



Music for All Summer Camp Returns to Ball State University June 22-29

Muncie Organizations are Offering Free Concert Tickets as Part of the Music for All Community Engagement Program

INDIANAPOLIS (June 5, 2024) – The 47th Music for All Summer Symposium, presented by Yamaha, returns to Muncie and the Ball State University campus June 22-29, drawing hundreds of music students and teachers from across America.

Ball State University has hosted Music for All Summer Symposium since 2011.

About 900 students and 200 high school and middle school band directors are expected at the Symposium. The full week camp, June 24-29, includes student divisions for marching band, percussion, color guard, drum majors, and music production. Three student divisions return to the camp this summer for the first time since 2019 – high school concert band, middle school concert band, and middle school color guard. The Symposium kicks off with a weekend of intensive student leadership training June 22-24.

“The Music for All Summer Symposium provides character-building and leadership development for young people, while teaching performance skills,” says Jeff Young, Music for All’s Director of Camps. “The Symposium helps students develop core competencies like collaboration, effective communication, and self-confidence.”

The Sweetwater Director Academy, at the Summer Symposium presented by Yamaha, provides continuing education for high school and middle school band directors. “Music for All is committed to supporting practicing and future music educators to help with retention and recruitment of talented teachers, especially now when areas of America are experiencing a shortage of teachers, including music educators,” says Young.

Sweetwater, the number one online retailer for music makers, is the title sponsor of the Director Academy and the Official Instrument Rental Partner of Music for All.

Music for All Summer Symposium Community Engagement Program

Several community organizations in Muncie have partnered with Music for All to promote complimentary balcony tickets to the evening concerts, Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27. This year’s evening concert and event series includes:

Yamaha Young Performing Artists -- Monday, June 24, 8 p.m. at Emens Auditorium.

Grace Kelly – Tuesday, June 25, 8 p.m. at Emens Auditorium

Voctave – Wednesday, June 26, 8 p.m. at Emens Auditorium

U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors – Thursday, June 27, 8 p.m. at the Brown Family Amphitheater (1620 W. Riverside Ave, Muncie, IN 47303, lawn seating)

Free tickets can be reserved at camp.musicforall.org/concerts/muncie/.

The camp week also includes the Drum Corps International Central Indiana show, on Friday, June 28, 8 p.m. at Scheumann Stadium. Tickets for the DCI show are not part of the community ticket offer and available directly through DCI at www.dci.org.

Camp Scholarships for Indiana Students

With funding support through the Lilly Endowment through the Summer Youth Program Fund as well as the Ball Brothers Foundation and the George and Frances Ball Foundation, Music for All is providing needs-based scholarships for eligible students who reside or attend school in Marion County (including Indianapolis Public School music students) as well as East Central Indiana music students.

Indiana Band Day of Leadership

Music for All will offer an Indiana Band Day of Leadership on Friday, June 28 for area groups of band students and their teachers. Attendees will participate in hands-on leadership training, a movement workshop, observation of Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps rehearsal, and Friday evening's DCI Central Indiana drum corps show.

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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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