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**The Mercedes-Benz Stadium Hosts Super Regional Marching Band Competition on October 28**

***Prominent event is one of 20 regional championships held across the country this fall.***

ATLANTA, GA – Outstanding high school marching bands from throughout Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia will compete in one of the nation’s most prominent championships, Music for All’s Bands of America Atlanta Super Regional Championship, presented by Yamaha. The event will be held at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium (1414 Andrew Young International Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30313) in Atlanta, Georgia on October 28.

Since 1993, the Bands of America Atlanta Super Regional marching band competition has been held at the Georgia Dome. Music for All continues the tradition of holding this major event in Atlanta as the new Mercedes-Benz Stadium opens. Music for All holds 20 other Bands of America regional marching band championships across the country that offer positively life-changing experiences for students, teachers, and fans and spectators. These championships are a celebration of music education at its finest, showcasing excellence, teamwork, and leadership.

"Bands of America’s Super Regional Championship in Atlanta has been one of our premier events for many years and we are thrilled to bring the event to the spectacular new Mercedes-Benz Stadium," says Eric L. Martin, President and CEO of Music for All. “Our partnership this fall will showcase excellence in scholastic music education in a truly world-class facility that our participants and fans will never forget."

The championship event, hosted by the North Cobb High School Orchestra, will feature 31 high school marching bands in the preliminary competition, all of which will be evaluated by a panel of nationally recognized music educators and marching band experts. The top 12 bands will advance to the evening finals competition, which will ultimately name the Super Regional Champion. Ken Stanton Music will be the Official Music Store of the event.

**Schedule**The preliminary competition begins at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 28 and will conclude at approximately 4:30 p.m. Gates will open for the finals at 6:45 p.m. with performances beginning at 7:45 p.m. The Georgia Southern University Southern Pride Marching Band will perform at the conclusion of the preliminary competition. All times are tentative pending the final schedule of performing bands. Current times will be listed at musicforall.org.

**Ticket Information**Ticketing and schedule information is available online at musicforall.org or by calling 800.848.2263. Tickets will also be available at the gate. Standard general admission is $28 for Preliminaries, $32 for Finals, $32 for a Day Pass, $37 for Finals Reserved Upper Deck seating, $49 for a Day Pass, and $54 for a Deluxe Daypass. Children ages 10 and under are free for general admission seats. A $5 off any general admission ticket (individual preliminaries, finals or full day passes) discount will be available at the gate for college students with an ID, spectators 11-18 years of age, military members and spouses (military ID required), and spectators age 62 and over.

**About Music for All**

Since 1975, Music for All, through its Music for All, Bands of America, Orchestra America, and choir programs, has been a destination and set the standard for scholastic music ensemble performance and music education advocacy. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization, 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 in America has access and opportunity for active music making in his or her scholastic environment. Music for All’s programs include 30+ annual events, including the Bands of America Grand National Championships and Regional Championships for marching bands, the Music for All Summer Symposium camp for students and teachers, the Music for All National Festival and Affiliate Regional Music Festivals for concert bands, orchestras, choirs, chamber ensembles, percussion ensembles, and the national honor concert band, jazz band, orchestra, and the Bands of America Honor Band that will march for the fifth time in the Rose Parade® in 2021.

**Sponsor Information**

Music for All efforts are supported through sponsorships, including current partnerships with National Presenting Sponsor: Yamaha Corporation of America; Official Uniform Sponsor: Fred J. Miller, Inc.; Official Student Travel Partner: Music Travel Consultants; Official Performance Equipment Sponsor: Wenger Corporation; Corporate Sponsors: Ball State University, United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps, Zildjian and Vic Firth Company, Visit Indy and the City of Indianapolis, and Strategic Advocacy Partner: NAMM; Associate Sponsors: Delivra, Vandoren, Director’s Showcase International, REMO, Tresona Multimedia, and Woodwind & Brasswind. J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. will be the Presenting Sponsor of Bands of America Grand National Semi-Finals Championships. Music for All is also supported by the Indiana Arts Commission, Arts Council of Indianapolis, the Ball Brothers Foundation, Lilly Endowment Inc, George and Frances Ball Foundation, Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation, Nicholas H. Noyes, Jr. Memorial Foundation, Inc., and Arthur Jordan Foundation.

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