



## **Grande Communications Stadium Hosts Bands of America Championship on October 14**

*Inaugural event in Midland is one of 20 regional championships held across the country this fall.*

Midland, TX – Outstanding high school marching bands from across Texas will be joined by schools from Nebraska and New Mexico to participate in one of the nation’s most prominent championships, Music for All’s Bands of America West Texas Regional Championship, presented by Yamaha, at the Grande Communications Stadium (801 North Loop 250 West) in Midland, Texas on October 14.

The competition will be a first ever Bands of America event in Midland and Bands of America’s second Regional in West Texas, with the first one being in El Paso in 2007. For more than 40 years, Bands of America Championships have been offered across the nation, attracting participation by the nation’s finest bands and scholastic music programs, making Bands of America events the best recognized and most acclaimed evaluative competition for high school bands. Music for All holds 20 other Bands of America regional marching band championships across the country that offer unparalleled educational evaluator input and performance experiences in an atmosphere intended to create and provide positively life-changing experiences for students, teachers, and fans.

The Bands of America West Texas Regional Championship joins a roster of Bands of America Regionals offered across Texas, including the San Antonio Super Regional Championship, presented by Yamaha held annually at the Alamodome. The season concludes with the Bands of America Grand National Championships, November 8-11 in Indianapolis, Indiana, an event that annually attracts participating bands from more than 20 states. These championships are a celebration of music education at its finest, showcasing excellence, teamwork, and leadership.

The West Texas Championship, hosted by the Midland Lee High School Band, 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. N-Tune Music will be the Official Music Store of the event.

“Music for All is excited to be back in West Texas to present our first ever show in Midland,” says Eric L. Martin, President and CEO of Music for All. “Texas is known nationwide for its outstanding marching band and music programs. Music and arts are an important part of a well-rounded education. Bands of America Championships help

provide celebratory performance experiences for students, educational opportunities for their teachers, and a showcase for dedication and teamwork come-to-life. Grande Communications Stadium is an incredible venue for marching band performance and we are excited to be in Midland and looking forward to building community and regional relationships that will provide a solid foundation for making the West Texas Regional in Midland an annual event.”

### **Schedule**

Gates open for the preliminary competition at 8:45, with the competition beginning at 9:15 a.m. and concluding 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. 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 800.848.2263. 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.

### **Bands of America Championships**

In addition to this event, five additional Bands of America Championships will be held in Texas this fall. The two-day Super Regional at in San Antonio will take place the Alamodome on November 3-4. 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. 68 bands will perform in a two-day preliminary competition in San Antonio with 14 bands advancing to finals. Four championships were previously held in Austin, Texas on September 23; Southlake, Texas on September 30; McAllen, Texas on September 30; and Conroe, Texas on October 7.

### **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.

### **Sponsor Information**

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