



Music for All

News Release

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MUSIC FOR ALL NATIONAL FESTIVAL BRINGS COUNTRY'S OUTSTANDING STUDENT MUSICIANS TO INDIANAPOLIS MARCH 17-19

Outstanding student musicians from across the country will gather in Indianapolis for the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 17-19. The 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 ensembles were selected by recorded audition to perform in concert at Clowes Memorial Hall, Hilbert Circle Theatre and the 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 2011 Festival come from Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Washington.

The Festival is an annual program of Music for All, which moved to Indianapolis in 1998 from the Chicago area. Larry J. Livingston, the 2011 Honor Orchestra of America Conductor and a longtime faculty member of the MFA National Festival, now in its 20th year, says that the festival participants' experience of performing with other committed musicians in first-class concert halls is uniquely life-changing. "It lifts their sense of what they've accomplished and inspires them to go further," he said.

Festival Honor Ensembles

Outstanding student musicians, representing 99 schools from 28 states, were selected for the 2011 honor ensembles. The Jazz Band of America will perform Friday

night, March 18, 8:30 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall, directed by Shelly Berg, jazz pianist and Dean of the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami. The Honor Band of America will perform Saturday night, March 19, 8 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall, conducted by Richard Clary, Professor of Music at Florida State University. Trumpeter Allen Vizzutti will be guest soloist for both the Honor Band of America and the Jazz Band of America concerts. The 2011 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 18-19 at 7 p.m. in Hilbert Circle Theatre. Grammy-winning violinist Mark O'Connor will perform with the Honor Orchestra. The Honor Orchestra of America will be conducted by Larry J. Livingston, Director of Thornton Orchestras at the University of Southern California.

Vandoren Emerging Artists competition winners will perform

The winners of the first annual Vandoren Emerging Artists (VEA) soloist contest are: Brian Clancy - Jazz Saxophone, Emil Khudyev – Clarinet, and Phil Pierick - Classical Saxophone. These winners will perform as guest artists with the Honor Band of America and the Jazz Band of America.

Winners of the VEA competition for clarinet and saxophone players between the ages of 18 and 23 not only have the opportunity to perform at the prestigious Music for All National Festival, they will also travel to Paris, home of Vandoren, and meet key Vandoren artists. Vandoren is a leading maker of mouthpieces and reeds for saxophones and clarinets and a sponsor of Music for All.

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 \$15-33. Tickets for the Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival on Friday, March 18 at Warren Performing Arts Center are free and open to the public. 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 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. A full schedule of Festival concerts, times and locations is available at <http://www.musicforall.org/what-we-do/music-festivals/mfa-national-festival/2011-schedule-of-concerts>.

For more information, visit www.musicforall.org or 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. Headquartered in Indianapolis, MFA uniquely combines regional and national music-event programming with awareness campaigns and advocacy aimed at expanding access to music 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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Music for All National Festival Fact Sheet

March 17-19, 2011 • Indianapolis, IN

- **Honor Orchestra of America**

March 18 and 19, 7 p.m. • Hilbert Circle Theatre

Shared concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

Larry J. Livingston, conductor with Mark O'Connor, violin

Finale from Mahler's *Symphony No. 1 "Titan"* as well as *Improvised Violin Concerto for Violin and Orchestra*, by Mark O'Connor, featuring Mr. O'Connor as soloist.

Tickets: Hilbert Circle Theatre Ticket Office, indianapolissymphony.org, \$20-\$70 reserved seats

- **Jazz Band of America**

Friday, March 18, 8:30 p.m. • Clowes Memorial Hall

Shelly Berg, conductor with Allen Vizzutti, trumpet

Tickets: Tickets are available at cloweshall.org, ticketmaster.com or musicforall.org. Tickets are \$15. A \$5 discount is available to the Butler community and to groups of 10 or more.

- **Honor Band of America**

Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m. • Clowes Memorial Hall

Richard Clary, conductor with Allen Vizzutti, trumpet

Tickets: Tickets are limited. Tickets are available at musicforall.org via downloadable form or by calling 800.848.2263; Tickets are \$33, \$26, and \$20.

- **Music for All National Concert Band Festival**

Featuring many of the nation's finest high school and middle school concert bands.

Clowes Memorial Hall - Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 17-19

Tickets: All National Concert Band Festival tickets are available at cloweshall.org, ticketmaster.com or musicforall.org. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$10 for H.S.

Students/Senior Citizens, or \$5 each for groups of 10+. A Three Day Pass is

Available: \$40 adults or \$25 H.S. Students/Senior Citizens.

- **FREE CONCERTS!**

Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival: Friday, March 18, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Warren Performing Arts Center

Middle School National Music Festival: Friday, March 18, 1:30 – 3:45 p.m. and Saturday, March 19, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Hilbert Circle Theatre

Orchestra America National Festival: Saturday, March, 19, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Hilbert Circle Theatre