmer HS, CO
Lewisville HS, TX
Loxton HS, SC
Libertyville-Vernon Hills HS, IL
Lincoln HS, FL
Lincoln-Way Central HS, IL
Livesay HS, TX
Lockport Township HS, IL
Longmeadow HS, MA
Louisville Male HS, KY
Lucas Cooper HS, TX
Ludgoff-Ellin HS, SC
MacArthur HS, TX
Macon HS, TX
Madera HS, CA
Madison Central HS, KY
Marian Catholic HS, IL
Martin Luther King Jr. HS, GA
Maslow HS, GA
McEachern HS, GA
McLean HS, VA
Metamora HS, IL
Miami Central HS, FL
Miami Coral Park HS, FL
Miami Killian HS, FL
Midland HS, IA
Milton HS, GA
Morgantown HS, WV
Mott Middle College Steel Drum Band, MI
Mount View HS, WA
Mr. Carmel HS, CA
Mr. Eden HS, GA
Mr. Lebanon HS, PA
Mr. Olive HS, NJ
Naperville North HS, IL
New School of the Arts, FL
Newman Smith HS, TX
New Trier HS, IL
Niles North HS, IL
Normal West HS, IL
North Hardin HS, KY
North Hills HS, PA
North Allegheny HS, PA
North Penn HS, PA
Oakridge HS, TX
Oakville Senior HS, MO
Oconomowoc HS, WI
Odesa HS, OK
Olympic Heights HS, FL
Orange County School of the Arts, CA
Orono HS, MN
Oscar F. Smith HS, VA
Osweego HS, OH
Palm Bay HS, FL
Pampa HS, TX
Pelham HS, AL
Pentucket HS, MA
Perrin HS, TX
Phoenixville HS, PA
Plainsfield Central HS, IL
Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, MI
Poinsett HS, CA
Rancho Bernardo HS, CA
Randall High HS, TX
Ridge View HS, SC
Riverside HS, GA
River Hill HS, MD
Riverwatch HS, MS
Rising Starr HS, GA
Robert E. Lee HS, TX
Ronald Reagan HS, TX
Round Rock HS, TX
Roslyn HS, NJ
Ryan HS, TX
San Marcos HS, CA
Sartain MS, TX
Savannah HS, GA
Science Hill HS, TN
Sebastian River HS, FL
Sewanee HS, TN
Shades Valley HS, AL
Simon HS, GA
South Brunswick HS, NJ
South Lakes HS, WA
Sprayberry HS, GA
Spring HS, TX
Starrs Mill HS, GA
Stephen F. Austin HS, TX
Stevenson HS, GA
Stillwater HS, MN
Stillwater Area HS, WI
Stony Point HS, TX
Summit HS, SC
Southwest DeKalb HS, GA
Tarpon Springs HS, FL
Temple HS, TX
The Colony HS, TX
The Classical Center at Brandenburg HS, TX
The Woodlands HS, TX
Thomas Jefferson HS for Science & Technology, VA
Thompson HS, AL
Timpeview HS, UT
Trinity HS, PA
Tuscaloosa HS, NC
United Township HS, IL
Union HS, WA
Upland HS, CA
Wallace HS, TX
Wando HS, SC
Waskaheche HS, TX
Warran Central HS, IN
Warren Township HS, IL
Waubonsee Valley HS, IL
West HS, IL
West Aurora HS, IL
West Genesee HS, NY
West Salem HS, OR
West Springfield HS, VA
West Potomac HS, VA
Western HS, FL
Westfield HS, VA
Westmoore HS, OK
Wheaton North HS, IL
Wheaton Warrenville South HS, IL
Wheeling HS, IL
Whitehall HS, PA
William Mason HS, OH
William R. Boone HS, CA
William S. Hart HS, CA
Winter Haven HS, FL
Winter Park HS, FL
Wylie HS, TX
Youth Performing Arts School, KY
Frequently Asked Questions

By applying, am I obligated to attend if accepted? Yes!
Yes, you are obligated to attend unless you select the “Input Only” option on your application. Submission of your application serves as a commitment of your planned attendance, upon acceptance of your ensemble to the Festival. Prior to submitting an application, be certain you have secured all necessary approvals, including administration and booster, to accept an invitation should you receive one. Once you have applied to the Festival, it is highly recommended that you and your band boosters begin preliminary planning for your ensemble’s attendance. Numerous hours will go into the organization of your trip so we encourage you to start this process as soon as possible. *If you select the “Input Only” option on your application, your group will not be considered for an invitation to the Festival.

When must we arrive to participate?
We encourage you to purchase a package that focuses on your convenience and allows your ensemble to be prepared to perform at its best. Ensembles may need to consider arriving in Indianapolis on Wednesday evening (March 11) to ensure sufficient time for the check-in process and being present at the Opening Session. High Schools must plan to arrive no later than 12 p.m. on Thursday (in order to participate in the 1 p.m. Opening Session). Middle Schools must plan to arrive no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday (in order to participate in the 4 p.m. Opening Session). You may not depart prior to 10 p.m. on Saturday evening (until after the Honors concert). NOTE: hotel rooms are not guaranteed to be available until 3 p.m. the day of your arrival.

Must I attend the Familiarization Trip? Yes.
If invited, you or another director representative must attend the Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014 Fam Trip. Travel to Indianapolis and hotel will be at your expense. Music for All will pay for meals on Sunday and provide complimentary tickets to Bands of America Grand National Championships events.

What will the Festival really cost us? Is it all inclusive? What’s “extra”?
Most of the costs of participation are included in the Festival Package pricing (see page 12). Items that are not included are discussed below.

Extra Meals
Depending on the package purchased, most of your meals are included with packages found on page 12 of this packet. Meals not included in your chosen package may be added at an additional charge or you may choose to arrange these meals off property on your own. Please call Music for All for details.

Additional Percussion Ensembles
Featured and Invited concert bands and orchestras may add a 12 minute percussion ensemble performance in a 20-minute performance block at the percussion venue with all the benefits for an additional $900, subject to space availability. The maximum three selections, including set change and program notes, within the performance block. All percussion ensemble members must be on a festival ensemble package.

Program Book Advertisements
Part of what makes the Music for All National Festival such an unparalleled experience for students is the attention to detail and world-class quality that goes into every aspect. Music for All produces a glossy, high-quality program book for the Festival that includes information on all of the participating ensembles. This program is a lifelong keepsake and eliminates the need for ensembles to produce their own programs for the more than 2,500 participants and spectators. This also eliminates the need for ensembles to produce and provide their own printing programs for their Festival performance.

The cost of production of this substantial, full color program book is underwritten by advertising sold by each of the participating ensembles to businesses and community members to “sponsor” the ensemble’s section of the book.
Ensembles will participate in selling advertising to support their section of the program book. As part of the program book advertising sponsorship program, each student ensemble performer or adult who purchases a package will receive a complimentary program book.

New in 2015, in order to simplify the process for participating ensemble, each school will be responsible for selling ads for one full page in the program book at $800, payable to Music for All to help cover the cost of production. Invited and Featured concert bands and orchestras will then receive a total of three pages of informational editorial in the program book; invited percussion ensembles receive two editorial pages. Additional concert bands and orchestras from schools with invited ensembles will receive two editorial pages; additional percussion ensembles will receive one page.

Further details on the program book editorial submissions are included in the participating ensemble notebook upon invitation.

Additional Individuals in Director Rooms
Each invited ensemble receives one complimentary room (and meals and admission). Additional individuals are allowed in the director room (i.e., assistant directors, spouses, family, etc.—contact Music for All for information on additional costs for these individuals); however, meals and concert tickets are not included and must be purchased separately. To enhance security and to help ensure Festival decorum, chaperones may not be housed in a director room.

DVD, CD and Photo Package
Each student member of a participating ensemble, as well as one director, will receive one CD and one DVD as part of the Festival Package. Students in both an Honor Ensemble and Invited Ensemble receive DVD/CD/Photo package of their school ensemble. If desired, additional CDs and DVDs may be purchased.

In addition to evaluation recordings, every ensemble will receive an “Instant Video” on DVD of their performance. The director will also receive an advance audio CD copy of the group’s performance shortly after the Festival. For invited ensembles, these recordings form the basis of the Festival CD set. Upon receipt, each director will be asked for feedback on the recordings themselves and (when necessary) the editing choices made to reduce the recording to 38 minutes in length.

Editing over 70 hours of video and audio recordings and subsequent review, approval and duplication for professional distribution is a large project that takes a considerable amount of time. Typically, CDs and DVDs for the Festival are ready for distribution and delivery (in bulk) to the participating school address by the end of August.

Since only the Featured/Invited ensembles and Honor Ensembles will be included on the Festival CD set, students solely performing in an additional ensemble will receive a DVD of their ensemble’s performance and CD containing their school’s Featured/Invited ensemble.

The package includes a color group photograph of the ensemble taken on stage.

Local Ground Transportation
Ground transportation is the responsibility of each participating ensemble. While not required, most ensembles have found that use of pooled services reduces costs and stress in the planning process. Music for All has a working relationship with a local ground transportation company, which allows participating groups to pool their local travel needs and purchase transportation at an attractive price. Information will be provided to the invited ensembles.

Additional Equipment
Music for All will provide resources for you to secure any additional pieces of percussion equipment. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the performing ensemble to secure equipment beyond that supplied by Music for All for rehearsals and performances.

Pianos
Music for All has secured pianos that are provided to the performing ensembles for their performance. If a piano is needed for rehearsal, it is available for a fee. The final fee for all piano rentals will be determined by the number of bands utilizing the piano for rehearsal.

will require each participating ensemble to submit their music program information form by permission to copy. Music for All remains in strict compliance of copyright laws. Music for All publisher to make and submit five photocopies. Percussion ensembles and “Invited Bands” for the Festival Stage are required to submit three copies of original scores or have secured permission to copy. Music for All remains in strict compliance of copyright laws. Music for All will require each participating ensemble to submit their music program information form by January 15, 2015.

All ensembles—bands and percussion ensembles—will be required to send an audio recording of their Festival concert program in advance for Music for All officials to confirm length of program and scheduling.

What is the permitted length of concerts?

“Featured Bands” – Honors Stage This opportunity is for high school bands. “Featured Bands” are on a one-hour schedule that includes a maximum of 40 minutes that includes music, reading of program notes and set changes on a 60-minute cycle. Note: only 38 minutes of music will appear on the CD.

“Invited Bands” – Festival Stage This opportunity is for high school bands. “Invited Bands” perform a maximum of 25-30 minutes of music and receive a 25 to 30-minute clinic on the performance stage. These bands are on a 75-minute schedule cycle, which includes performance of music, clinic, optional warm up chorale, reading of program notes and set changes between pieces. Because of limited setup and tear down time, bands will not be able to use risers for their performance.

Invited Percussion Ensembles perform 25 minutes of music within a 40-minute concert block, with the reading of program notes and set changes between pieces.

Additional Percussion Ensembles, who do not audition are able to perform as part of a music program of a school with one or more Featured or Invited Bands, perform 12 minutes of music, maximum three selections, including set change and program notes, in a 20 minute performance block.

Middle School Bands perform for 30 minutes, including music, reading of program notes and set changes between pieces, on a 45 minute cycle.

Do I have to stay at the Festival hotels? Yes.
The Music for All National Festival is a premier event and has chosen the finest hotels, the Marriott Place Indianapolis, featuring the JW Marriott and four other Marriott properties, to serve as the Festival hotels. By staying at these hotels, participants form a special, deeply rooted community. The festival hotels become the “music universe” for the duration of the festival and serve as a catalyst to help “electrify” the experience.

Is attendance required at all scheduled events and activities, including audience times? Yes.
The Festival promises to be educational and inspirational for your ensemble, and you will want to be part of the full experience. It is imperative that your ensemble attends all scheduled events. Countless hours of preparation have gone into the schedule to ensure that each performing ensemble receives a complete and attentive audience. Ensembles that do not participate in their assigned audience time may forfeit their right to apply for this Festival in the future. Attending other ensemble performances is part of the educational aspect of the Festival and separates the Music for All National Festival from other festivals. As a performing ensemble, playing to a knowledgeable and attentive audience is much more rewarding.

What is the dress code?
Participants adhere to a dress code as well as a code of conduct that enhance the world-class atmosphere of the Festival. No jeans or shorts are worn during the weekend activities with the exception of the Thursday night evening social. Thursday evening’s student social has no particular dress code; however, good taste is always appropriate. In addition, attendees are asked to dress in semi-formal or formal attire (jackets for boys) for the Gala Awards Banquet Saturday evening.

When do we have to pay for participation?
Is it lump sum, or may I make deposits?
Music for All allows its participating ensembles to make staggered payments as follows:

1. 25% deposit of total amount due by October 15, 2014.
2. 50% of total amount due by December 15, 2014. NO CHANGES to Packages that reduce an ensemble’s commitment can be made after December 15, 2014.
3. Final 25% or balance of total amount due by January 15, 2015. The balance due is based upon your Jan. 15, 2015 or Dec. 15, 2014 final package totals, whichever is greater.

What happens to our luggage if we check out of the hotel on Saturday?
Official check-out time is 11 a.m. on your check out day. If your ensemble is departing Saturday evening following the Honor Band of America concert or Honor Orchestra of America Concert, your ensemble must be checked out of their hotel rooms by Saturday at 11 a.m. Music for All has made arrangements for groups to store baggage in secured rooms and also have rooms set aside for changing clothes at the Marriott Place and Butler University prior to the banquet and changing back to travel clothes following the Honors concert Saturday evening.

What happens when we check in to the hotel and our rooms are not available?
Official check-in time at the Festival Hotel is 3 p.m. each day. Music for All will make every effort to allow ensembles to check-in to their hotel rooms prior to the Opening Session at 1 p.m. on Thursday. Check-out time is 11 a.m. We will have storage space as well as changing rooms available if the hotel is unable to accommodate your early check-in or late check-out.

What if there is an Honor Ensemble student in my ensemble?
If you have students in your ensemble participating in the Honor Band of America, Honor Orchestra of America and Jazz Band of America, keep in mind your students need to report for an orientation meeting:

• Honor Orchestra students must report at 8 a.m. on Wed., March 11
• Jazz Band of America students must report at 8:30 a.m. on Wed., March 11
• Honor Band students must report at 8 p.m. on Wed., March 11
ONLY your performance time, warm-up and post-concert clinic take precedence over an Honor Ensemble rehearsal. All Honor Ensemble rehearsals take precedence over non-performance activities planned for your ensemble, including your rehearsals. Be sure your students and directors understand this and that you plan accordingly.

Do I need to book a hotel room for my bus and truck drivers?
Absolutely! Be sure to include a room for your bus and truck drivers on your rooming list. Even though you may not know the name of your drivers, make sure you reserve a room for him/her. You may list the name “bus/truck driver” in this room, as a starting point. Drivers are not required to stay at the Festival hotel or purchase Festival packages.

Where do I park my buses during the Festival?
Music for All can provide information to assist you in making arrangements to park your buses during the Festival. Overnight parking is not permitted at the Festival hotels.

Do directors have to attend the Director socials and other activities?
The Music for All National Festival features world-class opportunities, including building positive relationships between performers, educators and evaluators. The social events encourage camaraderie, and although not required to attend, directors are highly encouraged to participate with fellow directors and to meet the clinicians and evaluators of the Festival. Traditionally these activities are a wonderful opportunity for the directors to interact one-on-one with the finest music educators in the country. We can’t imagine a music educator NOT wanting to take advantage of every one of these opportunities to network and socialize.

Scores and Advance Program Recording

For the Festival performances, each “Featured Band” or orchestra is required to submit five original scores of each piece to Music for All or have secured written permission from the publisher to make and submit five photocopies. Percussion ensembles and “Invited Bands” for the Festival Stage are required to submit three copies of original scores or have secured permission to copy. Music for All remains in strict compliance of copyright laws. Music for All will require each participating ensemble to submit their music program information form by January 15, 2015.

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A positively life-changing opportunity!
All high school band members are encouraged to audition for the Honor Band of America, part of the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha. The Honor Band will perform in concert on Saturday evening, March 14, 2015 at Clowes Memorial Hall on the campus of Butler University.

Since its inception in 1992, the Honor Band of America has earned a national reputation as one of the nation’s finest student concert honor bands. With the opportunity to rehearse and perform with renowned conductors and world-class guest artists, to premiere commissioned works for concert band and perform for a “dream audience” of outstanding high school musicians and educators from across the country, the Honor Band of America is a “must” for the finest young musicians. The Honor Band has received international accolades, with a performance at the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles and concert tours of Europe and Japan.

Honor Band of America members have hailed from across the nation, from band programs large and small. Today, many Honor Band of America alumni perform in professional symphonies and top military bands. Others are teaching music in schools and colleges nationwide, performing professionally, completing a wide variety of college degrees and are embarking on illustrious and diverse careers that span the spectrum of business and professional enterprise. We invite all students to audition and encourage every director in America to share this opportunity with your finest players.

Honor Band of America members are chaperoned by Music for All, with a staff of parents and teachers assigned to make sure they have a safe, educationally sound and positively life-changing experience.

Requirements for Application
All auditioning students will receive written evaluation of their audition.

- Personalized certificate, patch and exclusive Honor Band of America member lapel pin
- DVD and CD recording of the Honor Band of America concert and group photograph

Honor Band of America members are eligible to be nominated for The Revelli Scholarship, a $1,000 scholarship awarded to a Music for All National Festival participating senior intending to major in music and pursue a career as a music educator

- The “credential” of membership in an elite family that annually includes only 100 of the most outstanding musicians nationwide

Highlights include:
- Written evaluation of auditions for all Honor Band of America applicants
- The opportunity to perform under the baton of a renowned conductor
- Instrumental master classes with respected professionals
- Honor Band member and family reception and party
- Deadline for audition recording submission: October 1, 2014

Two application form deadlines:
- June 29, 2014 [Early Bird, $30 application fee]
- Sept. 15, 2014 [Final, $45 application fee]

Please see the Festival Information Sheet for more Honor Band of America package details and the Honor Band of America Application form for specific audition requirements.
The Honor Orchestra of America provides a truly positively life-changing experience for outstanding string players, orchestral winds and percussion.

The 2015 Honor Orchestra of America will perform on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 13 and 14, in shared concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Members will have the unforgettable opportunity to perform on stage at Hilbert Circle Theatre, home of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Highlights include:
• Rehearsals and performances under the baton of a renowned conductor
• Performances at Hilbert Circle Theatre, as part of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Subscription Series.
• Instrumental master classes with leading professionals
• Honor Orchestra of America post-concert reception for members and families
• Personalized certificate, patch and exclusive Honor Orchestra of America member lapel pin
• DVD and CD recording of the Honor Orchestra of America concert and group photograph
• The “credential” of membership in an elite “family” that includes only a select number of the nation’s most outstanding young musicians

Selected members participate in five-night festival package, quad occupancy, $685 ($635 for four-night package). Members are responsible for their transportation to and from Indianapolis. Members must be present for first meeting at 8 a.m., March 11, 2014.

“At the first orientation meeting you said that our stay in Indianapolis would be a ‘positively life-changing experience’ – and I was skeptical. I just wondered how playing in yet another orchestra would actually change my life. But by the end of Saturday, I realized that my life had been changed. I met other amazing players, had the opportunity to play with Mr. Livingston, and, of course, played Nimrod and the finale of Shostakovich 5. Nothing gets better than that. I look forward to auditioning for next year’s orchestra!”

Joy Mulhollan, Bass, Dobson H.S., AZ

“...I can honestly say that I have never been a part of nor seen a more amazing program for high school students. I was moved to tears more than once by the performances of the orchestra, and I was astonished at the professionalism and expertise in which they handled themselves. Thank you for a positively life-changing experience.”

Mindy Dauner, Orchestra Director, South H.S., NE

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Music for All’s tradition of outstanding national honor ensembles showcasing the finest high school musicians includes the Jazz Band of America. The Jazz Band of America is comprised of high school musicians, selected by recorded audition. The Jazz Band of America will perform in concert Friday evening, March 13, 2015.

The Jazz Band of America is recognized as one of the top honor ensembles for young musicians in the nation, with a prestigious legacy and reputation for the highest level of excellence. Many members of the Jazz Band of America are also selected for the GRAMMY® jazz bands. Past conductors and guest artists include Patti Austin, Shelly Berg, Wayne Bergeron, Ndugu Chancler, John Clayton, Lou Fischer, Wynton Marsalis, Ron McCurdy, Allen Vizzutti and Phil Woods.

Selected members are responsible for their four or five-night festival package fee and transportation to Indianapolis. As part of the Music for All National Festival, the Jazz Band of America members will have a jam-packed experience with master classes, concert listening, celebration reception for members and family, and a Gala Awards Banquet.

Participation in the program for selected members will begin Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. and conclude Saturday, March 14 at 10 p.m.

Two application form deadlines:
June 29, 2014 [Early Bird, $30 application fee]
Sept. 15, 2014 [Final, $45 application fee]

Deadline for audition recording: October 1, 2014

Please see the Festival Information Sheet for more Jazz Band of America package details and pricing.

Audition Requirements

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in high school (American, or international equivalent) or a certified program of home study and 19 years of age or younger as of March 14, 2015.
- All submissions should include two duplicate DVD video recordings, in a DVD case, and should not exceed 15 minutes, which includes the selections in the order listed to the right. Please label the DVDs directly on the disc (not on sticky label) and DVD case with your name, phone number, instrument/voice, city, and state/province
- Please mail your DVD video auditions to: Music for All, 39 W. Jackson Place, Ste. 150, Indianapolis, IN 46225.
- Note: Test your DVDs before you submit on multiple players to ensure it plays on them all, including Macintosh and PC computers and DVD players. Keep a master copy for yourself. ALL ENTRANTS: State your name, phone number, school, city and state at the beginning of the recording.

WIND INSTRUMENTS
1. Prepared Selection: Charlie Parker’s “Billie’s Bounce” – medium tempo with standard or alternate chord changes. Accompaniment may be live (preferred) or recorded. We also encourage the use of an interactive computer accompaniment program if live accompaniment is not available. (3 choruses of improvisation maximum)
2. Swing Selection (Jazz Standard): Play a jazz classic or standard song in any jazz style, including the melody. If you are auditioning for a Jazz Chair – include improvisation on this selection, minimum two choruses/maximum of three on this particular piece.
3. Lead/Section Trumpet, Section/Bass Trombone, or Baritone Saxophone ONLY: Choose an ensemble excerpt or jazz etude designed for your instrument in addition to the swing selection melody excerpt above that demonstrates your proficiency (style, technique, range — high for trumpet; low for bass trombone and baritone saxophone).

RHYTHM SECTION INSTRUMENTS (All)
1. You may also use a computer accompaniment program. (3 choruses of improvisation maximum)
2. Selections 2-4 are your choice and composers to consider are Thelonious Monk, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Chick Corea, Herbie Hancock, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Wayne Shorter, Tito Puente, Milton Nascimento, Antonio Carlos Jobim, David Sanborn, Kirk Whalum, as appropriate to styles indicated.

BASS (upright and electric), GUITAR and PIANO
1. Prepared Selection (All): Charlie Parker’s “Billie’s Bounce.” Accompaniment may be live (preferred) or recorded, medium tempo with standard or alternate chord changes. Piano/Guitar: melody, 3 choruses of comping, 3 choruses of improvisation. Bass: melody, 3 choruses of walking, 3 choruses of improvisation.
2. Swing Selection (All): Play a jazz classic or standard song in any jazz style. Piano/Guitar: melody, 2 choruses of comping as appropriate to style, minimum 2 choruses/maximum of three of improvisation. Bass: melody, walk for 2 choruses, minimum 2 choruses/maximum of three of improvisation.
3. Straight Eighth Selection (Brazilian/Afro-Cuban/Funk) Selection of your choice. Piano/Guitar: Melody, two choruses of comping as appropriate to style, minimum 2 choruses/maximum of three of improvisation. Bass: melody, two choruses of an appropriate bass line in the chosen style, minimum 2 choruses/maximum of three of improvisation.
4. Ballad Selection: Piano/Guitar. Melody, comping as appropriate to style for two choruses, minimum 2 choruses/maximum of three of improvisation. Bass: bass line as appropriate to style for two choruses instead of comping, optional improvisation—minimum 2 choruses/maximum of three.

DRUM SET
1. Play the following “Billie’s Bounce” blues choruses: 4 choruses of time, 2 choruses of trading 4s, 2 choruses of solo, repeat 2 choruses of time. Accompaniment may be live (strongly preferred) or recorded.
2. Demonstrate time in: Latin, ballad (brushes), hip hop/funk and up tempo swing. Play on song forms 1 minute each style. Include 1 chorus of improvisation for each style.
3. Include a 2 to 5-minute video segment playing time with a big band (not soloing). Live preferred but if not available, play-alongs accepted include materials authored by Steve Houghton and/or Gordon Goodwin.
and each attending middle school ensemble must arrive by 3 p.m. on Thursday. All ensembles must be present through ** Honor Orchestra must report for a meeting at 8 a.m., Jazz Band members at 8:30 a.m., both on Wed., March 11, 2015.***

In order to be present for the Opening Ceremonies, each attending high school ensemble must arrive by Noon on Thursday.

4. Support their section of the program book.

All first or only concert bands and orchestras from each school, the additional ensembles after the first are responsible for selling a half page of advertising to support their section of the program book. Each percussion ensemble is responsible for selling a half page ad. If more than one ensemble is participating from one school, the additional ensembles after the first are responsible for selling a half page of advertising to support their section of the program book.

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** Honor Orchestra members must report for a meeting at 8 p.m. Wed., March 11, 2015.

Chaperones may be housed in king or double rooms with no more than 2 chaperones per room.

Each attending ensemble must bring adult chaperones at a ratio of 1 chaperone per 12 students, exclusive of the head director.

NOTES:

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4. NO CHANGES to Packages that reduce an ensemble's required Familiarization Trip

5. Full package cost increases are only allowed if agreed to by the head director.

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Requirements for Ensemble Application and Participation

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CONCERT BANDS AND PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES (Orchestras, see Orchestra application packet)

1. Please submit an unedited audio recording on CD-R of 12-20 minutes of applicant ensemble’s performance. Audio recording should not only display the ensemble’s technical proficiency but also demonstrate their musical expression and artistry. Remember, your ensemble’s audition performance is only as good as the quality of the recording. Be sure to submit a high-quality, high-fidelity recording.
   - There is no required music list, but it is recommended that the music be selected from Grade IV or higher for high school ensembles and Grade III or higher for middle school ensembles.
   - THREE conductor’s scores for each selection must be included. (Photocopies may be submitted with written permission from the publisher.)
   - Recording must be recorded after November 1, 2013.
   - Only a stereo compact disc may be submitted. Suggested recording criteria for audition recording: 1) Directional microphone, not omni microphone; 2) Dynamic microphone, not condenser; 3) Set meters to peak at max +3; 4) Microphones should be 9’ to 10’ behind conductor/ensemble, and at least 10’ above the ensemble.
   - Please note that scores will be returned, but recordings will not.

2. Each ensemble applying to perform full performance slots at the Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival will be evaluated on their own merit as a unique performing ensemble, and not as part of the concert band ensemble. Concert Band Festival participants may sign up for 12-minute percussion ensemble music performances on a “first-come, first-served” basis without submitting an audition recording. A $900 fee will be added to the package for each additional percussion ensemble performance (subject to space availability).

3. Invitations may be issued to more than one ensemble from one school based on the merit of the audition recording(s). Music for All reserves the right to schedule all Festival performances.
   Ensembles are required to be present from the “Opening Ceremonies” (1 p.m. Thursday afternoon for high schools, 4 p.m. Thursday evening for middle schools) through the Awards Banquet and the Honors concert on Saturday evening. Ensembles assigned Thursday performances are advised to arrive on Wednesday.

4. In order to encourage multiple ensembles from a school to apply, there is a discounted application fee for each additional music enrnonsemble from one school — First ensemble application fee: $250 for bands and orchestras and $200 for percussion ensembles; Second ensemble application fee: $150; Third or more: $100 each. This fee is non-refundable. The fee is designed to offset the costs of evaluators’ time and the evaluation, while offering your program personal input from leading educators.

5. If applying as a Featured Band for the Honors Stage, the director should list two prominent music educators who have worked with or have heard the ensemble during the past year to be contacted as references, if needed. These names should be included on the enclosed application form.

6. Directors must include a listing of the number of students in each grade level/year of graduation (e.g. six sophomores, 10 juniors, etc.). Indicate on the application how many applicants will graduate by June 2014 and what instruments the June 2014 graduates play. All participating students must be registered at the same high school or percussion studio. Students from feeder elementary, junior high and middle schools are also eligible to participate. All performers who contribute to the performance MUST be students. Special guest soloists who are not students are allowed but may not perform on pieces for which they are not the guest soloist(s).

7. The ensemble director and school official must authorize with their signatures approval of this application, in accordance with Music for All policies. Unless the “Input Only” option is selected, by signing the application, the director and school official acknowledge that if invited to the event, the applying ensemble will participate and perform, not to exceed 40 minutes of music, inclusive of ensemble set changes.

8. The ensemble director and school official also acknowledge the existence of the required Familiarization Trip/Site Inspection meeting scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014 in Indianapolis and agree to have a director or designated representative attend. The first 25% payment (see payment schedule on “Festival Packages” page) is due by Oct. 15, 2014. If no representative attends the Familiarization Trip, the ensemble’s invitation may be revoked and the first payment received or indicated on the application will be paid or forfeited as a penalty.

9. The application and accompanying forms must be received by June 5, 2014. Because there can be problems in transit, we recommend that you contact the Music for All office in advance and let us know you are sending your application so we can contact you if it is not received. Suggested handling includes registered mail, certified mail, Express Mail, Federal Express or overnight UPS. Send to Music for All, 39 W. Jackson Place, Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46225-1010.

10. If accepted, the ensemble’s signed application grants Music for All the right to use in any media the ensemble’s name, likeness photographs and reproduction of the performance and the ensemble’s members for any purpose including promotion, advertising or otherwise. For purposes of use of these rights, the signed application (on behalf of the ensemble and its members) releases and indemnifies Music for All and its agents from all claims, liabilities and damages which may arise from such use.

11. Music for All secures the permissions to perform all published works and arrangements of copyrighted music that is performed. However, if a custom arrangement is created or a new work or arrangement is commissioned, the participating ensemble must supply to Music for All written permission from the copyright owner to arrange and perform such works at our Festival. Music information forms must be provided to Music for All by Jan. 15, 2015.

12. If an ensemble, after acceptance, plans to utilize a travel agent, that agent must work through Music for All on specifics regarding the ensemble’s itinerary. The invited ensemble agrees to utilize the Music for All Festival Package hotel and meal accommodations from Wednesday night through Saturday night while the ensemble is in Indianapolis. Before any airfare or travel is purchased, the ensemble agrees to give Music for All’s Official Student Travel Partner the opportunity to quote on their travel. If Music for All’s preferred travel partner is able to match or beat another airline or travel provider’s competitive service, fares or rates, the ensemble agrees to utilize the services of the Music for All travel partner.
### 2015 Music for All National Festival — Concert Band Application

**March 12-14, 2015 • Indianapolis, Indiana**

Deadline for application & recording received by Music for All: June 5, 2014

#### Applicant type
- This ensemble is applying as a High School Featured Band – Honors Stage only
- This ensemble is applying as a High School Invited Band – Festival Stage only
- We will accept an opportunity as a “Featured Band” or “Invited Band”
- Middle School National Music Festival

**Copied blank form and use one form for each applying ensemble from your school.**

(see application packet details about each stage experience):
- Input Only Option: Not eligible for Festival invitation, audition recording evaluation input only.

**Please type or print.**

| School & Ensemble Name (as to appear on all print/promotional materials) |
| School Phone (Area Code) | School Fax (Area Code) |
| School Address |
| City | State | Zip |

*This Director’s name will be listed as the band director in all print materials.

| Director Name | Director Email |
| Home Address | Home Phone (Area Code) |
| City | State | Zip |

| How long has the director been with this band? | Director Cell Phone (Area Code) |
| Booster President/Travel Chair | Email |
| Booster Phone (Area Code) | Booster Cell Phone (Area Code) |
| Booster Home Address | Booster City, State, Zip |

| Travel Agent/Tour Operator Name | Email |
| Travel Agent Phone (Area Code) | Travel Agent Fax (Area Code) |
| Travel Agent Address | Travel Agent City, State, Zip |

| School Enrollment | Music Department Enrollment |
| The school offers participation in the following organizations: Concert Band | Jazz Ensemble |
| Full Orchestra | Marching Band |
| Percussion Ensemble |

- What Pep Band or Other: What percentage of band members study privately?

| Number of members in applicant band | How many graduates by June 2014? |

**What instruments do June 2014 graduates play?**

| Number of members anticipated to participate in March 2015: Boys: Girls: |

**Band Honors earned the past two years:**

| When was the enclosed recording made? | Where (facility)? | By whom? |

**Title and composer/arranger of each selection:**

| 1. |
| 2. |
| 3. |

| Name, title and office phone of references: |
| 1. |
| 2. |

**Application Fees:**

- First or only ensemble applying from your school: $250 Application Fee is enclosed.
- Second ensemble applying from your school: $150 Application Fee is enclosed.
- Third or more ensemble applying from your school: $100 Application Fee is enclosed.

- My check is enclosed. Please charge my credit card #:_________ Exp. Date ________

| Festival Name on card | Signature |
| Package | Payment |
| (1) 25% deposit of total amount due by Oct. 15, 2014. (2) 50% of total amount due by December 15, 2014. NO CHANGES to Packages that reduce an ensemble's commitment can be made after December 15, 2014. (3) Final 25% or balance of total amount due by January 15, 2015. Final rooming list due by January 15, 2015. The balance due is based upon your January 15, 2015 or December 15 final package totals, whichever is greater. |

| Administrator Sign. | Date | Director Sign | Date |

This application is submitted with the full approval of the school administration and in compliance with all policies set forth. I understand that if accepted, my ensemble must attend. The signatures below indicate that the directors and administration understand and agree to all the requirements outlined in the “Requirements for Application.” The non-refundable application fee indicated above, as well as an uncredited recording of our audition, is enclosed. Submission of this application indicates that the band, if selected, will perform at the Music for All National Festival, March 12-14, 2015 in Indianapolis and participate in one of the event packages, meeting the payment deadlines listed above. We hereby irrevocably grant to Music for All, its agents, licensees and assigns, the right to use in any and all media and in any and all forms this applicant’s and its members’ name, likeness, photographic prints and any reproduction of their sounds, performance or appearance while attending the Music for All event, for any purpose including promotion, advertising or otherwise. With the use of the rights, we hereby release Music for All and its agents, licensees and assigns from all claims, liabilities and/or damages which now or in the future may arise from such use.

Send this form and all materials/CDs in one package to: Music for All National Festival, 39 W. Jackson Place, Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46225-1010, 800.848.2263. All application materials must be received by June 5, 2014. Because there can be problems in transit, we recommend you contact the MFA office in advance and let us know you are sending your application so we can contact you if it is not received.
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This form is for the second ensemble applying from your school. $150 Application Fee is enclosed.

This form is for the third (or more) ensemble applying from your school. $100 Application Fee is enclosed.

My check is enclosed. Please charge my credit card #: __________________________ Exp. Date: _______________________

Name on card __________________________ Signature __________________________

Schedule:

(1) 25% deposit of total amount due by Oct. 15, 2014. (2) 50% of total amount due by December 15, 2014. NO CHANGES to Packages that reduce an ensemble's commitment can be made after December 15, 2014. (3) Final 25% or balance of total amount due by January 15, 2015. Final rooming list due by January 15, 2015. The balance due is based upon your January 15, 2015 or December 15 final package totals, whichever is greater.

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CHECK ONE: “If selected, I prefer to play in the: ☐ Honor Band of America ☐ Honor Orchestra of America ☐ No Preference.”

(NOTE: Indication of preference does not guarantee placement in an ensemble.)

Student Name ____________________________ School Name ____________________________
Parent/Guardian Name ____________________________ Director First & Last Name ____________________________
Home City ____________________________ State _______ Zip ____________________________ School City ____________________________ State _______ Zip ____________________________
Home Phone (_________________) ____________________________ School Phone (_________________) ____________________________
Student Cell (_________________) ____________________________ Parent Cell (_________________) ____________________________
Student’s Instrument ____________________________ Year of Graduation: ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male
Student’s Email ____________________________ Parent’s Email ____________________________
Parent/Guardian Email ____________________________ School Phone (_________________) ____________________________

To be Completed By Band or Orchestra Director: I verify that the applying student is a member of his or her school’s instrumental music program.

To be Completed by Student Applicant: I agree and accept that the selection and decision of Music for All and its agents shall be controlling and final, and I further agree to comply with all Music for All rules and regulations governing my conduct at the Festival. I hereby submit my application for the 2015 Honor Band of America.

☐ Check box if student’s school has no band. ☐ Home-Schooled

Member selection will be from submitted digital recorded auditions. See audition requirements on the back of this form or visit musicforall.org/honor-band.

Honor Band members arrive by 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 11 for first meeting. If accepted as an Honor Band of America member, applicant agrees to the Festival Package fee schedule: $150 non-refundable deposit due by December 31, 2014 / Balance due by January 31, 2015 (no refunds of balance after January 31, 2015). Honor Band of America members must utilize an Honor Ensemble Festival Package that costs $635 (four-nights) or $685 (five-nights) for Quad occupancy. A complete detailing of what is included in the Festival Package price is on Music for All’s website www.musicforall.org. Applicant must be 19 years old or younger on March 11, 2015.

WINDS, PERCUSSION, PIANO, HARP interested in the Honor Orchestra of America: Use this application form and select your preference of ensemble.

Parental Consent Form/Responsibility Clause: I hereby give permission for________________________________________________________to participate in the Music for All 2015 Honor Band of America or Honor Orchestra of America, March 11-14, 2015 in Indianapolis. I understand that Bands of America and Orchestra America are programs of Music for All, Inc. and that Music for All, Inc., its officers, directors, agents and employees shall not be nor later become, liable or responsible in any way in conjunction with the services they provide, or for any death, injury, damage, delay or irregularity which may occur to the participant while participating in this Music for All sponsored event. We hereby irrevocably grant to Music for All, Inc., its agents, licensees and assigns, the right to use in any and all media and in any and all forms this applicant’s name, likeness, photographic prints and any reproduction of his or her sounds, performance or appearance while attending the Music for All event, for any purpose including promotion, advertising or otherwise. With the use of the rights, we hereby release Music for All, Inc. and its agents, licensees and assigns from all claims, liabilities and/or damages which now or in the future may arise from such use. We hereby warrant that the audition recording submitted with this application was not edited in any way during post-production.

Also, in case of emergency, I hereby give my consent for a qualified physician to perform any medical or surgical procedures s/he deems necessary to the welfare of this applicant while in the care of Music for All, Inc. or such physician.

I agree and accept that the selection and decision of Music for All and its agents shall be controlling and final, and I further agree to comply with all Music for All rules and regulations governing my conduct at the Festival. I hereby submit my application for the 2015 Honor Band of America.

Make checks payable to Music for All, Inc. Send this form to:

Honors Band of America, Music for All, 39 W. Jackson Place, Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46225, phone 800.848.2263.

2015 Honor Band of America & Honor Orchestra of America
Winds & Percussion Application/Audition Process

These audition requirements are for all musicians applying for the Honor Band of America and wind and percussion players interested in applying for the Honor Orchestra of America.

How to apply
To apply, complete the online application form at www.musicforall.org/honorform. Submit all information, audition fee and audition recording by the deadlines listed below.

Wind and percussion players interested in applying for orchestra: Apply using the online application, or offline using the Honor Band of America application (available for download at musicforall.org/honor and select "prefer orchestra."

Honor Band and Orchestra* Winds and Percussion Application Deadlines:
• Early Bird Application Deadline ($30 non-refundable application fee) is June 29, 2014.
• Final Application Deadline ($45) non-refundable application fee) is September 15, 2014.
• Deadline for all audition recordings submissions: October 1, 2014

* For string players for the Honor Orchestra of America, see the Honor Orchestra audition requirements and application for string deadlines.

Application Requirements:
• To apply, the student must be a member of his/her school band or orchestra program if the school has a band or orchestra program. Homeschooled students are welcome to apply.
• Applicants must be currently enrolled in high school (American or international equivalent) or a certified program of home study and 19 years of age or younger as of March 14, 2015.

How to submit audition recordings:
Audition recordings are to be submitted as video links. To submit your audition video recording, attach it using the online application form at www.musicforall.org/honorform or email the link to bandaudition@musicforall.org.

For questions, or if you have trouble applying and submitting your audition recording online, please call 800.848.2263 for assistance.

Audition Video and Audio Requirements:
Since this is the only chance for the student to be heard, the quality of the recording should be of utmost consideration. The quality of your recording will affect the evaluators’ ability to review and comment. A high quality audio and video recording is expected.
• Review your recording(s) before you submit to check the sound level and ensure the best audio quality.
• Be aware of the acoustic environment in which you record. Background noise and poor sound quality make your recording difficult to evaluate.
• Only unedited recordings can be accepted, and should be in high fidelity stereo.
• Dress for a performance. This is a professional audition.
• Upload video and submit links on the online application form or by email to bandaudition@musicforall.org no later than October 1, 2014 deadline.
• State your name, age and high school at the beginning of your audition recording.
• Videos must be uploaded with settings that will allow @musicforall.org email addresses to access and view them (if uploaded to a private site or channel).

Winds, Piano, Harp Audition Requirements:
• Two contrasting excerpts of your own choosing, each approximately two minutes in length.
• Students are encouraged to perform an excerpt that showcases technique and range, as well as an excerpt that showcases expressive and lyrical qualities.

Percussion Requirements:
• Percussion applicants must submit a representative solo on snare drum, marimba and timpani.
• Total time of audition recording not to exceed 15 minutes. More than one example is permitted if within the time limit.

Please see the Festival Information Sheet for more Honor Orchestra of America package details and pricing.

Send the application form and the application fee to:
Honor Band of America, Music for All, 39 W. Jackson Place, Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46225, phone 800.848.2263. Make checks payable to Music for All, Inc.
2015 Jazz Band of America Application
Part of the Music for All National Festival
March 11-14, 2015 • Indianapolis, Indiana

Please type or print.

Student Name ____________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name ________________________________________________________

Home Address ____________________________________________________________

Home City _____________________________ State ______________ Zip____________

Home Phone (_____________) ________________________________________________

Student's Instrument _________________________________________________________

Year of Graduation: □ 15 □ 16 □ 17 □ 18 □ 19  Gender: □ Female □ Male

Student's Email ____________________________________________________________

Parent's Email ____________________________________________________________

How did you hear about the Jazz Band of America?: _________________________________________________________________________________________

Requirements: Applicant must be enrolled in school and be 19 years of age or younger as of March 13, 2015. International applicants welcome. Please see Jazz Band of America audition requirements in this application packet. Applicant must submit two duplicate video DVD-R recordings of his or her audition. Only unedited video recordings on DVD can be accepted and should be in high fidelity stereo. Since this is the only chance for the student to be heard, the quality of the recording should be of utmost consideration. The unedited recordings should be submitted with this completed application.

Payment Information

Check one: □ $30 Non-refundable application fee enclosed / June 29, 2014 deadline  □ $45 Non-refundable application fee enclosed / Sept. 15, 2014 deadline (Audition recording due October 1.)

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Credit Card #: ____________________________________________ Exp. Date: __________________________

If accepted as a Jazz Band of America member, applicant agrees to the Festival Package fee schedule: **$150 non-refundable deposit due by December 31, 2014/ Balance due by January 31, 2015 (no refunds of balance after January 31, 2015)**

Jazz Band of America members must utilize an Honor Ensemble Festival Package that ranges from $635 to $685 for Quad occupancy, depending on length of stay. Jazz Band members must report ready to play at 8:30 a.m., Wed., March 11, 2015. A complete detailing of what is included in the Festival Package price is in the Festival Application packet and online at musicforall.org

Instrument Information

Auditioning Instrument

Check one below, note separate options for Trumpet and Trombone section and lead player. See Audition Requirements on facing page.

☐ Alto/Tenor/Baritone Saxophones  ☐ Trumpet/Lead  ☐ Trumpet/Section  ☐ Trombone/Lead  ☐ Trombone/Section  ☐ Bass Trombone  ☐ Piano  ☐ Guitar  ☐ Bass  ☐ Drums

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS:

Performance Experience/History:

Private Lessons: □ Yes  □ No

Number of Years (if applicable)

Indicate the Type of Ensemble(s) you have performed in:

□ Big Band

Number of Years (if applicable)

□ Jazz Combo:

Number of Years (if applicable)

□ Other: __________________________

Number of Years (if applicable)

Saxophones:

Please list the doubles on which you are proficient:

☐ Flute:

☐ Soprano Saxophone:

☐ Clarinet:

☐ Bass Clarinet:

☐ Other: __________________________

Bassists:

☐ Acoustic

☐ Electric

Complete reverse side of application
2015 Jazz Band of America Application continued

Festival Participation Package

$685 (Five-night package, housing for March 11-14, 2015)
$635 (Four-night package, housing for March 11-14, 2015)

Both package prices are based on quad occupancy
Both packages also include:
• Gala Awards Banquet (Saturday Dinner)
• Breakfast, lunch and dinner on Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Sat. (Wed. Breakfast is for Five-night packages only.)

Additional packages are available for parents, teachers and other guests.
Package details are available at www.musicforall.org.

Director Verification

To be completed by Band or Orchestra Director: I verify that the applying student is a member of his or her school's band or orchestra program.

Director's Signature ____________________________________________________________

Student Agreement

To be completed by student applicant: I agree and accept that the selection and decision of Music for All and its agents shall be controlling and final, and I further agree to comply with all Music for All rules and regulations governing my conduct at the Festival. I hereby submit my application for the 2015 Jazz Band of America.

Applicant Student Signature ____________________________________________________________

Parental/Guardian Consent

Parental Consent Form/Responsibility Clause: I hereby give permission for ____________________________________________________________ to participate in the Music for All 2015 Jazz Band of America, March 11-14, 2015 in Indianapolis. I understand that Bands of America and Orchestra America are programs of Music for All, Inc. and that Music for All, Inc., its officers, directors, agents and employees shall not be nor later become, liable or responsible in any way in conjunction with the services they provide, or for any death, injury, damage, delay or irregularity which may occur to the participant while participating in this Music for All sponsored event. We hereby irrevocably grant to Music for All, Inc., its agents, licensees and assigns, the right to use in any and all media and in any and all forms this applicant's name, likeness, photographic prints and any reproduction of his or her sounds, performance or appearance while attending the Music for All event, for any purpose including promotion, advertising or otherwise. With the use of the rights, we hereby release Music for All, Inc. and its agents, licensees and assigns from all claims, liabilities and/or damages which now or in the future may arise from such use. We hereby warrant that the audition recording submitted with this application was not edited in any way during post-production.

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Signed ____________________________________________________________ (Parent or Guardian) Date __________________

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2015 Music for All National Festival — Orchestra Application

March 12-14, 2015 • Indianapolis, Indiana

Deadline for application & recording received by Music for All: June 5, 2014

Please type or print legibly. Complete a separate application for each applying ensemble.

1. Applicant orchestra is a: □ High School  □ Middle School  □ Youth Orchestra
2. Applicant orchestra is a: □ Full Orchestra  □ String Orchestra
3. If this ensemble is accepted we will come to the Festival as a:  □ Full Orchestra  □ String Orchestra

Please type or print.

School & Ensemble Name (as to appear on all print/promotional materials)

School Phone (Area Code)  School Fax (Area Code)
City  State  Zip

*This Director’s name will be listed as the band director in all print materials.

Director Name
Home Address
City  State  Zip

How long has the director been with this band?

Booster President/Travel Chair
Email

Booster Phone (Area Code)
Booster Cell Phone (Area Code)
Booster Home Address
Booster City, State, Zip

Travel Agent/Operator Name
Email

Travel Agent Phone (Area Code)
Travel Agent Fax (Area Code)
Travel Agent Address
Travel Agent City, State, Zip

School Enrollment
Music Department Enrollment

The school offers participation in the following organizations:

□ Concert Band  □ Jazz Ensemble  □ Full Orchestra  □ Marching Band  □ Percussion Ensemble
□ Pep Band  Other:

What percentage of orchestra members study privately?

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Girls:  

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When was the enclosed recording made?

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**How did you hear about Honor Orchestra of America?**

List individual honors, e.g., member of All-State Band or Orchestra, superior ratings at Solo and Ensemble, etc.

Check one:  
- $30 Non-refundable application fee enclosed / November 1, 2014 deadline (Livingston Scholarship deadline)  
- $45 Non-refundable application fee enclosed / December 1, 2014 deadline

**Audition Requirements and Deadlines**

*Application/auditions open March 15, 2014.* Auditions will be listened to and notified of acceptance status within 30 days of submission. Livingston Scholarship deadline is November 1, 2014, $30 application fee; final deadline is December 1, $45 application fee. See full audition requirements at www.musicforall.org/honor-ensembles.

Wind, percussion, piano and harp players applying for the Honor Orchestra of America MUST use the Honor Band of America application and indicate preference of ensemble.

**To Be Completed by School Orchestra Director:** I verify that the applying student is a member of his or her school's instrumental music program.

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**Parental Consent Form/Responsibility Clause:** I hereby give permission for my conduct at the Festival. I hereby submit my application for the 2015 Honor Orchestra of America.

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**Video links should be sent via email to stringaudition@musicforall.org with the subject line Music for All Honor Orchestra Audition.**

Please make sure to include your name, age, and instrument in the email.

Postmark deadline for APPLICATION: November 1, 2014 – Early Bird $30 fee OR December 1, 2015 – Final $45 fee.