



News Release

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MUSIC FOR ALL COMES TO MUNCIE FOR 2011 SUMMER SYMPOSIUM NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Music for All, one the nation’s largest and most influential organizations in support of music education, will bring its national summer music camp to Muncie this month. The Music for All Summer Symposium, presented by Yamaha, will be held at Ball State University, Muncie, IN June 20-25, 2011. Ball State becomes only the third location to host the camp since its inception in 1976. Previously, the weeklong gathering took place at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (1976-1991) and Illinois State University (1992-2010).

The Music for All Summer Symposium is a comprehensive summer camp for high school instrumental music students and high school and middle school band directors. The Symposium also offers a weekend of student leadership training June 18-20.

The Symposium typically brings together more than 1,000 student musicians and educators from as many as 35 states and abroad. High school students learn from top music educators in tracks that include concert band, marching band, jazz band, orchestra, percussion, color guard and drum major.

High school and middle school band directors and instructors can choose from several educators’ tracks that hone their professional skills. The McCormick’s Enterprises Directors’ Academy offers comprehensive, continuing education for

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high school band directors, a track for middle school and young band directors, and dedicated academies for drum instructors as well as color guard instructors. Directors can earn graduate credit from Ball State University through their participation.

In addition to educational sessions with leading musicians and music educators, student and teacher participants enjoy world-class concerts and events presented every evening of the Symposium, free to campers and available as ticketed events to the public. Leadership activities are woven throughout the camp, and Music for All also offers a special leadership weekend experience for students wanting to acquire and expand those skills.

Concerts available for public attendance include:

Monday, June 20, 8 PM, Emens Auditorium, BSU

Yamaha Young Performing Artists

The Yamaha Young Performing Artists (YYP A) program is designed to provide early career recognition for outstanding young musicians in the United States. Hundreds of applicants ages 16- 21 apply annually and undergo a rigorous, taped audition process for a panel of national celebrity musicians. Yamaha's competition for outstanding young musicians culminates in finalist performances and a selection of one winner at this evening concert. Admission is free and open to the public. Seating in the upper balcony is available to the general public.

Tuesday, June 21, 8 PM, Emens Auditorium, BSU

The Volunteers with Opening Act: Orpheus, SchoolJam USA Finalist

The premier touring show band of the U.S. Army, The Volunteers play a blend of rock 'n' roll, standards, country, jazz and patriotic music. Opening act: Orpheus, recent NAMM SchoolJam USA Finalist, performing SKA – a melting pot of Punk, Jazz

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and Reggae. General Admission tickets are free and available at the Emens Auditorium Box Office. Seating in the upper balcony is available to the general public.

Wednesday, June 22, 8 PM, Emens Auditorium, BSU

Jon McLaughlin

Jon McLaughlin, an Indiana native, is known for experimenting with different genres and styles to create a sound that is completely unique. Born and raised in Anderson, Indiana, singer/songwriter McLaughlin began taking classical piano lessons at an early age. His song "So Close" from the "Enchanted" soundtrack was nominated for an Academy Award. Tickets: \$ 19 Adults. \$12 Students, Sr. Citizens (65 +) & BSU Faculty. Seating in the upper balcony is available to the general public. Series Pass: Wednesday & Thursday night concerts for just \$24 (includes free pass for priority seating at The Volunteers).

Thursday, June 23, 8 PM, Emens Auditorium, BSU

Uncommon Time featuring Time for Three's Nick Kendall and Ranaan Meyer, and friends

Uncommon Time features two of the founding members of the transcendent string trio Time for Three, for an evening of category-smashing music. Enjoy music that fuses together classical, bluegrass, jazz and improvisation. Tickets: \$ 19 Adults. \$12 Students, Sr. Citizens (65 +) & BSU Faculty. Seating in the upper balcony is available to the general public. Series Pass: Wednesday & Thursday night concerts for just \$24 (includes free pass for priority seating at The Volunteers).

Friday, June 24, 7 PM, Scheumann Stadium, BSU

Drum Corps International Central Indiana

Eight of DCI's top corps showcase an early view of their 2011 shows. Featuring the Blue Stars, Carolina Crown, The Cavaliers, Glassmen, Madison Scouts, Pioneer, Teal Sound, and Troopers. Tickets: \$25 - \$30 for Individuals; \$20 groups with 20 or

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more. Order tickets online at www.dci.org or call 317.275.1212.

How to Purchase Tickets for the Week's Concerts:

Admission is free and open to the public for the Yamaha Young Performing Artists concert. Tickets for The Volunteers are available at the Emens Auditorium Box Office. Tickets for Jon McLaughlin and Uncommon Time are available at the Emens Auditorium Box Office, online at musicforall.org, all Ticketmaster Outlets, on Ticketmaster.com or order by phone at 1-800-745-3000. Seating in the upper balcony is available to the general public for Yamaha Young Performing Artists, The Volunteers, Jon McLaughlin and Uncommon Time. Drum Corps International tickets and information at www.dci.org.

The camp also offers parent orientation, closing performances and a closing family picnic to get the whole family involved. More information, including registration and concert act information, is available at musicforall.org or by calling 800-848-BAND.

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. Headquartered in Indianapolis, MFA uniquely combines regional and national music-event programming with awareness campaigns and advocacy aimed at expanding access to music and music education in schools and communities. A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization, MFA's programs include 25-plus annual events, including the Music for All National Festival, the Music for All Summer Symposium, the Bands of America Grand National marching band championships and Regional marching band championships across the country. Learn more at www.musicforall.org

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SUMMER CAMP CALENDAR NOTICE:

Summer Camp: Music for All Summer Symposium music camp

When: June 20-25, 2011 (leadership weekend June 18-20)

Where: Ball State University

What: Nation's largest comprehensive, weeklong summer music camp. Choose concert band, jazz band, marching band, color guard, drum major academy, orchestra, percussion or directors'/instructors' tracks. Leading music educators and world-class performances every evening.

Contact: 800-848-BAND (2263) or <http://www.musicforall.org/what-we-do/summer-camp>