

Music for All Announces 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees

Inductees to be honored in Indianapolis in March

INDIANAPOLIS - Music for All is announcing the class of 2024 Bands of America Hall of Fame inductees.

Al Castronovo, Sheri Manning, and Robert Morrison will be inducted during a ceremony at the 2024 Music for All National Festival, March 21-23 in Indianapolis.

Music for All's Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have significantly impacted Bands of America, Music for All, and music education in America. Members represent impeccable character, ethics, and professionalism and are role models for music education professionals. The 2024 inductees are:

Al Castronovo

Al Castronovo (March 17, 1937-June 15, 1986) was a pioneer as a competitive marching band director in Indiana, arriving at Chesterton High School, Ind., in 1973. His Chesterton High School "Trojan Guard" won seven state championships and was very active in the early days of Bands of America, winning the Bands of America national championship in 1981. He later served as executive director of Festival of States in St. Petersburg, Fla. Mr. Castronovo received a bachelor's of music education from Vandercook College of Music and a master's in music education from Indiana State University.

Sheri Manning

Sheri Manning participated in Marching Bands of America (MBA) and Bands of America (BOA) Championships with the acclaimed Sky View High School and Mountain Crest High School bands, both from Utah. The Sky View Band captured second place at the fifth annual Summer National Championships in 1980 and the Mountain Crest High School band placed second in the 1985 Summer Nationals, both in Whitewater, Wisc. She served on marching advisory committees for MBA and BOA.

Robert Morrison

Robert B. Morrison is the founder and former Chairman of the Music for All Foundation. The Foundation was created by Bob and his family to focus on expanding the role of music and the arts in education, to heighten the public's appreciation of the value of music and arts education, and to create a positive environment for the arts through

societal change. In 2006, Mr. Morrison worked with the leadership and board of Bands of America to merge the two organizations to create Music for All, Inc., where he remains chairman emeritus. Bob is the Founder and CEO of Quadrant Research, the nation's leading arts education research organization. Previously, Bob helped develop and then served as the first CEO of the VH1 Save The Music Foundation. He was a founding member of the National Coalition for Music Education and a thought leader for many music and arts education organizations and initiatives.

To read more about the Music for All Hall of Fame and read about past inductees visit musicforall.org.

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About Music for All

Music for All's mission is to create, provide, and expand life-changing experiences through music. Our 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. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization, Music for All's events and programs serve more than 600,000 attendees annually — more than 1.3 million since 1975. Programs include the Bands of America Championships for marching bands, a summer music camp for students and teachers, festivals for concert bands and orchestras, national honor ensembles for students, and educational webinars, podcasts, and online resources for teachers.

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