The Super Regionals kick off this weekend.

The 2018 Bands of America season is well underway and off to a fun start. We have been to Texas, Florida, South Carolina, Ohio, Alabama, and Tennessee with much more to go before Grand Nationals.

We continue this weekend with the first of three Super Regionals, the Mid-Atlantic Regional, and the Northern California Regional.

This will be a record breaking year with the number of participants at the Super Regionals. See which schools will be joining us in Indianapolis, St. Louis, and San Antonio.

See the Indy Super schedule.

See the St. Louis Super schedule.

See the San Antonio Super schedule.

Can't make it? Tune in on FloMarching to bring the action right to your smartphone, laptop, or tablet.
2018 IFEA Pinnacle Award Recipients

It is our pleasure to announce the 2018 International Festivals & Events Association (IFEA) awards. Music for All has received. Headquartered in Boise, ID, the International Festivals & Events Association (IFEA) is the Premier Association Supporting and Enabling Festival & Event Professionals Worldwide. The 63rd Annual IFEA Convention, Expo & Retreat, presented by Haas & Wilkerson Insurance was held from October 1-3, 2018 in San Diego, CA.

Experience Bands of America like never before

Music for All is offering an exciting way to enjoy our Bands of America Championships: The VIP Experience. The VIP Experience is a unique ticket package, allowing you to enjoy every performance from the comfort of a suite. You will also receive a complimentary program book and have certain meals catered during the course of the event.

This exciting experience will be available at:

- St. Louis Super Regional
- San Antonio Super Regional

2019 Hall of Fame Inductees

Gayl W. Doster  Robert W. Smith  David Starnes

Congratulations to the 2019 Inductees to the Bands of America Hall of Fame

Music for All has announced the music education leaders who will be inducted into the 2019 Bands of America Hall of Fame: Gayl W. Doster, Robert W. Smith, and David Starnes. The Bands of America Hall of Fame recognizes individuals...
who have had a positively life-changing impact on Music for All and Bands of America programs, as well as in music education.

Future Music Educators Experience

If you’re a college student currently majoring in music education (undergraduate or graduate level), you can attend this championship event as our guest. You’ll experience the event inside and out, KICKin’ off the day with Fran Kick and a series of marching music education insiders. RSVP required to attend. Space is limited and only offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Student Leadership Bundle: Dr. Tim + Friday Ticket

Bring your students to work with Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser in this powerful leadership session, based on life-skills, and certain to make a measurable contribution to the health and welfare of your band. The emphasis of the session is about self-development in order to properly lead others to a higher level of group attainment. The Grand National Leadership Bundle include a ticket to Friday’s prelims.
National Choir Festival 2019: A Spotlight on Lynda Hasseler and Jason Max Ferdinand

Music for All is proud of our esteemed panel of Artistic Choral Committee Members. Learn more about 2019 panel members Dr. Lynda Hasseler, Capital University, OH, and Jason Max Ferdinand, Oakwood University, AL. The National Choir Festival will take place in Indianapolis, IN on March 14-16.

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Humans of BOA: Katie Cantor

North Canton Hoover H.S., OH yearbook photographer Katie Cantor is spending her weekend with the Viking Marching Band at the Northeast Ohio Regional Championship and she is loving it. “I love it because I love the music. I get to be there and experience it and I absolutely enjoy the shows they put on. I also have a lot of friends in band,” says Katie. She even started going to football games just to take pictures of the marching band.

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Give Voice to Music Education and Help Us Reach Our November Goal!

The Lilly Endowment’s choral programming grant included a matching grant fundraising incentive. Music for All has raised $17,950 of the $45,000 match. We have until November to complete the match, and we need your help. For each dollar you give, the Lilly Endowment will match, dollar for dollar! Please help us continue to give voice to music education and America’s vocal students. Your support makes a huge difference in music education and the lives of America’s vocal students.

Give Today

A Director's Perspective: The Learning On and Around the Field

"Seeing our kids perform as part of the Bands of America Bowling

5 New Things You’ll Love in Indy This Fall

We are lucky to have our headquarters, a Super Regional, and Grand Nationals in the
Green Regional yesterday was so cool for multiple reasons. First and probably the most obvious, I love this band program at Carroll. These kids, the parents, the staff, bus drivers...everyone that it takes to teach and move the small army of people that is the Charger Pride for any event, I applaud ALL of you.”

beautiful city of Indianapolis. Don't just take our word for it, here are five new things in store for you and your families in the Circle City.

Winner of the 2018 IFEA Gold Pinnacle Award for Best Misc. Multimedia: You Are Light, Please Stay

Lynda Hasseler, DMA, Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Music at Capital University, in Columbus, OH, spoke to student leaders at the 2018 Music for All Summer Symposium about how we can work together to destigmatize mental illness and support those who are battling depression and thoughts of suicide. Gratitude to Dr. Hasseler, to the Capital University Chapel Choir for their performance of “Please Stay” by composer Jake Runestad.
VIDEO: The U.S. Marines and Music for All: Building Teams and Building Bonds

We were fortunate to have MGySgt. Rulapaugh to show our leadership students at the 2018 Music for All Summer Symposium the importance of leadership in many different roles, including the Marine Corps.

Learn more about the Leadership Weekend:

camp.musicforall.org/leadership

Watch Video

VIDEO: Honor Orchestra of America

The national Honor Orchestra of America is an inspiring, meaningful, and thrilling experience for outstanding high school orchestra musicians. Students get to rehearse and perform with renowned conductors and perform for a “dream audience” of outstanding school musicians and educators from across the United States.

The deadline for string players to apply is November 1, 2018.

Watch Video

News from Our Sponsors

The Yamaha Total Percussion Series

Measuring 45.5” long in a compact, simple design, this 3-octave xylophone requires no assembly and offers easy playability and handling making the YX-230 the perfect first

Hearing is Believing: Virtual Acoustics Technology Enhances Music Education

Wenger’s Virtual Acoustic Environment (VAE) technology enhances and accelerates music learning by creating realistic
instrument for music education, practice and performance.

Take me to the Yamaha Blog!

acoustic simulations of a variety of performance spaces, including recital hall, auditorium, arena or cathedral. Wenger acoustical engineers also simulated the BJHS’ auditorium’s acoustics with a custom setting.
Thank You for a Wonderful Year!

As the year comes to a close, Music for All is thankful for you and all of the music educators, students, parents, and fans who made 2018 a record-breaking, positively life-changing year.

We also want to extend a heartfelt good luck to all of the amazing bands across the nation who will be traveling to New York City to perform in the 92nd Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. We can't wait to tune in and cheer them on!
Thank you for a fantastic year!

National Champion

Carmel High School from Carmel, Indiana was named the 2018 Grand National Champion during the 2018 Finals awards ceremony, Saturday evening, November 10 at Lucas Oil Stadium. 108 high school bands from across the country competed in two days of prelims. Thirty-nine bands advanced to Semi-Finals and twelve to Finals.

March in the 2020 Rose Parade®

Music for All was honored to have guests from the Tournament of Roses® with us at the 2018 Grand Nationals. Through our unique partnership, each fall a Grand Nationals Semi-Finalist band is selected to receive an invitation to perform in an upcoming Rose Parade.

Congratulations to Dobyns-Bennett H.S., TN who was selected during the Finals Awards ceremony on Saturday, November 10! We’ll be cheering you on in the 2020 Rose Parade!

Pictured above: Dobyns-Bennett H.S. Drum Majors with Tournament of Roses Representatives: Laura Farber, President of the 2020 Rose Parade, and her husband Tomás Lopez.

#GivingTuesday 2018

We hope you’ll consider joining Music for All on Tuesday, November 27 for the...
Thank you for a fantastic year!

Global day of giving, #GivingTuesday.

By making a donation to Music for All on #GivingTuesday, you will help ensure that students with financial need from across America have the opportunity to attend the Music for All Summer Symposium and be a part of this truly life-changing experience.

At Music for All, we believe that EVERY STUDENT deserves to have access and opportunity to participate in active music-making. This is why we provide both full and partial scholarships to support deserving students. Help us provide even more scholarships in 2019 with a donation this holiday season.

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2018 Leadership in Music Education Award Winner: David Lamorte

Congratulations to Mr. David Lamorte, Assistant Principal of Visual, Performing, and Career Arts at Tottenville H.S., NY, the 2018 recipient of the George N. Parks Leadership in Music Education award.

Mr. Lamorte received the award during the opening finals ceremonies at the 2018 Grand National Championships, presented by Yamaha on November 10.

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2018 Patrick John Hughes Parent/Booster Award Winner: Randy Barnett

The Patrick John Hughes Parent Booster Award recognizes the extraordinary commitment, dedication, support, and sacrifice of music parents and boosters across the nation by shining a spotlight on a recipient who exemplifies these qualities.

On Friday night during the Grand National Championships, the 2018 Patrick John Hughes Parent Booster award was awarded to Randy Barnett of Blue Springs H.S., MO.

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John Byun and Karen Kennedy will add their flare and philosophy to the 2019 National Choir Festival.

Read more about these prestigious educators and choral gurus as we prepare for the 2019 Music for All National Choir Festival in Indianapolis from March 14-16, 2019.
Bands of America Honor Band in the Rose Parade®

Music for All is honored to have received an invitation for the Bands of America Honor Band to perform in the 132nd Rose Parade, January 1, 2021 in Pasadena, California.

It’s not too early to plan to apply!

Eligible applicants must be high school students with a graduation years of 2020 or later. (Class of 2020 seniors will be eligible.)

Visit musicforall.org/rose to fill out the interest form and learn more.
Since her arrival as Director of Operations in 1989, Camilla Stasa has been a face of Bands of America at its events and music educator conventions where she represents the organization.

On Saturday, October 20, Camilla became a Voice of Bands of America and the first female announcer for a Bands of America Championship, announcing the BOA Regional at the University of Delaware in Newark.

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Grand National Championships

The Music for All Foundation awards several endowed scholarships annually. On Saturday evening of the Grand National Championships, three college tuition scholarship awards were presented to outstanding graduating seniors who intend to pursue collegiate study as a music major.

A $1,000 Yamaha Scholarship was presented to Sean Yuxin Chen, Homestead High School in Cupertino, CA. A $1,000 Fred J. Miller Family Scholarship was presented to Paul Nguyen, Mustang High School in Mustang, OK, and a $2000 Fred J. Miller Memorial Music Education Scholarship was awarded to Isaac Tepperman, Brazoswood High School in Clute, TX.

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2018 Grand National Championships Montage

You can see the joy of performance on the faces at the 2018 Grand National Championships montage! #BOA2018
Thank you for a fantastic year!

VIDEO: Director Chuck Hodson, Reeths-Puffer H.S., MI, Retires

Chuck Hodson, Director of Reeths-Puffer H.S., MI, is retiring after 29 years as head director. See the impact he's had on his students and community over the last three decades.

VIDEO: Dan Potter & Kevin the Eagle

You know him, you love him, now learn more about Kevin the Grand National Eagle with Dan Potter and Conlon Griesmer, Event Coordinator at Music for All.

Watch Video

News from Our Sponsors
Welcome To Band! A New Yamaha Resource for Parents

Learning an instrument is a great way for any child to experience the joys of making music, and Yamaha wants to help. It’s a big step, so we’ve created a website with all the information you need to get started.

Get started with “Welcome To Band.”
Give the Gift of the Music for All Summer Symposium, presented by Yamaha!

Registration for the 2019 Music for All Summer Symposium is now open! Give the gift of a positively life-changing experience.

Register and pay a $250 deposit by January 31, 2019 to lock in the Super Saver Rate!

Register Now
Music for All is pleased to announce that Paul St. Angelo has joined the organization as its Vice President - Advancement. “We are delighted to have Paul join us because he brings years of fundraising and management experience to our cause,” said Eric L. Martin, Esq./CFEE, President and CEO of Music for All.

Advocacy in Action Awards

This year, Music for All introduced its newest advocacy initiative - the Advocacy in Action Awards. In the inaugural year of this program, we received a record-setting number of applications representing music programs, schools, and communities across the United States. Winners will be announced on January 15, 2019.

2019 Bands of America Fall Schedule: Registration is now open!

Mark your calendar, the 2019 Bands of America Fall Schedule is now available!

2019 will bring a number of timeless shows such as the San Antonio Super Regional at the Alamodome and the St. Louis Super Regional at the Dome at America's Center. It will also bring us to exciting new areas such as Cedar Falls, Iowa while bringing us back to sites we haven't been to in years such as Johnson City, Tennessee and Lynchburg, Virginia.

Where will we see you this fall?

Bands: Register by January 31, 2019 to be eligible for the initial draw for
Music for All Announces the 2020 Artistic Panel for the National Choir Festival

The Music for All National Choir Festival features internationally-acclaimed conductors. Teachers and students will engage with our extensive artistic panel in evaluation performance, clinic, master class, and a mass choir performance with the Ball State Symphony Orchestra. Visit choir.musicforall.org to learn more about these esteemed conductors and clinicians.

Learn More

Applications for the 2019 SWAG Team and Directors’ Academy Assistants are Open

There are two awesome volunteer opportunities that will allow you to be a part of the Music for All experience by helping to provide positively life-changing experiences for everyone involved with the Music for All Summer Symposium. Joining the SWAG Team or becoming a Directors’ Academy Assistant is a decision you won’t regret!

Application Deadline: March 1, 2019

Learn More
National Choir Festival Spotlight: Joseph Flummerfelt & Kent Hatteberg

Flummerfelt and Hatteberg join André Thomas, John Byun, Lynda Hasseler, Jason Max Ferdinand, Karen Kennedy, Brandon Boyd, Stacey V. Gibbs, and Artistic Director, Henry Leck to complete the 2019 National Choir Festival artistic panel.

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PepWear and Music for All Enter Into An Unprecedented 10-Year Agreement

PepWear and Music for All are poised for an exciting future. The two organizations, which have been working together for more than 15 years, have agreed to a new 10-year merchandise and sponsorship agreement.

With the new agreement, PepWear will continue to design, produce, and sell commemorative merchandise for all Music for All events, including Bands of America Championships, Music for All Summer Symposium, and Music for All National Festival for bands, choirs, and orchestras. In addition, PepWear will be an Official Corporate Sponsor of Music for All.
Tennessee State Marching Band with Indianapolis Public School Students

Students from Indianapolis Public Schools had the opportunity to rehearse and perform with the Tennessee State Marching Band during the 2018 Grand National Championships.

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Holiday Celebrations Come Alive in Indy

It’s the most wonderful time of the year, and Indy is the perfect destination to celebrate. Here are 15 holiday attractions to inspire a return trip to Indy for festivities and cheer with family and friends.

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St. Patrick’s Day Parade with Purdue’s “All American” Marching Band

On St. Patrick’s Day, everyone wants to be Irish! This past spring, the amazing Purdue “All-American” Marching Band took on the challenge and headed to Ireland for
Shine the Spotlight on Your Local Music Program with National Recognition

The NAMM Foundation’s Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) national recognition program is in its 20th year of honoring the efforts of music education champions who share in the common goal to ensure access to music for all students as part of their curriculum.

As a past BCME or SupportMusic Merit Award (SMMA) designee, we invite you to reapply on behalf of your school or district by January 31, 2019.

School Districts Apply here

Schools Apply here

Download the PDFs of the BCME and SMMA Surveys to review the questions and information you will need to collect.