



## **Austin Peay State University Hosts Regional Marching Band Competition on September 19th**

*The first of 19 competitions happening across the nation this fall*

Clarksville, TN – Talented and dedicated high school marching bands from throughout Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee will compete in one of the nation's most prominent championships, Music for All's Bands of America Regional Championship at Clarksville, presented by Yamaha, at the Austin Peay State University Governors Stadium (601 College St) in Clarksville, TN, on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

The championship event, hosted by Austin Peay State University, will feature 22 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 10 bands will advance to the evening finals competition, which will ultimately name the Regional Champion.

"Bands of America Championships are a program of Music for All, which has a mission to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all," said Eric L. Martin, President and CEO of Music for All. "This being our 40<sup>th</sup> year of Bands of America Championships, we're looking to provide more unique opportunities for thousands of students to showcase the dedication, teamwork and mastery required and fostered through music and arts education."

### **Schedule**

The preliminary competition begins at 9:45 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 5:00 p.m. Gates will open for the finals at 6:45 p.m. with performances beginning at 7:45 p.m. All times are tentative pending the final schedule of performing bands. Current times will be listed at [musicforall.org](http://musicforall.org).

### **Ticket information**

Ticketing and schedule information is available online at [musicforall.org](http://musicforall.org) or by calling 800.828.2263. Tickets will also be available at the gate. Standard general admission is \$18 for preliminaries or finals, or \$27 for a day pass to both. 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, spectators 11-18 years of age, military members and spouses (military ID required) and spectators age 62 and over.

## **About Music for All**

Celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015, Music for All (MFA) is one of the nation's largest and most influential organizations in support of active music making. Since 1975, MFA, through its Bands of America and Orchestra America 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, MFA's mission is to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all. MFA's vision is to be a catalyst to ensure that every child in America has access and opportunity for active music-making in their scholastic environment. MFA's programs include 20+ annual events, including the Bands of America Grand National Championships and Regional Championships for marching band, the Music for All Summer Symposium camp for students and teachers, the Music for All National Festival for concert bands, orchestra, jazz and percussion ensembles and national honor bands and orchestras.

## **Sponsorship Information**

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