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EDWARD JONES DOME HOSTS BANDS OF AMERICA MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIP FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OCT. 19-20

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Outstanding high school marching bands from throughout Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin will compete in one of the nation’s most prominent marching band championships, Music for All’s Bands of America (BOA) Super Regional Championship, presented by Yamaha, at the Edward Jones Dome on Friday and Saturday, October 19-20. The Owasso High School band program and boosters are hosting the event.

The 58 high school marching bands will perform in preliminary competition, evaluated by a panel of nationally recognized music educators and marching band experts. The top 14 scoring bands will advance to the evening finals competition, where the Super Regional Champion will be named. The University of Missouri marching band will perform in exhibition at the conclusion of preliminary competition on Saturday at 3:45 p.m. and the University of Wisconsin-EAU Claire will perform at the end of Finals at 10:45 p.m.

“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 on Friday for prelims at 12:00 p.m., with competition beginning at 12:30 p.m. Gates open on Saturday for prelims at 7:00 a.m., with competition beginning at 7:30 a.m. and the presentation of awards at 4:00 p.m. Gates open for finals at 6:15 p.m. with the first finalist band performing at 7:15 p.m. Awards will be presented at 11:00 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. Ticket prices range as follows: \$17 Friday Prelims, \$19 Saturday Prelims, \$23 Finals General Admission, \$28 Finals Reserved, and \$48 Super Ticket for Friday and Saturday Prelims and Finals. All children ages 10 and under are free for general admission seats. These ticket discounts are available at the gate on the date of the event: spectators 11-18 years old and college students can attend the prelim or finals for \$7 off any general admission ticket type and \$3 off any reserved ticket type. 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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