



## **Music for All returns to Muncie as Ball State hosts championship Oct. 5**

*Prominent event is one of 17 regional championships held across the country this fall*

MUNCIE, IND. – Outstanding high school marching bands from throughout Indiana will compete in one of the nation’s most prominent championships, Music for All’s Bands of America Regional at Muncie, presented by Yamaha, at Scheumann Stadium on the Ball State University campus Saturday, Oct. 5. This will be the first Bands of America marching band regional held in Muncie, and follows the Music for All’s annual summer music camp held since 2010 at Ball State University.

The championship event, hosted by Ball State University, will feature 23 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,” according to Eric L. Martin, President and CEO of Music for All. “Active participation in music and arts is a vital part of a meaningful educational experience. The thousands of students who will perform at this championship showcase the dedication, teamwork and mastery required and fostered through music and arts education.”

### **Schedule**

Gates open at 8:30 a.m. and the first band will take the field at 9 a.m. Presentation of preliminary awards will begin at 4:30 p.m. Gates will open for the finals at 6:45 p.m. with performances beginning at 7:45 p.m. The Ball State University Marching Band will perform in exhibition at the conclusion of both preliminaries and finals. 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. Discounts will be available at the gate for college students and spectators 11-18 years of age for \$7 off any general admission ticket including individual preliminaries, finals or full day passes. Military members and spouses (military ID required) as well as spectators age 62 and over can receive \$3 off the applicable adult ticket price.

### **Bands of America Championships**

The Ball State University event is one of 17 prominent regional Bands of America marching band championships that will be held across the country this year. In addition, Indiana will also be the site of two major Bands of America shows. The two-day Super Regional Championship, presented by Yamaha, will be held at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis November 8-9. Music for All's Bands of America Super Regional Championships attract bands from across the nation and make each venue a destination for these world-class high school band events. Up to 60 bands will perform in a two-day preliminary competition with approximately 12-14 bands advancing to finals.

The Bands of America Grand National Championships, presented by Yamaha, is the premier national performance stage for high school marching bands. The 38<sup>th</sup> annual Grand Nationals will be held November 13-16 at Lucas Oil Stadium, with more than 90 bands competing, and including an Expo and special events for participants.

### **Sponsorship Information**

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### **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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