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JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY HOSTS BANDS OF AMERICA MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY OCT. 13

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Outstanding high school marching bands from throughout Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, will compete in one of the nation’s most prominent marching band championships, Music for All’s Bands of America (BOA) Regional Championship, presented by Yamaha, at Jacksonville State University Burgess-Snow Field on Saturday, October 8. Burgess-Snow Field is located at 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, AL. Jacksonville State University Marching Southerners are hosting the event.

The 26 high school marching bands will perform in preliminary competition, evaluated by a panel of nationally recognized music educators and marching band experts. The top 10 scoring bands will advance to the evening finals competition, where the Regional Champion will be named. The Jacksonville State University Marching Southerners will perform in exhibition at the conclusion of preliminary competition at 4:15 p.m. and at the conclusion of finals competition at 10:15 p.m. The Jacksonville State University Marching Southerners are under the direction of Kenneth Bodiford.

“Bands of America Championships are a program of Music for All, whose mission is to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all,” according to Eric L. Martin, President and CEO of Music for All. “This includes educational experiences for the young performers and their teachers, as well as exciting live music events that are fun for fans of all ages.”

Gates open for prelims at 7:30 a.m., with competition beginning at 8:00 a.m. and the presentation of awards at 4:30 p.m. Gates open for finals at 6:45 p.m. with the first finalist band performing at 7:45 p.m. Awards will be presented at 10:30 p.m.

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Tickets are available in advance at musicforall.org or by calling 800.848.2263, and at the gate on the day of the event. Standard general admission prices are \$17 for prelims or finals, or \$26 for a day pass to both. All children ages 10 and under are free for general admission seats. Event day ticket discounts are available at the gate for spectators 11-18 years old and college students who can receive \$7 off any General Admission ticket type: individual Prelims, Finals or General Admission Day Pass. Seniors 62 and over get \$3 off the applicable adult ticket price, as do active duty military members and their spouses (military ID required).

Music for All's mission is to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all. Music for All's vision is to be a catalyst to ensure that every child across America has access and opportunity to participate in active music making in his or her scholastic environment. Music for All provides national and regional music education programs that recognize and support students' performance and success, offer music educator training and professional development, and deliver tools and resources to participants that assist in supporting music education by promoting awareness of music's impact on student growth and achievement. Headquartered in Indianapolis, Music for All is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization. MFA's programs include more than 20 annual events, including the Music for All National Festival, Music for All Summer Symposium, and Bands of America Grand National and Regional Championships for marching band. Learn more at www.musicforall.org.

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