



# News Release

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## **BANDS OF AMERICA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMES TO MONROEVILLE, PA, SEPTEMBER 21**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Outstanding high school marching bands from throughout Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia will compete in one of the nation’s most prominent marching band championships, Music for All’s Bands of America (BOA) Regional Championship, presented by Yamaha, at the Gateway High School Stadium in Monroeville on Saturday, September 21. The Gateway High School Stadium is located at 3000 Gateway Campus Boulevard. The Gateway High School music boosters are hosting the event.

Fourteen high school marching bands are scheduled to perform in preliminary competition, evaluated by a panel of nationally recognized music educators and marching band experts. The top 10 scoring bands will advance to the evening finals competition, at the conclusion of which the Regional Champion will be named.

“Bands of America Championships are a program of Music for All, whose mission is 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.”

Progressive Music in Monroeville is the event’s official music store and instrument repair provider. Preliminary competition is from 12:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Gates open for finals at 6:30 p.m. with finals performance from 7:15 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. All times are tentative pending the final schedule of performing bands. Check [musicforall.org](http://musicforall.org) for current times.

Ticket and schedule information is available online at [musicforall.org](http://musicforall.org) or by calling 800.848.2263. Tickets are available at the gate on the day of the event. Standard general admission prices are \$14 for prelims or finals, or \$22 for a day pass to both. All children ages 10 and under are free for general admission seats. Event day ticket discounts are available at

the gate for spectators 11-18 years old and college students who can attend the prelim or finals for \$7 each or \$15 for a day pass including both. Seniors 62 and over get \$3 off the applicable adult ticket price, as do active duty military members and their spouses (military ID required).

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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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