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Miami University Hosts Bands of America Marching Band Championship

What: Talented and dedicated high school marching bands from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois will compete in one of the nation's most prominent championships, Music for All's Bands of America South Texas Regional Championship, presented by Yamaha. The Bands of America Championship will feature 31 high school marching bands in the preliminary competition, 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.

Who: Music for All presents 21 Bands of America regional marching band championships across the country that offer positively life-changing experiences for students, teachers, and fans and spectators. The season ends with the Bands of America Grand National Championships, presented by Yamaha, in Indianapolis, Indiana in November. A non-profit 501(c)3 educational organization, Music for All has been creating, providing, and expanding positively life-changing experiences through music for all with more than 30 annual events for scholastic bands, orchestras, and choirs, nationwide.

The Championship in Oxford is hosted by Miami University Marching Band, who will perform in exhibition at the conclusion of the preliminary competition.

Why: The Bands of America Championship in Oxford is celebration of music education at its finest, showcasing the excellence, teamwork, and student leadership of the region's outstanding marching bands. These young performers and their achievements advocate for the importance of music education in schools locally and nationwide.

Who Should Attend: Bands of America Championships are family events, featuring live music, choreography, and competition. Students, parents, teachers, and anyone who loves live music and the marching arts are welcome.

Where & When: Miami University (700 Weeb Ewbank Way Oxford, OH 45056), September 22, 2018. The preliminary competition begins at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 5:00 p.m. Gates will open for the finals at 7:00 p.m. with performances beginning at 8:00 p.m. All times are tentative pending the final schedule of performing bands. Current times will be listed at musicforall.org. Individual tickets start at \$18, with non-performing student group tickets starting at \$10. Children 10 years-old or younger

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are admitted free for general admission seating. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: www.musicforall.org/oxfordregional.

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 serves more than 500,000 participants annually with programs that 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.

Sponsor Information

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