



Austin Peay State University Hosts Regional Marching Band Competition September 23

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

Clarksville, TN – Talented and dedicated high school marching bands from throughout Arkansas, Alabama, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee will compete in one of the nation's most prominent championships, Music for All's Bands of America Tennessee Regional Championship, presented by Yamaha, at the Fortera Stadium (601 College St) in Clarksville, Tennessee on September 23.

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.

The championship event, hosted by Austin Peay State University's "Governors Own" Marching Band, will feature 25 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. Nashville Band Room Repair will be the Official Music Store for the event.

"Bands of America Championships are programs supporting our mission 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. "Active experiences in music and the arts are integral to providing students with a well-rounded education. The performances of students at this Bands of America championship showcase the results that come from the dedication and teamwork necessary for the achievement of excellence, on the performance field and in life beyond. Bands of America events advocate for maintaining and growing our national commitment to music and arts education, with the student performers making the case in the most visible, artistic, and entertaining way possible, – something each and every American should witness and experience."

Schedule

The preliminary competition begins at 8:45 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4:15 p.m. Gates will open for the finals at 6:45 p.m. with performances beginning at 7:45 p.m. Austin Peay State University's "Governors Own" Marching Band will perform both at the

conclusion of the preliminary competition and final 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.

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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