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TWO NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO MUSIC FOR ALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Two new members have been elected to the Music for All Board of Directors – Sam Laurin of Indianapolis and Kathy Black of Portland, Oregon. Music for All's mission is to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all.

“These two individuals bring a wealth of expertise and knowledge to the Music for All Board of Directors. The diversity of their experience and geographic locations represents the breadth of the constituency of this national organization,” says Gayl Doster, Chairman of the Music for All Board of Directors. “Each director displays business and fiscal acumen and a love of music and the young people we serve. Each will help us expand opportunities for Music for All as we serve young musicians and their teachers and advocate for the inclusion of music education as part of a complete education for our young people.”

Kathy Black is an attorney for the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) in Portland. BPA, an agency within the U.S. Department of Energy, is responsible for marketing power generated by over 30 federal hydroelectric projects within the Columbia River basin and for operating the majority of high-voltage transmission within the Pacific Northwest. Prior to BPA, Ms. Black was employed by NCR Corporation for 25 years in various roles including Vice President of Database Engineering and Vice President of Customer Services for the Americas. Ms. Black holds a J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School; a certificate in International Management from INSEAD in Fontainebleau, France; and a B.A. in Mathematics and Economics from the University of Colorado. Ms. Black marched with the Guardsmen

Drum and Bugle Corps of Schaumburg, Illinois and continues to play drums for various bands in the Portland area.

Sam Laurin is a partner at the law firm of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP in Indianapolis, where he chairs the firm's Litigation Department. He has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for commercial litigation and construction law and by *Indiana Super Lawyers*® for construction litigation. Mr. Laurin received his A.B. from Dartmouth College, and his J.D. from the I.U. Maurer School of Law. He loves almost every form of music. He is proud of his daughter who played clarinet in her high school concert band, which won the Indiana State School Music Association Championship two years in a row.

Music for All is one of the nation's largest and most influential organizations in support of active music making. Bands of America and Orchestra America are programs of Music for All, which 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 and the Bands of America Grand National marching band championships held in Indianapolis; the Music for All Summer Symposium held in Muncie, Indiana; and Regional marching band championships across the country. Learn more at www.musicforall.org

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