



Music for All Brings America's Outstanding Student Musicians to Indianapolis March 9-11

INDIANAPOLIS - Outstanding school music ensembles and student musicians from across the country will gather in Indianapolis for the 26th Annual Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, on March 9-11, to present concerts and participate in music education workshops at top venues throughout Indianapolis.

The festival comprises the National Concert Band Festival, Orchestra America National Festival, Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival, Chamber Music National Festival, Middle School National Music Festival, and three national Honor Ensembles: the Honor Band of America, the Jazz Band of America, and the Honor Orchestra of America.

High school and middle school music ensembles were selected by recorded audition to perform at Clowes Memorial Hall, Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts at Butler University, Indiana Historical Society, Hilbert Circle Theatre, and Warren Performing Arts Center. These 59 ensembles will be evaluated by renowned music educators, and participate in professional master classes and special networking events. Invited concert bands, orchestras, percussion ensembles, and honor ensemble members participating in the 2017 Festival come from 32 states including: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington.

In its 26th year, the Festival continues to expand and thrive as an annual program of Music for All, one of the nation's largest and most influential organizations in support of music education, headquartered in Indianapolis. "The non-competitive atmosphere of the festival provides a place for growth, cooperative encouragement, and mutual respect. The ensembles are free to stretch themselves, reach for new heights, and strive for innovation, growth, and excellence," says Eric Martin, President and CEO of Music for All.

Festival Honor Ensembles

Three honor ensembles bring student musicians from different schools across the country, selected by audition, to rehearse and perform together.

The Jazz Band of America and Honor Orchestra of America will perform a shared concert Friday, March 10, 8 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall, directed by Michael Tomaro, Director of Jazz Studies at Duquesne University, and guest artist Andy Martin on trombone. Jeffrey Grogan, Education and Community Engagement Conductor of the

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, will conduct the Honor Orchestra of America. Tickets for the Jazz Band of America and Honor Orchestra of America concert are \$15 and can be ordered in advance at cloweshall.org, musicforall.org, or Ticketmaster.com.

The Honor Orchestra will also perform on Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. at the Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts, Butler University. The program will also include the Chamber Music concert, part of the Chamber Music National Festival. Tickets can be ordered in advance at cloweshall.org, musicforall.org, or Ticketmaster.com, and can be purchased at the Clowes Hall ticket office.

The Honor Band of America will perform Saturday, March 11, 8 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall, conducted by Col. Michael Colburn, Director of Bands at Butler University. Tickets for the Honor Band of America Concert at Clowes Memorial Hall are available at Cloweshall.org and Ticketmaster.com.

National Concert Band Festival Tickets

Tickets for the invited concert band performances of the National Concert Band Festival at Clowes Hall, Thursday through Saturday, March 9-11, range from \$6 to \$40 and can be ordered in advance at cloweshall.org, musicforall.org, or Ticketmaster.com, and can be purchased at the Clowes Hall ticket office.

Free Admission Events

Music for All is offering free admission to several concert events within the Festival. The free admission events include:

Orchestra America National Festival

Thursday, March 9
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Hilbert Circle Theatre

National Concert Band Festival - Invited Ensembles

Thursday, March 9
5:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts, Butler University

Friday, March 10
8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts, Butler University

Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival

Friday, March 10
9:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Warren Performing Arts Center

Saturday, March 11
8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Warren Performing Arts Center

Chamber Music National Festival

Friday, March 10
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Indiana Historical Society

Middle School National Music Festival

Saturday, March 11

8:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts, Butler University

A full schedule of Festival ensemble concerts, times and locations is available at www.musicforall.org/festival, or for more information call 800-848-BAND (2263).

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.

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