



News Release

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BANDS OF AMERICA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS COMES TO MONROEVILLE, PA, SEPTEMBER 22

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Outstanding high school marching bands from throughout Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia 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 the Gateway High School Stadium in Monroeville on Saturday, September 22. The Gateway High School Stadium is located at 3000 Gateway Campus Boulevard.

Sixteen high school marching bands are scheduled to 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, at the conclusion of which the Regional Champion will be named.

While Bands of America Regional Championships have been held in the Pittsburgh area in recent years, this is the first year for the event at Gateway High School. The Gateway High School music boosters are hosting the event, which also features exhibition performance by the West Chester University marching band and a special appearance by the Robert Morris University drum line at the finals awards ceremony.

“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.”

Johnstonbaugh’s Music in Monroeville is the event’s official music store and instrument repair provider. Preliminary competition is from 10:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Gates open for finals at 6:45 p.m. with finals performance from 7:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All times are

tentative pending the final schedule of performing bands. Check musicforall.org for current times.

Ticket and schedule information is available online at musicforall.org or by calling 800.848.2263. Tickets are available at the gate on the day of the event. Standard general admission prices are \$14 for prelims or finals, or \$22 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 attend the prelim or finals for \$7 each or \$15 for a day pass including both. Seniors 62 and over get \$3 off the applicable adult ticket price, as do active duty military members and their spouses (military ID required).

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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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