



## **Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium Hosts Regional Marching Band Competition September 16**

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

Canton, OH – Outstanding high school marching bands from throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois, and Indiana will compete in one of the nation’s most prominent championships, Music for All’s Bands of America Northeast Ohio Regional Championship, presented by Yamaha, at Tom Benson Stadium in the Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village at the Pro Football Hall of Fame (1815 Harrison Avenue NW) in Canton, Ohio on September 16.

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.

Music for All is excited to begin the season with their new partnership with the Pro Football Hall of Fame. This will be the first time a Bands of America Regional competition has been held in Canton since 2012. Music for All and the Pro Football Hall of Fame are enthusiastic about bringing the arts and sports together for this event that celebrates excellence and positively life-changing experiences.

“Bands of America has always had a commitment to excellence, of the very best facilities and performance opportunities to our participants. We’re thrilled to bring the Bands of America Regional to this spectacular facility that has received rave reviews from music fans” said Eric L. Martin, President and CEO of Music for All. “We know the Hall of Fame’s mission is to celebrate excellence everywhere across all platforms from music to art to sport. Our partnership this fall will showcase excellence in scholastic music education in a ‘hall of fame’ environment. Participants and fans will have the unique opportunity to perform in this world class facility and to take in all that is the Hall of Fame.”

The championship event, hosted by Firestone High School of Akron, Ohio, will feature 14 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.

### **Schedule**

The preliminary competition begins at 12:00 p.m. and will conclude at approximately 4:00 p.m. Gates will open for the finals at 6:15 p.m. with performances beginning at 7:15 p.m. The Canton McKinley High School 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 \$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 with an ID, spectators 11-18 years of age, military members and spouses (military ID required), and spectators age 62 and over. Additionally, student participants of the Northeast Ohio Regional get free admission to the Pro Football Hall of Fame Museum, while spectators get 20% off admission.

### **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.

### **Sponsors Information**

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