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MUSIC FOR ALL RETURNS TO MUNCIE FOR 2012 SUMMER SYMPOSIUM NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Music for All, one of the nation's largest and most influential organizations in support of music education, will return to Muncie this June for its national summer music camp. The Music for All Summer Symposium, presented by Yamaha, will be held at Ball State University, Muncie, IN, June 25-30, 2012.

The Music for All Summer Symposium is a comprehensive summer camp for high school instrumental music students and high school and middle school band directors. The Symposium also offers a weekend of student leadership training June 23-25.

In addition to hosting the camp, Ball State University faculty members are part of the Symposium instructional staff. Dr. Tom Caneva, Director of Bands at Ball State University, is the coordinator of the student concert band division. BSU faculty members (including Gene Berger, Mark Buselli, Elizabeth Crawford, Aryn Day-Sweeney, Elias Goldstein, Erwin Mueller, Pete Opie, John Seidel, Keith Sweger, Shawn Vondran, Mihoko Watanabe and George Wolfe) will also work with students throughout the week. A full list of camp faculty is online at musicforall.org.

The Symposium typically brings together more than 1,000 student musicians and educators from as many as 35 states and abroad. High school students learn from top music educators in tracks that include concert band, marching band, jazz band, orchestra, percussion, color guard and drum major. High school and middle school band directors and instructors can choose from several educators' tracks that hone their professional skills.

The Muncie community can also participate in the musical offerings of the camp by attending the evening concerts and events Music for All will bring to the BSU campus as part of the symposium experience. This year's concerts and events include free performances by the Yamaha Young Performing Artists on Monday, June 25, 8 p.m. at Emens Auditorium and the Indianapolis Brass Choir on Tuesday, June 26, 8 p.m. at Emens Auditorium. Performances by Buselli Wallarab Jazz Orchestra/Midcoast Swing Orchestra (Wednesday, June 27, 8 p.m. at Emens Auditorium), Time for Three (Thursday, June 28, 8 p.m. at Emens Auditorium), and Drum Corps International Central Indiana (Friday, June 29, 7 p.m. at Scheumann Stadium) are ticketed events.

The Yamaha Young Performing Artists and Indianapolis Brass Choir performances are free and open to the public. These concerts are general admission balcony seating, and no ticket is required. The Buselli Wallarab Jazz Orchestra/Midcoast Swing Orchestra and Time for Three are \$15 Adult reserved balcony seating, \$5 Student/Senior reserved balcony seating. Children 10 and under are free. Drum Corps International ticket prices range from \$25-\$30. Groups of 20 or more receive a \$5 discount on seats in the Super sections. Visit www.dci.org or call 317.275.1212 to purchase tickets.

The Symposium is supported locally by Muncie Music Center. More information on the Summer Symposium is available at <u>musicforall.org</u> or by calling 800-848-BAND.

About Music for All

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 student and teacher education. A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization, MFA uses its national profile programming to model, showcase, recognize and provide individual, teacher and organizational examples of music performance excellence and achievement. 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; and the Music for All National Festival for concert bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles. Music for All's programmatic model is designed to mirror and supplement the classroom and performance model adopted in most American scholastic settings. Music for

All values and promotes societal recognition of music education and active music making as essential and core parts of every student's educational development.

Music for All's efforts are supported through sponsorships, including current partnerships with National Presenting Sponsor, Yamaha Corporation of America; Official Uniform Sponsor, Fred J. Miller, Inc.; Official Performance Equipment Sponsor, Wenger Corporation; Official Student Travel Partner, Music Travel Consultants; Corporate Sponsor, Remo, Inc.; Strategic Advocacy Partner, NAMM; and Associate Sponsors, Vic Firth, Inc., DANSR, Delivra and SmartMusic®. Music for All is also supported by the Arts Council of Indianapolis and the City of Indianapolis, by the Indianapolis Cultural Development Commission, the Ball Brothers Foundation, LDI 100th Anniversary Celebration Cultural Partnerships Gift Program and by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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Music for All Summer Symposium Concert Series Information and Fact Sheet

Monday, June 25, 8 PM, Emens Auditorium, BSU - Yamaha Young Performing Artists

The Yamaha Young Performing Artists (YYPA) program is designed to provide early career recognition for outstanding young musicians in the United States. Hundreds of applicants ages 16-21 apply annually and undergo a rigorous, taped audition process for a panel of national celebrity musicians. Yamaha's competition for outstanding young musicians culminates in finalist performances and a selection of one winner at this evening concert. This performance is free to the public, general admission. No ticket is required.

Tuesday, June 26, 8 PM, Emens Auditorium, BSU - Indianapolis Brass Choir Indianapolis Brass Choir is a volunteer music ensemble of professional and non-professional musicians, who play together to raise money for charities. With the hottest horns, triumphant sounding tubas, trumpets that contribute soul, trombones that create mood, and even euphoniums that will put you in euphoria, the Indianapolis Brass Choir is a respected ensemble in the Indianapolis music scene. This performance is free to the public, general admission. No ticket is required.

Wednesday, June 27, 8 PM, Emens Auditorium, BSU - Buselli Wallarab Jazz Orchestra/Midcoast Swing Orchestra

This 17-piece jazz band is based in Indianapolis. Buselli Wallarab Jazz Orchestra/Midcoast Swing Orchestra co-founders Mark Buselli and Brent Wallarab are music educators, as well as musicians and composers. Their common commitment to America's jazz heritage brought the Buselli Wallarab Jazz Orchestra/Midcoast Swing Orchestra to life and helped define the mission of the organization. \$15 Adult reserved balcony seating, \$5 Student/Senior reserved balcony seating. Children 10 and under are free. Tickets available at the Emens Auditorium ticket office.

Thursday, June 28, 8 PM, Emens Auditorium, BSU - Time for Three

The groundbreaking, category-shattering trio Time for Three transcends traditional classification, with elements of classical, country western, gypsy and jazz idioms forming a blend all its own. The members – Zachary (Zach) DePue, violin; Nicolas (Nick) Kendall, violin; and Ranaan Meyer, double bass – carry a passion for improvisation, composing and arranging. \$15 Adult reserved balcony seating, \$5 Student/Senior reserved balcony seating. Children 10 and under are free. Tickets available at the Emens Auditorium ticket office.

Friday, June 29, 7 PM, Scheumann Stadium, BSU - Drum Corps International Central Indiana

Drum Corps International makes a stop at Ball State University and will feature: **Blue Stars** - *La Crosse, WI*; **Carolina Crown** - *Ft. Mill, SC*; **The Cavaliers** - *Rosemont, IL*; **Glassmen** - *Toledo, OH*; **Madison Scouts** - *Madison, WI*; **Spirit of Atlanta** - *Atlanta, GA*; and **Troopers** - *Casper, WY*. Order tickets for the DCI show online at www.dci.org or call 317 275 1212