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Music for All National Festival Brings Nearly 3,000 Student Musicians to Indianapolis, March 14-16

INDIANAPOLIS – Seventy-one concert bands, orchestras, choirs, percussion ensembles, and chamber ensembles have been selected to perform at the 28th annual Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 14-16, 2019 in Indianapolis.

Music for All has added The Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel as a concert venue for the Festival. The Palladium joins Butler University's Clowes Memorial Hall and the Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts, the Indiana Historical Society, Warren Center for the Performing Arts, and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church as Festival concert halls.

The Music for All National Festival brings together America's outstanding scholastic music ensembles to perform for each other and receive feedback from a national-renowned panel of music educators and conductors.

The 2019 performing ensembles hail from 22 states and Puerto Rico. Ensembles were selected following a recorded audition process. Once invited, the focus is on the performance experience – with no ratings or rankings awarded, the non-competitive Festival provides a supportive environment for cooperative encouragement for all of the ensembles. Evaluators give feedback on the performances and a post-concert clinic with the ensembles, providing an educational experience for both teachers and students. The ensembles also participate in master classes and special events, like the Gala Awards Banquet which, held in two banquet halls in the JW Marriott last year, was the largest single banquet meal ever served in the City of Indianapolis.

The Music for All National Festival is comprised of several national festivals: the National Concert Band Festival, Orchestra America National Festival, National Choir Festival, Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival, and Chamber Music National Festival. The Festival also includes concerts by three national honor ensembles: the Honor Band of America, the Honor Orchestra of America, and the Jazz Band of America.

“The ensembles invited to perform at the Music for All National Festival represent the very best of music education and the pursuit of excellence,” says Debbie Laferty Asbill, Vice President of Marketing and Communications for Music for All. “For one week in March, Indianapolis is the epicenter of outstanding music-making with outstanding musical ensembles from across America.”

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Concerts Open to the Public

All Festival concerts are open to the public, some are ticketed with admission fee and some are free of charge. In addition to the school music ensembles, the Festival Features these special concerts:

Thursday, March 14

The University of Louisville Cardinal Singers

7:00 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Kent Hatteberg, Conductor

Chamber Music Festival Concert sponsored by Vandoren & Yamaha

8:00 p.m., Indiana Historical Society
Featuring Vandoren Emerging Artist Winners and Yamaha Performing Artists H2
Saxophone Quartet

Friday, March 15

Honor Orchestra of America

8 p.m., Clowes Memorial Hall, concert shared with the Jazz Band of America
Conducted by Sey Ahn, Idyllwild Music Center

Jazz Band of America

8 p.m., Clowes Memorial Hall, concert shared with the Honor Orchestra of America
Conducted Shelly Berg, five-time Grammy-nominated arranger, orchestrator, and producer, and Dean of the Frost School of Music, University of Miami
Wycliffe Gordon, Guest Artist, Yamaha Performing Artist, Trombone, and original member of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra
The Jazz Band of America will premier a piece by Todd Bashore

Saturday, March 16

National Percussion Festival Honors Concert

Saturday, March 16, 12:00 p.m., Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts

Music for All National Choir Festival Choir with the Ball State University Orchestra

Saturday, March 16, 1:30 p.m., The Palladium Center for the Performing Arts
André Thomas, Conductor; Henry Leck, Artistic Director; Doug Droste, Conductor, Ball State University Orchestra

Honor Band of America

8 p.m., Clowes Memorial Hall
Conducted Ray Cramer, Professor Emeritus, Indiana University
The Honor Band of America will premier a piece by composer-in-residence Ryan George

Ticket and schedule information for all of the Festival concerts online at musicforall.org/festivaltickets

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About Music for All

Since 1975, Music for All has 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, working to ensure that every child in America has access to active music making in his or her scholastic environment. Music for All's advocacy efforts inspire and develop models and strategies for successful music programs, including the Advocacy in Action Awards, initiatives for Indianapolis Public Schools, the Central Indiana Track Show Association, Indiana State Fair Band Day, United Sound and Be Part of the Music, among many others. Music for All draws more than 500,00 attendees each year – including more than 125,000 students – with 45+ annual events, including the prestigious Bands of America Grand National Championships and Regional Championships for marching bands, the Music for All Summer Symposium camp for students and teachers, and the Music for All National Festival for bands, orchestras, choirs, percussion and chamber ensembles. Music for All also presents affiliate regional music festivals and national student honor ensembles including the Bands of America Honor Band that will march for the fifth time in the Rose Parade® in 2021. For more information and to support the efforts of Music for All, visit www.musicforall.org.

Sponsor Information

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