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## **Student Musicians from Across America to Perform in Indianapolis at the Music for All National Festival**

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – February 27, 2026 – The 33rd Music for All National Festival presented by Yamaha, will take place in Indianapolis March 26-28. One of the largest gatherings of student musicians in America, the festival will fill the city with concerts from 54 ensembles representing 14 states. Both high school and middle school concert bands, orchestras, and percussion ensembles, selected following a rigorous and highly selective audition process, will grace stages across Indianapolis.

Concerts will take place in four locations throughout the city and include:

- Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts, Butler University
- Clowes Memorial Hall, Butler University
- Warren Performing Arts Center
- The Payne & Mencias Palladium at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts

In addition to the 52 scholastic ensembles, two national honor ensembles will come together at this festival. The Honor Band of America will perform at Clowes Memorial Hall and Jazz Band of America at Schrott Center for the Arts, both Saturday, March 28 at 8 p.m., with students from across the country selected by audition. Summer Camargo, member of the Saturday Night Live house band and Jazz Band of America alumna, will perform with the Jazz Band of America.

“What makes this festival especially meaningful is its spirit of shared learning,” says Dr. James Weaver, CEO and President of Music for All. “Rather than competition, this event emphasizes collaboration, growth, and inspiration. Students perform not only for audiences but for one another, gaining new perspectives, forging friendships across the country, and experiencing the transformative impact of music at the highest level. In doing so, they demonstrate what is possible when communities invest in the arts and when schools prioritize opportunities that nurture both excellence and community.”

### **Tickets and How to Attend**

All scholastic ensemble performances are free and open to the public. All concerts will be live streamed free; go to [festival.musicforall.org](https://festival.musicforall.org) during the event to access the live stream.

For a full schedule of Music for All National Festival performing ensembles, locations, and times, please visit [festival.musicforall.org](http://festival.musicforall.org)

### **The Experience**

During the festival weekend, students receive evaluation and feedback after their performance from world-class educators and clinicians. They also participate in music education and life-skills workshops. Students and directors get the opportunity to celebrate with their fellow performers during evening receptions, socials, and banquets.

### **The Impact**

The Music for All National Festival has a notable economic impact on Indianapolis, with more than 3,000 people attending the multiple day event that takes place in several downtown hotels and concert halls across the greater Indianapolis area. Music for All is a nonprofit whose programs include the Bands of America Grand National Championships, also held in Indianapolis each November at Lucas Oil Stadium.

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### **About Music for All**

Music for All's mission is to create, provide, and expand positively 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 1.7 million program participants since 1975. Programs include the Bands of America Regional and the Grand National Championships for marching bands; the Bands of America Summer Camp for students and teachers; the Music for All National Festival for concert bands, orchestras, and percussion ensembles; national honor ensembles including the Honor Band of America, Jazz Band of America, and the Honor Band in the Rose Parade®, Advocacy in Action Awards, the Music for All Podcast Network, and affiliate concert and marching events across America. Visit [musicforall.org](http://musicforall.org)

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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