



Music for All Announces Ensembles Invited to Participate in National Festival, March 12-14

INDIANAPOLIS – Forty concert bands and percussion ensembles have been selected to perform at the 24th annual Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 12-14, 2014 in Indianapolis. Ensembles were selected following a recorded audition process.

The Music for All National Festival is a non-competitive event, showcasing outstanding high school and middle school instrumental ensembles from across the nation. Participated ensembles will perform in concert and to be evaluated by renowned music educators. The ensembles also participate in master classes and special events.

The Festival comprises the National Concert Band Festival; Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival; Middle School National Music Festival; Chamber Music National Festival; which will debut in 2015; and three national honor ensembles: the Honor Band of America, the Jazz Band of America, and the Honor Orchestra of America.

The selected ensembles hail from 20 states:

Featured Bands:

Barron Collier H.S. Wind Symphony - Naples, FL; Benny L. Bolden, Jr.
Chiawana H.S. Wind Ensemble - Pasco, WA; Kevin Clayton
Concord Carlisle H.S. Concert Band - Concord, MA; David Gresko
Cuthbertson H.S. Wind Ensemble - Waxhaw, NC; Todd Ebert
John P. Stevens H.S. Wind Ensemble - Edison, NJ; Andrew S. DeNicola
Lake Braddock Secondary School Symphonic Band; Burke, VA; Michael C. Luley
Lassiter H.S. Symphonic I Band - Marietta, GA; Ginny Markham
Liberty H.S. Wind Ensemble - Colorado Springs, CO; Genice Matzke
McLean H.S. Symphonic Band - McLean, VA; Chris Weise
Moanalua H.S. Symphonic Wind Ensemble - Honolulu, HI; Elden Seta
Oswego H.S. Wind Symphony - Oswego, IL; Stephanie San Roman
Palo Verde H.S. Wind Ensemble - Las Vegas, NV; David Irish
Pflugerville H.S. Wind Ensemble - Pflugerville, TX; O.D. Wilson
Seven Lakes H.S. Wind Symphony - Katy, TX; Damon Archer
Thompson H.S. Wind Ensemble - Alabaster, AL; Jon Bubbett
Wylie East H.S. Wind Symphony - Wylie, TX; Glenn Lambert

Invited Bands:

Ballard H.S. Wind Ensemble - Louisville, KY; Paul Shepherd

Ben Davis H.S. Wind Symphony - Indianapolis, IN; Ken Karlin
DeLand H.S. Wind Ensemble - DeLand, FL; Daniel Cook
J.P. Taravella H.S. Wind Orchestra - Coral Springs, FL; Cheldon Williams
Lassiter H.S. Symphonic II Band - Marietta, GA; Jeff Harper
Olathe North H.S. Wind Ensemble - Olathe, KS; Justin W. Love
Windham H.S. Concert Band - Windham, NH; Jared Cassedy
Yorktown H.S. Symphonic Band - Arlington, VA; Brian Bersh

Percussion Ensembles:

American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras Percussion Ensemble - Annandale, VA; Doug Wallace
Dobson H.S. Percussion Ensemble - Mesa, AZ; Joseph Anthony Goglia
Farmington Junior H.S. Percussion Ensemble - Farmington, UT; Heath Wolf
Grain Valley H.S. Percussion Ensemble - Grain Valley, MO; David Gronneberg
Lassiter H.S. Percussion Ensemble - Marietta, GA; Mike Lynch
Llano Junior H.S. Percussion Ensemble - Llano, TX; Keith Riley
McLean H.S. Percussion Ensemble - McLean, VA; Chris Weise
North Gwinnett M.S. Percussion Ensemble - Sugar Hill, GA; Travis Downs
Park City H.S. Percussion Studio - Park City, UT; Bret Hughes
Pflugerville H.S. Percussion Ensemble - Pflugerville, TX; O.D. Wilson
Yorktown H.S. Percussion Ensemble - Arlington, VA; Brian Bersh

Middle School Bands:

Clay M.S. Wind Ensemble - Carmel, IN; Gretta Pote
Deerpark M.S. Band - Austin, TX; Rasheed Akande
Harpool M.S. Symphonic Band - Argyle, TX; Bryan Stone
Lamar M.S. and Fine Arts Academy Symphonic Winds - Austin, TX; James Hairston
North M.S. Symphonic Band - Radcliff, KY; Brittany Ford

Music for All expects to announce the 2015 Festival participating orchestras in the coming weeks.

Honor Ensembles

The Festival also includes three national honor ensembles. Kevin Sedatole, Michigan State University, will conduct the Honor Band of America. Franz Anton Krager, University of Houston, will conduct the Honor Orchestra of America. Shelly Berg, University of Miami, will conduct the Jazz Band of America.

High school-aged musicians can still apply for the 2015 Honor Ensembles – the final application deadline is September 15, 2014 for the Honor Band of America and Jazz Band of America and December 15 for the Honor Orchestra of America. More information can be found at www.musicforall.org.

About Music for All

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.

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