



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**

Nearly 2,000 outstanding student musicians from 28 states will gather in Indianapolis for the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 17-19. High school and middle school concert bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles will perform in venues around the city, including Clowes Memorial Hall, Hilbert Circle Theatre and the Warren Performing Arts Center.

In addition to school ensembles who have been invited to perform through an audition process, individual students were selected by audition to perform in the festival's national honor ensembles: the Honor Band of America, the Jazz Band of America and the Honor Orchestra of America.

Violinist Mark O'Connor will perform *Improvised Violin Concerto for Violin and Orchestra* with the Honor Orchestra of America, in concert at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19 at Hilbert Circle Theatre, part of a shared concert with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. The Honor Orchestra will be conducted by Larry J. Livingston. Tickets are available at the Hilbert ticket office and at [Indianapolissymphony.org](http://Indianapolissymphony.org).

Yamaha trumpet artist Allen Vizzutti will be guest soloist two nights at Clowes Memorial Hall. Vizzutti performs Friday, March 18 at 8:30 p.m. with the Jazz Band of America, Shelly Berg, conductor and Saturday, March 19 at 8:00 p.m. with the Honor Band of America, Richard Clary, conductor.

The Jazz Band of America and Honor Band of America concerts will also feature winners of the first annual Vandoren Emerging Artists (VEA) soloist contest for young musicians ages 18 to 23. VEA winners will also travel to Paris, home of Vandoren, to meet key Vandoren artists and receive a prize package and \$1,000 cash prize.

Tickets are available for the festival concerts, including honor ensembles. Some events are free and open to the public. See festival event schedule and ticket information below.

**Honor Orchestra of America** - March 18 and 19, 7 p.m., Hilbert Circle Theatre  
\$20- \$70 reserved seats, available at Hilbert Circle Theatre Ticket Office,  
indianapolissymphony.org

**Jazz Band of America** - March 18, 8:30 p.m., Clowes Memorial Hall  
\$15, available at cloweshall.org, ticketmaster.com or musicforall.org

**Honor Band of America** - March 19, 8 p.m., Clowes Memorial Hall  
\$33/\$26/\$20, available at musicforall.org via downloadable form or call 800.848.2263

**National Concert Band Festival** - March 17-19, Clowes Memorial Hall  
\$18 adults, \$10 H.S. Students/Senior Citizens, \$5 each for groups of 10+.  
Three-Day Pass: \$40 adults, \$25 H.S. Students/Senior Citizens, available at cloweshall.org,  
ticketmaster.com or musicforall.org.

**Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival** - March 18, Warren Performing Arts Center  
Free and open to the public

**Middle School National Music Festival** - March 18 and 19, Hilbert Circle Theatre  
Free and open to the public

**Orchestra America National Festival** - March, 19, Hilbert Circle Theatre  
Free and open to the public

For more information, visit [www.musicforall.org](http://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](http://www.musicforall.org)

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