



## **McNeil High School Hosts Bands of America Championship Sept. 24**

*Prominent event is one of 20 regional championships held across the country this fall*

Austin, TX – Outstanding high school marching bands from throughout Texas will compete in one of the nation’s most prominent championships, Bands of America Regional Championship at Austin, presented by Yamaha, at Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex (10211 West Parmer Ln) in Austin, TX on September 24.

The championship event, hosted by McNeil High School Band and Boosters, will feature 32 high school marching bands in the preliminary competition, all of which will be evaluated by a panel of nationally recognized music educators and marching band experts. The top 10 bands will advance to the evening finals competition, which will ultimately name the Regional Champion. Hillje Music will be the Official Music Store for the event.

“Bands of America Championships are a program of Music for All, supporting our mission to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all,” according to Eric L. Martin, President and CEO of Music for All. “Active experiences in music and the arts are integral to providing students with a well-rounded education. The thousands of students who will perform at this championship showcase the results that come from the dedication, teamwork and mastery required and fostered through music and arts education.”

### **Schedule**

The preliminary competition begins at 7:15 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 5:00 p.m. Gates will open for the finals at 6:45 p.m. with performances beginning at 7:45 p.m. All times are tentative pending the final schedule of performing bands. Current times will be listed at [musicforall.org](http://musicforall.org).

### **Ticket information**

Ticketing and schedule information is available online at [musicforall.org](http://musicforall.org) or by calling 800.848.2263. Tickets will also be available at the gate. Standard general admission is \$18 for preliminaries or finals, or \$27 for a day pass to both. Children ages 10 and under are free for general admission seats. A \$5 off any general admission ticket (individual preliminaries, finals or full day passes) discount will be available at the gate for college students with an ID, spectators 11-18 years of age, military members and spouses (military ID required), and spectators age 62 and over.

## **Bands of America Championships**

In addition to this event, other Bands of America Championships, presented by Yamaha, will be held in Texas this fall. The Woodlands College Park High School Band and Boosters will present the next event on October 1 at the Woodforest Bank Stadium in Conroe, TX, followed by a show hosted by Plano East High School Band and Boosters on October 8 in Plano, TX. Lastly, there will be a two-day Super Regional at the Alamodome in San Antonio November 4-5. Music for All's Bands of America Super Regional Championships attract bands from across the nation and make each venue a destination for these world-class high school band events. Up to 60 bands will perform in a two-day preliminary competition with approximately 14 bands advancing to finals.

## **About Music for All**

Since 1975, Music for All, through its Bands of America and Orchestra America programs, has been a destination and set the standard for scholastic music ensemble performance and music education advocacy. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization, Music for All's mission is to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all. Music for All's vision is to be a catalyst to ensure that every child in America has access and opportunity for active music-making in their scholastic environment. Music for All's programs include 30+ annual events, including the Bands of America Grand National Championships and Regional Championships for marching band, the Music for All Summer Symposium camp for students and teachers, the Music for All National Festival and Affiliate Regional Music Festivals for concert bands, orchestra, jazz and percussion ensembles and national honor bands and orchestras.

## **Sponsorship Information**

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