



## University of Toledo Hosts Bands of America Championship September 23

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

Toledo, OH – Outstanding high school marching bands from throughout Ohio, New York, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan will compete in one of the nation’s most prominent championships, Music for All’s Bands of America Northwest Ohio Regional Championship, presented by Yamaha, at The Glass Bowl (3044 N. Glass Bowl Dr.) in Toledo, Ohio on September 23.

Music for All holds 20 other Bands of America regional marching band championships across the country that offer positively life-changing experiences for students, teachers, and fans and spectators. These championships are a celebration of music education at its finest, showcasing excellence, teamwork, and leadership.

The championship event, hosted by The University of Toledo Rocket Marching Band, will feature 27 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.

“Bands of America Championships are programs 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 performances of students at this Bands of America championship showcase the results that come from the dedication and teamwork necessary for the achievement of excellence, on the performance field and in life beyond. Bands of America events advocate for maintaining and growing our national commitment to music and arts education, with the student performers making the case in the most visible, artistic, and entertaining way possible, – something each and every American should witness and experience.”

### **Schedule**

The preliminary competition begins at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4:30 p.m. Gates will open for the finals at 6:45 p.m. with performances beginning at 7:45 p.m. The University of Toledo Rocket Marching Band will perform in exhibition at the conclusion of preliminary and finals competition. 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.

## **About Music for All**

Since 1975, Music for All, through its Music for All, Bands of America, Orchestra America, and choir 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 his or her scholastic environment. Music for All's programs include 30+ annual events, including the Bands of America Grand National Championships and Regional Championships for marching bands, 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, orchestras, choirs, chamber ensembles, percussion ensembles, and the national honor concert band, jazz band, orchestra, and the Bands of America Honor Band that will march for the fifth time in the Rose Parade® in 2021.

## **Sponsors Information**

Music for All efforts are supported through sponsorships, including current partnerships with National Presenting Sponsor: Yamaha Corporation of America; Official Uniform Sponsor: Fred J. Miller, Inc.; Official Student Travel Partner: Music Travel Consultants; Official Performance Equipment Sponsor: Wenger Corporation; Corporate Sponsors: Ball State University, United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps, Zildjian and Vic Firth Company, Visit Indy and the City of Indianapolis, and Strategic Advocacy Partner: NAMM; Associate Sponsors: Delivra, Vandoren, Director's Showcase International, REMO, Tresona Multimedia, and Woodwind & Brasswind. Music for All is also supported by the Indiana Arts Commission, Arts Council of Indianapolis, the Ball Brothers Foundation, George and Frances Ball Foundation, and Lilly Endowment Inc.

# # #

**\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\***

### **MEDIA CONTACT:**

Lucy Wotell  
Marketing Coordinator  
Direct phone 317-524-6213  
Cell 954-304-4812  
Fax 317-524-6200

