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MUSIC FOR ALL NATIONAL FESTIVAL BRINGS AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING STUDENT MUSICIANS TO INDIANAPOLIS MARCH 14-16

Outstanding student musicians from across the country will gather in Indianapolis for the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 14-16. The 2013 festival comprises the National Concert Band Festival, Orchestra America National Festival, Sandy Feldstein National Percussion 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 concert bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles were selected by recorded audition to perform in concerts at Clowes Memorial Hall, Hilbert Circle Theatre, Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts at Butler University and Warren Performing Arts Center. These 31 ensembles will be evaluated by renowned music educators and participate in master classes and special events. Invited concert bands, orchestras, percussion ensembles and honor ensemble members for the 2013 Festival come from Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington.

In its 22nd year, the Festival is 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

The Jazz Band of America will perform Friday night, March 15, 8:30 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall, directed by Dr. Lou Fischer, Professor of Music, Jazz Activities Coordinator and Jazz Ensemble Director at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. The Honor Band of America will perform Saturday night, March 16, 8 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall, conducted by Jerry F. Junkin, Professor of Instrumental Conducting and Director of Bands, Sarah and Ernest Butler School of Music at the University of Texas at Austin. The 2013 Honor Orchestra of America will perform two shared concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra as part of the ISO's Subscription Series, Friday and Saturday, March 15-16 at 7 p.m. in Hilbert Circle Theatre. The Honor Orchestra of America will be conducted by Gary Lewis, Director of Orchestra Studies, University of Colorado at Boulder.

Tickets

Tickets for the invited ensemble concert blocks range from \$5 to \$40. Tickets for the Jazz Band of America and Honor Band of America are \$15. Tickets for the Clowes Memorial Hall concerts can be ordered in advance at cloweshall.org, musicforall.org, or Ticketmaster.com. Tickets for the Honor Orchestra of America concert at Hilbert Circle Theatre are available from indianapolissymphony.org and the Hilbert Circle Theatre ticket office. The Honor Orchestra of America will perform as part of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Subscription Series. Members will have the unforgettable opportunity to perform on stage at Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis during the first half of a concert shared with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

On Friday, March 15 at Warren Performing Arts Center, Music for All is offering a day of free concerts at the Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival. Tickets for the Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival are free and open to the public. Concerts will be taking place from 8:00am- 5:30pm.

Also on Friday, March 15 at the Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts at Butler University, Music for All will be offering free concerts at the Middle School National Festival from 10:15am - 4:45pm.

On Saturday, March 16 at the Hilbert Circle Theatre the Orchestra America National Festival will be showcasing orchestra concerts from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Tickets for these concerts are also free and open to the public.

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

About Music for All

Music for All (MFA) is one of the nation's largest and most influential organizations in support of active music making. Since 1975, MFA, 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. A 501(c)3 not-for-profit educational organization, MFA uses its national profile programming to recognize, model, showcase and provide individual, teacher and organizational examples of music performance excellence and achievement. MFA's programs include 20 annual events, including the Bands of America Grand National Championships and Regional Championships for marching band both held in Lucas Oil Stadium; the Music for All Summer Symposium camp for students and teachers at Ball State University in Muncie; and the Music for All National Festival for concert bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles. Music for All's programmatic model is designed to mirror and supplement the classroom and performance model adopted in most American scholastic settings.

Music for All's efforts are supported through sponsorships, including current partnerships with National Presenting Sponsor, the Yamaha Corporation of America; Official Uniform Sponsor, Fred J. Miller, Inc.; Official Performance Equipment Sponsor, Wenger Corporation; Official Student Travel Partner Music Travel Consultants; Corporate Sponsors, Visit Indy and the City of Indianapolis, Vic Firth Company, Zildjian; Strategic Advocacy Partner, NAMM; Associate Sponsors, DANSR, Delivra, Remo, Inc., SmartMusic, The Woodwind & Brasswind, and Director's Showcase International. Music for All is also supported by the Arts Council of Indianapolis, by the Indianapolis Cultural Development Commission, the Ball Brothers Foundation, Arthur Jordan Foundation, Nicholas H. Noyes Memorial Foundation, LDI 100th Anniversary Celebration Cultural Partnerships Gift Program and by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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