



# News Release

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## **CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL, INDIANA, WINS TITLE OF 2012 GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPION MARCHING BAND**

*87 high school ensembles competed for America's national champion title in over three days of performances. Four out of the 12 finalist bands were from Indiana.*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 87 of the best marching bands in the country performed in the nation's pre-eminent marching band event, the Bands of America Grand National Championships, presented by Yamaha, at Lucas Oil Stadium, Wednesday, November 7 through Saturday, November 10. After over three days of performances, **Carmel High School** of Carmel, Indiana won the title of 2012 Grand National Champion.

### **Indianapolis Marching Band Tournament Results**

The four-day event began with the Indianapolis Marching Band Tournament, presented by Yamaha. The Indianapolis Marching Band Tournament gave Indianapolis band members the opportunity to perform in a professional stadium at no cost to IPS. The tournament is one of the many ways Music for All supports music education in Indianapolis Public Schools.

The marching bands from Arsenal Technical High School, Broad Ripple Magnet High School, Emmerich Manual High School, Northwest High School, John Marshall Community High School, Crispus Attucks High School, Washington Community High School and Shortridge Magnet High School competed in the Indianapolis Marching Band Tournament. D.J. Mic P was emcee for the evening.

Spirit judges awarded the most spirited, enthusiastic school with the Spirit Award and a \$1,000 scholarship for the school's band program. This award went to Broad Ripple Magnet High School. Broad Ripple Magnet H.S. was this year's Class A Champion, and Crispus Attucks H.S. was Class B Champion.

## **Grand National Championships – 2012 Results**

A panel of nationally known music educators and marching band experts evaluated each competing band in the Grand National Championships Thursday through Saturday. Thirty-four bands from Thursday and Friday's preliminary competition advanced to Saturday's Semi-Finals, and the top 12 scoring bands on Saturday then advanced to the evening finals competition, where the Grand National Champion was named.

### **Finals results are as follows:**

95.85 – Carmel H.S., IN, Grand National Champion  
95.70 – Broken Arrow H.S., OK  
93.90 – Avon H.S., IN  
93.80 – Tarpon Springs H.S., FL  
92.90 – Marian Catholic H.S., IL  
89.85 – James Bowie H.S., TX  
89.15 – Kennesaw Mountain H.S., GA  
87.65 – William Mason H.S., OH  
87.60 – Center Grove H.S., IN  
87.35 – Lawrence Central H.S., IN  
87.30 – Ronald Reagan H.S., TX  
84.95 – Plymouth- Canton Educational Park, MI

Al Castronovo Memorial Esprit de Corps Award – Bridgewater- Raritan H.S., NJ and Avon H.S., IN  
Outstanding Music Performance – Carmel H.S., IN  
Steve Brubaker Awards for Outstanding Visual Performance – Broken Arrow H.S., OK  
Outstanding General Effect – Broken Arrow H.S., OK

### **Semi-Finals Class Results are as follows:**

#### **Class A**

1st – Western H.S., IN  
2nd – Forest Park Jr./Sr. H.S., IN  
3rd – Norton H.S., OH

Outstanding Music Performance – Western H.S., IN  
Outstanding Visual Performance – Norton H.S., OH  
Outstanding General Effect – Forest Park Jr./Sr. H.S., IN

#### **Class AA**

1st – Tarpon Springs H.S., FL  
2nd – Marian Catholic H.S., IL  
3rd – Nation Ford H.S., SC

Outstanding Music Performance – Tarpon Springs H.S., FL  
Outstanding Visual Performance – (tie) Tarpon Springs H.S., FL & Marian Catholic H.S., IL  
Outstanding General Effect – Tarpon Springs H.S., FL

**Class AAA**

1st – Kennesaw Mountain H.S., GA

2nd – Franklin H.S., TN

3rd – Bellevue West H.S., NE

Outstanding Music Performance – Kennesaw Mountain H.S., GA

Outstanding Visual Performance – Kennesaw Mountain H.S., GA

Outstanding General Effect – Kennesaw Mountain H.S., GA

**Class AAAA**

1st – Carmel H.S., IN

2nd – Broken Arrow H.S., OK

3rd – James Bowie H.S., TX

Outstanding Music Performance – Carmel H.S., IN

Outstanding Visual Performance – (tie) Broken Arrow H.S., OK & Carmel H.S., IN

Outstanding General Effect – Broken Arrow H.S., OK

**Music for All Foundation Scholarships**

The Music for All Foundation awards several endowed scholarships annually. On Saturday evening of the Grand National Championships, three college tuition scholarship awards were presented to outstanding graduating seniors who intend to pursue collegiate study as a music major. A \$1,000 Yamaha Scholarship was presented to Cecily Yoakam from Union High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma; a \$1,000 Fred J. Miller Family Scholarship was presented to Ruth Williams from Lancaster High School in Lancaster, New York; and a \$1,000 Jolesch Scholarship was presented to Michael Reese from Marietta High School in Marietta, Ohio.

**George N. Parks Leadership in Music Education Award**

Developed by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) and Music for All, the George N. Parks Leadership in Music Education Award is named for the late Director of the University of Massachusetts Minuteman Marching Band. Considered a national authority on drum majoring, Mr. Parks led the George N. Parks Drum Major Academy, long a part of the Music for All Summer Symposium. This year's award was presented to Mr. Daniel Kirk, Director of Bands at Blue Valley West High School in Overland Park, Kansas.

**Patrick John Hughes Parent Booster Award**

The Patrick John Hughes Parent Booster Award recognizes the extraordinary commitment, dedication, support and sacrifice of music parents and boosters across the nation by shining a spotlight on a recipient who exemplifies these qualities. The annual award is named in honor

of Patrick John Hughes, father of Patrick Henry Hughes who, despite physical challenges that would seem overwhelming to many, has excelled as a musician and student. The Hughes' story has been an inspiration to millions worldwide.

This year's award was presented to PJ Littleton, a band booster for the Hillsboro Middle School in Tennessee. PJ was instrumental in bringing a band program to the Hillsboro Middle School after a rezoning. PJ has helped to raise over \$45,000 for the new band program, as well as helped to grow the band to 30% of the school's population. "His impact reaches further than dollars and cents. His innovative ideas have transformed the way we think about band at Hillsboro School, and within our own county" says Cameron Gish, Band Director at Hillsboro Middle School.

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](http://www.musicforall.org).

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