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TOWSON UNIVERSITY HOSTS BANDS OF AMERICA MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY OCT. 23

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Outstanding high school marching bands from throughout Maryland, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, as well as Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Tennessee and Pennsylvania, 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 Towson University’s Johnny Unitas Stadium, on Saturday, October 23. The Towson University marching band is hosting the event.

The 19 high school marching bands will 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, where the Regional Champion will be named. The Towson University marching band will perform in exhibition at the conclusion of preliminary competition at 3:30 p.m.

“The marching bands performing in this BOA Championship are some of the finest and most talented in the region, including former Regional Champions,” said Travis Tester, Manager of Participant Relations for Music for All. “The thousands of student performers have worked long hours and dedicated themselves to the pursuit of excellence in preparing for this event.”

Gates open for prelims at 9:00 a.m., with competition beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the presentation of awards at 3:45 p.m. Gates open for finals at 6:00 p.m. with the first finalist band performing at 7:00 p.m. Awards will be presented at 9:45 p.m. Menchey Music Service is the event’s official music store and instrument repair provider.

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Tickets are available in advance at musicforall.org or by calling 800.848.2263, and at the gate on the day of the event. Standard general admission prices are \$17 for prelims or finals, or \$26 for a day pass to both. All children ages 10 and under are free for general admission seats. These ticket discounts are available at the gate on the date of the event: spectators 11-18 years old and college students can attend the prelim or finals for \$10 each or \$19 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).

Bands of America is a program of Music for All, one of the largest and most influential national music education organizations in support of active music-making. Headquartered in Indianapolis, Music for All (MFA) uniquely combines regional and national music-event programming with awareness campaigns and advocacy aimed at expanding access to music in schools and communities. A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization, MFA's programs include 25-plus annual events, including the Bands of America Grand National marching band championships, Regional marching band championships across the country, the Music for All National Festival and the Music for All Summer Symposium. Learn more at www.musicforall.org.

Music for All's efforts are supported through sponsorships, including current partnerships with National Presenting Sponsor, the Yamaha Corporation of America; Official Uniform Sponsor, Fred J. Miller, Inc.; Official Equipment Sponsor, Wenger Corporation; Corporate Sponsors, SmartMusic®; NAMM; and Remo, Inc.; Associate Sponsors, Vic Firth, Inc. and Denis Wick; Preferred Travel Partners, Music Travel Consultants and New Horizons Tour and Travel; and Program Sponsors McCormick's Enterprises and Center X Productions. Music for All is also supported by the Arts Council of Indianapolis and the City of Indianapolis, by the Indianapolis Cultural Development Commission and by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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