



## **Lucas Oil Stadium Hosts Super Regional Marching Band Competition November 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**

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

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Outstanding high school marching bands from throughout Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Tennessee will compete in one of the nation’s most prominent championships, Music for All’s Bands of America Super Regional Championship at Indianapolis, presented by Yamaha. The event will be held at Lucas Oil Stadium (500 South Capitol Avenue) in Indianapolis, IN, on November 4 and 5.

The championship event, hosted by MT Vernon Band & Boosters, will feature 56 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 14 bands will advance to the evening finals competition, which will ultimately name the Super Regional Champion. Paige’s Music will be the Official Music Store of 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 12:15 p.m. on Friday, November 4 and will conclude at approximately 9:00 p.m. The preliminary competition will resume on Saturday, November 5 at 7:45 a.m. and will conclude at 4:15. Gates will open for the finals November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 p.m. with performances beginning at 7:15 p.m. Illinois State University Big Red Marching Machine will perform in exhibition at the conclusion of Preliminary Competition, and University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Blugold Marching Band will perform in exhibition at the conclusion of Finals. 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 on Friday and \$20 for preliminaries on Saturday, \$28 for finals and \$33 on the Upper Deck or \$63 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, Music for All's Bands of America Grand National Championships, presented by Yamaha, will be held in Indianapolis on November 9-12. The Grand National Championships is a three-day, Preliminary, Semi-Finals, Finals event, held in Lucas Oil Stadium, one of the world's premier indoor venues that brings 90+ bands from across the nation to Indianapolis. Bands receive recorded evaluation from panels of leading educators and marching experts, along with written scoresheets. Forty-five bands perform in each of the two separate Prelims contests. Thirty bands then advance to Semi-Finals. The top 12 scoring bands from Semi-Finals advance to Saturday evening's finals.

### **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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