



Music for All News Release

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Music for All announces 2012 Bands of America Hall of Fame inductees

INDIANAPOLIS, February 14, 2012 – Four individuals have been selected to be inducted this year into Music for All’s Bands of America (BOA) Hall of Fame. The 2012 inductees are Charles “Chuck” Campbell, previously band director at North Hardin High School in Kentucky and a longtime band director of 31 years; Chuck Henson, professional broadcaster who has served as the “Voice” of Bands of America’s series of Regional and Grand National Championships for the past 23 years; and Stu and Sharon Holzer, dedicated former Centerville High School, Ohio band boosters and longtime key volunteers at numerous BOA Championship events throughout the country.

The Bands of America Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have greatly impacted Bands of America, which is a program of Music for All, as well as the nation’s band activity and music education. These new recipients will be inducted during the Honor Band of America concert, Saturday evening, March 17 in Indianapolis during the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha. Hall of Fame members are recognized permanently in the Bands of America “Hall of Fame” in Music for All’s corporate headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Charles “Chuck” Campbell, a longtime band director of 31 years, was a Music for All clinician, a Music for All National Festival host and served on the Bands of America advisory committee. Under his direction, the North Hardin band was a perennial BOA Regional champion and finalist. The North Hardin band received the Sudler Shield and the Flag of Honor, performed at the Midwest Clinic, performed at the Kentucky Music Educators Conference, was a two-time participant in the Music for All National Festival and has performed at Carnegie Hall. Mr. Campbell was previously the director of the George Rogers Clark High School band in Winchester, Kentucky, building a state powerhouse that would go on to be a nationally-recognized ensemble. He was the founder and conductor of The Heartland Wind Ensemble and was also inducted into the American Bandmasters Association. He was known as a mentor and inspiration to his colleagues. Mr. Campbell passed away in July of 2011 after a four-month battle with pancreatic cancer and is being inducted posthumously.

Chuck Henson has been recognized as the “Voice” of Bands of America’s series of Regional and Grand National Championships for the past 23 years, and for hundreds of thousands of young performers he is a definitive part of their Bands of America experience. Mr. Henson was introduced to Bands of America in 1984 as a Color Guard Clinician at the Summer Symposium. Mr. Henson also gave his service to BOA on two separate occasions as a member of the organization’s staff, serving as Manager of

Public Relations in the Chicago-area office and also in sponsorship sales and relationships after the organization's relocation to Indianapolis. Mr. Henson is an alumnus of the Boone County (Kentucky) High School band and Madison Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps. He holds a B.A. from the University of Kentucky School of Journalism. Mr. Henson is currently the Traffic and Transportation Reporter for Bay News 9 television in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Stu and Sharon Holzer are dedicated former Centerville High School, Ohio band boosters and have been key volunteers since 1993 at numerous BOA Championship events throughout the country. On any given Saturday in the fall, Mr. Holzer can be found welcoming performing bands on behalf of BOA as they enter the bus parking lot, and Mrs. Holzer brightens the sideline working with front ensembles as they prepare for their performances. Over the course of two decades, Mr. and Mrs. Holzer have given of their time and talents to help make possible the kinds of experiences they so valued for their family. Mr. Holzer is retired from NCR Corporation and attended The Ohio State University. Mrs. Holzer has a B.S. in Education from The Ohio State University and now works for the Centerville City Schools. The Holzers represent the very essence and importance of Music for All's volunteers. They symbolize the very best in dedication and selflessness exhibited by music boosters nationwide and help bring to life the mission of 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. A 501(c)3 not-for-profit educational organization, MFA uses its national profile programming to recognize, model, showcase 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.

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