



News Release

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MUSIC FOR ALL NATIONAL FESTIVAL BRINGS AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING STUDENT MUSICIANS TO INDIANAPOLIS MARCH 15-17

Outstanding student musicians from across the country will gather in Indianapolis for the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 15-17. The 2012 festival comprises the National Concert Band 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 and percussion ensembles were selected by recorded audition to perform in concert at Clowes Memorial Hall and the Warren Performing Arts Center. These 27 ensembles will be evaluated by renowned music educators and participate in master classes and special events. Invited concert bands, percussion ensembles and honor ensemble members for the 2012 Festival come from Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

In its 21st 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. Larry J. Livingston, Music Director, Thornton Orchestras, Professor of Conducting at the University of Southern California and the 2012 Honor Orchestra of America Conductor, says 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

The Jazz Band of America will perform Friday night, March 16, 8:30 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall, directed by John Clayton, Grammy-winning bassist, composer and conductor. The Honor Band of America will perform Saturday night, March 17, 8 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall, conducted by Col. Lowell Graham, Chairman of the Music Department and Director of Orchestra Activities at the University of Texas at El Paso. The 2012 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 16-17 at 7 p.m. in Hilbert Circle Theatre. The Honor Orchestra of America will be conducted by Larry J. Livingston, Director of Thornton Orchestras at the University of Southern California. Additionally, Felix Peikli, and Liam Burke, both world-class clarinetists, were recently named as winners of the international Vandoren Emerging Artists competition. They will perform during the Jazz Band of America and Honor Band of America concerts, respectively.

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 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 16 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.

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, Yamaha Corporation of America; Official Uniform Sponsor, Fred J. Miller, Inc.; Official Equipment Sponsor, Wenger Corporation; Official Student Travel Partner, Music Travel Consultants; Corporate Sponsor, Remo, Inc.; Strategic Advocacy Partner, NAMM; Associate Sponsors, Vic Firth, Inc., Vandoren and SmartMusic®; and Program Sponsor, Center X Productions. Music for All is also supported by the Arts Council of Indianapolis and the City of Indianapolis, by the Indianapolis Cultural Development Commission, the Ball Brothers Foundation, Chase Community Giving and by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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Music for All National Festival Fact Sheet

March 15-17, 2012 • Indianapolis, IN

- **Honor Orchestra of America**

March 16 and 17, 7 p.m. • Hilbert Circle Theatre

Shared concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

Larry J. Livingston, conductor and music director

Tickets: Hilbert Circle Theatre Ticket Office, indianapolissymphony.org, \$20-\$63 reserved seats

Repertoire:

La Damnation de Faust: Rakoczy March (Marche Hongroise) by Hector Berlioz

Symphony No. 5 in D Minor, Op. 47, Movements 2, 3, and 4 by Dmitri Shostakovich

- **Jazz Band of America**

Friday, March 16, 8:30 p.m. • Clowes Memorial Hall

John Clayton, conductor

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

Repertoire:

For All We Know, Heart and Soul, I Be Serious 'Bout Dem Blues, Mood Indigo, Reverence, Shout Me Out, Squatty Roo, The Eternal Triangle, The Jody Grind

- **Honor Band of America**

Saturday, March 17, 8 p.m. • Clowes Memorial Hall

Col. Lowell Graham, conductor

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

Repertoire:

Overture to "Colas Breugnon" by Dmitri Kabalevsky, arr. Walter Roy Beeler

The Warriors by Percy Aldridge Grainger, arr. Frank Pappajohn

Brooke's Chicago Marine Band by Roland Seitz

Symphony on Themes of John Philip Sousa by Ira Hearshen, II. *After The Thunderer*

Overture in Five Flat by Julie Giroux

- **Music for All National Concert Band Festival and Middle School National Music Festival**

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

Clowes Memorial Hall - Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 15-17

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 16, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Warren Performing Arts Center