



Music for All

# News Release

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## **MUSIC FOR ALL ANNOUNCES ENSEMBLES INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL FESTIVAL, MARCH 15-17**

Outstanding student musicians from across the country will gather in Indianapolis for the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 15-17. Twenty-six ensembles have been invited to perform at the Festival, following a recorded audition process. The Festival comprises the National Concert Band Festival, Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival, Middle School National Music Festival and three national honor ensembles: the Honor Band of America, the Jazz Band of America, and the Honor Orchestra of America.

### **Festival Ensembles**

High school and middle school concert bands and percussion ensembles were selected to perform in concert and to be evaluated by master music educators. The ensembles also participate in master classes and special events. This year's invited ensembles include:

- American Youth Philharmonic Percussion Ensemble, Annandale, VA, Doug Wallace
- Buchholz High School Wind Symphony, Gainesville, FL, Alexander Kaminsky
- Carlton J. Kell High School Percussion Ensemble 1, Marietta, GA, Richard Dietrich
- Carlton J. Kell High School Percussion Ensemble 2, Marietta, GA, Richard Dietrich
- Charleston County School for the Arts Middle School Wind Ensemble, North Charleston, SC, Suzanne Reed
- Conner Middle School Symphonic Band, Hebron, KY, Jim Daughters

- Desert Vista High School Percussion Ensemble, Phoenix, AZ, Aaron Morales
- Desert Vista High School Wind Ensemble, Phoenix, AZ, Joshua Thye
- Fossil Ridge High School Wind Symphony, Fort Collins, CO, Daniel Berard
- Freedom High School Wind Ensemble, Orlando, FL, Franklin Jennings
- Freedom High School Percussion Ensemble, Orlando, FL, Franklin Jennings
- Hill Country Middle School Symphonic Band, Austin, TX, Cheryl Floyd
- Jefferson Forest High School Wind Symphony, Forest, VA, David Webb
- Lugoff-Elgin High School Percussion Ensemble, Lugoff, SC, Glenn Price
- Metamora High School Wind Ensemble, Metamora, IL, Dr. Wally Parks
- Mt. Lebanon High School Percussion Ensemble, Pittsburgh, PA, Richard Minnotte
- North Penn High School Wind Ensemble, Lansdale, PA, Michael Britcher
- Roxbury High School Honors Wind Symphony, Succasunna, NJ, Todd Nichols
- San Marcos High School Percussion Ensemble, San Marcos, CA, Matthew Armstrong
- South Lakes High School Wind Ensemble, Reston, VA, Grayson Fore
- Stephenson High School Wind Ensemble, Stone Mountain, GA, Quentin R. Goins
- The Colony High School Percussion Ensemble, The Colony, TX, Michael Huestis
- Union High School Wind Ensemble, Camas, WA, Lewis Norfleet
- Wheaton North High School Wind Ensemble, Wheaton, IL, Jon Nowaryta
- Wheeling High School Wind Symphony, Wheeling, IL, Brian Logan
- Winter Park High School Wind Ensemble, Winter Park, FL, Francis Franqui

### **Honor Ensembles**

The Honor Band of America, Jazz Band of America and Honor Orchestra of America will feature nearly 200 of the top student musicians in the country in concert – all selected after individual, recorded auditions. Honor ensemble members have the opportunity to perform under the direction of world-class conductors, with outstanding fellow student musicians. **The Jazz Band of America**, conducted by bassist John Clayton, will perform Friday, March 16 at Clowes Memorial Hall. **The**

**Honor Band of America**, conducted by Col. Lowell Graham, Chairman of the Music Department and Director of Orchestra Activities at the University of Texas at El Paso and former Commander and Conductor of the United States Air Force Band, will perform Saturday, March 17 at Clowes Memorial Hall. **The Honor Orchestra of America**, conducted by Larry J. Livingston, Music Director, Thornton Orchestras and Professor of Conducting at University of Southern California, will perform in two evenings of shared concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at Hilbert Circle Theatre Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17.

### **About the Music for All National Festival**

In addition to performing, the nearly 2,000 student musicians, teachers and supporters will participate in clinics and master classes, special sessions and social events and enjoy performances by their peers.

For more information on Festival and honor ensemble concert times, visit [www.musicforall.org](http://www.musicforall.org), or call 800-848-2263.

Tickets for the Festival scholastic ensembles are \$18 for a single day pass or \$40 for a three-day pass. Tickets will be available for purchase from [cloweshall.org](http://cloweshall.org) or [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) in January. Additional festival and ticket information, including information about the honor ensembles, is available at [www.musicforall.org](http://www.musicforall.org) or by calling 317.636.2263.

Music for All (MFA) is one of the nation's largest and most influential organizations in support of active music making. For more than 35 years, 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 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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