

Thousands of Students to Perform in Indianapolis During Music for All National Festival

60 groups representing 31 states to perform all over the city March 21-23

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INDIANAPOLIS – Thousands of music students from across the country will travel to Indianapolis next week to perform in the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 21-23.

Sixty high school and middle school music ensembles were selected to perform at venues across Indianapolis. Ensembles include concert bands, orchestras, percussion ensembles, and chamber ensembles from 31 states across the country. Ensembles were selected following a rigorous and highly selective audition process. Student musicians will perform all weekend in five locations across the city. All ensemble performances are free and open to the public.

Performance venues are spread across the city and include: Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts, Butler University; Clowes Memorial Hall, Butler University; Warren Performing Arts Center; Center for the Performing Arts – The Palladium; and the Indiana Historical Society.

During the festival weekend, students will participate in music education and life-skills workshops and will receive evaluation and feedback after their performance from world-class conductors and clinicians.

The festival also includes the Honor Band of America and the Jazz Band of America, national honor ensembles for outstanding high school student musicians selected by audition. The Honor Band of America will perform in concert on Saturday, March 23 at 8 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall on the campus of Butler University, conducted by Col. Timothy J. Holtan. The Jazz Band of America will perform in concert on Saturday, March 23 at 8 p.m. at Howard L. Schrott Center for Performing Arts on the campus of Butler University, conducted by Dr. nRonald C. McCurdy.

For a full schedule of performances, including links to buy tickets to the honor band concerts, go to <u>https://festival.musicforall.org/2024schedule/</u>.

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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 — and more than 1.6 million program participants 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. Music for All's efforts are supported by national presenting sponsor Yamaha Corporation of America and its family of sponsors, strategic partners, and grantors.

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